

Home Stretch

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New GPA-MN Board of Directors

Lisa Quast, President

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This year's election was a very tight race, with eight very qualified candidates running for the five open positions. In fact, I heard more than once that people wished they could vote for more than the requisite five candidates!

After all the votes were counted, re-counted, and counted again, we actually had a tie for the fifth open position. Because our bylaws allow for between 3 and 11 total board members, the current board voted to invite both of the tied candidates to join the board, making a total of 9 board members for the coming year.

The officers who were elected into office for a two-year term running through December of 2011 are:

- Jim Borthwick
- Brian Clark
- Paula Docken
- Michael Horrigan
- Nicole Middlecamp
- Lisa Quast

Rounding out the group, the following board members are returning to complete the second year of their term:

- Mark Downey
- Ed Mall
- Lori Rasmussen

I would like to extend congratulations to the new board members, and welcome back the returning members! I am confident that our board will be strong and productive in the coming year!

The board would also like to extend a warm thank you to Susan Spiller who completed her term of service at the end of 2009. She served the organization well, most recently holding the position of Secretary, and being the driving force behind the ever-successful Art and Craft Sale. Although she will no longer be on the board, she plans to remain actively involved with the organization and is already making plans for the 2010 Art & Craft Sale! Thank you for your service, Susan!

The Home Stretch 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.

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GPA 2009 Year in Review

Lisa Quast, President

It seems like the end of the year always sneaks up on us. So many things happen throughout the year and we continue moving along day-to-day, hardly realizing how quickly the days and months fly. But as the year comes to a close, it's a great time for us to look back at what the year held – the milestones, achievements, and all those events that made the year what it was.

This was not an easy year in many respects. For a good part of the year, the economy was rough. Downsizing was on the rise, and times have been tough for many people. Those tough times can be felt by organizations like ours. Tracks that are no longer making ends meet are forced to close. Dogs bounce back to us due to family hardships. But we have taken it in stride and, all things considered, we have made it through very well.

While adoptions were down overall, we had several very busy months that brought in lots of applications in a very short period of time. During that time we worked overtime to quickly match hounds with families, and get as many dogs as possible into their forever homes. The efforts of everyone involved have really paid off, as our quick turn-around allowed us to bring more hounds into our program, and prepare for more hounds to arrive in the coming months as Dairyland track closed its doors.

All of the events we participate in throughout the year also have a huge impact on the number of dogs we are able to adopt into forever homes. By getting our name "out there" and letting people experience the greyhounds first-hand we are planting the seeds of greyhound adoption in the minds of anyone who encounters a hound on a GASSY walk, at a Meet and Greet or at any number of the special events that we participate in during the year. These encounters might seem small or insignificant, but the impact that they have is usually greater than you might expect.

2009 by the Numbers

Adopted Hounds

65

Fundraisers

Art & Craft Sale
Book Wrapping at Barnes and Noble
GreyFest
GiveMN day of giving
GoodShop.com
GoodSearch.com
Heal a Hound Dinner

Publicity

Billboard on Lyndale Avenue, Mpls
Billboard at 5th St N and 6th Avenue, Mpls
KARE 11 coverage of the Art & Craft Sale

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2009 by the Numbers

Event Participation

Dog Days of Summer in Burnsville
Land O Lakes Kennel Club Dog Show
Linden Hills WOOFstock
Maple Grove Days Business Expo
Mpls Kennel Club Dog Show
Pet Expo
Renaissance Festival
St. Paul Saints Game
St. Paul Women's Expo
State Fair
GASSY Minneapolis
GASSY St. Paul
Heart Walk
Pride Festival
Spring Art Party
Stone Arch Festival

Meet & Greet Events:

Coon Rapids Petco
Duluth Petco
Eden Prairie Petco
Fridley Petco
Highland Park Petco
Mankato Petco
Minneapolis Urbanimal
Richfield Petco
Ridgedale Petco
St. Cloud Petco
St. Paul Urbanimal
Woodbury Petco

New Merchandise

2010 GPA Calendars

As you can see, the year has held a lot of milestones and achievements for GPA-MN. As 2009 expires, we look forward to what 2010 has to offer. Let us continue to work together, making GPA-MN a strong and resilient organization with a support structure of fabulous volunteers and a genuine desire to create a promising future for as many hounds as we can!

Waiting at the Bridge

*While our beloved hounds may no longer be with us,
they remain forever in our hearts.*

Sideline Psych – Toni Johnson & Wayne Hartung
Bobber, the test kitty – Chris King
Arthur – Jill Paul

Greyt idea!

Recently several members of the e-mail list suggested making paths in the yard to help our hounds do their business in the frozen snow. Toby for one loves it and runs the laps in the yard maze.



2010 GPA-MN Board Members

Please contact any board member with concerns, questions, suggestions, or to get involved.

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- Teri Petrin - Adoption Co-coordinator
- Linda Schmitt - Adoption Rep

Foster Hound Coat Making Event

Minnesota winters are cold! I'm sure that's not news to most people, especially anyone who has spent time in MN during the coldest months of the year. Because Old Man Winter is ever-present during those long winter months, every foster that is adopted through GPA-MN during the winter months receives a coat to ward off the chill of the great outdoors.

Sometimes people donate coats that are gently used, yet still in fine condition to be used as a hound's first coat. However, the majority of the foster coats we receive are lovingly made and donated by members of our organization. Several people within our group have become part of a "sewing crew" that works to create coats to keep the hounds warm. But we would love to have more people who can help with this endeavor.

On **Sunday, Jan. 31**, we will host a Coat Making Event at the Associated Sewing Center on Snelling Ave. in St. Paul. The store has offered us use of their space and their sewing machines at no charge to us. We welcome anyone to join us, even if you are new to the idea



of sewing. Or even if you don't sew, there will still be ways you can contribute at the event – for one thing, there will be plenty of fabric cutting to do! We will also have snacks available, as well as music and general merriment.

There will be a quantity of donated fleece available for making the coats, but you are welcome to bring materials for making one or more coats. Velcro generally works best for closures. About one yard of fleece will make one single-layer coat, and two yards makes one heavier winter coat (combination of one yard each of fleece, flannel, corduroy, berber or similar flexible, warm fabric). Even old comforters or quilts can be transformed into beautiful coats.

RSVP: In order for us to know how many people to expect, please RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 27 to let us know you will be coming. Contact Ann Moe at 612-272-8858 or annemoe@msn.com. If you will be unable to attend the event, but would like to donate coat making materials (fleece, flannel, corduroy, berber, Velcro, etc) to be used during the event, please contact Ann Moe.

Sunday, Jan, 31
1 to 5 p.m.
Associated Sewing
www.associatedsewing.com
690 N. Snelling Avenue
(cross street is VanBuren)
St. Paul, MN 55104

We expect to have sew much fun at this event! Hope to see you there!

Survey Says...

One of our members suggested putting a survey in the newsletter, with the responses printed in the next newsletter along with a new survey. So, here's the first survey. Send your answer to newsletter@gpa-mn.org. You can also list any survey topics that you would like to have published in subsequent newsletters.

- Do you brush your hounds teeth? If so, how frequently?
- What do you use, people toothbrush, finger toothbrush, electric toothbrush, other (specify).

Let's hear from you soon!

Dairyland Update.... GPA-MN's plan to take in dogs.

Nicole Middlecamp GPA-MN Foster Coordinator and Haul Coordinator

Dogs began moving out in December - some moving to other race tracks, and some began moving out as pets to adoption agencies. Many dogs will race until Dec. 31, so the final number of dogs is up in the air due to owners' decisions still being made. The plan is that all dogs need to be out of the kennels by Feb. 5. Traditionally with race track closings, we stagger receipt, instead we plan to take in any dogs for GPA-MN all in January once they are done racing. Good news is that adoption agencies have stepped in and our Dairyland contacts feel confident to get all the dogs placed into adoption groups.

GPA-MN plans to bring in 8 to 10 dogs in mid-January. This is a lower number than anticipated in large part due to the outpouring of support across the country, and it is a great testimony to the greyhound communities strength and love for the dogs.

If you are interested in fostering or making coats or donating time in anyway please let us know. Also as always attending meet and greets and getting the word out on how wonderful greyhounds are will help get these dogs adopted! Note that the winter is generally a slower time for us to adopt out dogs. Regular monthly hauls will begin again in April once the Dubuque track reopens for the year. If you've ever thought of fostering, we'd love to have you aboard! Thank you for all that you do. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Stella Makes the Front Page

By Heather Everhart

Sarah Ernhart is a pet photographer in the Twin Cities, and a close friend of Stella's (formerly Gable Daring) adoptive family (Isaac, Heather, and Jonah Everhart). In October 2008, Sarah took some fun photos of Stella in her photography studio in St. Paul, and one of the photos from this shoot ended up being a signature image for Sarah's business.

Minnesota Monthly magazine contacted Sarah in August, inquiring about the use of one of her images for the cover of their special pet issue in December. This image of Stella was their first choice from the beginning, and after reviewing many other photos, Stella was still the favorite.

The combination of Stella's sweet face and Sarah's talent behind the camera made for a great cover! Sarah has always had a passion for animals and a talent for art. With a background in fine arts and graphic design, she brings a unique eye for composition and color to every session. Working in all digital media, she captures the beauty and spirit of your of your pets in a studio setting or in their home or outdoor environment. Check out her website at www.sarahbethphotography.com



Recent Adoptions

<i>Name</i>	<i>Adopted by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Adopted by</i>
Copper	Robin & Bob Schaper	Helo	Katie Polley & TJ Young
Mac	Suzanne Harnish	Beeker	Jeff Elston
Cadet	Victoria Jones	Slinky	Chad and Leslie Gale
Daisy	Mary Natwick	Bella	Jeff and Donna Todd
Greta	Danielle Bordeleau	Barkly	Richard and Georgia Hetland
Sammy	Pam Dixon & Kurt Mueller	Ginger	Judy Triplett
Jack	Muriel Otto	Youk	Shannon Morrissey
Chief	Brett & Libby Steger	Rico Barroso	Matt and Julie Henderson
Jonas	Angela & Jon Fletcher		

January

2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gassy Walk Sundays at 2PM Weather permitting Meet at the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet or Como Lakeside Pavillion					 1	M&G's Richfield 12-2 Woodbury 11-1 2
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February

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January 2010 Hound of the Month – Sweetie Lund

My Sweet Senior by Barb Lund

For more than 14 years, has there ever been a greyhound who has lived up to their name as well as my baby girl? Those of you who know her know that Sweetie is as sweet as they come. Sweetie truly believes hands were put at the end of arms for petting and a hand not in use is specifically meant to pet her. She is never pushy about it but will calmly go up to someone, wag her tail, look at them with her liquid brown eyes and wait for them to pet her – which they invariably do. And then they say, “Hello, sweetie!” not even knowing that’s her name. When they find out that’s really her name, they laugh and agree she is most appropriately named.

Apparently she has always been this way. She came from Kansas where she was a brood bitch and favorite of the kennel owner. The owner’s niece who took over the operation from her uncle, said Sweet (as she was called then) was a wonderful mother and a little “bossy” with the other dogs. I don’t see much of the bossiness in her nowadays, but every once in a while, it comes. Like when a younger dog acts a little too immature around her. With no more than a well-directed snarl, she quickly reminds them of their manners.

It has been my great pleasure to have Sweetie as a dear companion for more than seven years. I fostered her when she first came in from the track at age 6. She was (is) an amazingly happy girl. Her tail wagged all the time and her curiosity was endless. Everything was good, everyone was her friend and all was right with the world. What a great attitude. She was so friendly, I almost thought she must be a lab in a greyhound’s body!



When I was fostering her, I had two other greys, Chick and Boone. Boone thought Sweetie was a wonderful addition to his “harem” and enjoyed showing off as he ran circles around her in the yard. Sweetie would join him for awhile but then would hang out with Chick laying down in the backyard. At that point, I had no thoughts in my mind of keeping her. She went to a gentleman who already had Faith and was looking for another greyhound. Sweetie filled the bill and off she went.

Less than a year later, I got a call from Jen Jett saying Sweetie and Faith were coming back and would I be interested in fostering Sweetie. At that time, Chick was having health issues but Sweetie was so wonderful, I agreed to foster her “until we could find another home.” Boone and Sweetie were great companions for each other during this time. Chick thought that was just fine as she continued to watch the “youngsters” frolic. Thoughts were entering my head that it might be a good idea to have a buddy for Boone when Chick passed and Sweetie certainly seemed to be a good choice. So much so that when Jen called to ask about setting up a showing for Sweetie, I asked if there was any way I could keep her instead. It was agreed that I could adopt her and Sweetie became a permanent member of my family.

Before she joined my household, she had quite the life. A beautiful fawn with dark ears and white chest, she was born RTs Sweetasgold on April 24, 1995. She was a stockier greyhound and never did race. She was, as mentioned, a brood bitch having four litters and twenty-seven puppies. I have been fortunate enough to track down some of her puppies and their owners via the greyhound data base. Pictures of them are shown below. You’ll notice that one of her boys, Jesse, is almost a spitting image of her.

Left to right: Ruby, Rascal, Ben, Jesse

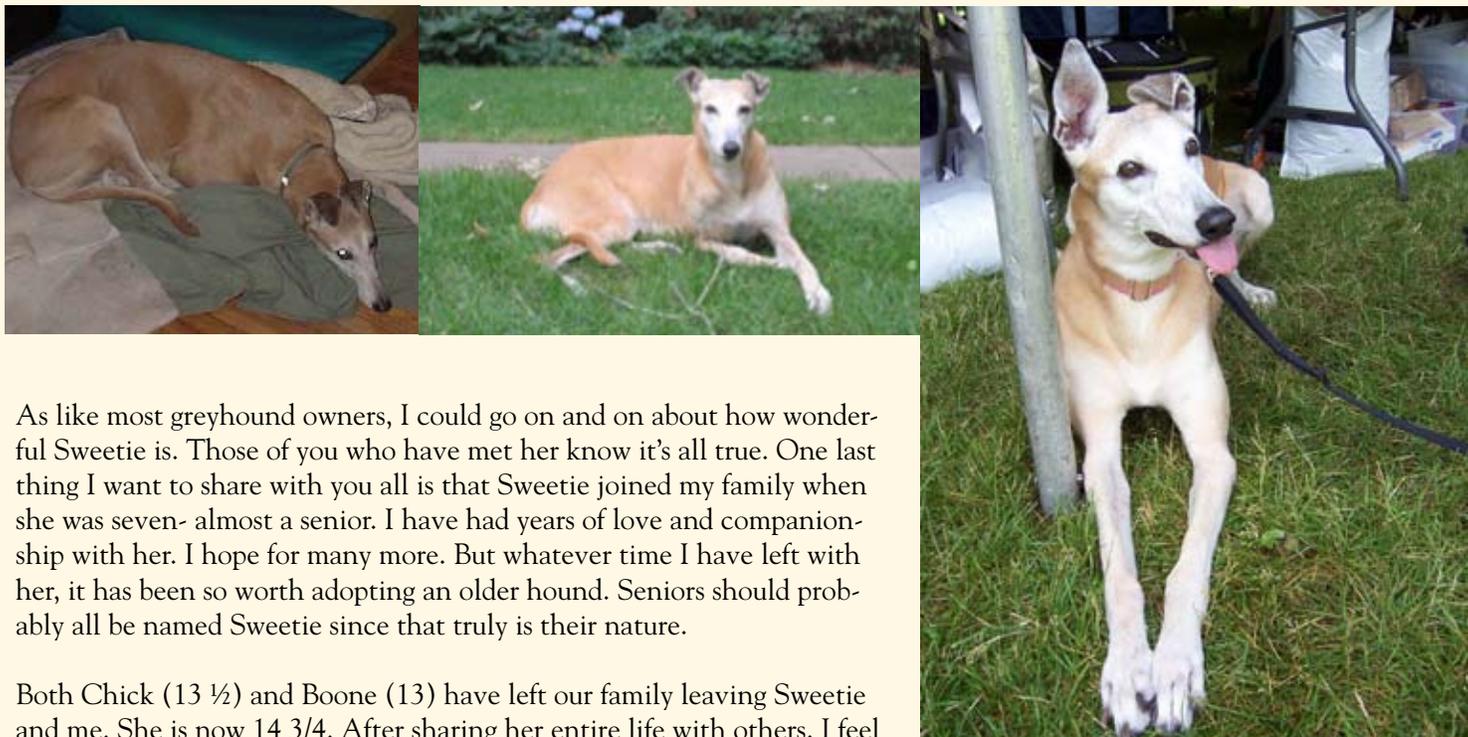


January Hound of the Month - Sweetie - continued

There is a special connection with Jesse, Sweetie and Boone. Jesse's owner wrote to share that Jesse had developed laryngeal paralysis. LP was a condition I had never heard of prior to that email. Boone had been having some problems breathing which I thought were just due to exertion and older age. Well, the symptoms were spot on to those of LP. After a visit to the U, I elected to have a tie-back surgery as his larynx was almost totally collapsed. Without this surgery, Boone probably would have not lived another year. As it was, he was much more comfortable and active the remainder of his life. Thank you, Jesse and Sweetie!

Sweetie is so laid back it's sometimes easy to forget she's as smart as she is. In training her, I found out early on that food was her great motivator. When she first joined us, Boone and Chick were great at catching treats. Sweetie would see the food coming at her and just let it drop to the floor. Once she figured out that the treats were FOOD, she was the best at catching tosses from any angle. Greyhounds learning to sit? She learned the command in minutes – once she figured out she would get a treat for doing so. If a bone she was playing with was taken away from her and set on a shelf, days later she would still look up at the place where it was put, look at me and then look back at the bone – just to make sure I hadn't forgotten where it was.

Oh, and don't let me forget to tell you about how doggone cute she is! She has these perky ears that bounce enthusiastically as she does her lovely short run. Sometimes they stick straight up when she's just woken up. Sometimes they tip over when she's intensely interested in something. Sometimes they tip to the side creating a little "hat". And, sometimes they are half up and half down when she gives me her is-it-time-for-food look. Very expressive, very cute and very Sweetie.



As like most greyhound owners, I could go on and on about how wonderful Sweetie is. Those of you who have met her know it's all true. One last thing I want to share with you all is that Sweetie joined my family when she was seven- almost a senior. I have had years of love and companionship with her. I hope for many more. But whatever time I have left with her, it has been so worth adopting an older hound. Seniors should probably all be named Sweetie since that truly is their nature.

Both Chick (13 ½) and Boone (13) have left our family leaving Sweetie and me. She is now 14 ¾. After sharing her entire life with others, I feel that she deserves to have 100% attention focused on her for the rest of her life. While she doesn't hear very well and has some arthritis along with a few other senior-related health issues, she is still wagging her tail, thinking everyone and everything is good in this world. What a wonderful way to live!

Donations received October - November

Anne & Jonah Scholen

Cynthia White

Anonymous donations - Membership Appreciation

W.S. Dogs

Mark Downey

Petco Foundation

Susan and David Wilson

Minneapolis Kennel Club

O. Ya Greyhounds, in honor of Jeff Gordon, Osage & Sharon

Steve Uyehara, in honor of Aimee Finley

GoodSearch

Anonymous Meet & Greet donations from Mankato,

Minnetonka, Richfield and Minneapolis.

February Hound of the Month - Ellie Triplett

By Her Mom Judy



My sweet, beautiful brindle girl was 5 1/2 years old when she captured my heart and enriched my life and home. As expected, she loved a big-soft bed and long naps and doggie dreams. Ellie was unwilling to share her bed with any human or the resident tom-cat, Rusty. Could she be a bit set in her ways? She was and still is; disinterested in any sofa, love seat, chair or people bed. This girl loves her bed!!!

All car rides with Ellie were a challenge as she got car sick. I tried all the recommended remedies with no luck. The magic cure came when I moved her bed to the car. She hasn't been car sick since.

Ellie now has several big soft beds about the house and she has gotten better about waking me at night to straighten her blankets. The resident tom cat can even be seen on occasion napping on an empty bed.

Stories about my social prima-donna with the polka dot ears are numerous- she makes me smile every day!

4th Annual Art & Craft Sale Susan Spiller

And a good time was had by ALL! We had another very successful Art and Craft Sale at The Warren in North Mpls on Nov. 14, 2009. Lots of beautiful art work was donated by our members, families and friends. But best of all, we had many guests who bought all of the art and craft work. And the magnificent greyhound greeters got so many pets from all of our guests. We took in a bit over \$3,100 for the day and all of you can take credit for that. Duane took oodles of photos during the day and I think the pictures tell a better story than I can so enough from me and here are the photos.



Gary Anderson & Co.



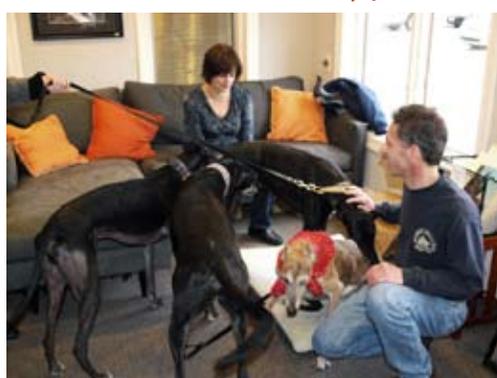
Scarf by Liz



Sweater by Jude



Lots of shoppers!



Greyhound greeters.

We thank the following people for donating Arts and Crafts to our Arts & Crafts Sale. It was their donations and your support that made the event so successful.

Sylvia Kresal
Jude Edling
Victoria Jones
Julie Erickson's Mom
Liz Hendricks
Nancy Perlich
Susan Spiller
Ann Moe
Luana Ball
Lori Rasmussen
Lori Anderson
Lou Wallis

It's Haulin' time! A GPA Tail of Bringing in New Dogs

by Nicole Middlecamp, photos by Luana Ball

One Saturday a month, it's Haul day for GPA Minnesota. I'd like to introduce you to the process leading up to a haul: how the homes are selected, how the haul is arranged and what happens once the dogs arrive at the haul.

Process leading up to a Haul - The foster Coordinator works with Adoption Coordinators and the incoming dog contacts to decide how many dogs to bring in and when to get them. Since we are a foster-based program, we bring in as many dogs as there are applications. We try to bring in more dogs than applications in urgent and necessary circumstances (for example tracks, kennel closings, dogs returned by owners).

You've got e-mail! The foster list receives an e-mail requesting to take in a dog for a set day and time. Once foster volunteers surface, the Foster Coordinator assesses what mix of dogs coming in compared to the foster preferences and needs. The foster coordinator evaluates the need for additional homes and goes back to the fosters to fill in the gaps. If we have extra fosters available, we try to bring in more dogs.

Haul Preparations - The Haul Coordinator lines up a driver and co-pilot to bring the dogs to the Twin Cities. The co-pilot keeps the dogs at peace, armed with a squirt bottle and shaker can. We keep track of each dog's information - i.e. cat trainable, GPA tag ID, vet appt., any personality info and foster parent. (Foster parents are tentatively matched based on preferences and dog info, but is subject to change with cat testing.) The co-pilot makes a checklist for each dog about any vaccinations it may need and staples it to a copy of the dogs' vet records. The checklist is given to the dog's foster family and taken to its vet appointment. Other essential haul roles include: a mighty and brave kitty to serve as cat tester, photo taker, de-wormer and flea medicine dispatcher, Cat tester assistants. The Haul Coordinator attends the haul and organizes medicine, coats, muzzles, collars and leashes, GPA tags, etc...



Where do the dogs come from? We regularly get dogs from Dubuque from April to October, the rest of the year dogs come tracks that race year-round.

More fosters always needed - I encourage anyone with a greyhound to consider fostering. Since you already have a wealth of greyhound experience and knowledge, we could really use your help! It is very rewarding and essential for us to continue to bring in dogs. As Foster Coordinator, I walk you through fostering orientation materials, what to expect as a foster and your role (primarily help assimilate a dog into a home environment and get to know their personality and share with adoption reps to help with adoption placement).



If you have any questions questions about the haul process or want to know about the foster program - e-mail fostering@gpa-mn.org

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.

GPA—MN's E-mail list

To subscribe to the GPA-MN E-Mail Correspondence List and automatically receive a digital copy of the Home Stretch go to: www.gpa-mn.org/mailman/listinfo/list_gpa-mn.org

GPA—MN's Home Stretch

To request a digital copy of the newsletter only that you can read on your computer screen or print to read later go to: http://gpa-mn.org/mailman/listinfo/gpa-mnnewsletter_gpa-mn.org

To request a paper copy of the newsletter be mailed to your home please send your name and address to info@gpa-mn.org or leave this information on the GPA-MN phone line which is 763- 785-4000.

GPA—MN's Web site

Visit our Web site to learn about special events, volunteer opportunities, greyhounds available for adoption and helpful links. www.gpa-mn.org

PETFINDER.COM

Petfinder.com is where we keep information and pictures of all our greyhounds that are available for adoption. Visit www.petfinder.com and under the breed category, select greyhound.



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Cookie Day 2009



Cookie Day has been held the Friday after Thanksgiving for the last 8 years at the Richfield Petco. I ask for volunteers to bake and donate a dozen cookies a couple of weeks in advance, then we give them to anyone who comes into Petco store if they want one. The intent is simply to get people to stop and think about greyhounds. You never know what ideas will come from getting a cookie from our greyhound group for some people down the road. Of course, we hope they come up with the idea of adopting a greyhound!

Extra cookies are given to the Petco employees because the Richfield store and their staff have been wonderfully generous to GPA. They often name us as their charity for many of their fundraisers, allow us to conduct adoptions and hold our monthly Meet and Greet there, and anything else we want to do. This year we had too many supporters to name BUT I am able to name the bakers who contributed such marvelous baked goods: Lou Wallis, Lori and Dan Rasmussen, Susan Spiller, Brian Jett, Holly Deering, Ann Moe, Marcy and Mike Barger, and Lonni Skretner.

Thank ROOOOO!
Sylvia Kresal



Special thanks

GPA-MN would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support and financial aid.

Our Meet & Greet Locations:

PETCO Stores www.petco.com

- Coon Rapids
- Duluth
- Eden Prairie
- Fridley
- Highland Park
- Mankato
- Ridgedale
- Richfield
- St. Cloud
- Woodbury
- Urbanimal Minneapolis
612-879-0709
- Urbanimal St. Paul
651-696-1817

Our Participating GPA Vets:

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Brooklyn Park Animal Hospital 763-566-6000
Chanhassen Vet Clinic 952-934-8862
Cottage Grove Animal Hospital 651-768-0200
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