

In Memory, December 2008-March 2009

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.

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| Sweet Miss Lady | Santo Michalski |
| Super Alli | Bear Portee |
| Sapphire Bartolotta | Kit Portee |
| Rhett Christman | Murray O-Reilly |
| Legend Hasen | Fred Siver |
| Ripley Hepworth | TomBoy Smither |
| Bumper Hopkins | Misha Stokes |
| Anni Jeske | Whisper Wesley |
| Bear LeFebvre | Kathy Wintheiser |
| Angel Manion | |

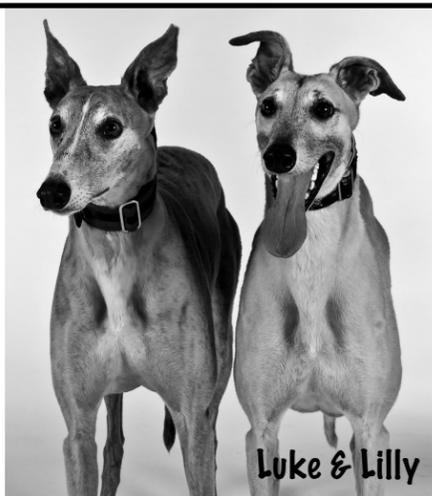
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In the December 08 issue, our cover dogs were Luke and Lilly Smith. By an oversight, we didn't mention that this handsome photo was taken by Grey Oaks Photography. To contact Grey Oaks Photography, please go to: greyoaksphoto.com or call Dave & Don at 608-215-4289.



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Annual Madison Area Heartworm Clinic

Date: April 4, 2009
Time: 1 to 4 pm
Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic
1440 E Washington Ave
Madison, WI
Phone: 608-294-9494

Heartworm disease is one of the most preventable illnesses our dogs can contract. It is spread via the mosquito and without prevention can result in adult worms that migrate to the heart where they cause a wide variety of complications, including death. GPA-WI recommends that you have your pet tested for Heartworm disease once per year in the spring and use a monthly heartworm preventative as part of a total wellness plan for your dog.

As a courtesy to GPA-WI adopters, the Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic will continue to host the annual clinic this year! The clinic is scheduled for April 4th, 2009 from 1pm through 4pm. Walk-ins only, please. This visit should not replace an annual visit to

your regular veterinarian for a full health check-up. Re-vaccination is also being offered but please remember to bring your pet's vaccine history for the veterinarian to review. Services being offered include:

Heartworm Test (4-way test: heartworm, Ehrlichia, Lyme disease and Anaplasma phagocytophilum)
Rabies, Distemper and Bordetella Vaccines, Lyme Vaccine

Heartgard, Interceptor, Frontline, Advantix and Vectra 3-D will be offered for sale.

Upcoming Events

Greyhounds Walk for Cancer

Saturday, May 2nd
Fowler Park, Oconomowoc
GPA will have a team. All money raised goes to cancer research. Please contact Tonia for more information at 262-253-1300.

Kennel Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 30, 2009
9 a.m. - Whenever???
GPA-WI and Greyhounds Only team up to scrub down the boarding kennel facility and give it a fresh start for summer. We also provide baths for the adoptable dogs, and spend a fun day just hanging out together. For more information please check the

forum events calendar page as the date approaches.

Milwaukee Brewer Game

Monday, July 27, 2009
7 p.m. Game time vs. Nationals
For more information please check the website events calendar, or contact Heather at 414-453-0477.

15th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering September 26, 2008

Waukesha Expo Center
GPA-WI's biggest fundraiser!
Mark the date, details to follow!

Please also check out our website and forum message board for our updated calendar of events pages at www.gpawisconsin.org.

Other News

GPA-WI Creates a Cookbook!

Team Cookbook has taken on the task of creating our very own collection of favorite recipes! We anticipate the cookbooks will be ready in time for the Gala, but right now we need your recipe submissions! Inside this newsletter you will find a form to submit your favorite recipes. The cookbook will include both people and dog recipes so be sure to share with us what you, your family and your hound enjoying making and eating! Happy Cooking!

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Nuts & Bolts

♦ New Board Members

GPA-Wisconsin recently added new board members to the roster. These board members put in a lot of hours behind the scenes taking on the day-to-day tasks that make this organization work. Thank you to, and please welcome:

Rich McVicar & Laurel Losenegger joined the board last fall and are now our Madison/Central WI Area Adoption Coordinators.

Also please welcome Scott & Kay Manion who recently joined the board and reside in our neighboring State to the south. Scott and Kay have been working hard to keep our Petfinder Adoptable page up-to-date with photos and descriptions of all our available dogs.

♦ Contacting Board Members

A list of the names of the GPA-WI board members is posted on the home page of our website under "About" at the top of the page. If you are wondering how to contact a board member, or you have a question and you do not know who it should be directed to, please use the "Contact" button at the top of the home page and fill in the form. Our webmaster will forward your question or inquiry to the appropriate board member. You can also leave a message on our voice mail system which will also be forwarded to the appropriate person for a timely response.

Website: www.gpawisconsin.org
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♦ Time & Talent Form

Enclosed in this newsletter is a Time and Talent form. Last summer when we held our Town Hall Meetings it became apparent that we needed a way to tap into all the resources we have - specifically, our people resources. Its clear that GPA-WI's adopters and supporters are a dedicated, educated, skilled and caring group of folks. In order to propel GPA forward, we need everyone's participation. We ask you to fill out the enclosed Time and Talent Form. Return it in an envelope to our post office box listed on the form. With your help we can use everyone's brilliance to benefit ex-racing greyhounds. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Note: We'll be contacting you data-base managers to help us input and catalogue the information once the forms are received! <wink> Please submit your form by May 1st, 2009.

♦ New HAWS Partnership

Recently, GPA-WI formed a partnership with Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) in Waukesha. The HAWS facility is located on the same street as the Waukesha Expo Center, where our Gala is held.

The HAWS Development Coordinator, Jennifer, has a greyhound she adopted through Greyhounds Only. Her love of the breed and desire to help, along with that of her staff, sparked an interest in working with GPA-WI to house two of our available greyhounds at their facility. The idea is this all breed shelter will be a way to expose additional people to greyhounds and perhaps spark interest in considering a greyhound for their

home. HAWS has a directive of wanting to help dogs locally, and creating collaborative efforts with other breed rescues and adoption groups. GPA-WI was thrilled to be asked to participate!

Two of our adoptable greyhounds will be boarded at the HAWS facility and cared for by their staff. Our regular adoption process will still be in effect, but basically our dogs will be doing Meet and Greets on a daily basis with people who enter the shelter. The staff is well versed in caring for greyhounds, and the dogs get extra socialization in that environment. We anticipate these dogs will rotate frequently and be adopted rapidly, so check our website or the HAWS website to find out who the latest transfers are. www.gpawisconsin.org or www.hawspets.org

We predict this to be a hugely successful endeavor!

♦ Financial Update & Thank You!

Since the last newsletter, which highlighted ways to help raise funds and the effect of a slipping economy, our treasurer states that some additional funds have been received via donations, events like the Kenosha Wine Tasting and PetSmart Santa Claws program. We also received a number of memorials in honor of Wayne "Jerry" Hull, a friend of GPA-WI who recently passed away.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these events, sent in donations or honored Jerry with your memorial to GPA-Wisconsin. With your help, our mission continues...

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Greyhound's Name/Family's Name

Trey Anderson
Barbie Becker
Denver Bendixen
Roady Benfield
Duke Blackburn
Jake (Wiley) Bringe
Derrick Brockman
Vince (MGM) Christman
Davis Clarke
Jack Dewberry
Carly Dries
Summer Echeverria
Bella (Duncan) Findlay

Gracie (Ingrid) Jungwirth
Gabby Knar
Gilley Koch
Ace Martinelli
Ginger Monroe
Janie Nordby
Cassie Pankonien
Floyd Prieve
Finnegan Rader
Elmo Reinke
Donna Ruptrecht



Pass the Dip - these families have chipped!

Judge (Manny) Bielke
Jimmy Bucholtz
Speck Finley
Sophie (Tinkerbell) Hanson
Hammer Kaletka
Maya Kozuk-May
Fred Neuville
Annie Pallo
Oliver Powers
Radar Vierling



If we have somehow overlooked a dog who should be listed in the adopted section, we apologize. Please let us know so we can include the name in our next issue.

Featured Hound - Romeo

Romeo is a handsome five year old male with a beautiful white and brindle coat. This sweet guy had a long racing career and has been waiting almost 6 months to find his forever home! We're not sure why?! Romeo is cat friendly and has been enjoying the comforts of a foster home. His ideal family would have another canine companion and a fenced yard to romp in. Romeo is sensitive to very loud noises, but once he warms up and gets acquainted, his foster mom says he's just an awesome dog. If you have room for Romeo, please contact your GPA adoption representative today. Let's find this hearthrob a home! ♥



♥ Heart & Soul; Update on Tattoo

Many of you know about the hound named Tattoo. We were first introduced to him on the day of the Gala 2008. Tattoo had developed an odd set of symptoms at the track and needed an adoption group to take him to get the medical help he needed. GPA-WI stepped up...

Tattoo was admitted to the UW-Vet School and went through an extensive series of tests. His initial diagnosis was resistant e.coli infection. When he was finally well enough to be released, he went to a foster home to recover. Though treatment was administered, Tattoo still seemed to be struggling and over the next few months would take one step forward and three steps backward, it seemed. We realized we needed to search for more help.

Dr. Guillermo Couto, a research veterinarian at Ohio State University who specializes in

greyhound medicine was contacted to look at Tattoo's case. After trying to help from afar, it was decided that Dr. Couto needed to see Tattoo in person. Tattoo's foster parents, Amanda and Steve Smith offered to take him to Ohio.

They spent 3 days at OSU, which they tell me was a life changing event. Dr. Couto and his staff were so compassionate, so caring and so committed to helping Tattoo. They were able to use some new equipment and diagnosed Tattoo with endocarditis, a disease which is often found too late. Tattoo will undergo treatment for his infection in the next 3 months, with hope for a full recovery. To date, Tattoo has gained about 8 pounds, and continues to make slow forward progress. This hound is a real fighter - all heart & soul.

