

# Home Stretch



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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## Greyhound Limericks???

Send them our way quickly and they will appear in the March Issue. Come on folks, on St. Patrick's Day everyone is Irish!!! We need them by February 20th!

Example:

We have a shy hound named Shasta  
He ran as fast as he had ta.  
Until one sunny day  
He ran the wrong way  
Now he spends his time playing canasta.  
(er' something like that!)



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## February is Pet Dental Health Month!



For most people, daily brushing of teeth and regular visits to the dentist have become the acceptable way to keep teeth and gums healthy. It is now being recognized that the same applies to pets.

According to vets, more than 80% of dogs show some signs of gum disease by the age of five. Not only does this cause pain and loss of teeth but if it is not treated, bacteria entering the blood stream can cause diseases like liver and kidney and even heart failure.

Vets say that bad breath is the easiest way to tell if your pet has gum disease. But you should also be on the lookout for a yellow-brown crust of tartar around the gum line, red and inflamed gums, bleeding or receding gums and loose teeth.

If you think your hound suffers from gum disease visit your vet who will advise you on the best course of action. A thorough scaling and polishing and regular check ups may be recommended. Between visits, vets advise consistent practice of oral hygiene by brushing your hound's teeth and feeding special dental food.

**Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota’s  
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*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 takes great pride in educating and informing the public that retired racing greyhounds make excellent, loving pets.*

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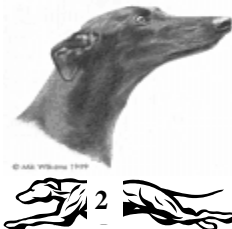
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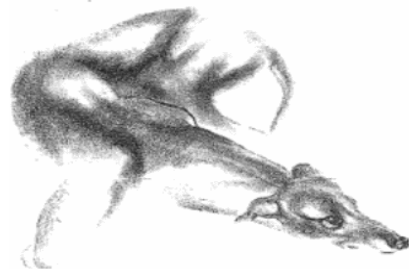
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**Introducing GPA-MN's 2004 Board Members.**

**Kim Hrabe - President**

**Sylvia Kresal - Vice President**

**Jen Jett - Secretary**

**Teri Petrin - Treasurer**

**Jen Rachac Karen Miller**

**Thrond Toftely Michelle Toftely**

**Carie Peterson**

**Kim Hrabe**- President, Adoption Coordinator. This is my 2nd term on the Board. In the last year I served as Vice-President and Adoption Coordinator. I became involved with GPA 4 years ago when I adopted my first Greyhound Kip. I now have a second hound, Monkey. I have had the pleasure of seeing 14 foster hounds go to loving permanent homes. The hounds have to share our home with 2 cats, my daughters Jennifer 18, and Hannah 14, my husband Martin and Me. I also have the pleasure of dealing with the greyhound community outside of Minnesota as I speak with track liaisons and arrange to bring the hounds here from the tracks.

**Sylvia Kresal** - My family and I live in south Minneapolis and are proudly owned by Tilly, Chuck, and Dewey. We adopted our first greyhound, Tilly, in 1996 and have never looked back. We've been involved with many aspects of GPA-MN since then including hosting Meet and Greets, fostering, the Social Hour, book wrapping, and Special Events. I love being the friendly Meet and Greet Coordinator and look forward to being the friendly Vice-President as well. My motto is "Socialize your hounds!"

**Jen Jett** is beginning her second year on the GPA-MN Board and is serving as the Secretary. Jen is also an adoption representative and the Special Events coordinator. Her hounds, Seydi and Marlowe, invite you to join them the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Fridley Petco Meet and Greet. Jen says the one of the most rewarding GPA activities this year has been fostering!

**Jen Rachac** remains on the board for 2004. This is Jen's 4th year on the board.

**Thrond Toftely** - I am a dedicated fan of the breed and also an attorney. I have been a member of the board for one year. I am already and will continue to be a tireless advocate for Greyhound Pets of America. I have volunteered for many events and I believe my skills in law and business could be quite valuable to the organization and for the good of the dogs as well.

**Michelle Toftely** - I bring my enthusiasm for the dogs and GPA, fresh ideas for getting word out about retired racers to the public, organizational and planning skills, and my ability to get things done, to GPA-MN. I have

been a board member and event coordinator for GPA for one year. My biology degree, technological experience, and experience owning and running my own consulting firm, and my experience with fostering, owning a grey, and volunteering at GPA events, would give me a unique perspective and skill set, that are an asset to the organization.

**Carie Peterson** -I am beginning my first term on the GPA-MN board. My husband, Tom, and I share our home with two lovely greyhounds, Nicky and Cookie. My first experience with greyhounds began in 1999 while working with the blood donor cats and dogs at the U of M Veterinary Teaching Hospital. It was during this time that we fostered and adopted our first hound Nicky. Cookie, our second hound joined our home in August 2003. We are also pet parents to a cat named Chloe and four Guinea Pigs, Fig, Clementine, Toula and Rudy. (Yes, the hounds are Guinea Pig safe with supervision!!). I am very excited to be a part of this great organization and look forward to helping educate and inform the public about the joys of adopting retired racers.

**Teri Petrin** is currently serving in her second term on the board and is the current Treasurer. She has enjoyed volunteering in many ways for GPA-MN, including hosting the Meet and Greets at Maplewood and Roseville PetCos. She also serves as the Foster Coordinator and the Vendor Coordinator for the GreyFest. She really enjoys helping the hounds find their forever homes. She lives at home with her husband Jason, daughter Elizabeth, and their hounds, Argus and Sizer. They are looking forward to adding one more member to the family in March.

**Huge thanks** to all the folks below who made General Donations to benefit the hounds!:

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Steve Etzell and Robyn Abear

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*Thank You!*



*Thank You!*



## A Night With The Duchess (aka Leashing Your Hounds)

By Cullen Kiely

The night started like most other nights for us. I got home from work about 5:00pm. Rox had arrived a couple minutes earlier and was already in the backyard with the “girls” who were busy relieving themselves after faithfully holding it for nine hours. The “girls” consist of our two retired Greyhounds, Emme and Tessa (formerly known as Brenda) and our little Pit Bull terrier mix, Madalyn.



Emma and Tessa.

Emme was our first Grey Girl. She is very sweet, a little high-maintenance, and has been with us just over five years. Tessa joined Emme in the good life about three and a half years ago after a decent career as a racer. Tessa is the Clown Princess of the family. She is goofy, lovable, but not terribly bright. Maddie, once abandoned and in search of a home quickly adopted the attitude of her big Grey

step-sisters, play hard, rest harder, with four feet in the air whenever possible. Maddie has become the perfect foil for Tessa as Emme slows down with age. We also have five wonderful cats that possess varying degrees of tolerance for the “girls”, but generally everyone gets along quite well.

Our evening routine includes our W-A-L-K, spelled, never spoken, before dinner. The girls” long ago tired of walking around the block. So every night (and twice on weekends) we load them into Roxanne’s mini-van for a trip to a local park where there are always interesting new smells and occasionally dogs to sniff and greet. Normally the van loading takes place inside our garage, from the laundry room door. However, the garage had become so full of stuff this summer that we had been leaving the van in the driveway and letting the girls run out the front door and hop in for their trip to the park.

Now, we are very, very aware that Greyhounds should never, ever be off leash. The Krautbauers, upon Emme’s adoption and in all the literature we read before and after, drilled this into our head. For years they never were. Unfortunately we had gotten a little lax with

this as the girls mellowed with age, letting them run out the front door to greet guests, etc. So, we didn’t think letting them run from the house to the van would be a problem, and until that awful night, it wasn’t. They always run straight to the already open door. Tessa, usually with one of her stuffed animal “babies” in her mouth.

Rox and I usually take the girls for their W-A-L-K together, but that night Rox had a bad cold and wanted to rest so I offered to take them myself. I put their collars on, opened the door and off they went racing to the van in the driveway. Being Alpha, Tessa usually has to be first in and out of every door. That particular night, however, Tessa paused for a minute on her way to the van, went potty, sniffed some newly fallen leaves and then spotted a woman walking a little Pomeranian in the street in front of our house. I immediately saw Tessa’s eyes fixate on the woman and her dog. I was trapped between Tessa out in the yard, and the other two girls in the open van who had also seen the little dog by now. I wasn’t worried about Tessa hurting the little dog, rather just scaring the poor woman with her over-exuberance. Tessa had tested out as being “low-prey” and she never showed an interest in any of our cats or other dogs. (Bunnies are a different story, but she can tell the difference.)

Within seconds, Tess had the little Pom in her mouth just like one of her little stuffed “babies”. I’m sure her intent was to scoop the little dog up and bring it to the van for our ride to the park. Damage would have probably been minimal if she had. Unfortunately, the little dog’s owner had a hold of the leash and a tug of war was in progress when I got to the scene. All I could think to do was give Tessa a kick in the side, which I did. She dropped the Pom and I tried to dive on top of the little dog.

However, the feisty little Pom also wanted a piece of Tessa and scrambled away from me and an ugly scene ensued as my two other dogs joined the fray. I was sprawled in the street trying to grab the Pom while yelling and kicking at my own dogs, all the while the woman on the other end of the leash, who I had never seen before, was screaming for help. I finally got hold of the Pom and Roxanne’s attention. She managed to get our dogs in the house while I quickly ushered Pom and owner into the van and took off for the Emergency Veterinary Clinic in Oakdale.

I discovered on the way that the woman is the sister-in-law of our neighbors and was visiting for the day with her husband from their home on the Canadian border. The Pom, whose name I finally learned was Duchess, didn’t look too bad as I drove as quickly as

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**A Night With The Duchess** (Continued from page 4)

possible through the remaining rush hour traffic. She had a little blood around her neck, but she wasn't bleeding profusely and she was still pretty feisty so I thought maybe it would be OK. However, once the ER vet started to examine her closely, he knew the damage was serious and didn't know if she would survive. The woman's husband arrived with our neighbor a few minutes later. Of course I felt as terrible as a dog owner ever could as I sat in the waiting room. I told them we'd cover all expenses, even when the vet gave us an estimate of \$1200.00 to \$1875.00 for exploratory surgery and repairs. Duchess's owner gave me a chance to withdraw my offer, but I couldn't. I gave the vet's assistant a credit card that we had just managed to pay off. I then left for home, not knowing if my carelessness had resulted in the death of another family's beloved pet.

Duchess survived several hours worth of surgery that involved the re-sectioning of her bowels and intestines, but she was not out of the woods. She would make it through the night and we arranged for the wonderful doctors and technicians at the Cottage Grove Animal Hospital to care for her during the day. I was very mad at Tessa when I finally got home, but I knew the fault was mine. I made it through that night only with the help of several powerful sleeping pills.

Well, Duchess survived and should be just fine. Her parents' one day trip to the Twin Cities turned into a week long stay. Our credit card debt increased by a total of \$2500.00, but it was worth every penny to keep the little girl alive. I can't even imagine if she hadn't survived. We want to share this story with our fellow Greyhound parents to reinforce the need to always leash your dogs when not in a fenced in area. As we discovered, it isn't just for their protection.



Coz

**By: Holly Tchida**

Coz ("Willowrun Coz") came to us as a foster in mid-December. He is a seven-year-old blue brindle male who was retired from St. Croix Meadows at the age of three. Coz was with a family for four years before he came back to GPA.

Coz is only the second foster hound for my husband Bryant and I; we are so lucky to have this time with him. Coz is truly an amazing dog. I have never met a dog so happy to be around people. He takes so much joy in (and shows so much gratitude for) the little things, such as a treat, a new squeaky toy, or a soft blanket. Even after caring for this dog for over a month, I still laugh at his tireless tail that is constantly wagging. He is a very good eater and has enjoyed the task of putting on a few pounds in his foster home. Coz has learned to patiently wait his turn while our hound Popo eats. Coz gets along well with Popo, and the two of them can often be found napping on the same bed together. Coz would do just as well as an only dog (after all, that would mean more love and affection showered on just him instead of sharing it with another hound). We also have two cats and Coz could care less that they are around. The cats' feelings about Coz, though, are another story.

Coz is a true retired greyhound: his three favorite things are eating, playing and sleeping. When I come home at the end of the day, Coz loves to gather up his (and

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# Meet & Greet Calendar

(www.gpa.mn.org)

## Petco - Apple Valley

February 28 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

March 27 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

## Petco - Coon Rapids

February 14 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

March 13 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

## Petco - Eden Prairie

February 28 Saturday 1 - 3 PM

March 27 Saturday 12 - 2 PM

## Petco - Fridley

February 21 Sunday 11 - 1 PM

March 20 Saturday 11 - 1 PM

## Petco - Highland

February 28 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

March 27 Saturday 11 - 2 PM

## Petco - Maplewood

March 6 Saturday 1 - 4 PM

## Petco - Oakdale

February 21 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

March 20 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

## Petco - Richfield

February 14 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

March 13 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

## Petco - Roseville

February 21 Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

## Petco - St. Cloud

February 14 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

March 13 Saturday 11:00 - 1:00 PM

## Pet Expo - Mankato

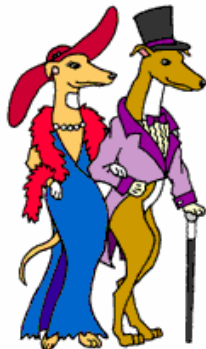
February 15 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

March 21 Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

## Borders Bookshop - Calhoun Square

February 7 Saturday 12:00 - 3:00 PM

March 6 Saturday 12 - 3 PM



Clip Art by Kim Parkhurst



## Minneapolis Pet Expo February 28th & 29th 2004

We have another wonderful opportunity to promote greyhound adoption and education at the 2nd Annual Twin Cities Pet Expo. We'll need volunteers to man our booth on February 28th and 29th at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This show was a lot fun last year and we received great feedback. So, come support GPA, show off your hounds (only volunteers get to bring their dogs), and do a little shopping (after your shift).

Volunteers will be needed for both of these events. If you are interested in further information please contact Jen Jett at: [wynthier@comcast.net](mailto:wynthier@comcast.net)

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**Get Togethers - GASSY Walk: (Minneapolis)** Meet near the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet at 2 pm for a stroll around the lake. Every Sunday (weather permitting). Please contact Sylvia and Neil Kresal for more information or directions. [nkresal@mn.rr.com](mailto:nkresal@mn.rr.com)

### **RROO: (Fargo, North Dakota)**

Saturdays 2pm. People will meet at the West parking lot of the Downtown YMCA. Please contact Kathleen Millard for more information or directions. (starting 5/4/03) [kmillardeboel@email.msn.com](mailto:kmillardeboel@email.msn.com)

### **Every 2nd Monday:**

**GPA Get Together at Richfield Petco:** Bring your hounds and join us at Richfield Petco from 7pm - 8pm. Get together with other GPA adopters and volunteers and their hounds. Find out what's going on in GPA, get involved, or just hang out. Please contact Sylvia Kresal for more information. [nkresal@mn.rr.com](mailto:nkresal@mn.rr.com)

Sammy Ball is now a participant in the U or M Blood Donor program and just gave his first donation!

Huge thanks to Luana's Sammy and to all the other hounds participating in the U of M Blood Donor program!



Art by Bonnie Booker





### *Lily* by Julie Babler

When my family and I decided to adopt a greyhound, we knew we were doing a good thing by giving an ex-racer a home. We knew that greyhounds are great companions, but what we didn't know is how much we were about to learn. Lily came to our home this past August. She was a bounce back with a questionable past. But Lily knew a lot and had some lessons for us. The first lesson came when I decided to gate her in my room. I came home to a 're-decorated' bedroom. I didn't know that my bed skirt needed to be ripped up and thrown away, but Lily showed me. And, I have to agree, the blue one looks much better. She retired as an interior decorator and decided that couch life was more to her liking.

The next lesson we all learned is that barking is so passé. Before long Lily had our little pomapoo, Lu, rooing right along with her. Lucy agrees, singing is much more fun.

Lily taught us all sorts of little things along the way, like if you stand in front of someone long enough and give them your best puppy dog eyes, eventually you will get a treat; and, always to remember to make the first move. If someone isn't looking at you, put your head under their hand and you'll get noticed.

Lily showed my friends at the dog park just how fast a greyhound can run and that sometimes you have to let others 'win.' She also taught us that no matter what the size, color or shape, we can all be friends.

We had some really hard lessons to learn too. When Lily was diagnosed with degenerative disc disease, her prognosis was not good. Her x-ray looked like that of a much older dog. Lily taught us to think positive and that sometimes we need to suffer in silence. Even though she shook in pain, she

never let it get her down. As soon as we went near the leashes, she would spring to life and be ready to go.

Lily taught me that I was stronger physically and mentally than I have ever imagined. I didn't know that I could carry a 70 lb., lanky creature up and down the stairs to go to the bathroom. I didn't know that I could be so patient, but Lily did. When she could no longer lie down on her own, she'd let out a little whine — no matter what time of the night— to let me know that she needed help.

Lily taught my son that sometimes the hardest decisions are the right decisions. When Lily started to have more bad days than good, we knew it was time to let her go. Lily showed me just how brave I am. At the clinic, I just wanted to scoop her up and run home. But, Lily knew that we couldn't go home and she just leaned up against me for comfort. As I held her in my arms, in between my tears, I told her over and over how much I love her, but she already knew that.

Lily taught us so much and for that I thank her. We miss her.



*'Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.'*

**Love Within My Eyes**

*By Terri Onorato.*

**Recent Bridge Kids:**

**Lily - Julie Babler and family.**

~

**Schmaltzy (Piggy) - The Nelson Family.**

*Our heartfelt condolences go out to these families.*

I've been blessed with many things the best of all is you, a friend unlike all others with a love so strong and true. As the days go slowly by I'll watch you from above guiding with a gentle paw and never ending love. When you need to feel me near look to the starry sky for the twinkle that is brightest is the love within my eyes.





*Coz (continued from page 5)*

Popo's) toys, carry them around the house, and hop up and down while squeaking them. When Coz plays, he seems much younger than seven years old! He is full of energy, but is no stranger to lounging.

Coz's new family will have to be diligent with teeth care. Coz had nine teeth extracted during his dental in December. He is doing well, however, and does not seem to be in pain. He loves to squeak his toys and munch on treats. Coz is currently on pulse therapy, which means that he takes an antibiotic for five days every month. He will likely need this for the rest of his life to maintain his teeth. The antibiotic seems to help his teeth and some of the breath issues we encountered when we got him. His new family will need to be committed to brushing his teeth daily. He has also been eating some chews from the vet that are specialized to aid in oral hygiene. Coz does fine with having his teeth brushed. It's not his favorite activity, but he tolerates it. We crate Coz during the day when we are at work. Although he didn't like it the first few days we had him, he now does terrific and will go right in when you say "kennel" (Coz also knows "lay down," "no" and "treat"). Coz also traveled to Aberdeen, South Dakota to see his foster grandma and her hound Brady over the holidays. Coz did extremely well during the 5 1/2 hour car ride, behaving like a perfect dog. He didn't cause any trouble like his foster sister, Popo, who raved after the trip how wonderful the Christmas cookies tasted and how she couldn't believe all the presents she got to unwrap. Although Coz hasn't been around any small children since he's been with us, Coz's former owners said he was very good with kids. While Coz still has ton of energy, he is also a kind, gentle soul who seems like he would be wonderful around kids.

Coz is a happy, energetic boy who will make a terrific addition to any household. He is most often called "Love Bug" and "Cozzie Bear" in our home because he is full of hugs, cuddling, and love. Coz will come up and rest his head on my lap if I'm sitting on the couch or come up and lean against me when I'm standing. Bryant and I are anxious to meet Coz's new family because they have many happy years ahead of them with this terrific hound.



## Adoptions

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



Art by Sarah Snavelly

- Gladiator by Anne and Laura Ford**
- Gambini by Shannon Ostenberg**
- Ivan by Ames Burns and Kelly Hiedrich**
- Boom Boom by Amy Webster**
- Fawn was adopted by Jan Rhodes**
- Prince by Paul DesCombaz and Kelly Falch**
- Cherokee by Suzanne Cutting**
- Annie by Victoria and Steven Mulder**
- Chaz (aka Chad) by Tracy and Dave Petry**
- Classy by Mark Downey and Christine Sanquinet**
- Putsta by Caroline and Kent Zachman**
- Alexander by Brett and Emily Berg**



## Gotcha' Day Anniversaries

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

- Peanut to Paige Norwood**
- Cora to Jennifer and Mark Dietrich**
- Butch to John Bartuiz and Michelle Clarke**
- Trevor to Jill Walser**
- Xena to Tonya and Jon Bolster**
- Mikey to Rebecca and Jack Rydell**
- EZ to Bryan and Nancy Rittenhouse**
- Mattie to Mike and Nancy Maloney**
- Kass to Dana Halvorson and Jon Helgerson**
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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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**Donate, Please Don't Wait!**

In this issue you have met Coz who is just one of the hounds waiting for a home all his own. Your gifts whether monetarily, of time, or in whatever way possible you GAVE, helps so many greyhounds like Coz find their way into loving arms and is greatly appreciated. Our hope is that you understand that you have touched MANY lives. Not only the lives of the hounds but also of the families who love them. Thank you to all who have done so much. However, our task continues as there are still so many hounds in waiting who need so much help. It is up to people like us to make sure we can reach out to as many as possible. It is truly wondrous all the things we do and how much we all care.



Please continue to open your hearts, your homes and your arms once again to the hounds.

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Art by Mik Wilkins

COMBINE ALL INGREDIENTS IN A LARGE BOWL; MIX WELL. ROLL THE DOUGH OUT PLACING IT ON A LIGHTLY GREASED COOKIE SHEET, PATTING THE DOUGH TO THE EDGES. SCORE DOUGH, (A PIZZA CUTTER WORKS WELL) FORMING THE DESIRED SIZED PIECES. SPRINKLE A LITTLE EXTRA CHEESE AND/OR GARLIC POWDER ON TOP (OPTIONAL). BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES OR UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN. TURN OFF THE OVEN AND LET COOL FOR SEVERAL HOURS (THE LONGER YOU LEAVE THEM THE HARDER THEY WILL BECOME). BREAK APART AND STORE TIGHTLY COVERED IN THE REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER.



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Thank you to all who honored their special loved ones with a donation that will help other hounds find loving families of their own.



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GPA-Minnesota would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to all the volunteers from the Minneapolis Kennel Club and Land O' Lakes dog shows. Without the help of you and your hounds educating the public about how wonderful retired racing Greyhounds are would not be possible. Thank you so much for volunteering for these events!

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You are all very much appreciated especially by the hounds you have helped!

Sylvia Kresal

**GPA-MN Family Photo Album**



A big smile from **Striker!** August 22, 2001. Photo by Sarah Snively.

**Taxi** hamming it up for the camera. (now a Bridge Kid).

Sept. 14th, 2001.

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