



# The Home Stretch

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## Jake's Best Friend—Robert (Bob) Smith



*Robert (Bob) Smith*

### Robin Krautbauer

On April 25th, 2005 Jake lost his best friend and Anne her devoted husband. On this day Robert (Bob) Smith passed away.

Bob was a wonderful guy, fun to talk with, a great volunteer for GPA-MN over the years and one of the best greyhound dads ever. Many of us knew him because of his love for Jake and are very thankful that Bob and Anne became involved with our group so that we could enjoy seeing all of them from time to time. Many heart felt thanks to the Smith family for their support over the years. Every minute you shared with us was pure enjoyment. Our hearts and our prayers go out to Anne, Jake and the rest of their family. Bob will be very deeply missed.

Memorials for Robert Smith may be sent to:

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

Please attach a note letting GPA-MN know what it is for.

## GreyFest 2005

### Jen Jett

We're down to the "home stretch" as we race to get ready for GreyFest. The festival committee and the Board kick it into high gear as we nail down the details—so much has been done and there's a ton left to do! But all is done with a glad heart because we know how much people and their hounds enjoy the gathering.

So, why should you go to GreyFest this year? What makes it so special? A number of things set GreyFest apart from other events we do through out the year.

- 1. GreyFest is our single biggest fund-raiser of the year!** Your donations (through raffle tickets and other purchases) make it possible for us to help more hounds through out the year. That means we can take in injured dogs and seniors that may be too costly for other groups. We have received many fabulous raffle items, and they're still rolling in! Take a chance to win some great prizes and help a greyt cause.
- 2. Socialize yourself while you socialize your hounds!** GPA-MN is a wonderful and supportive community. The festival is an opportunity to reconnect with friends and fosters, as well as, make new friends! It's nice to put a face

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#### 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.

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## GreyFest 2005

with a name of someone you've chatted with on the email list.

- 3. Shopping, shopping, shopping!** Many of our vendors travel long distances year after year to attend. See the list of vendors below—there are lots of treats for you and your hound. Look for specials at the GPA merchandise table and save on shipping costs!
- 4. Show off your hound's skills in the contests!** We have several contests planned for this year. The perennial favorite, **Best Costume**, returns along with some new fun like **The Longest Sit!** Trophies are awarded for these and the top Speed Alley finishers.
- 5. Learn something new at the demonstrations!** We have several interesting demonstrations scheduled. See the schedule below.

There is much to do, plenty to eat, hundreds of hounds to pet, and a bounty of friends to see and make. Hope you and your hound can attend!

## GreyFest Vendors

Here are the vendors with booths this year at GreyFest:

- Alpha Academy
- Fast Jack
- GPA—MN (merchandise)
- Jaquilin Gabrini (jewelry)
- Midwest Greyhound
- Patch & Lilly's Favorites (various dog related items)
- PETCO (clipping nails)
- Bonnie Satterberg ( beds & beaded items)
- Silk Road
- Sarah Snavelly (art pieces)
- Tellington Touch

## GreyFest Helpful Hints

Here are few suggestions from GreyFest veterans to insure a pleasant festival experience.

- If your hound poops, you scoop!
- Bring address labels to put on your raffle tickets—big timesaver!
- Bring small bills or checks—not all vendors accept credit cards.
- Greyhounds are to be on lead at all times!
- Bring a blanket or lawn chair. X-Pens or crates are good for hounds.
- Bring a muzzle if your hound is touchy around other dogs.

## GreyFest Schedule

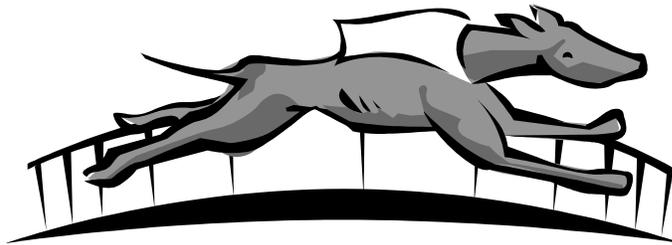
Here is the schedule of events this year at GreyFest:

11:00 GreyFest opens  
11:30—2:30 Demonstrations  
2:00 Contests  
3:00 Raffle

Remember you must be present to claim your raffle prize or designate someone else to claim it for you. Gift certificates are the only prizes mailed to winners. If no one is there to claim your prize, we will redraw for it.

### *How Fast Does Your Grey Go?*

Do they Light up the ground and leave burnt paw prints behind?? Well come to GreyFest 2005 and lets find out.!



Welcome to Speed Alley, where every Grey is a speedster. That's right folks, step right up, no need to push or shove, everyone will get their turn, it'll only cost ya a ticket. Yep just a ticket to watch your Grey streak towards you, as you call their name. Its fun for all ages!

I guess I was a Carnival Barker in a previous life, hehe. Anyway, when your at the Picnic come and run or watch the greys run. If you have never been to a Track, this is as close as you may get to seeing these Beauties Run. Jodi and I have been running ( no, not with the dogs. well, ok, there was this one time I had to help one to the finish, and no we didn't come in 1st) Speed Alley for the last 3 years and it is our all time favorite thing to do at the picnic. (well mine anyway, Jodi loves to stuff the raffle boxes).

It is fun to see them all race to the end and the waiting arms of their owners, and get those scratches and praises for running their best. and if your dog doesn't run, they can watch. They are truly a sight to behold!

So step up all you Grey Gals and Guys! Strut your stuff and show them how fast you can be, you may even take home the coveted "Fastest Hound Around" award!

See ya there,  
John & Jodi Brunner (and of course TJ and Deeva too)

## Memories of Bob

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My best memory of Bob and Anne and Jake is how supportive they were of the monthly Social Hour. When we started it Neil and I weren't sure if anyone would come but Bob and company were one of the first ones to attend and continued to come on a regular basis. We thought it was pretty impressive of their devotion and appreciated the support as they had to come all the way in from Fridley to Richfield to attend. Their presence and conversation enlivened the event.

Sure gonna miss him.

Sylvia Kresal

Bob, Anne, and Jake frequently attended the Fridley Meet & Greet and that's how we got to know them. In my mind I can see Bob holding Jake's leash and talking about how he was graying up. Anne said on a number of occasions that even though Bob had a rough week, they had to come out to PECTO even if it was only for a few minutes. We really enjoyed their company and support! Our heart goes out to Anne, Jake, and all of Bob's family.

Jen & Brian Jett

## Florida Raffle

Greyhound Pets of America Greater Orlando is raffling a Two Part Custom Art Package valued at up to \$700!!

Raffle tickets for this tremendous prize are available for purchase through the GPA Orlando Website ([www.greyhoundpetsorlando.org](http://www.greyhoundpetsorlando.org)) for \$5.00 each.

The prize will be drawn on June 4th at our Second Annual Greyhound Gala -- Pharaoh's Follies. Winner does not have to be present and the prize can be shipped.

The prize includes a Life Size Sculpture custom finished by Sandicast of your greyhound, a matted and framed charcoal portrait of your greyhound done by renowned artist, Tim Sammon of Crow Hill Portraits, 10 note cards with the portrait on the front and a CD of the work for future printings!

Please help support our raffle! Please contact Pam Follett at [PSFOL@aol.com](mailto:PSFOL@aol.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

## 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](http://www.gpaconvention.org)

### Photo Contest!

Go to [www.milk-bone.com/famous](http://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.

## Greyhound as Blood Donor

Luana Ball

I would like to share some information about the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) Companion Animal Blood Donor Program which has been in operation for about 20 years. The VMC maintains a network of rescue Greyhounds and rescue cats to provide blood components to their patients. This animal blood bank functions like a human blood bank with patients at the VMC receiving approximately 700 blood components each year. Blood components are used for transfusions due to blood loss from trauma or are used to treat medical conditions such as anemia. Because of the high demand within the VMC for blood components to treat patients the Blood Donor Program needed to expand by seeking out volunteer canine and feline donors.

The U of M currently has about 14 dogs, primarily greyhounds, in their "internal" network but this does not meet the ongoing need for blood for sick or injured dogs at the VMC. This is where volunteer donation is needed!

There are 8 different blood types among dogs and 3 blood types among cats. Blood types are coded and numbered with DEA 4 being the universal blood type for dogs. This means that DEA 4 or universal blood can be used to treat any dog without fear of complications. Any breed of dog can have universal blood but greyhounds, as true purebreds, are more likely to have universal blood. Greyhound blood also has a higher concentration of red blood cells which is in the highest demand for sick or injured dogs.

Greyhounds are preferred donors for more reasons than their blood - it's their personality! Greyhounds are wonderful dogs that are very cooperative and lay very still during the donation process! They also have less hair than other breeds which makes it easier to find the jugular vein.

The initial criteria for consideration as a blood donor include:

- The owner needs to be willing to allow blood donation up to eight times per year.
- The greyhound must be between 2 years and 7 years old.
- Weigh at least 50 lbs but not be overweight.
- Healthy and without a heart murmur.
- Current on vaccinations and receiving no medications other than heartworm/flea/tick preventative.
- Males must be neutered and females spayed.
- Most importantly - be friendly and happy to meet new people!

If your greyhound meets these criteria then there would be additional screening which is done at VMC expense. The screening includes a physical exam and health history review by a veterinarian or certified veterinary technician. The greyhound will be weighed and ease of handling assessed. Several tubes of blood will be collected from the jugular vein of the dog, which will be used to first determine blood type. If the greyhound is a universal donor, screening for blood-borne infectious diseases will be done as well as CBC, chemistry profiles, urinalysis and fecal exam to determine overall health. The owner of the greyhound will receive copies of the results of all screening tests (monetary value \$300+). There have been at least two cases where owners learned that their seemingly healthy pet had a blood borne infectious disease or an underlying kidney condition.

Once your greyhound has been screened and approved for blood donation you just await a phone call! From personal experience I have found the VMC to be very accommodating! They usually call a few days prior to the blood draw and have been very flexible with arrival time and will even keep your dog for several hours if you aren't able to wait for your greyhound. The visit usually takes about an hour and I will often just take my other greyhound for a nice stroll around the campus.

The actual process of donating blood is similar to that for humans. A brief physical exam is done before each donation to ensure that the dog can safely give blood at that time. Donating blood does not require sedation or anesthesia. Blood is collected from the jugular vein in

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# No Pain / No Fear Methods of Discipline

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*Part I of "No Pain/No Fear" appeared in last month's issue of the **Home Stretch**.*

In 1997, we traveled over 18,000 miles coming and going to different Dancing Greyhound invitations. This year looks to be about the same, give or take 500 miles here and there. (We have started calling our RV a non-commercial Greyhound hauler.) This is our non-tax deductible contribution to the incredible, available Greyhound.

I would like to share with you some of the things I've learned. My goal is to have you look at what you do and how you do it from a new angle.

My first statement is one I am sure there will be universal agreement with: Human beings are strange animals. Because humans are weird, placing Greyhounds is difficult. Perhaps I can make it a little easier, a little more successful by asking you to consider the following.

There appears to be a quest for the holy grail of predicting the success of a placement based on the psychological profiling of a given humanoid individual or family unit. I need to tell you, dis-

abuse you, perhaps relieve you, of the notion this is even remotely possible. An adopter, first timer or seasoned veteran, cannot be predicted in a vacuum.

Yet, this is often how the process works---without regard for who and what this particular dog is; the living, breathing canine individual, who you may place, based on information about human people that has nothing to do with him. And, after you have placed this individual, and something goes wrong, you heap the guilt upon yourselves and beat yourselves to a bloody pulp. Adopting a Greyhound, to me, is a lot like getting married, (except my Greyhounds are a lot more obedient and I have never threatened to divorce one.) Some are undertaken with a vow of "till death do us part;" others seem to be unions of convenience and I am sure there are "trophy hounds" just as there are "trophy wives." Some matches seem so sound, yet they come apart. You end up with one of more eight-year olds, that "we just don't have time for any more."

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

## Burnsville PETCO Meet & Greet Grand Opening!

The Burnsville PETCO is excited to be sponsoring another grey meet & greet. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Chris King and Jacki will be your hosts. There will be cookies, balloons and something special for Jacki's friends. Jacki says it's not food and it will delight your mom and dad too. Please join us in thanking the Burnsville PETCO. See you there!

The Burnsville PETCO is 1 block west of 35W on Aldrich and on the north side of county road 42, across from Burnsville Center.



*Mulsey & Lucy lounge on the big bed!*

## 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](mailto:lschollen@aol.com).

Thanks for your generous offer!

## The Home Stretch



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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](http://www.gpa.mn.org)) for more details.

### BOARDERS—CALHOUN SQUARE

Saturday, June 11 12—3 p.m.  
Saturday, September 3 12—3 p.m.

### BURNSVILLE

Saturday, May 7 12—2 p.m.  
Saturday, June 11 12—2 p.m.

### COON RAPIDS

Saturday, May 14 12—3 p.m.  
Saturday, June 11 12—3 p.m.

### EAGAN

Saturday, May 21 12—2 p.m.

### EDEN PRAIRIE:

Saturday, May 14 12—2 p.m.

### FRIDLEY:

Saturday, May 21 11—1 p.m.  
Saturday, June 18 11—1 p.m.

### HIGHLAND

Saturday, May 28 11—1 p.m.  
Saturday, June 25 11—1 p.m.

### MANKATO—PET EXPO

Sunday, May 15 1—4 p.m.  
Sunday, June 19 1—4 p.m.

### MAPLE GROVE

Saturday, May 14 9:30—11:30 a.m.

### MAPLEWOOD

Saturday, May 14 12—2 p.m.  
Saturday, June 11 12—2 p.m.

### RICHFIELD:

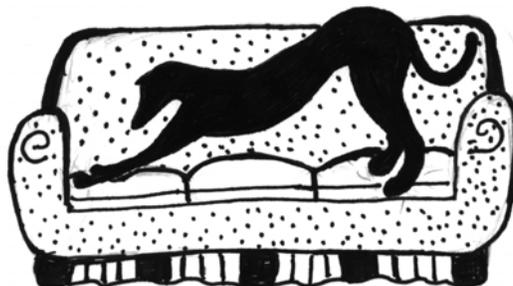
Saturday, May 28 12—3 p.m.

### RIDGEDALE

Saturday, May 7 10—12 p.m.

### ST. CLOUD

Saturday, May 14 11—1 p.m.  
Saturday, June 11 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](mailto: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](mailto:kmillardeoel@email.msn.com)

### GPA Social Hour (Richfield)

The last Tuesday Social before the summer hiatus will be held May 10. There will be no Social Hours during June, July, and August. They will resume September 13th. The Tuesday Social Hour is held at the Richfield PETCO from 7-8pm.

[nkresal@mn.rr.com](mailto:nkresal@mn.rr.com)

# Greyhound Blood Donors

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the neck with a catheter placed in the cephalic vein in a front leg. This allows for infusion of fluids during the procedure (doggie orange juice!) and for return of the red blood cells if necessary. The blood collection bags are the same as for humans, so the dog will be giving a pint of blood. This volume is well within parameters of safe blood donation. After collection, your greyhound will lie for a few more minutes to allow a solid clot to form and then a bandage, removable a few hours later, will be placed around its neck and front leg.

Dogs will replace the liquid portion of blood (plasma) within 24 hours of donating. Water consumption may be slightly increased during this time. The cellular portion of blood will be replaced in about two weeks in a normal healthy dog. Dogs cannot donate more than once every three weeks.

Throughout this whole process a lot of praise, TLC and treats, if approved by the owner, are provided! I can personally attest to the high level of attention given to my greyhound during this process! After the donation my greyhound gets to select a special toy or two to take home (the VMC keeps a good supply of stuffed animals as they know the greyhounds are partial to them!), he will often have his nails trimmed and I am offered a bag of dog food which I really appreciate with the revolving door of fosters through my house! The greatest benefit of volunteering is the knowledge that you and your pet have helped to save someone else's companion!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming involved with this valuable program please contact the Companion Animal Blood Donor Program at 612-625-9726 ext. 2, or by e-mail at: [uminn.bloodbank@gmail.com](mailto:uminn.bloodbank@gmail.com).

My sincere thanks to Carla Kilty, Vet-in-training extraordinaire and my primary contact for the Blood Donor Program, for providing me with valuable information for this article!

## Adoptions

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Kay Bortnem—Barky

Ken & Patti Helgeson—Willie

Laurie & Terry Palmer—Prince

Rachel Reinke—Pico

Beth & Michael Wallin—Jorgen

Amber Arrison—Patches

Nicole & Dan Middlecamp—Mardi Gras

Victoria Mulder—Ramon

## Gotcha Days

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Lucky— Janna Peterson

Sable—Thomas Strait & Nelson Cane

Summit—Kate & Pat Murphy



*All Hounds on Deck!  
Marlowe & Ralph enjoy the sunshine!*

## Waiting at the Bridge

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Garland & Dave Lundquist—Cricket

Deb & John Christopherson—Poppy

Mary & Clifford Schmitz—Penny

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. . . He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. . . When all other friends desert, he remains."

- George G Vest

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](http://www.lenox.com) and search under greyhound.



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## Donations

Please accept our donation in loving memory of our beloved Nacho. She brought us great joy in the short 8 months she had left. She blessed us with her warm cuddles at bedtime and her humorous hopp-hopps whenever we walked in the door.

**Beth & Mike Wallin**

For the hounds.

**Susan & David Wilson**

In memory of Dallas and in honor of our new hound Abby (a.k.a. Abracadabra).

**Al Fiene & Diane Hagen**

Donation in memory of Robert (Bob) Smith. We will miss you Bob. Love to Anne & Jake.

**Bruce & Robin Krautbauer**

Matching donation from the Tennant Foundation in **Michael Barger's** name.

## Special Thanks

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