



The Home Stretch

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Vacationing with Your Greyhound

Len & Judy Schollen



Blue and Bailey are ready to ride!

We decided we would go on a two month vacation to British Columbia, Canada with Blue, a 2 year old greyhound and Bailey a 13 year old Irish Setter cross. The preparation for the trip included packing for the dogs. We would need to bring coats for the cold weather, a canine first aid kit (www.greypets.com/firstaid.html), muzzles, blankets, food & treats, water and documentation. The Canadian Customs require that each dog has had a rabies vaccination within the last three years that it is documented by a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian and will not expire before you leave Canada. Then we would need to prepare the car (2003 Chrysler mini van). We removed one middle seat and made a bed of two 3x5 foot pieces of 4" foam, covered with a sleeping bag purchased from a thrift store for \$3. Then a foam pad was placed between the front seats and rear passenger compartment to prevent the hounds from being thrown forward in an accident. Two more sleeping bags provided extra cushioning and warmth for all of us in an emergency.

An itinerary was made via the Rand McNally web site, pet friendly motels were selected (motels need to learn a lot about being pet friendly, some charge as much as \$10 for each pet, yet don't provide a receptacle outside for "doggie bags" and have exercise areas littered with "landmines"). The foam bed from the car was used as a dog bed in the motel. Some motels may require that pets be kenneled while in the room.

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No Fear / No Pain Methods of Discipline

GPA-MN has received permission from Kathleen L. Gilley to use her speech delivered at the Greyhound Pets of America seminar in Council Bluffs, IA on October 10, 1998. The title of her seminar is "No Fear/No Pain Methods of Discipline." We appreciate being able to share this with our readers and will run the article in continuing segments.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, my name is Kathleen Gilley, and I am usually here as the conductor of the Dancing Greyhounds Drill Team. Tonight, I am here to provide more information than entertainment, so I need to tell you my unique qualifications that have brought me to stand here on this pulpit, or if you will, soap box.

In 1993, after a year of thorough study and almost insurmountable hardships, I carried off my first Greyhound, Sweetness. Therein after, I seemed to have acquired more of these magnificent creations, at the average of one per year. The ex-

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GPA—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 greyhounds and also younger greyhounds that haven't been successful at the various tracks throughout the country. We also take great pride in educating the public that retired racers make excellent, loving pets.

Holiday Howls

*I am the hound named Puckett
No not the guy from Nantucket
My name came from Kirby
In my life's new Derby
I race for treats from the Bucket*

Pat Walsh



*They live up and down our own street
"I promise I just want to meet"
but when they are near
Hank will teach them both fear
Chihuahuas he surely will eat*

Jen & Doug Rachac

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*There was a young greyhound named Tony
Whose frame was all muscle and bony
Then he started to eat
All things fatty and sweet
Until he looked like a five foot boloney.*

Stan Frear

*She is easily up on the bed
And rests her soft, furry head
she won't move at all
with a push or a call
Star lays like a truck-full of lead*

Jen & Doug Rachac



*There was once a cat named Harry
Who did not think greyhounds were scary.
He would hiss and meow
And make them all cow
And so of him they were wary.*

Sylvia O'Kresal

*There was once a greyhound named Zeke
Who looked like kind of a freak.
With a name change to "Chuck"
And some wonderful luck
He became the "King of the Week!"*

Sylvia O'Kresal

*Our Whippet friend lives down the block
Our walk will be at 6 O'clock
We want to see Flip
he is such a trip
Get the leashes it's time to rock*

Jen & Doug Rachac

*Princess Zoë is one funny hound
She's happy when her "Mom" dances
'round She wriggles, wags & grins
Begins to bark & spin
Then lands in a heap on the ground*

Michelle & Mark Soshea

*They call him a new baby boy
They say he is such a joy
He cries and he poops
they tell us to scoot
The diaper is not a new toy*

Jen & Doug Rachac

*"Oh dear," said Tilly the queen
"I'm starting to feel sort of lean.
I need treats and some loving
But, please, not shoving.
It's important I feel serene."*

Sylvia O'Kresal



*Ralph is telling us that its time to eat.
We know by his pacing feet
That his stomach is starting growl,
And before long he will begin to howl:
"Dear God won't one of you gimme a treat!?"*

Jennifer & Brian Jett

*There was a young female called Toodles
Who had an attraction for poodles
But only one place
Where they met face to face
Was crowded with others, just oodles.*

Stan Frear

2005 North American Adoption Conference

You can now register to attend the 2005 North American Greyhound Adoption Conference to be held in Tampa, FL at the gorgeous Wyndham Westshort Hotel starting early Friday morning September 2 and ending September 4 or 5. Remember the 5th is Labor Day.

We will be updating this site with more details.....topics of sessions, gorgeous framed original greyhound oil painting for the major raffle and other wonderful framed prints for special fund-raising, agenda specifics for the GPA business meeting on Friday afternoon and more in the next month!

Greyhounds Allowed!

Greyt Tannin in Tampa Greyhound T-Shirts!

Please put this on your calendar - we are only 5 1/2 months away!

Everyone is invited to attend that is interested in finding all greyhounds available for adoption loving responsible forever homes. This includes GPA chapters, other non-profit greyhound adoption programs, greyhound support groups, people affiliated with the racing industry, state racing commission members, AGTOA members, etc.

www.gpaconvention.org

Photo Contest!

Go to www.milk-bone.com/famous this is very easy and takes very little time to enter!

If we get a greyhound winner - they will appear on a box of Milk-Bone brand dog biscuits. Just think how many people would see those boxes with a greyhound on it!

Ask them to remind you when it is time to vote.

Vacation

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Our first night was in the Murdo, SD Days Inn, Blue wasn't too sure about his new surroundings and paced a lot during the night. The next stop was Billings, MT at the Super 8. We went out for supper and took the dogs to PETCO for a treat where we learned about the Rocky Mountain GPA and a lady named Trish that has four male greyhounds. We phoned her and she brought Luc to the motel for a visit and we made a date to meet with the group on our return trip. Wednesday night we stayed in Couer d'Alene, ID at the Sleep Inn, this was a brand new motel and very nice, it was cold and snowing outside so we gave Blue some exercise running up and down the hall. Then we made it to our destination, Sechelt, BC. The first day we visited a veterinary clinic where we were told by the receptionist "all of our doctors are qualified vets and I am sure they know about greyhounds", the next clinic we visited the doctor had practiced in California before moving to Canada and was very familiar with greyhounds having worked with GPA there. He was our choice in the event of an emergency.

On our return trip we kept our date with the Billings GPA group. They meet 10 a.m. every Sunday morning at the Animal Ranch which has a large fenced area for the dogs to romp. All dogs must wear their muzzle. Blue was like a kid in a candy store, running with 16 other greyhounds. The "greeter" is Bob a white/fawn about 5 years old, he greets each hound as they arrive. On our next trip we will first look up the local GPA group at each stop over and make a list of contacts, that way we will be sure to find a greyhound savvy vet if needed and, you never know, meet some nice people too!



Blue gets to romp with the Montana greyhounds!

Vendors Wanted for GreyFest 2005!

Teri Petrin

I am once again looking for vendors for this years picnic. If you would like to set up a booth and sell, please let me know. There are a couple ground rules:

1. We do not charge an exhibition fee to people who have a booth unless you want/need to rent a table from us. Then we charge a rental fee of \$10 per table.
2. We ask that if you are a vendor that you donate a prize to the raffle.
3. We are not a "free market" picnic. We try to keep a wide variety of vendors so as not to have a lot of competitors for our relatively small audience. Basically, it's first come first serve.

For more information or to reserve a table, please email Teri at jiteg-petrin@netzero.com.

New Meet & Greet Host

Jacki— transcribed by Chris King

Hi everyone! It's Jacki. Hope you are doing well and I know you are anxiously waiting for spring. Yay, no more coats and boots!

Last month, I told you about my big day at the Land O'Lakes Kennel Show. This month, I'd like to tell you about my first time Hosting a Meet & Greet. I've been to several M & Gs before and really enjoy seeing all of my friends and meeting new ones too. People pet me and I get a lot of attention. But now being a M & G Host is a little different. It's what you might call having "responsibility." Every 3rd Saturday my forever home mom and I are at the Eagan PETCO from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

In preparation, my mom was busy making a poster of pictures of me. (She's always taking pictures of me.) She bought a new collar for me and made a beaded necklace to match. She loaded up the car and off we went. My human sister and grandpa met us there and helped carry in all the things we would need to set up our table; the poster with my pictures on it, a GPA banner, table cloth, donation jar, pamphlets, books, my water bowl and of course my blanket. My mom took me to meet the people who worked at PETCO. They were so nice and glad to me. There were people at PETCO just waiting to see me. My mom told them all about me and how they could adopt a greyhound. A lot of my friends and their moms and dads came to see me at my first M & G. Thanks for coming Allie, Chuck, Tilly, Sissy, Tipper and Albert. I had a greyt time and needed a treat and a long nap afterwards!

P.S. Come and see me at my M & G and visit the other M & Gs too. They are greyt fun!

"Gotcha Day" Special

Anne Moe

March 19, 2004 was Angie's "Gotcha Day." Kim Hrabe was my coordinator and she made a perfect match with us. From the moment I saw Angie to this day and always I look at her and think "my cup runneth over." Besides the love I share with Angie I have also made so many friends because of her. All my neighbors know us and she has helped me be more open to people. Another amazing thing that has happened because of her is a wonderful friendship I have found in Susan Spiller. Who coincidentally adopted her greyhound T.J. the same time as I got Angie. She also lives just a few blocks away. And Angie and TJ are related and became instant friends. I just wanted to thank GPA MN for finding me this wonderful companion and also thank all the individuals in the organization who have made Angie and I feel welcome. Hope to see you at future GPA events,

Greyhound Pet of the Year Contest

GPA is looking for the Pet Greyhound of the Year. Send your pictures of your greyhound along with a 50 word or less write up on why your greyhound is the best. Greyhounds adopted from Non-GPAs are also invited to participate.

The greyhound selected will be featured in our new poster print that will be (hopefully) released at the North American Greyhound Adoption Conference in September 2005.

To be considered for this contest, all information must be received by Friday, June 17th 2005. For complete rules and information, please go to <http://www.greyhoundpets.org/>

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GreyFest 2005

June 4th, 2005

Mark your calendars—GreyFest 2005 is coming! June 4th 2005 at Spooner Park in Little Canada. Planning is underway, so if you have something to donate or would like to volunteer, please email Jen Jett at wynthier@comcast.net.

Old Greyhound T-shirt wanted!

If you're cleaning out your closet and have old, too big, too small, too pitted, or too many t-shirts, please consider donating them. Jude Edling is working on a quilt for the raffle! You may send donation to:

Jude Edling 112 E. 8th Street,
Blue Earth, MN 56013

An example of the t-shirt quilt can be found at www.blueearthchamber.com and click on the 2004 Quilt & Woodcarver's show. Quilts 74-76 are t-shirt quilts.

Thanks Jude for doing this—you do beautiful work!

Peaceful Valley Campsite

Pay \$5 for your greyhound and your family camps for free at Peaceful Valley Campsite! Contact Len and Judy Schollen for details at (507) 665-2297 or lschollen@aol.com.

Thanks for your generous offer!!!

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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.

GPA-MN would like to thank both the PETCO Foundation, and the dedicated men and women of the local PETCO stores who go the extra mile and help us in finding loving homes for retired racers.

Meet & Greet Schedule thru May

All Meet & Greets are held at neighborhood PETCO stores. See our web site (www.gpa.mn.org) for more details.

APPLE VALLEY

Sunday, April 10 11—1:30 p.m.

COON RAPIDS

Saturday, April 9 12—3 p.m.

Saturday, May 14 12—3 p.m.

EAGAN

Saturday, April 16 12—2 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 12—2 p.m.

EDEN PRAIRIE:

Saturday, April 9 12—2 p.m.

Saturday, May 14 12—2 p.m.

FRIDLEY:

Saturday, April 16 11—1 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 11—1 p.m.

HIGHLAND

Saturday, April 30 11—1 p.m.

Saturday, May 28 11—1 p.m.

MANKATO—PET EXPO

Sunday, April 17 1—4 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 1—4 p.m.

MAPLE GROVE

Saturday, March 19 9—11 a.m.

MAPLEWOOD

Saturday, April 9 12—2 p.m.

RICHFIELD:

Saturday, April 23 12—3 p.m.

Saturday, May 28 12—3 p.m.

RIDGEDALE

Saturday, April 9 10—12 p.m.

Saturday, May 7 10—12 p.m.

ST. CLOUD

Saturday, April 9 11—1 p.m.

Saturday, May 14 11—1 p.m.

Events

GASSY Walk (Minneapolis)

Bring your greyhound out each and every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. near the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet (weather permitting) and take a stroll around the lake. This is a great opportunity for both you and your hound to socialize and get out and enjoy the day. For more information, contact Sylvia and Neil Kresal.

nkresal@mn.rr.com

RROO (Fargo, ND)

Meet each Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the west parking lot of the downtown YMCA. For more information, contact Kathleen Millard.

kmillardeoel@email.msn.com

GPA Social Hour (Richfield)

Bring your hound and socialize with other members of GPA on the second Tuesday of every month. Tuesday Social Hour held at the Richfield PETCO from 7-8pm.

nkresal@mn.rr.com

Doggie Fun Day (Hyland Lake Park Reserve)

Saturday, April 16th 1—4 p.m. There will be activities and dog groups at this event. Activities include photos with Proex, a nature hike with your dog, an obstacle course, paw print stamping and more. For more information

No Fear / No Pain

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racing Greyhound is my breed, my one and only, and there will never be any other breed across my threshold. They are worshipped in my house just as they were in temples thousands of years ago. I have even started a list of potential human sacrifices, lest that enhance their performance or just make them happier campers.

I am one of the luckiest people in the world because I get to live full time in a motor home, with four Greyhound goddesses. I have never had a dog fight, I do not muzzle and after the initial introduction period, I do not crate. (I have no psychological problem with muzzling or crating.) I fit four Greyhounds and two people in a queen sized bed. (The secret is to keep your tail curled.) Anyone who sleeps on their back gets bonus points.

My Girls do not generally engage each other in play; they bring their toys to me and each has special games that only I am invited to participate in. There is tug of war, chase my clothes, and mutual stalking and flea biting sessions. I am one of the few people who understands the fine art of flea biting a Greyhound. Some times I wonder if each does not think she is an only child. There is no alpha Greyhound; there is an alpha female, and that is ME. As most of you know, they perform for almost an hour, on tracks, in tents, parking lots, stadiums, auditoriums and sports fields across the country. None has ever taken a lap for old time's sake.

Cruising around in a motor home all over these United States and Canada, for the sole purpose of sharing my Greyhound good fortune has given me a special perspective on adoptions and placements. Because of my travels, I just might have visited with more GPA, track-sponsored, small and large independent organizations and farm placement folks than others.

Gilley's article to be continued next month...

Adoptions

Robin & Bob Schaper—Gretel

Al Fiene & Diane Hagen—Abbey

Dean & Mollie Kelman—Knight

Shannon & Mark Dmytryzyn—Roscoe

Connie Isaak—Trevor

Gotcha Days

Sugar—Wlater & Martha Cleveland

Angie—Ann Moe

Alladin—Susan Spiller

Riley—Kristan Beaumont

Phillip—Ron & JoAnn Peterson

Waiting at the Bridge

Bert—Connie Isaak

Striker—Sarah Snavelly

Maggie—Bob & Cathi Taylor

Taz—Dena Jersild

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On Sale Now! 2005 Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar

Do you still need a calendar? There are only a few 2005 CG wall calendars left so hurry up and order yours! Starting February 1st, the wall calendars will be 50% off.

Also check out the new sweat-shirt designs and lanyards!

All available on line at
www.gpa.mn.org!

Lenox Jeweled Devotion Greyhound Sculpture

Now Available!

Looking for a special gift for that greyhound lover or are you looking to spoil yourself? The next page features information about purchasing a Lenox Jeweled Devotion Greyhound Sculpture. Greyhound Pets of America has authorized this and will receive a portion of the profits. This exquisite pair was unveiled at the National Convention and generated much buzz! For more information go to www.lenox.com and search under greyhound.

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."



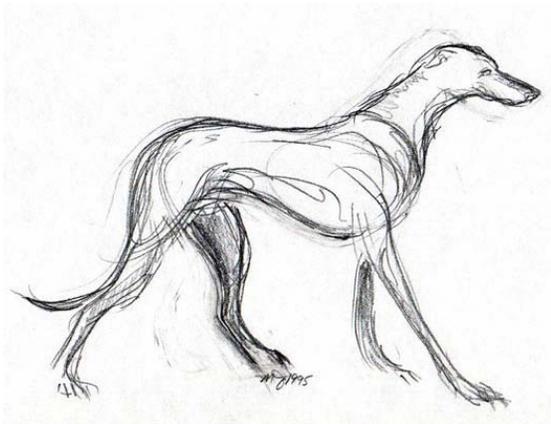
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- GreyFest 2005—More tantalizing information

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