

# The Nuts & Bolts

This summer, we held Town Hall Meetings in 5 locations across the state to give you an opportunity to provide feedback and promote your ideas. We had a good turn out at most meetings, and we discussed a lot of interesting topics. Such as, how to improve communication and increase adoptions as we move forward in the months ahead. Minutes from those meetings, along with a list of the Board of Directors and a **Time and Talents Survey** will be forthcoming after the Gala in a separate mailing. Please read through those materials carefully and return the survey so that we can put all our resources together to help more greyhounds find loving homes. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## In Memory, July 2008 - October 2008

These beloved greyhounds have recently passed over. We'd like to honor them by publishing their names in our newsletter. Please let us know if there is a hound who should be remembered. We hope the list is always short.

We encourage friends and relatives to consider a donation to GPA or the Blue Fund in their hound's memory. Memorials are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged with a note to the family.

Rex Ackerman	Toby Doehr	Safari Krivichi
Kelsey Bilicki	Sam Forseth	Rita Lynch
Tucson Christman	Jay Genzel	Austin Noe
Smokey Cianciolo	Elli Hanson	Judd Powers
BeeGee Den Boer	Cabo Kaletka	Page Ryan

### Couch Potato Press

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## The Gala is Coming!

The 14th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering will again be held at the Waukesha County Expo Center Arena. Hundreds of greyhounds and greyhound lovers will descend upon the arena to support Greyhound Pets of America-Wisconsin by purchasing raffle tickets, buying GPA apparel and supporting our vendors. A listing of some of the activities we have scheduled for the day is on the inside of this newsletter. Times on this list are subject to change, so be sure to grab a schedule of events at the registration table on the day of the Gala. This schedule will give final times and locations within the arena.

Every year, we are excited about the event, and 2008 is no different! We have a lot of fun planned for the day and we look forward to seeing all of you there. Meet up with old friends, give your adoption rep an update on how your hound is doing, introduce

14th Annual GPA-WI  
greyhound gala gathering  
www.gpawisconsin.org

**Saturday, October 11, 2008**  
**Waukesha County Expo Center • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

yourself to the people you only know by their forum names and most of all, shop, SHOP, SHOP!... and have fun!

As in years past, all well-mannered greyhounds and non-greyhound canine siblings are welcome at the event, however, please remember that not all greyhounds are familiar with small dogs, other breeds of dogs or children. It is your responsibility to handle your greyhound or other dog appropriately to make this a safe and fun event for everyone.

Please use caution during dog interaction. Keep your dog on leash and under your control at all times. Also please be responsible and pick up after your dog, or if your pet has an accident in the Expo Center, see one of our grounds crew or board members (blue shirts) to help get things cleaned up. Thank you and have a fun time at the Gala!

Announcing our logo contest winner (drum roll please!)...

### Jennifer Landers

Thank you, Jennifer, for submitting the winning logo! Jen's winning design will be featured on our Gala t-shirts and other printed items. There were quite a few great entries this year — thanks to everyone who submitted. We hope to see another set of dynamic designs in 2009!

Now...**Let's Make Tracks to the Gala!**

### What's Inside:

- Everything Gala!  
Schedule, Vendor List, Tips & Tricks, Where to Stay
- Adoptions
- Nuts & Bolts
- Memorials

### DIRECTIONS TO THE GALA:

From I-94, exit Hwy J South (exit 294) in Waukesha. South on J to Northview Road, then west (right) to the Expo Center Arena (the big dome).

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# GALA GREYHOUND GATHERING

## Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 • 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

### • • List of Events & Activities • •

Admission is free so you can spend money on fun stuff!  
Times & activities subject to change without notice.

**BLESSING OF THE HOUNDS**  
11:00 a.m.

**GROUP ROO**  
immediately following the blessing

**BAG RAFFLES**  
12:00, 2:00 & 3:45 p.m.  
Buy your tickets and drop them in the bags in front of the gift pack you'd like to win. We have fantastic items this year, including themed gift baskets, greyt jewelry and very cool dog items! You'll want to buy a ton of tickets

**FASHION SHOW** at 12:45 p.m.  
Come see our available hounds and trend setting adopters in the new fashions available at GPA Retail.

**LIVE AUCTION** at 1:00 p.m.  
Some of our most interesting and valuable items are up for grabs. Be the highest bidder and be the envy of other Gala-goers.

**SILENT AUCTION**  
Closes at 3:00 p.m.  
Keep your eye on these prizes and be sure to out-bid your competition! We have jewelry, sports items, collectible dolls, artwork & more...

**BIG CASH RAFFLE** - 3:30 p.m.  
It's not too late to purchase those raffle tickets! If you received your tickets in the mail, but didn't send them back, bring the stubs and payment with you to the Gala! Or purchase more tickets once you get there! Ticket booth will be open up until the time of the drawing.

**NAIL TRIMMING**  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Nail trim cost is \$10.

**GREYHOUND GAMES & COSTUME CONTEST**  
Games throughout the day  
Costume Contest @ 2:30 p.m.  
Does your greyhound like to dress up? Enter your pup in the Costume Contest! There are sure to be some little angels and devils in the crowd! Other contests include: Longest Tail, Tallest/Shortest GH, Godzilla Game, & Oldest Greyhound!

**ADOPTION BOOTH**  
Have you been scouting the web site for a new family member? Adding a second greyhound can happen in the blink of an eye if you fall in love with one of our available hounds. Dogs available for adoption are noted by their gold bandannas!

**BLUE FUND BOOTH**  
Get a beautiful fall or holiday bandanna for your hound. All proceeds go toward our injured or special medical needs hounds.

**CANINE MASSAGE THERAPY**  
Does your dog need a little relaxation during all the Gala hub-bub? Treat them to a 5, 10 or 15 minute massage. They're sure to will love it!

**PET PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Have you always wanted a professional looking photo of your greyhound? Now is your chance! Whether its Classic & Pristine or even a Glamour Queen, your hounds photo is sure to turn out special. Buy a voucher at the raffle ticket booth and sign up for a time slot to put your pup in print!  
Photo packages start at \$35.

**CLOCK YOUR DOG RADAR RUN**  
See how fast your hound is with an official radar reading!

## • GPA RETAIL •

GPA Retail has really outdone themselves this year. Our merchandise is truly awesome! New this year is our "Greyhounds Go Green" section. Here you can buy environmentally friendly products and support your favorite adoption group at the same time!

- Gala Logo Tees
- Organic and Ladies Tees
- Foster Mom/Dad Tees
- Greyhound Volunteer Tees
- Hoodie Pullover Sweatshirts
- Zip front hooded sweatshirt
- Childrens Tees
- Visors
- 2Hounds Martingale Collars
- GPA-WI Logo Golf Balls
- Screaming Monkeys
- Calendars
- Travel Mugs
- Pint Brewery Glasses
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Reusable Shopping Bags
- Greyhound Notecards
- Premier collars
- Car Magnets
- Zipper Pulls
- And much more....

**\*We accept credit cards!**

### Microchipping Returns!

Making a return appearance at this year's Gala is a microchipping booth. Located in the back dock area near nail trims, Animal Rescue and Veterinary Support Services (ARVSS) will be coordinating this service. Cost is \$20.

## 2008 VENDOR LIST

- Bad Dog Frida
- Bark and Scratch Outpost
- Blue Fund Bandanas
- ClayGreys
- Clean/Break Cast Covers
- Dogs & Their People
- GPA-WI Retail
- Garden Greyhounds
- Greyhound Fashions
- Grey Oaks Photography
- GreytKards by Kari
- Kathleen Folz Canine Massage
- Teaching Dogs LLC
- Mary Koenig Martingale Collars
- Midwest GH Adoption
- Petlicious Pet Bakery
- Retired Greyhound Athletes
- Rock Your Pets
- Sharon Couzin Coats
- Voyagers GH Apparel

*\*\*Please support these vendors who support GPA-Wisconsin!\*\**

## Gala Tips & Tricks

Don't forget to bring your address labels for the gigantic bag raffle, that way you won't have to fill out all those ticket stubs!

Planning to stay the whole day? That can be a long time for a greyhound (you know how much they generally nap!). We suggest bringing a blanket and water or treats so your hound can take a break if needed.

ATM machine is on site and we accept VISA/MASTERCARD. Now you have no excuse to be frugal! Shop till you drop! Remember, on all auction items - bid early, bid high, bid often.

**Let's make it a buying frenzy!**  
*After all, it's for the dogs!*

## ACCOMMODATIONS

With some folks traveling quite a distance to come to the Gala, we thought we'd offer some information on where you can stay overnight with your hound. Relax, stay the whole day and enjoy the full Gala event without rushing home! Or come the night before, and get a head start on Saturday by getting there early!

Several families are staying at:

**LAQUINTA** in Brookfield on Friday and Saturday night. Phone number for LaQuinta is **262-782-9100**.

Please check the Gala section of the forum for information on an informal social gathering on Friday night.

<http://www.gpawisconsin.org/forum/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=5332>

## Couch Potatoes With New Homes • July - October 2008

### Greyhound's Name/Family's Name

- Odie (Tommy) Jobke
- Jaxon (Darren) Gulbrand
- Bella (Penny) Hanson
- Red Sokolowski
- Summer Brudnak
- Cassie Retzinger
- Manny Gollhardt
- Mel Genzel
- Chloe (Greta) Green
- Chance Stuibler
- Tami Michel
- Lager LaHann
- Sawyer Currier
- Primer Miller
- Mia Hickman
- Ty Schelitzche

- Gobi Serafin
- Cervelo (Rapido) Ekberg
- Fletch Nelson
- Roxie Gangaway
- Erin Henninger
- Tucker (Quick Trip) Senica
- Miami Ryerson
- Brocc (Mod Squad) Papenfuhs
- Ivy Morris
- Jaime (Ray) Hangen

- Boxer Genzel
- Hannah Helt
- BeBop Heise
- Bear Reak
- Miriam Schmoller
- MoJo (Eli) Swarok



**Pass the Dip!**  
(these families have chipped!)

- Sophie Bergen
- Wanda Doers
- Sammy Fortkamp

**Would you like to help out at this year's Gala? Help with set up or clean up? Work in a booth? We could still use a few more helpers on the day of the Gala to make sure all the shifts are covered. If you think you might be able to work a one hour shift, please call Ellen Paulus at 262-284-4934 or email: [pauprint@sbeglobal.net](mailto:pauprint@sbeglobal.net)**