

# The Home Stretch

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## GASTHOF'S: First Annual Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction Event

**Lisa Quast**

Let me introduce our newest event: A benefit dinner and silent auction at Gasthof zur Gemutlichkeit restaurant (aka "Gasthof's") in Minneapolis on the evening of Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy traditional German food & beer and bid on an array of great silent auction items. The auction will feature a number of greyhound-related items as well as many non-greyhound items. For those of you who have not been there before, Gasthof's has a great atmosphere and terrific food. The success of this event depends on having as many people there as possible, so invite your friends to join in the festivities!

The cost for the event is \$25 per person which includes a delectable all-you-can-eat German buffet plus a ½ liter of authentic German beer (or beverage of your choice). 100% of the auction proceeds as well as 50% of the dinner proceeds go directly to GPA-MN. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to contact me (LQuast@memsi.com). We're still working out the exact details, and we'll let you know as we get everything into place, but mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed event!

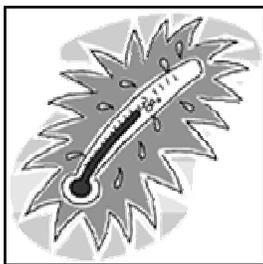
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As temps rise, keep your hounds safe!

## Heatstroke—The Hot Weather Killer

Summer's here, and the warm weather means more time spent out of doors—and more outdoor activities to share with your hound. But there are hidden dangers for our dogs in these lazy, sultry days. One of the most serious summer emergencies is heatstroke, which can cause permanent damage to your hound's internal organs or even death.

### What causes heatstroke?

Heatstroke occurs when your dog's body temperature gets too high. An owner leaves a hound in a parked car (even with open windows, temperatures in a car can climb to lethal degrees within minutes) or leaves a dog outside without shade on a hot day. An owner exercises the hound too much when it's hot or is simply unaware that greyhounds are especially vulnerable to the effects of heat.

### Know the signs

Dogs dissipate heat by panting, but in some conditions, that's not enough to adequately lower their temperature. Any of these signs may indicate that your dog is overheated: excessive panting and drooling, vomiting and/or diarrhea, an elevated heart rate, notable lethargy or just *odd* behavior, seizures, very red gums, collapse or unconsciousness.

### What to do

If you notice any of these symptoms on a hot day, you should act quickly. The best way to find out if your hound is suffering from heatstroke is to take your dog's rectal tempera-

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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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## Rachacs say farewell...for now

### Jen Rachac

We adopted Kurt in October of 1998. He was a painfully shy boy with many, many quirks. We worked months with him on separation anxiety only to finally figure out it was more likely a combination of crate and separation anxiety. We attended meet and greets at Fridley from the start with Kurt. We adopted Star in October of 1999 (almost a year exactly after Kurt). They were the best of friends. Star opened the world up for Kurt. She was his security blanket. I got more involved with the board, became the foster coordinator, became the president, organized the food at GreyFest. We also began hosting the Fridley Meet and Greets.

Unfortunately we lost Kurt in July of 2003. We had just moved into our new house in Blaine and the grass and fence were finally in so he and Star were doing what they loved most - chasing each other in the yard. We didn't know at the time, but Kurt had bone cancer and it had weakened his right front leg and it shattered while they were running. That was the hardest thing for Doug and I but it was especially hard on Star. She was always the naughty one getting into things that she shouldn't be in (stealing the drumstick off the platter at Thanksgiving, digging her nose into my niece's birthday cake, etc). Almost overnight she went from curious, bold and confident to mellow, reclusive and depressed. We knew we had to get her another playmate.

Kim Hrabe and I had the chance to go down to Kansas City to pick up a broken leg dog and since we were going down we decided we'd pick up a playmate for Star. Doug picked Hank based only on a few pictures and short comments. Kim and I made the long drive down and the next day ventured home with two very nervous dogs. We named Hank after Homer Hanky for our love affair with the Twins. Other names considered were Scotch (for his butter-scotch patches) but threw that out because he just wasn't refined enough for a Scotch. We also considered Twinkie (again for his white and fawn coloring and for the Twins who we affectionately call the Twinkies) but decided that Twinkie was not quite right either. We now call him Happy Hank because of the ever wagging tail, Hank E. Pants for all the time he had to wear boxers to break him of his marking, and Thumper again because of that tail!

Hank and Star are more like siblings than best friends. She treats him as the annoying little brother, but she also looks out for him when he is unsure or uncomfortable.

Now we're here in Seattle. They are in love with all the trails here and all the new smells and sounds. Sal loves being outside and will cry if you let the dogs outside and he can't go with them. He has learned gentle touch with the pups and will even give them kisses. He's only been thwacked a few times by Hank's tail and for the most part has learned to get out of the way of it. Hank has found "his" room -he's decided that the walk in closet is his own personal bedroom.

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ture. Of course, some people may not feel up to this. But relying on external signs alone may lead to a false diagnosis. It's important to get a temperature as quickly as possible, because cooling occurs somewhat slowly. If you choose not to take your dog's rectal temperature, call your veterinarian right away! When the body temperature is higher than 105 degrees Fahrenheit for your hound it is in the danger zone. (Normal body temperatures for dogs range roughly from 100 degrees to 102 degrees.) Take immediate steps to cool down your pet. And call your vet.

### Cooling down

If you suspect heatstroke, keep your hound as still and quiet as possible. Move them to a cooler spot or inside an air-conditioned house. Apply **cool** water (**not cold**). You can submerge your hound in a sink, bathtub or wading pool for a minute or so at a time. If you're unable to lift your dog, you may want to hose them down with **cool (not cold)** water with a garden hose. Cold towels on your dog's head and feet can help. (**You can also try swabbing their foot pads with rubbing alcohol.**) Feeding your hound ice is not a good idea—she could vomit. Then retake the temperature. Your goal is to get the hound's temperature down to 104 in the first 10 to 15 minutes. Then get to a veterinary hospital as soon as possible. Even if you've succeeded in lowering the temperature, there are serious conditions that can result from heatstroke that may appear only after several hours, such as brain swelling, seizures, kidney failure, blood clotting abnormalities, shock, coma and death.

## News from the Board: GreyFest Raffle—SUCCESS!

### Lisa Quast, Raffle Coordinator

“WOW”—That is the first word that comes to mind when I think of the generous donations which made this year’s GreyFest raffle a complete success. Right after that are the words “THANK YOU” which, if the space was available, would be printed in 100 point font.

In my first year as the raffle coordinator, I was blown away by the outpouring of generosity shown by people within our membership as well as people and organizations outside of the greyhound realm. Receiving items in the mail and meeting people to collect their personal donations has been sort of like Christmas for the past few months.

Although I knew I would have to give up all of these wonderful items (yes, even the Sandicast) on June 3rd, I also knew the funds that would be generated by ticket sales for the raffle meant we could continue to make a difference in the lives of countless hounds. Those funds totaled a whopping \$4550.00. WOW! That’s an increase of 6.5% from last year on the raffle alone. The GPA merchandise was also a hit—we even sold out of several of the new t-shirts! No worries—they are still available if you did not get a chance to get one.

Your support and enthusiasm are invaluable to our organization’s continued success. The organization is as strong as its members, manifested in donated items, donated funds or donated time. It’s you—GPA-MN members—who make the difference. Again, let me say THANK YOU!

### What to expect at the vet:

The vet probably will run intravenous cool fluids into your dog. She probably will also give the dog a bath, draw blood to check for kidney damage and other conditions, give medications as needed for complications and monitor the body temperature. She may also administer a cool enema. (**Caution:** Never do this at home! Human enemas may be fatal to dogs.)

### How to prevent heatstroke

Of course, prevention is the best defense against heatstroke. Here's how to make sure your hound doesn't get overheated in the first place:

- **Never leave your dog in a parked car in warm months, not even for a few minutes.**
- When your hound is outdoors make sure there's a shady area readily accessible and plenty of fresh water. Make sure the water bowl can't be knocked over.
- Choose cool times of day for exercise and avoid strenuous exercise when it's very hot.
- Use extra caution if your dog is obese, prone to seizures or has heart or breathing conditions. Keep these hounds extra cool in summer temperatures.
- Reserve airline travel for cool parts of day, use direct flights and avoid airline travel completely in hot weather.

Even when you have the best intentions, accidents do happen. When accidents occur be ready to act properly to save their life.

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The board wants to be accessible to the chapter members. Please contact us with concerns, questions, suggestions, or to get involved. Below are the email addresses for all the board members and the committee each is chairing. If interested in getting involved with a specific committee, contact that board member directly. More information will be published about the various committees.

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## Smart, Stylish, and Sporty

GPA-MN's new t-shirts are still available! The t-shirts come in two designs and three colors.

Who doesn't love a black t-shirt? The design wraps on the bottom with simple logo on front.

Ladies, looking for a cute ladies cut t-shirt? Lilac is one of the summer's hot colors. This t-shirt features the GPA logo on right pocket.

Want to order? Contact Robyn Abear at raabear@excite.com.

# Avoiding Bloat in Greyhounds

## Susan Spiller

Gastric Dilatation Volvulus or (GDV) is a threat to all dog breeds, but primarily occurs in large, deep-chested breeds. Bloat is not a very accurate term for this condition. It suggests that the problem is just an accumulation of air, fluid or food in the stomach. Actually, it is a filling and a twisting of the stomach and adjacent structures.

Despite years of study, veterinary scientists are unable to pinpoint the cause of bloat. Many factors have been suggested as causes, including cereal-based diets, hereditary predisposition and swallowing air, but none of these has been proven.

The most frequent symptom is dry heaves. Other symptoms are an enlarged abdomen, drooling, general abdominal discomfort, evidenced by pacing and restlessness, an arched back, difficulty walking, stretching and looking at the belly.

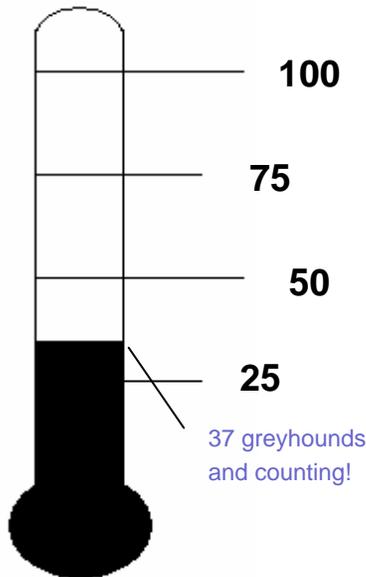
The onset of bloat is sudden. For unknown reasons, gas accumulates rapidly in the dog's stomach, causing an increase in pressure, compression of the surrounding organs, and shock. The stomach may twist or displace.

Quick action on the part of the dog's owner often can help save the dog's life. If the pressure on the dog's stomach is relieved, or if it is rushed to surgery to correct a twist, the dog stands a better chance of survival. Despite years of study, veterinary scientists have been unable to pinpoint the cause of bloat.

Some steps owners can take to possibly reduce the risk of bloat include:

- Feed two or three times a day, preferable at times when someone can observe after-feeding behavior.
- Discuss bloat with your Veterinarian and discuss emergency measures.
- Make sure water is available at all times, but limit quantities, especially right after eating and exercising vigorously.
- Dogs should avoid vigorous exercise, excitement, and stress one hour before and two hours after meals
- Make diet changes gradually over a period of 3-5 days
- Feed susceptible dogs individually and in a quiet location
- Pay special attention to the above procedures after animals return home from the hospital – post surgical bloat is a risk factor.
- Dogs that survive bloat are at increased risk.
- If your hound is prone to lying on his or her back after a meal, do what you can to discourage this adorable but risky habit, as abnormal positioning can occur.

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**"In a perfect world, every dog would have a home and every home would have a dog."**

-Anonymous

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## GPA-MN Resources

As an organization, we take great pride in giving our members access to information open forums where they can ask questions, make comments and just talk about greyhounds. We would like to take this opportunity briefly focus on two of these:

### SMARTGROUPS

All new adopters are asked if they would like to join our Smartgroups, an online forum where members can post questions or concerns on a variety of topics about their new hound. But veteran members also find Smartgroups to be very useful and informative, as well as place they can help new adopters out. If you are not a member but would like to be, please contact Jen Jett at [wynthier@comcast.net](mailto:wynthier@comcast.net)

### PETFINDER.COM

Petfinder.com is where we keep information and pictures of all our greyhounds that are currently available for adoption. If you are interested in adopting another hound, or know someone who might be, have them check it out. Just visit [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and under the breed category, select greyhound. Easy as that!

## The Home Stretch

### Did you know . . . ?

Nicole & Dan Middlecamp

This column's goal is to provide you with fun greyhound facts. Whether it's facts you already know or new to you we hope it will be entertaining and informative. This month features more facts regarding greyhound as a breed.

- Greyhounds were the first distinct breed of dog to be portrayed in art.
- Drawings of dogs with long, thin legs, and long thin bodies (greyhound in type), aiding in a hunt, were discovered in an Algerian cave dating back to 6,000 BC.
- Greyhounds were also depicted in Egyptian art and tombs.
- Greyhounds in Egypt were considered the highest ranking breed of dog, and only three tasks were deemed worthy for them to do: assisting in hunts, assisting in war, and acting as temple dogs. All else, even herding was considered too "lowly" a position for them and was done by children or slaves.
- Some dogs in ancient Egypt were even mummified and buried in special canine cemeteries which were actually funded by taxes.

Sneak peek for the next issue . . . more ancient truths from Egypt and their high regard for the greyhound revealed in upcoming issues of *Did you know?*...

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## SPOTLIGHT: Chickasaw Sun

### Jude Edling

Chick is the definition of gentleman; handsome, well mannered, amiable with a sense of humor. At Meet & Greets or on walks, he is an elder statesman as he has never met anyone he won't lean on. So far, there hasn't been anyone he hasn't taken a shine to: older or younger, dogs or cats – he loves 'em all!

Nothing seems to perturb the ol' fellow as he is comfortable with bikes, trikes and strollers. This senior gent takes everything in stride as long as the strides aren't too fast. He loves walks – never pulling or bolting, but he would love a fenced yard so he doesn't have to walk so far. This 10 year old fawn loves playing at the dog park with his foster brother and sister.

Chick has arthritis, especially in his rear end, so he's looking for a home with fewer steps. He goes up and down stairs well, but he's finding a full flight of steep stairs four times a day hard to do. Chick doesn't need kenneling at all and prefers to stretch out. He has some age related health problems but feels much better than a couple of months ago.

At first, Chick rooed when left alone but once he felt more at home that diminished. Danny and I will miss him terribly and know he will capture your heart like he did ours!



Chick's waiting on you!

## Arts & Crafts Sale—Items Needed!

### Susan Spiller

It appears that there are too many GPA events this Fall, so the Board has suggested that we have the Sale in February of 2007. This will give everyone more time to be creative and come up with some really neat Art Work.

I was given some beautiful pieces at the Greyfest for the sale but we do need more, more, more. Handmade items are needed like: Christmas ornaments, jewelry, paintings, drawings, knitting or crocheting, dish gardens, note cards, bird houses, garden gizmos, planters, pottery, or whatever your imagination can dream up. The art items *do not* have to be Greyhound related.

You can drop off your creations at any of the following Meet & Greets: Burnsville, Eden Prairie, Fridley, Highland, Mankato, Maplewood, Richfield, and Chuck and Don's (check calendar for dates and times). You can also call and make arrangements to drop off items at these GPA volunteers' houses.

**North of downtown Minneapolis:** Ann Moe 612-588-3003 or Susan Spiller 612-529-8099

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If you are not near any Meet and Greets or drop homes, call me and I will arrange for your creations to be picked up.

Thank you all for making this a successful and profitable event for all the beloved hounds that need a forever loving home.

Any questions, comments, ideas, please call or email me at spillgirl555@yahoo.com or call Ann Moe, Holly Deering or Barb Gates.



## Meet & Greet: From Skating World to Pet Expo

### Sylvia Kresal

Bryan and Nancy Rittenhouse began hosting Meet and Greets at the Mankato Pet Expo in the last century, 1998 to be exact. Pet Expo used to be a roller skating rink called "Skating World" that was transformed into Pet Expo by its owner, Tom Yenish. Bruce and Robin Krautbauer initially were the Meet and Greet hosts but as greyhounds gained in popularity there was a need to have hosts at the store from the Mankato area rather than the Twin Cities.

Bryan and Nancy considered it an honor to host the Meet and Greets and along with their black greyhound, Rusty and Twizzle a poodle/schnauzer mix stepped up to help out. They were soon joined by Sherri and Mike Baker and Cole, their black hound. Chuck and Sheila Wick became regular attendees with their fawn and white male, Speedy, who added "color" to the gathering of all black dogs.

They soon became very busy during their Meets and Greets and the store created a space in front of the store just for them! Thanks to the generosity of Tom and his great managers - Bob Bomier, Dave Schultze, and Mike Krause - the greyhounds are proudly shown off on the 3rd Sunday of every month. And they've needed that space, too. Some Sundays there are 16 greyhounds and their families is attendance



**Greyhounds galore at Mankato's Pet Expo!**

plus all the people who come just to visit with the hounds and people coming to find out how to adopt.

Bryan and Nancy reserve the 3rd Sunday of each month for the hounds. "Time commitment is no problem. We look forward to it. The dogs love it and we have fun. In the 8 years we've been doing them we've only missed one time and Chuck and Sheila filled in for us."

There are now 5 greyhounds in the Rittenhouse home. All are warm and fuzzy cuddlers and leaners. Nancy makes collars for all their hounds. Who would've thought that a Meet and Greet that began years ago with Bryan, Nancy, a hound named Rusty and a cute little Twizzle would have impacted so many people and so many greyhounds?

## Waiting at the Bridge

Paulette Crothers—Popeye

Lori Anderson—Gunner

**"If a dog will not come to you after having looked in your face, you should go home and examine your conscience."**

-Woodrow Wilson

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