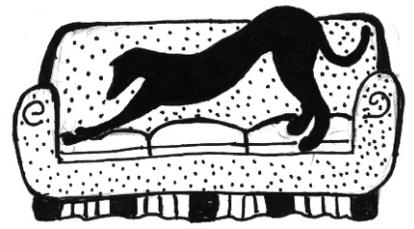




Home Stretch



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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Upcoming Special Events: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Each year we attend this get together and have a great time introducing Greyhounds to many, many people. This year GPA-Minnesota will be there again on:

Saturday, AUGUST 24th

Demonstrations at 9am, 1pm, and 5pm

Robin Schaper will be heading up this effort again. If you would like to be a part of this exciting day please **Contact Robin at 763-425-3316.**

THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

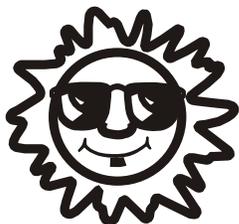


Royal Hounds abound! Choose an AM or PM volunteer opportunity on September 14th or 15th. **Contact Jen Rachac at 651-795-9356** to volunteer for some fun!



Saturday & Sunday, SEPTEMBER 14th & 15th

Volunteers are the heart
and sole of GPA-MN! Thank
you for making our organization strong!



SUMMER FUN

Keep your hound safe!

Summer time means special care for our hounds. Here are some things to consider:

CARS Never leave your Greyhound in the car on a hot or humid day not even with the windows slightly opened. Temperatures can reach dangerous levels in minutes. Don't be swayed by that eager look in your Greyhound's eyes when you pick up the car keys! Leave him at home!

EXERCISE TIMES On warm days, limit exercise to the cooler early mornings or late evenings. If your Greyhound is a golden oldie or has heart or other health problems, be especially careful to avoid overexertion.

SIDEWALKS & ASPHALT gets hot! Poor pooches can burn their feet on these hot surfaces. And if your Greyhound is a beach-goer, beware of especially hot sand.

SUNBURN Do you have a "fair haired" Greyhound? Lee Livingood, author of Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies, recommends applying sunscreen on bare butts and bellies or noses and ears if your hounds enjoy an extended basking time.

FLEAS & TICKS Check your hounds regularly for fleas, ticks or other external parasites. If fleas & ticks are a problem in your area, consider using a veterinarian recommended flea & tick repellent.

POOLS Never leave your pet unattended around a pool-- if he were to fall in he couldn't get out without help he may panic then drown.

KNOW YOUR HOUND It is up to you to make sound decisions for his care!

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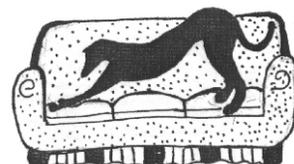
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We are a national, non-profit organization. Donations & Sponsors are greatly needed to help keep costs down and enable us to continue to let the public know about these glorious Greyhounds. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated! Your donation makes a difference!

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Ask Tilly & Jack & Spike

Hi Jack, Tilly (you gorgeous woman, you), and Spike I have a problem. Well, I don't think it's such a problem (I think it's kind of fun) but She gets all spastic. It's this: When we go for a walk (I don't have a yard anymore, but that's another story) everything is wonderful, I can sniff and pee to my heart's desire. But (and here comes the trouble) there are these two dogs that I'm crazy to get at! Now, I don't like kids or little dogs very well, but I can contain myself, but with these two dogs (they're big dogs) I WANT TO KILL!! She's got me on the leash, and holds my muzzle, and yells at me but when I get up on my hind legs and dance, I'm STRONG!! Normally I'm the most obedient of Greyhounds, but all I've got to do is smell one of these guys and I FLY. She asked me to get your input before she grounds me forever, so, please, tell her I need my exercise and that includes adding a little excitement to my life!

Thanks for your help, and be good to your people remember they hold the keys to the cookies!
Waldo

Tilly: Waldo, we know how you feel. It is difficult to see those other animals out there sharing our space, calling themselves "dogs." They're usually big and blocky with a head the size of a watermelon! They are usually fawning all over their humans -- no dignity whatsoever. Don't even talk to me about little "dogs" or "kids" (they don't look like sheep to me, but I digress). Jack: Personally, I don't mind kids so much. It's a lot easier to take food away from them, being so short and all. Spike: You mean to tell me that all of those weird-looking four-legged things that come into Petco during our Meet & Greets are dogs? Tilly: Well, Spike, that's what the owners call them, but we greys know better. As to your problem, you answered part of it yourself -- they do hold the keys to the cookies. Not only that but they hold the keys to the leash! I do have a question for your human though, Waldo -- what do these other dogs do when Waldo carries on

like Cujo? Has he ever gotten close enough to them for them to respond in kind to his threatening behavior? If they did maybe he would come down with a bad case of Yellow Leg and the problem would be solved. Just a thought.

Dear Jack and Tilly,

About a month ago my humans (with the help of that conniving person referred to as "the vet") decided that my sister, Star, needed to have what they called a "dental". Well, I figured out that this dental thing is just a major dose of breath freshener because boy does her breath smell much better! As usual, whenever Star screws up, I have to suffer through the consequences as well, like when she chewed a chair leg and now we BOTH get muzzled. So, since this "dental" both Star and I have nightly episodes of teeth brushing. To make matters worse, our humans bought new toothpaste and it does NOT taste good! Please help us figure out a way to let our humans know that this teeth brushing thing is NOT for dogs. We are rough and renegade greyhounds for crying out loud! We don't need our teeth brushed. If you can't help us figure out a way to make the mouth molestations stop, at least let us know where you can get good toothpaste. This "beef flavored" stuff is gross!

Thanks
Kurt

Tilly: The toothbrush is indeed an instrument of the evil felines. It has to be. Nothing this terrible could be anything but. Be thankful that you didn't have to have a "dental" Kurt. I have to have one every year because I have something called Perry O'Dontal disease. Sounds to me like something those vets invented to torture us greys! You have to stay all day at the vets, with other "dogs" and sometimes even cats! I'm sure the cats are there just to enjoy our suffering. Jack: Hey Tilly, I've never had a dental since I was adopted. The vets keep telling Mom and Dad that I don't need one. Must be that poop that I keep eating. I think that there wouldn't be any teeth brushing needed if we were still allowed to be our natural selves and eat cats. Their bones must be good for something! Spike: The only time I've had a dental I came out with something else missing. I can't see any possible connection with teeth but I hope I don't have to go back for another one very soon. Who knows what they will take this time? Tilly: Tell your folks to try the poultry flavored kind. Maybe you'll like it better than beef. We also get a crunchy treat after brushing. It makes it a little more bearable.

**Keep those cards
& emails coming!**

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GREYFEST 2002 RECAP!

A Greyt Event

On Saturday, June 1st the Greyhounds and their people invaded Spooner Park in Little Canada. What resulted was the best Greyhound festival of the year!

What follows is a special note from Festival co-ordinator, Teresa Ruohomaki. Thank you, Teresa!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who helped with the festival this year! You are the **BEST!!** I could not do this event without all of the help that I get. Thank you for giving of your time! A special thank you to the folks that helped with the donation letters- what great prizes we had this year!! Also Sylvia Kresal, Kim Hrabe, Terri Petrin, Marty Reynolds, Brian Short, and Jen Rachac who came the week of the festival and helped me finish up all of the last minute stuff!! And Robin Krautbauer for contacting and organizing all of the vendors!! A big job that I don't have to worry about because she always does it so well!

For those who could not help out but came to enjoy the day, see all of the hounds, talk to friends, and spend your money - you helped make this our most successful year ever!! **THANK YOU!!** We (the board) are already looking forward to next year and talking about new things to try and changes to make - so we all can continue to have this be a great event to raise money for the hounds.

Again my heartfelt THANKS to all of you -
Teresa

THANKS TO THESE FINE FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!

Teresa, Mark, Andrea,
Julia, Cole & Sean
Ruohomaki
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Howard Austin
Marcy & Mike Barger
Cheri Bravo & Wally
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Christina Enger
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Deborah Greenstone
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Liz & Greg Hendricks
Kim & Martin Hrabe
Sandy Jammer
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Cathi & Bob Taylor
Lisa & Russ Turner
Denise & Pat Walsh
Norma Helmke
Tessa Bushman
Becky Werner

CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to every hound who participated!

Speed Alley

86 Runners participated!

1st Place - **Ursula** (Ruohomaki's)
3.53 seconds

2nd Place - **Josie** (Harrington's)
3.63 seconds

3rd Place - **Nikare** (Walk's)
4.0 seconds

Slowest Run - **Zippo** (Gill's)
44.40 seconds

Funniest Run - **Clover**
(Toenniessen's)

Most Unusual Ears

1st Place - **Cricket** (Lundquist's)

2nd Place - **Gritzky** (Petzling's)

3rd Place - **Dance** (Schmitz's)

Tiniest Hound

1st Place - **Carie** (Schaper's)

2nd Place - **Monkey** (Hrabe's)

3rd Place - **Ellie** (Grannes')

Most Original Costume

1st Place - **Sarah** (Gabrini's)

2nd Place - **Ellie** (Grannes')

3rd Place - **Kip** (Hrabe's)

Best Pet Trick (On Lead)

1st Place - **Sequel** (Victor's)

2nd Place - **Ellie** (Grannes')

3rd Place - **Piper** (Schmitt's)

Oldest Hound

1st Place - **Bo** (Schaper's)

2nd Place - **Clover** (Toenniessen's)

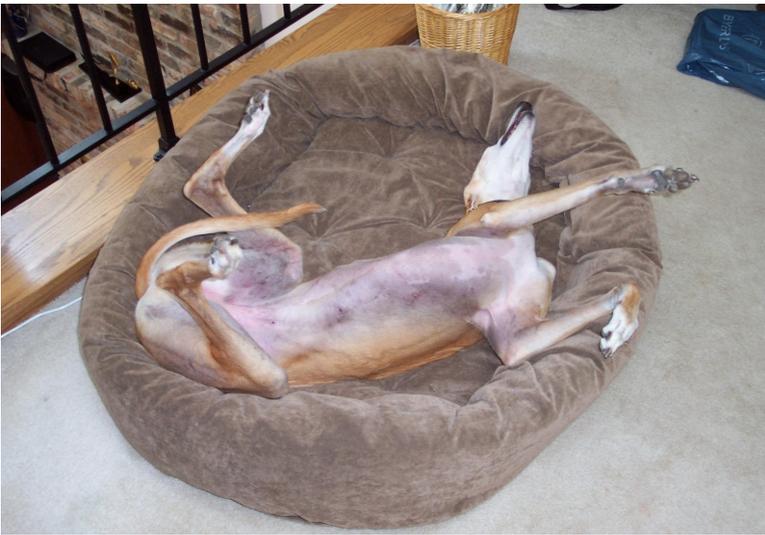
3rd Place - **Debbie** (Ruohomaki's)

Longest Tail

1st Place - **Edison** (Franzen's)

2nd Place - **Casey** (Strand's)

3rd Place - **Beebe** (Fletcher's)



Jubilee Skrentner thoroughly enjoying her new bed that she won in the raffle. Deluxe pet bed kindly donated to the GPA-MN Festival Raffle by Petco at the Greyhound Festival in June.

VOLUNTEER

MORE SPECIAL EVENTS THANKS!

Thank you to all who volunteer and represent GPA-MN!

Pride Volunteers

Anne Cassens
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Carol Jillian & Jackie
Dubbe
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Neil & Sylvia Kresal
Becca Nelson & Chad
Foote
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Tommy Straley
Lisa & Russ Turner
Carl Otto and Brad Berrington
Jill Walser
Sandy Jammer
Howard Austin (big points for
what he went through trying to
get there!)

And please be sure to thank all
the dogs---they were hot and
still so sweet and charming!

The PRIDE appearance is supported by Carol Jillian &
Cloudwalk Alternative Health Center, 2100 First Av S,
Mpls 612-871-5622

Special thanks to Bryan and Nancy Rittenhouse for the St.
James Railroad Days Parade appearance!

SPECIAL THANKS

A donation was made in honor of **Dharma Grace's**
1 year adoption anniversary.

"For our beautiful, loving little girl! We love her!"
The Novotny family.

A special donation was sent in celebration of
Missy's "Gotcha Day" by Jim and Bev Martin.

A special donation was made in Honor of **Baylor's**
5th Birthday.

"Thank you Baylor for enriching our lives
everyday. Happy 5th Birthday!"
Marty & Brian

Special donation was made in honor of **Barb's** one
year adoption anniversary by Bridget Matthews &
Ernie Vargas.

"She has been a real gift and we enjoy her very
much! Thank you!"

A special donation was made in honor of **Zico's** 1
year Adoption Day anniversary from Molly and
Ducan Susee.



Waiting at the
**RAINBOW
BRIDGE**

A special donation was made in memory of **Taxi**
by Becca Nelson and Chad Foote.

A special donation was made by Luana Ball in
memorial to her father, Harvey Ball, who passed
away this winter. "He so loved my greyhounds -
he really looked forward to our visits as the
greyhounds brought him a lot of joy."

Our most sincere condolences to both families for
their loss.

If you wish to make a special donation in honor
of your hound's birthday, adoption day or in
memoriam, send to:

GPA-MN

P.O. Box 49183

Minneapolis, MN 55449

THANK YOU for your GENEROUSITY!



Safe Baby Safe Dog

part two
by Lee Livingood



attention your dog will receive *after* the baby arrives. When the baby arrives and your dog gets his (new) normal amount of attention, it will actually seem like more. The presence of Baby equals good stuff for the dog.

Dogs are also quite sensitive to any changes in their routine and surroundings, so work on establishing a new routine well before your due date.

Keeping You and Your Dog Safe and Sane

Dogs need a safe and sane place to go when things get too crazy. If your dog is not accustomed to and happy being in a crate, now is the time to change that. As Kilcommons and Wilson point out in their excellent book, *Childproofing Your Dog*, "Kids are kids. Dogs are Dogs. And that's why there are crates."

Your dog needs a secure place where he can go to be alone. It needs to be some place he feels safe and where no one will bother him. If he isn't accustomed to a crate, it won't be a happy place. Get him accustomed to it now and by associating being in the crate with all kinds of great stuff. A room or area that provides quiet and safe harbor will do as long as he always has immediate access to it and no children are allowed to bother him when he is there.

Decide on a schedule for you and your dog that will be realistic *after* the baby arrives and begin to get him accustomed to that schedule. Include one or more 5-10 minute sessions each day exclusively for your dog. Use this time for favored activities-- training, grooming, a belly scratch, playtime. Begin operating within this new schedule long before your baby arrives.

Whatever activities you choose, be certain you can do them in the presence of your baby. A nice walk may seem like a good idea, but can you manage the stroller and the leash? You can if you took time to train your dog before your baby arrives.

Be realistic. If you make a commitment to this time with your dog, he may actually get more time after the baby arrives than he does now. If you're honest, five minutes of concentrated, quality time is probably more than your dog gets now-- at least that's true in most families.

Think about how your dog will get a reasonable amount of exercise once you're tied up with a baby. Can you arrange for a neighboring teenager or a family member or a pet sitting service to walk your dog regularly? Add that to the routine before the baby comes so it is a valued treat.

Who's going to care for the dog while you're busy at or in the hospital? If at all possible, make arrangements to have your dog cared for in your home. This is not the time to add the stress of a kennel or a strange place if you can avoid it.

Dogs are exquisitely sensitive to the amount of attention they receive. A few weeks before the baby arrives begin to reduce the amount of attention to *below* the level of

Changing The Rules

If your dog is accustomed to being allowed on the furniture, now is the time to change the rules. Teach your dog to stay on the floor unless invited onto the sofa or limit access to certain pieces of furniture. You don't want to have him accidentally jump onto your baby.

Are you in the habit of saying *good boy* or *good girl* to your dog? What happens when you say that to the baby and your dog thinks you're talking to him and expects attention and starts climbing on you while you're holding the baby because that's what he was allowed to do in the past? Now you're yelling at your dog for something that used to be okay because you need to protect the baby. Start using *good dog* or some other phrase instead.

If you're accustomed to playing wild games in the house, rethink the behavior. A baby or young toddler could easily be injured through no intent of your dog. Save the wild and crazy play for the yard or the park.

Fast Facts

If your dog is out of control, start training new behaviors now.

If your dog's schedule will change after the baby arrives, begin to make those changes now.

If the rules about where your dog can sleep and what he's allowed to do need to be modified, begin making those changes now.

Ask yourself if you have time for a baby and a dog.

Baby Talk

Begin exposing your dog to as many children as possible. Walk past playgrounds, day care centers and school yards when children are present. But don't take your dog to places where children can rush him or scare him.

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Invite friends with children to visit. While they are visiting, practice down and stay exercises with your dog. As soon as your little visitors arrive, make sure only good things happen for your dog. Bring on the treats and cuddles and whatever else he likes. When the children disappear, so do the goodies.

Familiarize your dog with the new sights, sounds, and smells that will accompany your new baby. Get baby powder and baby oil and begin using them on your body so the smells are familiar.

If your dog is not accustomed to the sounds of babies or children, Terry Ryan has excellent CDs available specifically to teach dogs about baby and child sounds. To purchase these CDs, contact www.dogwise.com (1-800-776-2665).

Begin playing the CDs or tapes very softly (barely audible) and rewarding your dog while they play or better yet, play them while he is eating. Increase the volume until your dog acts calmly no matter how loudly you play the sounds.

Teach your dog to accept child-like handling by gradually getting your dog accustomed to hugs, light grabs, and sudden movements toward him. Accompany those actions with squeals, shrieks, and child-like yells. Start gently and reward often. Offer great treats when he responds favorably. Slowly increase the intensity of your hugs, movements, or touches.

A few weeks before your due date, begin to carry a life-size doll around. Go through the motions of caring for the doll as if it were a real baby rock it, sing to it, use baby powder on it. Make it seem as much like a real baby as you can. While this "infant" is in the room, be sure really great things are happening to and for your dog. If these activities seem to stress your dog, contact your veterinarian or a behavioral consultant immediately. If your dog is fearful of children, be prepared for the possibility that this dog may not be happy in a home with a child. It is kinder to rehome your dog than it is to keep your dog living in a constant state of stress.

A New Leash on Life

Before your baby arrives teach your dog to accept being tethered a short distance from you.

A tether is nothing more than a leash that is fastened to something such as a large piece of furniture or other immovable object then attached to your dog. Leash him and fasten him to an immobile object nearby-- but just out of reach. Talk to him, treat him, and interact with him when he is being calm and quiet. Start with just a few moments and



increase the amount of time he'll hang out quietly. Gradually increase how far away you can get. Then combine the two-- time tethered quietly with distance away from you.

Make being tethered "a good thing" as Martha Stewart would say. Taking time to do this will make having your dog and your baby together safe and fun.

Part three in the next issue of Home Stretch

Lee Livingood is a companion animal trainer and behaviorist specializing in household etiquette and problem solving for cats and dogs using gentle, motivational methods. She is the author of [Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies](#) - an exceptional resource for all Greyhound owners. These articles are copyright 2002 and appear in Home Stretch with Lee's permission. Thank you, Lee!

RESOURCES



Childproofing Your Dog by Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson
Your Dog & Your Baby-A Practical Guide by Sylvia Hartmann-Kent
How to Be the Leader of the Pack, a booklet by Patricia McConnell
Alphabetize Yourself: Help Your Dog Regard You As Leader, a booklet by Terry Ryan

Look for these at your favorite bookstore or buy them at 1-800-776-2665 or online at www.dogwise.com

Remember! Never leave a baby or small child UNATTENDED with a dog for ANY REASON!



Missed the festival but want the stuff?
GREY GREYHOUND GOODIES

and just like the festival-- all proceeds go to the dogs!



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Gotcha' Day!

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

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| Polar to Andrea and Dale Thorstad on 5/2 | Zico to Molly and Duncan Susee on 7/4 |
| Thunder to Howard Austin on 5/15 | Barb to Bridget Matthews on 7/9 |
| Ruddy to Alycia Novotny on 5/24 | Claim to Gretchen Hite on 7/13/ |
| Eloise to Michelle Grannes on 5/26 | Nemo (Rocky) to Tim and Kathy Jellow on 7/14 |
| Jake to Kate Douglas on 5/27 | Scooter to Carolyn Henry Johanson on 7/17 |
| Icee to Kate O'Connor on 5/31 | Bond to Terry Elthon on 7/22 |
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| Gracie to Matt and Rebecca Totzke on 6/10 | Blossum (Debbie) to June Wheelock on 7/31 |
| Brin to Tom and Marie Schutter on 6/19 | |
| Kandy to Heidi Brandt on 6/21 | |



DAPHNE MAE

explains it all

"Road trippin' with my two favorite allies...fully loaded we got snacks and supplies..." The Red Hot Chili Peppers have nothing on Niles, Mom and me!

Mom realized that Niley and I haven't had a vacation since last Ren Fest, so when Mom realized we needed a break she got busy and made arrangements to take us up north for a spell. First I got scared Mom was traveling without us, but once she started packing our stuff I told Niles we would be going with her! And naturally Mom started getting us all riled up by telling us we would be going on a big "bye-bye in the car." For days before we left she had us on edge in excitement over our vacation. The big day finally arrived and after Mom got the car loaded with all our junk Niles and I were walked and took our spots in "the rolling palace" (aka Mom's car). Did I mention Mom put extra blankies and pillows in the car for us and cleaned it out for our travel comfort? Mom cruised up to Duluth and we got there pretty fast, with her driving 75-85 mph. Then Mom headed out route 61 for Grand Marais, our final destination. After glancing at her gas gauge, Mom realized we were running on fumes, so she stopped off for gas (and whizzies, poops and water for US) in Two Harbors. After sniffing around a little while Mom packed us in and we headed out on the road.

Traveling on route 61 got pretty slow, as it was mostly a one-lane road and we passed a lot of places that looked very pleasant. Niles and I agreed that Mom could have stopped and let us sniff around, but Mom wanted to get to the hotel and get us settled in (maybe next time?). We napped till Mom stopped the car and then got up and followed Mom to our hotel. Niley and I waited outside while Mom registered at the hotel. When Mom came out we got loaded back into the car and she drove off again...turns out Mom was going to a different hotel because ours didn't have air conditioning!

After Mom got us checked into the new hotel and cranked up the air conditioning Niles and I got out for a walk and a sniff. Once the business of doing our business was accomplished, we took another nap until Mom rounded us up for dinner. And what a pleasant meal we had. Mom drove downtown to a restaurant with a view of the lake and me and Niles got to rest on a blanket next to Mom as she ate. Could there be anything better than nibbling on hand-fed steak and having humans petting and fawning over you while you dine? Did I mention the spectacular lake view in the early evening sun? If it gets any better than this I might expire from sheer joy. Our thoughtful

waitress even snagged Niley and me a huge bowl of water. Once we snarfed down our meal, Mom packed us up in the car and took us for a walk before she went to a play. Just so we didn't get bored Mom left us each a rawhide bone and we were in hound-heaven!

The rest of the week is just a blur of activity, but the highlights included trout, salmon, steak, hamburger and chicken dinners. The swimming was delightful and COLD, a real relief as it got pretty WARM and sticky in the sunshine. Niley got so hot he laid down in the water...I just wet my paws. Mom kept lots of ice-water for us so we didn't get overheated. Most of all lots of bonding time with MOM...king-size bed meant we all got to sleep together (mom's aside--real fun for me...two stretched-out hounds and me lying like a corpse in a two-sizes too small coffin!).

Mom has gotten (a little) smarter about hiding the trash cans in the bathroom, since we are now accomplished dumpster-divers, but the few times she forgot we partied like rock stars and trashed the hotel room! Potato chips taste ever so much better when you pilfer them! Niles took a dive off the dock at one of the nicer spots where we stopped for lunch...hanging by his neck for almost a minute. Mom was terrified, but two nice passers-by saved him and he was more embarrassed than hurt.

We managed to find new trouble to get into as one day Mom went sailing while we dragged a half-filled suitcase off the counter and scattered its contents everyplace. Another day we figured out how to open the mini-refrigerator and since there wasn't anything we wanted to eat we chewed up some plastic bags and left 'em all over. I did pick at some cheese and grapes, but Niley says he prefers trash-picking!

Since Mom learned she had Friday off from work, we stayed Thursday and then Mom decided we might as well spend the weekend, so we stayed till Sunday morning. Friday brought rain and we got walked wearing our raincoats. Mom took us downtown, where we caused quite a commotion on the beach. But to be perfectly honest, we did look absolutely adorable. Everyone who stopped to pet us let us know how cute we looked and even Niles let people pet him! We spent a lot of time lying around while Mom read and cuddled with us. Our last day was spent sleeping late and enjoying breakfast in our room. Mom decided even though it was kind of overcast we would have a picnic on the beach. We spent a few pleasant hours basking in the sun and being adored by humans of all ages. Mom had snacks and we had our food and some of hers too!

Mom gets us back to the hotel and the lecture begins..."Now kids, vacation is over and I know what a greyt time we all had but Monday it's back to reality and Mommy has to work. No more eating like royalty and partying like rock stars." Then she hits the shower and goes out for dinner, coming home with a slab of prime rib for us. Since we didn't know what she had planned, we snuck off with a sack of Applewood BBQ and Smoked Cheddar potato chips and snarfed them all up--I ate till I hurled! But for prime rib I managed to get hungry all over again and ate 'till I thought I would burst! The vacation may be over but the memories will last!

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank You Chuck and Don!

Saturday, June 22, was a warmish day for a trip to Redwing. It's a good thing that it's such a beautiful drive down. Chuck and Don's Pet Food Warehouse invited GPA-MN to host a Meet and Greet for the store's Grand Opening in Redwing.

Besides our wonderful hounds there were several other groups: Renaissance Festival participants in full costume exhibiting snakes and promoting the Festival, kittens from the local Humane Society, a schnauzer adoption group, and raptors-owls and a beautiful golden eagle.

We'd like to thank Howard and his "boys"-Thunder and Mo-for making the drive down as well as Bob and Dee and Cooley. Several residents from the Redwing area stopped by with their greyhounds just to chat about dogs and GPA.

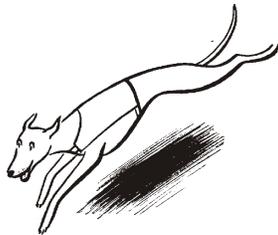
Although the weather was hot, the store was cool, the pop was cold, and you could eat all the hot dogs you wanted! The store personnel came around often with treats. We were so proud: they voted Jack the pushiest dog of all when it came to shamelessly getting treats.

To coin an old phrase- "A good time was had by all."

Sylvia, Neil, Tilly, Jack, and Spike Kresal

DID YOU KNOW?

A Greyhound will cover its own body length in 7/100th of a second.



Meet & Greet Calendar

Petco - Eden Prairie (Nancy & Brittany)
August 10 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Fridley (Jen & Doug)
July 20 Saturday 12 - 3 PM
August 17 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Pet Expo - Mankato (Nancy & Brian)
July 21 Sunday 1 - 4 PM
August 18 Sunday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - Maplewood (Teri & Jason)
August 3 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - Richfield (Neil & Sylvia)
August 3 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Roseville (Teri & Jason)
July 20 Saturday 1 - 4 PM
August 17 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - West St. Paul (Marty & Brian)
July 20 Saturday 11 AM - 2 PM

Petco - Oakdale (Lyle & Karissa)
July 27 Saturday 12 - 3 PM
August 17 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Borders Bookshop - Calhoun Square
(Neil & Sylvia)
August 10 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

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ADOPTIONS

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

May 2002

Disco adopted to Christine Fleischman and John Spray on 5-26-02

June 2002

Chloe adopted to Cory Chenevert and Carrie Link on 6-10-02

Keeper adopted to Becca Nelson and Chad Foote on 6-11-02

Koufax adopted to Farrell and Mari Green on 6-13-02

Knight adopted to Toni Johnson and Wayne Hartung on 6-15-02

Classie adopted to Ron and Kate Carlson on 6-15-02

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Shaker adopted to Tom and Liz Hunter on 6-22-02

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