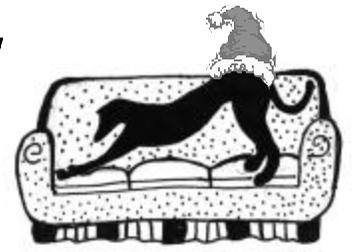


Home Stretch



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Our organization **NEEDS** your support desperately to continue helping the hounds that cannot help themselves. Thank you so much to those who have donated time as well as funds! We do so much good and it would all be impossible without your support!



Meet Carie

She is a 20 month old female whose leg was broken at an early age and never repaired. She came to us on a haul wheezing from the hay she was transported in, fluid filled elbow from laying on hard surfaces and a leg she has only 25% of. We are repairing Carie's leg, the wheezing has calmed down and the fluid is going down in the elbow area. Many thanks to the Schaper family for being her long term loving foster family. We would like to ask others for help with her vet bills and the other hounds we get like her. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation and help us help the hounds we serve! Thank you so much for your continued support!

Robin Krautbauer Receives Special Recognition From GPA National

At the National Greyhound Convention in August 2001 a Special Presentation was made to Robin Krautbauer of GPA-MN for her Volunteer Efforts in the Recovery of the Guidant Research Greys, Summer 2000 .

"Everyone in this room deserves this award as much as I do. " This was a comment Robin made after receiving special recognition at the annual GPA convention this past August in Atlanta. Robin stood up in front of the national crowd trying to suppress her tears while National President, Pat Toman, read the longish presentation. But believe me, she really appreciated the award. As all volunteers know, recognition for hard work is usually very infrequent which makes getting such an award all that more treasured.

The following is a reprint of Pat's comments for those of you who didn't hear the presentation (which includes

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VOTING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota’s Mission Statement

Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota is the Minnesota chapter of a national non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to finding loving, responsible homes for retired racing and also younger greyhounds that haven’t been successful at various tracks throughout the country. We also take great pride in educating and informing the public that retired racers make excellent, loving pets.

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The ballots went out...and now the ballots have come back in. The counting has begun. Many thanks to all who are willing to give up their time to serve on the board of our wonderful organization. Also many thanks to everyone who took the time to cast their vote and send it in! The results of the election will appear in the next issue of 'HomeStretch'.

The board members who's terms have expired are **Shari Gray** - also our webmaster.

Robin Schaper - organizer of our State Fair special event and foster person...not to mention all of the other things she does.

And **Sarah Snavelly** - who is taking over the newsletter and also does a variety of things for our organization...her art work raises a lot of money for our GPA. She also does the art work that appears on our t-shirts/sweatshirts each year. She is running for re-election.

Many, many, many thanks to all who have served! Your years of service and support are greatly appreciated.

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Daphne Mae Explains It All

By Daphne

Dear Readers it has been far too long, however we are just now catching our collective breath from our absolute, paws-down favorite event of the year...the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Mom was baiting us all week and we both were just whizzing from the excitement of a long car trip and Mom brought out all manner of toys, treats, blankies and pillows for us. Too bad she forgot our tummy warmers, for the weather wasn't nearly as cooperative as it had been the first two years we volunteered for this!! Once we got checked into the hotel-room service and breakfast in bed (Mom's bed, of course!)-Did I mention I adore hotels? And the garbage cans are sooo accessable, just when I think Mom gets what living with us greys is about she "forgets." and we get lots of paw-picked treasures--straight from the trash!

After Mom got our gear unpacked, we all lie down in the king-sized bed for a nice pre-Fest nap. I snuggled at Mom's head and Niles nestled at her feet--me on her right side (just like at home!) and Ni-Ni on her left. We didn't leave the old girl much room to move, but she slept lilke a rock and we had loads of room to stretch whenever we wanted--it is the hounds who are truly important, despite whatever bunk these humans try to tell you! Just before noon Mom woke up and started dressing for the fair--she opened the window and the streets were teeming with rain--and it was a little bit cold. Luckily Mom remembered our rain-coats, but mine isn't lined with flannel like Niley's is so I about froze my stripey tush off! We looked wonderful and set off in the car to work our shift..Mom learned our booth was moved and by the time we got through the traffic and mud and wet all of us were drenched and soggy with MUD--Mom says it was worse than Woodstock (but he's a bird and I just didn't understand what she meant by that?). After (finally) locating our tent, Mom noticed somethings were missing--hounds & humans--except for OUR DUMB BUTTS! Two women were waiting under the tent and both pet our wet selves until their hands were soggy--Niles let strangers pet him--this was a big deal for our "Shy Ni," as Mom calls him! We wandered in the wet for a while and Mom got some pizza, most of which she fed to ME-Niles you fool--that was really good (he's even shy about food!). [Aside from Niles--I wasn't hungry, Daph and besides I was waiting till Mom went out for some steak or chicken or good stuff, not crummy pizza!]

By the time Mom realized it wasn't getting any dryer out she loaded us into the car and stopped at the supermarket for some snacks--apples & cheese and stuff we could all share--Mom knows I adore my apples--especially when they're her apples! Mom took a swim once we got back to the hotel and then got dressed for dinner. She fed us and headed out telling us to be good--as if! We completely tore up every garbage can in the joint and our biscies the old fool left on the table and also some peanut butter - banana treats. We nibbled at our kibble, but I had a feeling Mom was going to bring something greyt back for us, so I didn't fill up too much. Boy was I ever right--PRIME RIB--dripping with blood and juicy as if it still had the cow attached! Glad I didn't fill up on kibble! Niles & me could not control ourselves and simply devoured all the rib & kibble we could get our snoots on! Then we lounged around like royalty till Mom took us for our late walk.

Morning didn't bring much improvement in the weather but at least the rain had slowed from teeming to misting. I really hate being cold and I am not crazy about being wet, but wet and cold together equals MISERY! Mom got us and our stuff loaded out for the day and we hid in the tent till the weather cleared up a bit. In spite of the wet and cold, many humans stopped to adore us and also Jack, Tilly, Taxi, Kicker, Roni and Tyler (somehow I know I am mixing things up a bit, but those Krautbauers have so many hounds I'm surprised THEY can keep 'em straight!). We packed and butt-sniffed and whizzed and pooped everywhere. It was more fun than anything--except maybe the Greyhound Festival & Gassy BBQ--I love being dressed in my best collars & leashes and treated like the princess I am--even Niles liked it! We lay under blankies and throws while humans wandered around getting adoption information and admiring us. Every now and again someone gave us treats (what a rough life--I sure love being retired!), and before long we got to follow Mom around for some food and light shopping. I specify light shopping because Mom wanted to donate to the 9-11 fund and her work was matching all employee contributions, so Mom came in under her \$100 shopping budget. She bought 6 pewter stars for the back hall and two flowery-smelling soaps. We went back to the hotel and rested and watched Animal Planet as Mom gathered our stuff to pack up for the trip home. Now we can look forward to the anticipation of next year.

The author – Daphne!



POISONS: Keep Your Greyhound Safe from these Things

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR PET'S BEEN POISONED

Please do NOT give your dog human medications unless its veterinarian tells you to.

When medicating your dog, DO make sure you know the amount and the time to give it.

If ANY pet gets into human medications, treat it as a poisoning victim, until proven otherwise. Please don't waste time if you think this has happened to your dog. Call the vet right away, or you can contact, The National Animal Poison Control Center.

SOME OF THE PLANTS THAT ARE TOXIC TO DOGS

- Amaryllis (bulb)...Andromeda...Apple seeds(cyanide)...
- Arrowgrass...Avocado...Azalea
- Bittersweet...Boxwood...Buttercup
- Caladium...Castor Bean...Cherry Pits(cyanide)
- Chokecherry...Climbing Lily...Crown of Thorns
- Daffodil(bulbs)...Daphnia...Delphinium
- Diffenbachia...Dumb Cane
- Elephant Ear...English Ivy...Elderberry
- Foxglove
- Hemlock...Holly...Hyacinth(bulb)
- Iris(bulb)
- Japanese Yew...Jasmine(berres)...Jerusalem Cherry...
- Jimsonweed
- Laburnum...Larkspur...Laurel...Locoweed
- Marigold...Marijuana...Mistletoe(berries)
- Monkshood...Mushrooms
- Narcissus(bulb)...Nightshade
- Oleander
- Peach...Philodendron...Poinsetta...Poison Ivy...Privet
- Rhododendron...Rhubarb
- Snow on the Mountain...Stinging Nettle
- Toadstool...Tulip(bulb)
- Walnuts...Wisteria
- Yew



Clip Art by Sarah Snavelly.

What Did You Just Eat???! by Anne Cassens

Our hounds are often picky about what they will and won't consume from their bowls, but when it comes to stuff outside or on the floor, watch out! So, are you prepared for the possibility of your hound eating something dangerous? Or poisonous?

First things first. What's the number of Poison Control? If you don't know, write this down and put it near your phones and in your wallet: **1-800-764-7661 (for humans)** and **1-888-426-4435 (for pets)**. Up until this year you have been able to call the first number for *all* poisonings, but the state cut that out of their contract this year. This is unfortunate, because I used it 3 times with a pound puppy we once had – and they were extremely helpful! The national service charges you for the call, so after you read this article be sure you let your legislator know that you want poisoning treatment info for your 4-legged as well as your two-legged companions **free** and accessible! But I digress... OK. Now you know who to call. What should you include in your Canine First Aid kit for consumption emergencies? Number one on the list is the numbers above. Next, be sure to have either salt, hydrogen peroxide, or Syrup of Ipecac. All these can induce vomiting. **BUT... NEVER induce vomiting unless you are told to do so by Poison Control!** Why, you ask? Because if the substance swallowed was caustic or caused trauma on the way down, you can be sure it will double the damage on the way back up. You may need to neutralize the substance first before inducing vomiting, or may be told just to let it pass. Resist the urge to panic and make the call first.

"Christmas is coming, my Greyhound's getting _____." At our house, you can fill in the blank with "CURIOUS"! All kinds of new goodies out and about. Meaning, of course, all kinds of potential dangers for our precious pooches. Sandy Brock shared this information about what to do if your dog eats Christmas bulbs:

"BEFORE the holiday go to a pharmacy & buy a box of cotton balls. Be sure that you get COTTON balls...not the "cosmetic puffs" that are made from man-made fibers. Also, buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream [also called light cream] and put it in the freezer. Should your dog eat glass ornaments, defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog.

Dogs under 10 lbs. should eat 2 balls that you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 lbs. should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7. You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once. Dogs seem to really like these strange "treats" and eat them readily.

As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but in most cases, the dogs will be just fine."



Adoptions

Congratulations to all of these folks and hounds. Best wishes to you all!

October:

- Baby to Jennifer and Paul Jett on 10-3-01
- Psych to Toni Johnson and Wayne Hartung on 10-6-01
- Player to Chuck and Lori Bragg on 10-13-01
- P.D to Lisa Nelson and Mike Kosloski on 10-17-01
- Duke to Lynn and Tom Greenwood on 10-21-01
- Bingo to Sharon Holtz on 10-26-01
- Mr. Blonde to Dave and Shelley Norden on 10-27-01
- Penny to Connie Colwell on 10-28-01
- Dynamo to Howard Austin on 10-31-01

November:

- Stacy to Pat and Olivia Ebers on 11-2-01
- Woe Joe to Brad Berrington and Carl Otto on 11-2-01
- Digger to Steve Zimmer on 11-3-01
- Sarah to Rita Hoffman on 11-6-01
- Zorro to Amanda and Marty Horton on 11-9-01
- Fuzzy to Kris Frazier and Tim Richards on 11-13-01
- Abby to Mike and Marcy Barger on 11-23-01
- Cato to Lisa Sherwood and Russell Turner on 11-24-01
- Flash to Carol Jillian and Jackie Dubbe on 11-29-01

December:

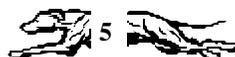
- Cameron to Sean McKenna on 12-2-01
- FeeBee to Brad and Sarah Nosbush on 12-8-01
- Dancer to Cynthia and Don Schmitz on 12-11-01
- Toby to Brandi Robillard on 12-23-01



Congratulations to Carol Jillian and Jackie Dubbe on the photo debute of their hounds Timbre, Sunny, and Abby in the 2002 Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar! They are included in the December 2001 one photos!

See this beautiful photo above!

Below are a couple of other photos of their hounds to enjoy!





Meet & Greet Calendar

(also phone 763-785-4000 ext. 4)

Petco - Ridgedale

January 13 Sunday 1 - 3:30 PM

Petco - Roseville

January 19 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

February 16 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - West St. Paul

January 19 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

February 16 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

Petco - Apple Valley

January 12 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - Fridley

Jan. 19 Saturday Noon — 3PM

Feb. 16 Saturday Noon — 3PM

Other Special Events

Land O' Lakes Dog Show

January 4th, 5th and 6th

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

8 AM—5:30 PM each day

St. Paul's River Center

St. Paul, MN

If you would like to volunteer or have questions please contact:

Denise Walsh

Ph (651) 702-4131

Or

Karen Miller

(952) 475-1741

Holiday Hazards!

The holidays may be fun for you but can be hazardous to your pet. The American Kennel Club's brochure **Winter Care for Canines** recommends the following holiday safeguards:

- The holidays are not ideal for introducing a pet into your family. New dogs require extra attention and a stable environment, which the holiday season doesn't permit.
- Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia are potentially harmful if eaten. Make sure they are kept in places your dog cannot reach.
- Inspect holiday gifts for dogs to make sure they are safe.
- Remove holiday lights from lower tree branches. They may get hot and burn dogs.
- Watch for electrical cords. Pets often try to chew them and may get badly shocked or electrocuted. Place wires out of reach.
- Avoid glass ornaments. They break easily and may cut a dog's feet and mouth.
- Refrain from decorating with edible ornaments. Your dog may knock the tree over in an attempt to eat them. Also, commercially manufactured food garlands may contain paint or toxic preservatives.
- Whether your tree is live or artificial, both kinds of needles are sharp and indigestible. Keep your tree fenced or in a room that can be blocked. A playpen, for example, may act as a barrier.
- Tinsel is dangerous to dogs. It may obstruct circulation and, if swallowed, block the intestines.
- Alcohol and chocolate are toxic to dogs, even in small amounts. Keep eggnog, sweet treats and other seasonal goodies out of reach.

The holiday season is a stressful time for dogs. Try to keep a normal schedule during all the excitement.





A GREYHOUND'S CHRISTMAS WISH



Dear Santa to you I make my wish,
This could be my very last Christmas list.
No time to be frivolous, I must hurry you see,
I'm no longer the best, they no longer want me.

I've heard of places where there are soft beds,
Sofas and pillows to lay your head,
Plenty of food and toys for play,
People who hug you night and day.

I've heard of the warmth the hugs can bring,
And car rides to get you wonderful things,
Large spaces to roam when you feel the need,
A place they will love me for being just me.

My wish, Dear Santa, I clearly state,
My hope as I sit closed tight in this crate,
To ask for myself I know is not right,
But please bring a family to love me tonight.

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GOTCHA' DAY!

Congratulations to all these folks and hounds on their one year adoption anniversary!

Franko to Heidi Millner

Spencer to Bonnie Immerfall

Booboo to Mike Steenson

Go Go to Ryan and Cindy Norman

Cannon to Susan Starr

Joey to Bonnie Carlson

Editor's Note

~ A Fond Farewell ~

Every since I began our GPA's chapter newsletter, 'HomeStretch', quite a few years ago it has continued to bring information and humor into hundreds of greyhound owner's homes as close to monthly as I could make it happen.

I began publishing the GPA-MN newsletter because when I began organizing our chapter I could see the need for 'community' and 'communication' among greyhound owners as a way to promote Greyhound awareness and adoption.

All these years later it is still here, grown from 4 pages to, often times, 16 pages crammed as full of information and fun as I could get them. Recently, due to some health reasons, I have become to realize that it is time to cut loose some of the things that I have always considered, 'my baby'. And so I am. **This is my final issue as editor.** Many thanks to you all for your continued support over the years.

The 'HomeStretch', having been published so many times while sitting on my couch at home surrounded by my numerous greyhounds, needs another's vision, renewed creativity, it needs a new editor. We are very fortunate indeed to have all of that and then some with Sarah Snavelly. Sarah is a GPA-MN board member and a long time friend. I know of no better person to trust 'my baby' to than Sarah. I hope you will all offer her the same amount of support as you have given me over the years by sending her your photos and articles to help fill the 'HomeStretch' pages. Sarah's email address, should you need to contact her, is: dogart@cableone.net

Folks, please welcome, along with me, Sarah Snavelly as the new editor of GPA-MN's newsletter, 'The HomeStretch'. Many, many thanks to you, Sarah, for taking on this effort and seeing it forward.

"Carry on good friend. May the Greyhound Gods lend you inspiration every step of the way."

Most Sincerely,
Robin Krautbauer





Robin Krautbauer Receives Special Recognition From GPA National *(Continued from page 1)*

Robin).

Robin will be embarrassed that she is being singled out for recognition for what, she would say, was truly a group effort. She will be the first to point out that nothing could have been accomplished without the coordinated effort of dozens of volunteers, both with GPA-MN and with other groups across the country. At the same time, Robin is a perfect example of the type of volunteer that it takes to not only help in a project like this, but also to step forward and coordinate the effort. In addition, this project was a good example of how GPA's "racing neutral" policy allows GPA to do what is best for the dogs with a minimum of political issues.

The adoption of Robin's first greyhound, Blaze, hooked her and soon she and her family (husband Bruce and daughters Karissa and Kim) were organizing Meet and Greets, rescuing greyhounds from shelters, and greyhound puppies from unscrupulous opportunists and planning the very first GPA-MN Greyhound Picnic. She started frequenting the Greyhound list (back when there were only about 50 folks on it) and absorbing as much information on greyhounds and adoption as she could.

Robin soon had an idea to combine her love for writing with her new love for greyhounds and began publishing the GPA-MN newsletter. About a month later she was asked if she and Bruce would like to organize the local chapter and get it back in good standing with GPA National. Robin and Bruce agreed and after quite a bit of work on Robin's part bylaws were written, the necessary state papers were filed and GPA/MN was officially incorporated. Robin took the position of Secretary/Treasurer, a position she has held ever since.

GPA/MN has grown into a wonderful organization of more than 80 active volunteers that share Robin's priorities and even though Robin has never aspired to the President or Vice-president's office, it is obvious to anyone who is involved that Robin has always been and continues to be the driving force behind it. There is a fantastic group of coordinators that now handle the day-to-day fostering and adoption operations but when the really tough issues come up it is still Robin who has dealt with them.

Over the years there have been many trying times, as all

volunteer leaders will be familiar with. Personalities that have to be pampered, politics that need to be worked around, "customers" that need to be tactfully dealt with, etc. Though it all Robin remained focused on the dogs. She often told people that when things got really tough and she felt like quitting, all it took was to look into the eyes of her own special greys (currently there are 8 of them, mostly seniors) to get back focused on what was important.

Being focused on the dogs was essential during an operation such as that involving the "research dogs" during the summer of 2000. The situation was very sensitive from a political standpoint. The dogs were basically counting on the good graces of the research facility and any negative publicity could have scuttled the whole effort. While other organizations were able to get some press at their end of the operation, GPA-MN needed to keep a low profile and avoid making any waves.

Over 80 of the dogs were handled directly by GPA-MN volunteers during those few months. The task was a nightmare to organize. The dogs were released roughly weekly and often the number of dogs to be released would change at the last minute. This was a big problem for an organization like GPA-MN that operates out of foster homes without a kennel. It took many dedicated volunteers and coordinators to make it all work, and it took Robin behind it all to make it work.

Thank you Robin for being a truly dedicated and precious soul to GPA and the Greyhounds.



Robin Krautbauer and hounds staffing a special events booth for GPA-MN.



Thank You!



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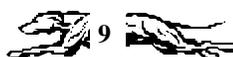
The Petco Stores in Minnesota have supported our organization in ‘**EVERY**’ way possible. Their help financially through their various fundraising efforts has been invaluable to our organization.

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GPA/MN THANKS THE PETCO STORES A THOUSAND TIMES OVER!



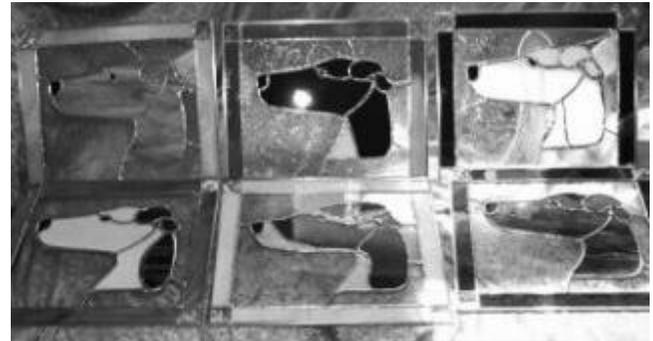
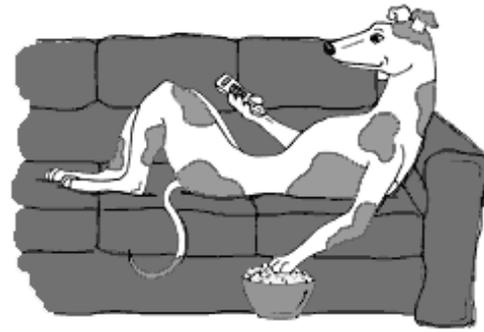
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Your home may have been
 The first kind one I'd ever seen;
 Your voice the first to teach, to praise,
 To guide me through confusing days.
 You're the one who taught to me
 What the life of a good dog ought to be.
 Your patient persistence all the while
 May have won my very first doggie smile.
 And now that I am off to roam
 With the family of my "forever" home,
 Yours is the home I will always dream of;
 Your gentle hands, your smiling love,
 The way you coaxed tangles out of my coat,
 The sound of your voice, yes, every note.
 If they learn to love me the way that you do
 I will know that I owe my acceptance to you.
 Though my paws may wander far away,
 Yours is the home where I learned to stay.
 Karen Ellery, 2000



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Mention GPA-MN if you purchase items from Carmon and our group will get a donation from your sale!

No one knows how many greyhounds have lost their lives without ever knowing the love of a family or having a home of their own. This piece honors all dogs, both well-loved and unknown, who have crossed before us.

<http://cumor.home.texas.net/blackhorsesdesign/>



Black Horse Design

Animal Motif Jewelry & Handpainted Silk
 by Carmon Deyo

Greyhound Sitting!!

The Coop has been a great benefit to all of us who have used it, knowing that our hounds are well cared for when we're gone! If you are interested in participating please call Bethany and Lauren Kauffman (763) 576-0455 for further information!



Sarah Regan Snavelly
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Thanks to all who are involved through our Buddy program.

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Thanks to all of the folks who help out with our Meets & Greets.
Thanks to all who staff and attend our special events!
Thanks to all who worked with the Bake Sale this year!

Thanks to all who do the gift wrapping at Barnes & Nobles to profit the hounds!

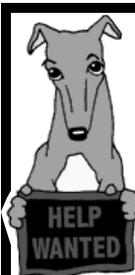
Many thanks to the veterinarians and their staff that commit their time and resources to help the hounds.

Many thanks to the folks at all the Petcos who make us feel welcome. Also thanks to the folks at PetExpo in Mankato!

This is a list of volunteers that are currently active in our organization and have done some service for the hounds within the last month. It is in alphabetical order. If we have missed someone we would greatly



Current Board Members: Sarah Snavelly, Shari Gray, Robin Schaper, Teresa Ruohomaki, Robin Krautbauer, Bruce Krautbauer, and Neil Kresal.



Fostering is an important part of a greyhound's transition into their new permanent homes.

Please Help Us Help the hounds we are working to help by becoming a foster home.

Call Anne at 612-921-9800!

Thank you so much for your help!



