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# The Couch Potato Press

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## Upcoming Events

### 16th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering

Saturday, October 23  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Waukesha County Expo  
Center Arena  
1000 Northview Road  
Waukesha, WI 53188

#### Directions:

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

### Badger Kennel Club Dog Fair

Sunday November 7th  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Alliant Energy Center  
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way  
Madison, WI 53713

Our monthly Meet & Greet  
schedule can be found at:  
[www.gpawisconsin.org/events/  
meet\\_n\\_greets.php](http://www.gpawisconsin.org/events/meet_n_greets.php)

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## Our Mission

GPA is a nationwide non-profit, volunteer-supported organization dedicated to the placement of ex-racing Greyhounds in ideal home situations.



## Gala is Nearly Here!

The level of excitement is building. The day is drawing near. Are you ready for it? The 16th Annual Gala Greyhound Gathering is less than two weeks away! Whether this is your first Gala, or your 16th, expect to see hundreds of GPA-WI supporters and their greyhounds descend on the Waukesha County Expo Center. The day is filled with socializing, shopping, bidding on prizes and having fun - all while raising the needed funds to help GPA continue its mission.

Join the festivities at 10 a.m. and stay the whole day. Bring a blanket to rest on, in case you or your hound gets tired. Lots of cash or your credit card are necessary because we have some spectacular prizes this year we know you'll want to bid on! **Two of our largest prizes ever donated will be featured in our Live Auction.** An all expense paid trip including airfare for 4 nights/2 people to Cancun's Iberostar Paraiso Beach Resort in Riviera Maya. Wow! This trip is valued at \$2,700. We also have a one week rental of a beach house at the Palmetto Bay Plantation in Roatan, Honduras! This prize is

## Thank You

to Erik Olson for creating this awesome Gala logo for 2010. We had an outstanding number of greyt designs this year, and appreciate all the efforts of our artists. Look for this logo on Gala T's & more at GPA-Retail!

valued at \$1,800! *Vacation anyone?* Plus there are many additional prizes - dog beds, dog toys and treats, jewelry, martingale collars, collectible/vintage items, dog coats, a Harley jacket, original artwork and much, much, more!

GPA Retail is bringing back some of your favorites like crew neck sweat-shirts for those chilly fall afternoons. We'll have new items too - coffee cups, coolers, key chains and more.

Don't forget your address labels to put on bag raffle tickets and save yourself from getting a sore hand from writing out all your information.

Well mannered greyhounds are welcome. Canine siblings are allowed, but please remember - not all greyhounds are social with small dogs or other breeds of dogs. All dogs must be on leash at all times and under their owners control.

Please remember to pick up after your dog. The Grounds Crew is available to help with accident clean up, should that be needed.

Have a greyt time at the Gala!



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# The Gala Schedule

*- Please note: times and locations subject to change without notice*

Activities all day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but here is a list of times you won't want to miss!

## Events All Day:

Adoption Booth - *view some of our adoptable hounds*

Blue Fund Bandanna Booth - *all proceeds go to care for injured dogs, see dogs we've helped this year!*

Canine Massage - *pamper your hound a little extra TLC by scheduling them a canine massage*

Dog Games & Contests - *Tallest, Shortest, Godzilla Game, and More! Costume Contest at 2:30 p.m.*

Food Vendor - *snack items, sandwiches, beverages*

Grey Oaks Pet Photography - *professional photos of your pet and you. Reserved time slots required.*

## Timed Events:

- 11:00 Blessing of the Hounds by Rev. Jeffrey D. Best, followed by Group Roo
- 11:10 Group Roo!
- 12:00 1st set of Bag Raffles Ends
- 12:00 Nail Trims - *in the back loading dock. \$10 per dog, pay at the booth. Closes at 3 p.m.*
- 12:45 Fashion Show - *featuring our fine apparel for people and pets*
- 1:00 Live Auction - *our most exciting and valuable items*
- 2:00 2nd set of Bag Raffles Ends
- 2:30 Costume Contest - *Prizes awarded*
- 3:00 Silent Auction Ends
- 3:30 Big Cash Raffle Winners Announced
- 3:45 3rd and Final Bag Raffle Ends



Anna

bring joy to his forever home.

Anna - this 9 yr old girl was unable to stay in her adopted home and was relinquished to GPA so we could help her find a new family. Anna is cat friendly, outgoing, and social. She needs the company of another dog, and a family who doesn't mind giving her daily anti-seizure medication. On medication, Anna has been seizure free for years.

Smoke - is a 6 yr old male who's been in two homes and finds himself in the unfortunate situation of trying to locate a third. Smoke is a great dog and gets

along well in his foster home but he is not cat friendly.

He also cannot go to a home with small children, but would be great in an adult home. Smoke is also on anti-seizure medication which keeps his seizures under control.

Please look for these wonderful hounds at the adoption booth and consider making one of them part of your family!



Smoke

## Three Beautiful Black Hounds Need Homes

These three fantastic hounds are waiting for their forever homes. Each has a unique story they are anxious to share with you.

Dazzle - 10 yr old male who recently came to Wisconsin from Kansas where he's been waiting for almost 2 yrs for a group to take him. Dazzle is not cat friendly, but this senior boy still has some spunk and is sure to



Dazzle

## Couch Potatoes With New Homes – August – October 2010

Kayla (Serena) DuRocher  
Who Freiberg  
Ozzie (Kenowa) Gauger  
Esme (Tracy) Haney  
Bernie (Barney) Hubbard  
Ivy Karofsky  
Sandra Milkowski  
Freddy Ochs  
Julie (Jewel) Tidey  
Nala (Donna) Wells

*Pass the Dip,  
these families have chipped!*

Vera Allen  
Attila Chesky  
Nikki (Nicole) Dube  
Lilly (Dalia) Fisher  
Neva Folz  
Chevy Hotlen-Young



Sandy Lynch  
Mary Neumeier  
Apple Patton  
Tyra Straka



## Vendor List 2010

These vendors will be offering fabulous greyhound products for sale at this year's Gala.

Best Dog Leash Caddies  
Candy's Collars  
ClayGreys  
Clean/Break Cast Covers  
Dogs and Their People  
Fast Jack  
Garden Greyhounds  
Gini's Greyhound Fashions  
GPA-Wisconsin  
Grey Oaks Photography  
Greyt Glass  
Greyt Kards  
Lola's Jammies  
Midnight Sun Beading  
Midwest Greyhound Adoption  
MollyCracker's Attic  
Petlicious Dog Bakery  
Sit & Scoop / Peeps & Paws  
Sure Pet  
The Artist Brush  
Tisha Templin  
Vintage Hound  
Voyagers K9 Apparel

## Where Does the Money Go?

All of the proceeds from the Gala go directly to helping greyhounds in our program.

To give you an idea of expenses - recently four new dogs were vetted to prepare them for adoption. To have their surgeries done, teeth cleaned and vaccinations updated, here were the costs:

Dazzle:	\$700.00+
Charlotte:	\$253.00
Eddie:	\$196.00
Julie:	\$213.00

With costs of that nature, you can see we are upside down on each dog when our adoption fee is \$200. The fees listed above do not include boarding fees, frontline or dewormer, etc. This shows why

your support of the Gala and other GPA-WI events is so important. Your help definitely has a positive impact on greyhound adoption!

## GPA Retail

GPA-WI has our own booth at the Gala, selling products with our logo on it. All proceeds from this booth go directly to helping our GPA dogs. Our exciting list includes:

Coffee Mugs, Hats, Travel Mugs, Sweatshirts, Scarves, Keychains, Tee-Shirts, Dog Toys, Dog Tees, Notecards, Ornaments, Zipperpulls, Fleece Jackets, Children's Tees, Collars, Muzzles, Pint Glasses, 6 Pack Soft Coolers, GPA Posters, Magnets, and much much more!

Stop over to purchase your GPA items. **Show your GPA pride!** We accept credit cards!

## In Memory, August – October 2010

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.

**Vinny**  
**Bing Bindl**  
**Hero Daffinson**  
**Blossom Eide**  
**Zoomer Ehlers**  
**Juneau Falk**

**Cheetah Felsheim**  
**Salty Heubler**  
**Sophie Liberacki-Jovanovic**  
**Dewey Lynch**  
**Seeker Nimt**  
**Kirby Prior**

**Aaron Schmoller**  
**Kinsey Malone Schultz**  
**Ginny Sinatra**  
**Dodge Smith**  
**Tawny Stokes**  
**Sammy Weisgram**

# **Eat at Chili's and Help GPA-Wisconsin!**

## **How you ask? By using the voucher below!**

GPA-Wisconsin has paired up with Chili's Restaurants to raise money for Greyhound Adoption. Between November 1st and December 15th, 2010 you can Dine-In or To-Go at any Chili's Restaurant across the state and 10% of your purchase will be donated to GPA-Wisconsin. At the end of the designated time period, Chili's will send GPA-WI a check for the total amount of money raised. How cool is that? And so easy.

Below are 2 vouchers which can be used state-wide at any Chili's Restaurant. If more are needed, simply make a copy of this sheet to create additional vouchers. Be sure the Location # at the bottom is visible. This is how Chili's will track vouchers used on behalf of GPA-WI. Go ahead - make copies for your family, friends and co-workers - let's see how much money we can raise to benefit our retired racing greyhounds!

***When you dine at Chili's, you're helping the dogs!***

For more information about this program,  
please visit our website at [www.gpawisconsin.org](http://www.gpawisconsin.org).

### **Pepper Profit Program**

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the **Chili's** location identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

**GREYHOUND PETS OF  
AMERICA-WISCONSIN**

Group/Charity

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> –  
DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

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# Golfing For Greyhounds



On August 29th, the 2nd Annual Golfing for Greyhounds event was held at the Door Creek Golf Course in Cottage Grove, WI. Dozens of golfers and greyhound enthusiasts joined the festivities to golf, win prizes, and share lunch.



Greyhounds were stationed around the course to greet the golfers and thank them in person for helping us raise money for the hounds!

Proceeds from this event netted \$5,000 to benefit GPA-Wisconsin and our adoptable hounds! Nice work everyone! ***Special thanks go out to our hole sponsors and in kind donors!***

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