

Home Stretch



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MN Renaissance Festival



September 13 & 14 - Greyhounds once roamed the castles of Kings and Queens so it is no surprise to find them at the Renaissance Festival roaming the grounds looking as regal as ever! The greyhounds are the hit of the festival and our booth is always full of guests eager to meet, pet, and find out more about these regal hounds. All volunteers for this event **must** be in costume. If you do not have a costume the Ren. Fest will provide one free of charge. If you can't help at the booth please just drop by and say hi! **Contact Michelle (952-949-3000 - leave message) for more information or to volunteer (shifts: 9 am - 1 pm, 12-4 pm, 3-7 pm).**

GREYHOUNDS HAVE GREAT HEARTS!

by Martha Cleveland

Greyhounds have great hearts---great, grand, and wonderful hearts. It is 'heart' that helps them run competitively (or just around the backyard), 'heart' that makes them love us so completely and makes our own hearts respond with the same kind of love, and hearts that pump lots and lots of special blood. More blood by volume than other breeds, thick packed red blood cells, wonderful, strong, large hearts. I've heard vets refer to my Greys as blood making machines. They are also universal blood donors---their blood can be used as transfusion for other dogs in trouble, any other dog.

In the years that I've had my Greys we've spent our share of time at the University vet hospital with one problem or another, and I always loved watching the U's own pack of Greyhounds which I knew was kept specifically to provide blood for needy patients. Now that is all changing. The U's foster-donor program is being phased out, the University itself is no longer going to own its own Greyhounds. They will have to rely on purchased blood and volunteer donors. The supply of purchased blood is sometimes slow in arriving, and there is no way of predicting when a given dog will need a large amount, thus depleting or exhausting the supply. They need us, folks.

Here is how it works:

The collections are made at the U Small Animal Vet Hospital near the State Fairgrounds. The blood donor staff includes a Vet, a certified vet tech, and trained vet students who do the scheduling and almost all of the blood collections.

The process takes from an hour to an hour and a half. If the dog is getting red blood cells replaced that process adds about a half an hour. The actual draw takes only a few minutes, but they do a preparatory blood check and post-draw IV fluids and bandaging. Both the neck (where the draw takes place) and the leg (where the IV catheter is placed) are bandaged and the bandaging is removed by the owner about two hours later.

The scheduling staff will do their best to work with the owner to find a convenient time for the draw to take place, and



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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. We are dedicated to finding loving, responsible homes for retired racing and also younger greyhounds that haven’t been successful at various tracks throughout the country. GPA-MN also take great pride in educating and informing the public that retired racing greyhounds make excellent, loving pets.

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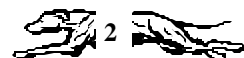
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As a national, non-profit organization, donations and sponsors are greatly needed to help keep costs down and enable us to continue to let the public know about the glorious greyhound. All donations are tax deductible. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

To make a donation in honor of your hound’s birthday, adoption day, or in memorial please send your donation and your request in by the 15th of the month prior to the month the event falls in. Send in donations and information to:

GPA-MN, P.O. Box 49183, Mpls., MN 55449

Thank you for your generosity!



2003 Greyfest - The Thank You's!!

HUGE THANKS to all of the volunteers that made our 2003 Greyfest possible! Especially to Teresa Ruohomaki who was the head coordinator of our BIG event!



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- Matt Carlson
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- Lyle Eckert
- Christina Enger

Sure hope we haven’t missed anyone! If so, hope you will let us know so we can issue you a thank you too! So many thanks go out to all who helped make our yearly greyhound festival a success! Without you all it wouldn’t have been possible. Thank you one and all!!!



2003 Greyfest - The Vendors

Many thanks to all of the vendors who joined us this year. Most of whom make this a yearly stop. We love having you come visit us with your wonderful wares! We also thank all of you, and all of the vendors who donated items for our raffles! Those who gave are such a huge help in the fundraising department. THANK YOU!

- Fast Jack
- Silk Road Collars
- Sarah Regan Snavelly
- Canine Caviar
- PetCo
- K-9 Cafe
- Patch and Lilly's Favorites
- Benda Photography
- Midwest Greyhound Supply
- Cryptic Creations



2003 Greyfest - The Faces

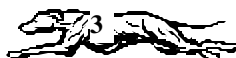
Of course Greyfest would be nothing without all the folks and hounds who come have fun visiting, shopping, playing and eating. Many thanks to all who came and enjoyed! (all Greyfest 2003 photos by Lyle & Karissa Eckert)



Midwest Greyhounds - photo by Karissa Eckert



Silk Roads - photo by Karissa Eckert



More 2003 Greyfest Faces...





GREYFEST 2003

By Teresa Ruohomaki - Greyfest Coordinator

A special thank you to all of the volunteers that helped pull off another wonderful Greyhound Festival! Many started to work on the festival with me in March (requesting all of the wonderful donations that we received), some just the last few weeks before and many many more the day of. Each step of planning and volunteering is so important and I can't thank everyone enough for helping me make this a successful and fun event. Many in attendance don't realize that we had a big glitch in the morning and our tables did not arrive with the tent rental, in fact they did not come until 45 minutes before we were scheduled to begin! So everyone that was scheduled to help set up worked double time to get the raffle/vendor, GPA merchandise area ready by 11:00 am. I have never seen so many people moving so quick!! What a GREAT GROUP!

To continue as the chair of this event I had to ask for a lot more help this year to help coordinate various areas: Marty Reynolds- Donations, Jennifer Jett- Volunteers, Jenifer Rachac- Food Booth, Teri Petrin & Robin Krautbauer - Vendors, Sylvia Kresal - GPA Merchandise. Thank you all!

We had a day to celebrate our wonderful hounds, visit with fellow greyhound owners and make new friends. One highlight of the festival for me was seeing Bo Schaper win oldest hound in attendance trophy. Bo was such a unique fellow and I was so sad to hear that he passed to Rainbow Bridge so soon after Greyfest. We had wonderful costume this year including the Everready "hound" Bunny and a Renaissance "Princess" Hound. Missy Martin came down from Canada to re-claim the "FASTEST" hound trophy. (Missy won 2 years ago and was unable to attend last year) I think that she made the run @ 3.9 seconds!

Thank you all again for volunteering and attending GREYFEST!



Every Tuesday...

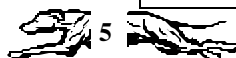
you can find GPA-MN volunteer Dee Heeschen and hound Cooley bringing smiles to the faces of residents of the Ramsey County Nursing Home. Dee and Cooley have had quite an effect on the staff and residents at the home and were featured in the Volunteer Spotlight section of the home's July Newsletter!

The volunteer coordinator at the Ramsey County Nursing Home would love to have more greyhounds visit. Any outgoing well mannered greyhound who is comfortable on slick floors would be appropriate for the program. All shots must be up to date and you will need a vet record to verify vaccinations.

Dee was kind enough to share with us what she has learned to make her visits a success!

1. Always stand back out of reach and ask the resident if they would like to pet the dog.
2. Introduce yourself and the dog, but don't expect them to remember your name. The greyhound is the focus.
3. Never allow your dog to jump on or against the residents. Residents are often unsteady on their feet and/or may be frightened.
4. Residents often like to talk about the pets they've loved in their lives. Encourage it.
5. If your dog does any tricks, residents love seeing the tricks and even feeding treats that you have brought along with you.
6. Don't forget the staff. Their stress level is often high and they get comfort from petting too.

The Ramsey County Nursing Home is located at 2000 White Bear Ave. in Maplewood. If you would like more information on the program or would like to volunteer please contact Beth Porter at 651-251-2418 or beth.porter@co.ramsey.mn.us





Meet & Greet Calendar

(www.gpa.mn.org)

Petco - Apple Valley

September 7 Sunday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Brooklyn Park

August 30 Saturday 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Petco - Coon Rapids

September 13 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

October 11 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Fridley

September 20 Saturday 11 - 1 PM

October 18 Saturday 11 - 1 PM

Petco - Highland

August 30 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

September 27 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

October 25 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

Petco - Oakdale

September 6 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Richfield

September 13 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

October 11 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Ridgedale

August 28 Thursday 7 - 9 PM

Petco - Roseville

September 20 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - St. Cloud

September 13 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

September 20 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

October 11 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

Pet Expo - Mankato

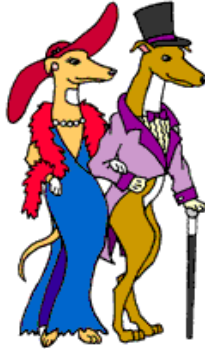
September 21 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

October 19 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Borders Bookshop - Calhoun Square

September 6 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Bring your hound and come say hi!



Adoptions

Congratulations and best wishes to all these folks and their new hounds!



Dylan by Elaine and Steve Machovsky on 5/13/03.

Dillinger by Scott and Christine Dorff on 6/5/03.

Gamble by Elizabeth Major and David James on 6/5/03.

Taheng by John and Kendra Barton on 6/6/03.

Foxy by Marilyn and David Poirier on 6/7/03.

Hitt by Carol Bohumil 6/7/03.

Billet by Julie and Clair Kaiser 6/7/03.

Lucy by Darcy and Nancy Quinn on 6/21/03.

Cajun by Martha and Walt Cleveland 7/1/03.

Jade by Audrey Beckstrom and Gary Harkin on 7/7/03.

Patch by Jennifer and John Cottew on 7/11/03.

Zoe by Jeanine Krier on 7/12/03.

Eli by Charity Dahlien and Kevin Desrosier on 7/12/03.

Mitchell by Amy and Tim Eian on 7/12/03.

Laddy by John and Amy Gaspard on 7/14/03.

Baba by Marcy and Mike Barger 7/20/03.

Mohican Prize by Penny Butler on 7/29/03.

GOTCHA' DAY!

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

- Chloe adopted to Cory Chenevert and Carrie Link
- Keiffer adopted to Becca Nelson and Chad Foote
- Koufax adopted to Farrell and Mari Green Same
- Knight adopted to Toni Johnson and Wayne Hartung
- Bailey adopted to Ron and Kate Carlson
- Moon adopted to Tom and Robin Roberts
- Shaker adopted to Tom and Liz Hunter
- Brewster to Mike and Louise Simonet
- Icie to Matt Smith and Janet Hughes
- Brandy to Suzanne Cutting
- Eclipse adopted to Joe and Bonnie Goldman
- Greta adopted to Kevin Kocur
- Stormy adopted to Chris and Jenny Fischer
- Bubba adopted to mark and Christy Janzen
- Chance adopted to Thronnd and Michelle
- Pow adopted to Charles and Shelly Archer
- Flyin adopted to Jon and Dawn Sanders
- Fishy adopted to Andy and Brenda Johnson
- Stinger adopted to Mike and Nancy Mahoney
- Lion adopted to Steven and Patricia Swanson



Clip art by Sarah Snavelly.





**"If Tears Could Build A
Stairway,
And Memories A Lane,
I'd Walk Right Up To
Heaven,
And Bring You Home
Again."
~author unknown~**

Our most heartfelt condolences to
these families!

Recent Bridge Kids:

- Brindle - Chuck and Bertha Wagner
- Kurt - Jen and Doug Rachac
- Jodi- Bob and Lonnie Skrentner
- Holli - Lisa and Dennis Kuhl
- Dharma - Alicia Novotny
- Bo - Robin and Bob Schaper
- Sugar - Martha and Walter Cleveland


Our mother, Carol French, recently passed away. Her most cherished canine companion was a greyhound, Molly, we had for 9 years. As a memorial, she requested that donations be made to greyhound rescue and adoption programs. Her family and friends were exceedingly generous. We've enclosed a check (\$1587.00) for donations sent directly to us. We admire your cause and truly enjoyed the company of our greyhound.

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THANK YOU

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.... (author unknown)



Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.



**GREYHOUNDS HAVE GREAT HEARTS!** (cont. from page 1)

the dog could be left for the day if that is necessary.

For the first two or three draws the owner may not stay with the dog, it's just too upsetting for the animal to have Mom or Dad there, but once the routine is set the owner may stay in the room. It's about the same as having blood drawn for a heartworm check.

The age request is from 2 through 7 (I suspect a healthy 8 year old might be acceptable), female dogs should not have been pregnant because of potential antibody problems (even if the litter was lost before birth). Dogs should weigh at least 50# and not be overweight (most of our Greys would be fine, even though they are over their racing weight).

Previous illness/surgery of the dog's would not be a factor unless there had been a spenectomy (*research dogs* acceptable). Disease limitations include Lyme disease, diabetes, pancreatitis, immune system disease, cardiac disease, heartworm, liver/kidney disease, or cancer.

Limitations due to medications: no antibiotic or steroid treatment for 10-14 days before donation.

Prescreening: temperament screen (our hounds are *good* at this one!), testing for tick borne disease titers, routine CBC and chemistry profile (repeated yearly), heartworm test (if not already done). A PVC (ratio of packed red blood cells to total blood volume) is done before each donation.

The U would like donors to sign up for at least a year, ideally two, before the screening process. They can't afford to screen a dog and then have the owner back out unless there is a problem with the hound's tests. People can, of course, drop out if circumstances make it necessary.

Donors may be called 4-8 times a year. The more dogs there are in the pool, the fewer calls can be expected. A lead time of 2 days or more will be given (unless there is an emergency need).

At the time of the donation the hound will be given lots and lots of loving care, treats, and perhaps a new toy (the staff is trying to build a stock of toys for the program--- maybe someone would like to donate a toy or two? Just a thought). We, the humans, get the satisfaction of knowing that we, and our beloved dog, are truly helping someone else's beloved dog to survive and go home.

Contact: Janice Parrow 612-625-9726.

PAST LIVES

by Claudia Presto



Greyhounds enjoy a rich heritage dating back over 4,000 years to Ancient Egypt where they were kept as companions and hunting partners. Explorers from Greece brought greyhounds back from Egypt. Greek and Roman gods, such as Diana and Artemis, had greyhounds as their companions of choice.

During the Dark Ages, a time of famine and disease, greyhounds were saved from extinction by priests who bred them for noblemen. During this period, ownership of a greyhound became an exclusive right of the nobility. Greyhounds were so highly prized that traveling noblemen would often present a greyhound as a gift to their hosts.

During the Renaissance, Greyhounds were a favorite of royalty, including Queen Elizabeth I. Shakespeare and Chaucer immortalized them in their literature.

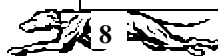
Today, greyhounds live their lives on a track, either in a crate or in a run -- a far cry from the pampered lives their ancestors lived. But the centuries of breeding are still part of the greyhounds' demeanor. They are elegant, gentle, loving animals who make wonderful companions. Though they are coming from a track into a home, they are amazing dogs and quickly and happily adapt. The more time and patience you give to them, the quicker they learn and give you their allegiance.

Style Greyhounds are elegant and gorgeous and come in all sizes, colors and ages. Males are over two feet at the shoulder, averaging 75 pounds. Females stand about two feet, and weigh around 60 pounds. Their many coats of color include brindle, black, fawn, and white with spots. Greyhounds are usually 2 to 5 years of age when rescued, and will live to be 12 to 14 years old with love and good medical care.

They're Sweet Any veterinarian will tell you that greyhounds are one of the best-natured breeds. Born and bred to be calm and sweet, they are patient and gentle with children and adults when they are treated in like manner.

They're Easy-Going If you want to laze around, they will too. If you want to play, they're more than happy to oblige. Needing no more exercise than any dog of similar size, they enjoy daily walks with you, and a romp in a fenced-in area.

They're Smart Greyhounds are very smart and so, very trainable. They want to please you, and take direction well. Housebreaking can take one day. Climbing stairs may take a week or two. Finding soft spots will take mere seconds. But loving a greyhound will last a lifetime.



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.

Petco’s continued support over the years has done **SO MUCH** toward allowing ***Greyhound Pets of America/Minnesota*** to continue their work with the hounds we all love.

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



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 The first kind one I'd ever seen;
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 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



Rainbow Bridge

Sterling pendant 1" ...\$25

Brooch 1" ...\$30

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!



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What We All Should Know About Our Retired Racers!

Greyhounds, like all other dogs, are pack animals which means that they are social creatures who live in a social hierarchy. This socialization is especially strong with Greyhounds because they have been in the company of a large number of other dogs from birth.

They need to know who the “alpha” figure, the pack leader, is so that they know how to behave. The “alpha” figure sets the rules, enforces discipline and is responsible for the safety, health and well being of the pack. There is always competition and testing in a pack for taking over the role of leader; the strongest member leading the pack insures its survival. As a pet, your dog will look to you to be the “alpha” figure. One of the first behaviors you will probably notice is your new dog following you from room to room looking to you for leadership. If you do not fill the role of the “alpha” figure in terms your dog can understand, it will be perfectly willing to take over if allowed.

Most dog behavior problems arise out of an owner’s misunderstanding of the proper role of the pack leader. Among the more common problems arising out of a misunderstanding of the leader role is the reinforcement of shy, insecure behavior by trying to avoid all distressing situations in an attempt to comfort the insecure dog.

There are many good books available on dog behavior. Pick up a few to read! Books such as **‘Play Training Your Dog’** by Patricia Gail Burnham. **‘The Dog Who Loved Too Much’** by Dr. Nicholas Dodman. **‘Dog Talk’** by John Ross & Barbara McKinney.

There are many other fine books besides the ones mentioned above.

A Greyhound is a sight hound descended from southern wolf strains and related to Afghans, Salukis and other sight hounds. As hunters they work cooperatively with other hounds and develop strategies of pursuit spontaneously during the chase. This characteristic can be seen in the independent behavior frequently exhibited by even the best trained show greyhounds in obedience competitions.

Although they have exceptionally keen eyesight, Greyhounds also have keen hearing and sense of smell.

Retired race dogs have been trained to chase lures, usually mechanical. They are NOT vicious predators as many believe, but chase things that move by nature. It is the Greyhound’s nature to run. They are sprinters who can run up to 45 miles an hour for very short

periods. Some of them love to run; others are simply not interested after they retire.

In spite of their early training for the race track, Greyhounds love people, in fact more than most breeds, and tend to be quite sociable. They have been handled a great deal during their early years by dog walkers, trainers, veterinarians and others. Many trainers are women who bring their children to work, so the dogs frequently have been exposed to children of all ages.

Generally, greyhounds are quizzical, sometimes shy, very sensitive and surprisingly gentle. They possess superior intelligence, and can exhibit a quiet but surprising independence.

Because of their early training, retired Greyhounds have never been without the company of other Greyhounds and have never had the opportunity to really be a puppy. They may need to act out some puppy behavior, like chewing, which they typically quickly outgrow. They are anxious to please and can be trained to standard obedience commands with patience and consistency. They are used to a leash, love to walk, and will learn to heel quickly. Most greyhounds do not know how to sit, climb stairs or play games only because they have not learned yet. With time they can learn all of these things.

Greyhounds have never been exposed to other breeds of dogs. They know other Greyhounds but may be perplexed, frightened or simply ignore other breeds. Greyhounds often do not know how to defend themselves except by flight or will often “freeze” if attacked.

Greyhounds are used to traveling and usually adapt quickly to riding in cars.

Greyhounds do not typically bite but sometimes show affection as a wolf does with mouth agape, gently grasping. They will lick your hand too. They show affection with their whole body and may rub up like a cat or lean against you.

Greyhounds have no fat layer on their bodies which makes them sensitive to winter cold or rain. If outside for more than a short time in bad weather, they should be protected with a coat. No dog should be left outside in the cold.

They are not barkers by nature, but will bark if excited or trying to tell you something like needing to go out!

FAQ’s From the ‘Adopt A Greyhound’ Web Site





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