



Home Stretch

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Getting the Call: Shasta's Story

By Lisa Quast

The First Call

At 8 p.m., on a cold Thursday night in February, I received a call every greyhound owner dreads. "There's a greyhound on the loose!" One of our foster hounds got away - on one of the coldest nights of the year. Drat! She wriggled out of not only her collar but also her coat. Double drat!



Dan & Lori Rasmussen, who had been caring for Shasta for the last few weeks, were going out of town so they brought to Carol Bohumil's house for the weekend. Shortly after the transfer, Carol prepared Shasta for a walk. Shasta is a bit of a spook, so when the hood of her coat fell over her head as they started out, she got scared, began fiercely pulling back, wiggled her way out of the collar and coat, and bolted away, scared and confused. But no one could be faulted for her fear or her reaction.

She escaped in Brooklyn Park, near Fleet Farm on highway 169. Since I'm nearby in Maple Grove, I bundled up, collected my hound-search gear (find the list at www.gpa-mn.org/losthound) and raced over to help search. Notice of Shasta's escape was posted to the eList, the Lost Hound Network email list and Facebook.



While the snow allowed us to see any tracks she might have left, the excessive amount of it made trekking through the fields difficult to say the least. And the 6 degrees below zero temperature chilled us to the bone. Just thinking of that little girl out in the elements without a coat brought a chill to my heart and soul.

We drove around the neighborhood where she was lost, weaved through the parking lots of the industrial area just north of 85th Avenue, plodded across the field behind Fleet Farm following a set of dog tracks that might have been hers. We stopped at every set of tracks we found, hoping they would give us a clue to her whereabouts. But by 11:30 p.m., we had to call it quits.

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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.

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Shasta's story continued

We all said a prayer for Shasta to find a warm place to hunker down for the night. The next morning, although the outlook for her was grim after such a frigid night, more people joined the search, printing and distributing flyers throughout the area, stopping at surrounding business and doing their best to get the word out about little Shasta. A guy at Tires Plus said he saw something early behind their store, maybe a dog, but he wasn't sure. We found a lone set of greyhound tracks, giving us hope that she had made it through the brutal night.

Hundreds of flyers were printed and posted on every vertical surface we could find. People spent hundreds of combined hours driving, walking, biking, and snowshoeing around the area, but no Shasta. Five days went by and we didn't get a single sighting call from anyone. I started to think maybe she didn't make it.

The Miracle Call

I was at work on Tuesday when my cell phone rang. I could hardly believe it when the voice on the other end said "I think I'm following your greyhound. She's just walking along the street, but she won't come to me when I call her." The caller's name was Morissa, and she was kind enough to keep watching Shasta until I could get there. I immediately left work and headed to where she was – just blocks from where Shasta was lost. I also called Lori, because she was one of the only people we knew shy Shasta would be willing to come to.

When we arrived, Morissa showed us the house where Shasta had curled up in the brick entryway. Had Morissa not been there to see her go in, there was no way anyone would have seen her there; she was completely hidden from sight! We walked up to the entryway, and there was beautiful little Shasta! It was so surreal. We took her to Brooklyn Park Animal Hospital. Dr. Stromberg found nothing more than a little scratch on her nose, some dried pine sap stuck to her fur, and that she was little dehydrated. She lost about 4 pounds, but after that cold night, the fact that she had no frostbite or cold injuries was simply miraculous.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the tireless search for Shasta! It was because of your efforts that Morissa saw a flyer and called with the wonderful news that led to Shasta's return.



Lessons to Learn

The story of Shasta's recovery is heart-warming, but it is scary to think how easily a hound can escape from even the most attentive owner. It is important for all of us, from the recent adopter to our most experienced greyhound veterans, to take precautions every time we go. Please take time to read the article in this issue on proper fitting of a Martingale collar, and double check the fit of your hound's collar every time you go out. As collars get older they can stretch or get loosened, or your hound may have lost or gained weight, changing the fit of your Martingale collar. Also, when bundling up your hounds for the cold Minnesota winter, make sure you've clipped the leash to the correct collar, and that the collar is still seated correctly on your hound's neck.



King's Ranch

GreyFest Unleashed 2011

By Lisa Quast, GreyFest Coordinator

GreyFest moved to an exciting new venue last year at King's Ranch in Ramsey. The ranch provided many great opportunities – a huge off-leash area, lots of building space for the raffle and vendors, the lure course, delicious grilled food options (including the popular pulled-pork sandwiches) and much more.

We are thrilled that we've been invited back to the ranch again this year for **GreyFest Unleashed 2011!** It's sure to be a rollicking good time with plenty of hound frolicking! The Greyfest committee is working hard to make GreyFest Unleashed 2011 even better than last year. Since we had many comments after last year's event regarding how fast the day seemed to go, one of the changes we're making is extending GreyFest by two hours. All of the event details will be published in the May-June newsletter and will be posted on the GreyFest page on our website, but this is what we know for sure:

What: GreyFest Unleashed 2011

Where: Kings Ranch (17151 Baugh St. NW, Ramsey, MN)

When: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Who: GPA-MN members & hounds, as well as anyone who loves Greyhounds.

Why: This is our organization's biggest event of the year!

GreyFest T-Shirt Design Contest - Submit your design by April 15!



Submit a t-shirt design idea for the upcoming "GreyFest Unleashed 2011" and your design could be featured on the limited edition t-shirts that will be sold at the event! Shown below is the design by Lori Anderson that was featured on our 2010 shirt.

We will pick one lucky winner based on design concept and overall appeal. Original design submissions should include the year feature elements and ideas relevant to the event (GreyFest Unleashed 2011). All design submissions must include an illustration of your idea – it can be a simple drawing, but must include all elements of the design. Limit designs to no more than 3 colors for printing. Winning designer will receive a t-shirt and a \$50 certificate for GPA merchandise. Deadline for submissions is April 15, 2010. Send ideas to Lisa Quast at president@gpa-mn.org



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Heal a Hound Success!

By Michael Horrigan

The 5th Annual Heal a Hound Benefit held Saturday Feb. 26, 2011 was another record breaking success. The event was held for the third year running at DeGidio's Restaurant & Bar, in St Paul at 426 West 7th Street. We had 85 attendees this year which is more than any previous year. It made for a tight squeeze, seating wise, but we are all use to making room for another greyhound or two so we were able to do the same for people folk as well!

This year's honoree was Roscoe who needed extensive rehabilitation to heal a front paw. Roscoe has since been adopted by Becky and Priscilla Bogen of South Minneapolis. You can read about him in the "Meet Roscoe" article later in this edition of the newsletter.

We had many exciting auction items this year. Curt Carter graciously donated 2 seafood dinners as well as a shrimp boil again this year. These items were some of the top earners again and why not, they are basically an instant catered party.



We also received a couple of large and beautiful paintings donated by Robin Berry. They were beautifully custom framed by Steve Schaben who owns Fast Frame shops in Uptown's Calhoun Village and Eden Prairie. Those beautiful paintings are now gracing three member's private collections. We also auctioned off jewelry, small statues, gift baskets, a belly dancer, and Twin tickets just to name a few more. If you were not there this year, be sure to join us next year. Did I mention we also ate a delicious DeGidio's dinner buffet? You can't ask for a better Saturday night in February!

We raised **\$6,400** – that's **11% more** than last year. It's also \$500 more than we cleared at Greyfest.

Thank you to everyone who donated auction items and to everyone who attended and bid on the items. It's a great way to give back in appreciation of all your fine hounds. This event would not be successful without all your participation! Our Healed Hounds greatly appreciate it!



Meet Roscoe – The 2011 Heal a Hound Greyhound



The Heal a Hound fund is a permanent fund that was established in 2006 to help support individual greyhounds that come to GPA-MN and require special medical care before going to their forever home. The resources are earmarked to help to cover the medical expenses that are above and beyond the normally anticipated expenditures for an incoming hound by offsetting the unexpected costs associated with their special medical needs.

Our most recent HAH beneficiary is Roscoe. He was returned to us because of an acute skin infection that most significantly affected his paws. Because his front paw was wrapped too tightly by the previous owner for a prolonged period of time, the ligaments began to atrophy and change the position of his paw, forcing him to walk on the top of his toes. Through an intensive physical therapy program through the University of Minnesota, Roscoe is able to walk nearly normally again and his skin conditions are under control. The physical therapy and dermatological testing required to treat Roscoe's conditions totaled more than \$2,200, which is why he was designated as our 2011 Heal a Hound beneficiary.

If you would like to make a donation to the Heal a Hound fund to help hounds like Roscoe that need extra special care, please include a note on your donation check or PayPal transaction indicating that you would like it to be applied to the Heal a Hound fund. The hounds thank you!

January and February Donations

January

Deborah Greenstone, in memory of Norma Helmeke
Land O' Lakes Kennel Show donors

Aimee Finley

Voyagers K9 Apparel

O. Ya Greyhounds Donation in honor of 5 O. Ya dogs
United Health Group

Brian and Jennifer Jett, in honor of Mr. Wiggles
Missionfish

Petco Adoption Event

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, in honor of Wendy
Glade's retirement
Adopt-A-Thon

February

Carol Steenson

Jan and Larry Green, in honor of Jo Green
Christine Sanquinet, for the Shasta reward fund
Amanda Horton & Martin Blumenfeld, for the Shasta
reward fund

L. J. Anderson, for the Shasta reward fund
Carol Bohumil, for the Shasta reward fund

Michael Horrigan , for the Shasta reward fund
Susan Mead, for the Shasta reward fund

Roger & Susan Swanson, for the Shasta reward fund
Mary & Paul Sticha, for the Shasta reward fund

Yvonne Long, for the Shasta reward fund
Roberta Poulton, for the Shasta reward fund

Carol Steenson, for the Shasta reward fund

Andrea Nelson, in honor of Liz Hendricks and Nicole
Trumble

Kari Keller, for the Shasta reward fund

Sandy Jammer, for the Shasta reward fund

Robyn Abear & Steve Etzell, for the Shasta reward fund
Jennifer Aluni & Jason, for the Shasta reward fund

Missionfish

Heal-A-Hound Dinner Attendees

GPA-MN 2010 Adoption Summary

It's time to look back on 2010 and celebrate GPA-Minnesota's accomplishments. We had 61 lucky greyhounds who found their forever homes last year. As always they were a diverse group:

- * **Boys vs. Girls** - The girls outnumbered the boys 33 to 28.
- * **Young vs. Seasoned** - The youngest hound we placed in 2010 was just under 10 months old; our oldest was just over 10 years.
- * **Special needs** - While most of our greyhounds just need standard veterinary care (teeth, spay/neuter and a checkup), we are proud that your generous support of the Heal a Hound fund enabled us to take in 5 hounds that required more extensive medical care.

The dogs bring us all so much joy, but we can't let them completely steal the show. Congratulations to everyone who adopted in 2010! We were happy to welcome 35 first time adopters in 2010. Our chippers (repeat adopters) continue to be a strong part finding homes for our fast friends. Last year we placed 23 of the 61 hounds with families who have previously adopted from us.

A big thank you to all the volunteers of 2010 who made it a successful year. There were more than 100 of you who generously donated your time & money to keep GPA-Minnesota strong and growing. A special thanks to the meet & greet hosts, fosters, adoption reps, haul drivers, special event hosts, GreyFest volunteers and everyone else. Volunteering is a great way to socialize your hounds, meet more greyhound lovers and to help ensure that we make 2011 another successful year of placing greyhounds into happy, loving homes.

Waiting at the Bridge

Through February 15

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

Digger - Diane & Al Finley

Sparks - Kari Keller

Abby - Liz Hendricks

DeeVa - John & Jody Brunners

GreyFest Raffle: Basket Fantastic

Heather Everhart, GreyFest Raffle Coordinator

Every year we ask for raffle item donations for our biggest event of the year - GREYFEST! The GreyFest raffle helps us raise important funds that allow us to continue helping these wonderful dogs after they leave the track. But we need your help.

Putting together a GreyFest raffle basket is an easy way to give back to the organization and have fun doing it. Think of this as chance to consider how much love and happiness your hound(s) bring to your life. Gather up all that love and put it into a basket filled with goodies to help other hounds find their forever home!

Your basket can be made up of anything - hound things, maybe a wine party basket, game night goodies, or a local sports team themed collection. If it's something you enjoy, chances are others will be interested in it as well. If putting together a basket isn't your thing, how about donating a gift certificate for your favorite restaurant, book store or spa? The sky's the limit!

If you have any questions about making a donation to the raffle, please email me at ever.heather@gmail.com. With your help this can be the greatest GreyFest ever!

March Hound of the Month- Sparks Keller

By Kari Keller

I've written about Sparks before, in fact he was the Hound of the Month March 2010. In this article, I want to share how he impacted my life.

Sparks was my first GPA foster in the fall of 2002. Even though he was a bounce, all the things his owner said he was doing, he didn't do at my house. He was the perfect first foster and I fell in love with him the second I saw him. A few weeks later, I knew I had to adopt him. The next spring while on a walk at Lake Nokomis I ran into couple walking a black hound named Tipper - little did I know - this meeting would have a major impact on my future.



Play date creates new future

Tipper and Sparks were close in age and both were the most handsome black hounds I'd ever seen. Over the years we met for walks and play dates. Three years ago while at a play date at the Finley's, I noticed a house for sale. Six weeks later, I moved in. Sparks loved his new house, especially his yard. He would run around and chase his sister, Passion. He also loved to dig. Getting the house for Sparks was the best thing that I could have done. He was like a puppy again. I had special stairs build that were wider so that when he was older, it would be easier for him to navigate. I'm so thankful that I thought to do that. A month after we moved in we adopted Lucky and a year later Diamond. Our hound family was complete.

Bone cancer

The last 4 months of 2010 were hard on Sparks as he tried to fight the bone cancer that was taking over his body. He was having trouble walking but still loved a fresh snowfall and would act like a puppy; romping 3-legged around in it. The month of January 2011 he hardly used his left, rear leg. My heart was breaking. I wasn't ready to let him go but I could see he was slowing down and the spark in his eye was slowly diminishing. I was cooking for him every night and he loved the endless treats I fed him. The weekend of February 5th he stopped eating on his own so I hand fed him. When I got home from work two days later, he wouldn't eat at all. I knew it was time. Sparks went to the Rainbow Bridge on Feb. 8 with his head in my lap and me telling him how much I loved him. The house seems so empty without him.

Sparkys' impact on my life



As I reflect back on my years with Sparks, I realize how much of an impact he made on my life. I've met some of the most wonderful greyhound people who live locally and all over the country. I see many of my friends at greyhound events throughout the year. During the past few years I've bought a hound-mobile, a house with a fenced yard, human clothes with greyhounds on them, dog collars, dog coats and started making/selling notes cards with hounds on them. All of these things I did because I fell in love with a black hound in 2002.

In the article that I wrote for the March 2010 newsletter, I ended it with: "It's hard to imagine what my life will be like after Sparks goes to the Rainbow Bridge. He's the reason I love greyhounds so much. He has taught me so much about loving unconditionally. I never thought I'd love an animal as much as I do him. Mommy loves you Sparks and Happy 12th Birthday."

I miss Sparks so much and I will never forget him. He's the reason for so many good things that happened in my life.

April Hound of the Month - Nora Barber (The Wine Critic)

Written by Kris Barber

So much of the taste of wine comes from its smell. Therefore, I enlisted the help of my greyhound, Nora, to use her super-sensitive smelling abilities as a critic for a side by side competition among several wines. The judging was simple: the more she sniffed or licked the cork or cap, the better the wine must be. Here are the results.

Pinot Noir: Two sniffs, one lick. I knew she wanted a taste but although she's twenty-eight in dog years, I won't let her have a sip from my glass. She glared at me like I was Michael Vick until I brought out the next cork. Score: Two paws up.

Cabernet Sauvignon: Only two sniffs but she also aggressively attempted to chew the cork. I have only seen one wine judge lunge for the cork with his teeth before but it was after he'd confused his cold medicine with bull shark testosterone. I have to assume lunging for the cork with one's teeth is a positive testament for the wine. Score: Two paws up.



Chianti: Three sniffs and enough licking to give the cork the feel of an oil soaked gerbil. I slid the soggy cork back into the bottle and made a mental note not to pour the remainder of the wine for guests. Score: Two paws up.

Lemon Fresh Pine Sol: Two sniffs. In an effort to avoid an appointment with the vet and a date with the ASPCA, I restrained her from licking the cap. Score: Two paws up. I'm beginning to have my doubts about Nora's palate.

Boone's Farm (Apple Blossom): One sniff. Nora immediately adopted the same depressed expression she wore when she learned David Archuleta lost American Idol. She then ignored the cap and spent the next fifteen minutes licking the same spot on the carpet. A rather damning statement about the wine considering Nora happily gobble up dead beetles and frozen rabbit turds. However, my faith in Nora's judgment is restored. Score: One paw down.

Test conclusion: I probably have too much spare time on my hands. To read more of Kris Barber's insights on wine, visit his blog at winerogue.wordpress.com

Treats for your dogs

Our dogs had these treats when we were in Dewey Beach the first year for the greyhound gathering. I've been making them ever since. They freeze well.

3 cups whole-wheat flour

3 cups quick oats

2 T brewers yeast (optional)

1/2 cup canola oil

Mix all of these together. Then, add.....

1 pound chicken or turkey liver (pureed in processor)

3/4 cup molasses

Eggs - enough to make cake batter consistency (5 or 6)

Pour into greased or sprayed 9 x 13 cake pan or large jelly-roll pan and bake at 275 degrees for 30 minutes. Cut into 1-inch squares (I use a pizza cutter), and reduce heat to 200. Let bake an additional 2.5 hours until dry. Turn off oven and leave in the oven overnight to complete the drying process. This will prevent mold and they will keep much longer. As stated, they may be frozen. I use a large zip-lock bag. Then keep in the refrigerator until used. They will keep quite a while in the fridge, too. - Lori Rasmussen

Martingale Collars: Fitting for Safety

By Lisa Quast

Please don't assume that putting a Martingale safety collar on your greyhound automatically makes your dog safe from escape. Martingale collars can be a great piece of safety equipment for our skinny-necked hounds, but they only work properly if they are fitted properly. Ensuring your hound has a properly adjusted Martingale collar is one of the most important things you can do to keep your greyhound safe. You might think "My hound's Martingale collar fits fine." But please take 5 minutes, for your hound's sake, and just make sure. An improperly adjusted collar is almost the same as having no collar at all because a hound can easily slide out of an improperly adjusted collar. Collars often stretch and loosen after frequent usage.



Anatomy of a Martingale Collar

First, look at your Martingale collar. There are 2 fabric loops. The smaller loop is called the Control Loop, and it's where the D-ring is located. The second loop is the adjustable part of the collar, which fits around your hound's neck and allows you to tighten or loosen the collar to make it fit your hound correctly.

Properly adjusting your hound's Martingale collar

Slip your Martingale Collar over the dog's head. Pull the collar up right behind the ears of the dog. This is the point where you want to adjust the collar to because this is the narrowest part of their neck, just before the collar slips over the head. When you pull up on the D-ring, the control loop should pull the collar tight around the neck. When pulled tight, the 2 metal loops on each side of the Control Loop should be a minimum of 2 inches apart. These 2 metal loops should NEVER touch! If they touch, the collar is too loose and you should adjust the collar until you have at least 2 inches between the metal loops.

Properly fitted on a greyhound, the Martingale should rest around the middle of the neck when the control loop is not tightened by pulling. This is comfortable for the hound. To remove the collar, you may need to use both hands and tuck the ears. This is perfectly fine and isn't uncomfortable for the hound. If you have a hound that doesn't like his ears touched, you may consider either a Buckle Martingale or you may need to loosen the collar before taking it off, and re-adjust when you put it back on your hound.

Now that you have a properly fitted collar, make a habit of checking the fit every time you put the collar on your hound. This simple action will ensure your greyhound will remain in your control and won't unexpectedly slip out of his collar.



Properly adjusted Martingale collar.
At least 2" between metal loops.



Properly fitted collar, resting near
the middle of the neck.

Greyt Greyhound Tips

By: Eleanor Downey-Sanguinet



Hello, Greyt Readers!

I have a new man in my life. A sleek, black, tall, long-tailed, large man! His name is Jerry and he's my new foster brother! (see photo below) He's a bouncy, loving, lively soon-to-be three year old who's just not found the right home since coming off the track. I have no clue why someone hasn't swooped him up yet, as he's dreamy and makes me feel YOUNG again! (I overheard my girl human call me a "cougar!!")

My boy human has worked very hard with Jerry to teach him the ropes and get out all those "alpha-tendencies" we sometimes see in young new houndies. He's learned how to wait to go outside, wait for his food and he even takes treats delicately (I may have helped teach him that.) He's really just a super handsome fella'.

I can't understand why it's taken so long to adopt him??? It couldn't possibly be because of his color??? Could it???

Serendipitously, I received a greyt email from one of our members asking if I would talk about the fact that it's so hard to adopt out black greyhounds. So, I went online (girl human has given me her old iBook to surf the net) to begin to research this phenomenon. Apparently ALL canine adoption groups have difficulties in adopting out their black dogs, especially if they are large and male. In fact, according to Black Pearl Dogs (<http://www.blackpearldogs.com>), a site dedicated to educating the public about this horrific misrepresentation, black dogs are always the first to be euthanized at shelters and are the most difficult to place. And there's a name for it, "Black Dog Syndrome."



This occurrence is so prevalent that there's even a Greyhound group that hosts a website committed to raising the awareness about the greyness of having a black hound as a companion! You can see the greyt work they do by checking out "The Black List - Adopt A Greyhound" at <http://www.unc.edu/~nbeach/blacklist/index.htm>

In my humble opinion, it's been my experience that the black Greyhounds are the most laid back, most loving, most couch surfing of them all (present blue-brindle company the exception). If my foster brother Jerry is any indication of what it's like to have a large black greyhound male in your home, then everyone should have one!

Please check out the sites from Black Pearl Dogs and The Black List. There are loads of greyt information and could help educate you further so you can spread the word about how wonderful it is to have a Black Greyhound as a part of your family!

That's all for this time. As always, please feel free to write me at eleanorthegreyt@gmail.com if you have any ideas for future columns! For now, it's back to sleeping... and dreaming of cuddling with Jerry!

Wait a minute! As I'm putting the finishing touches on this article, my girl human just told me that Jerry is going to his forever home. Can you believe it? My dreamboy Jerry was adopted! Since he'll no longer be gracing my presence, I guess he'll just have to remain the man of my dreams.

March 2011 Calendar of Events

Gassy Walk Sundays at 2 p.m. Weather permitting, meet at the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet or the Como Lakeside Pavilion at 2 p.m.

March 5

Meet & Greets

- Richfield Noon to 2 p.m.
- Coon Rapids 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 19

Meet & Greets

- Fridley 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Chaska Noon to 2 p.m.

March 6

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

March 20

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

Meet & Greets

- Mankato 1 to 4 p.m.
- Urbanimals Grand Ave 11 to 1 p.m.

March 12

Meet & Greets

- Woodbury 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- St Cloud Noon to 2 p.m.
- Burnsville Noon to 2 p.m.
- Eden Prairie Noon to 2 p.m.

March 26

Meet & Greets

- Highland 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Maplewood Noon to 2 p.m.

March 13

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

March 27

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

Meet & Greet

- Urbanimal Mpls 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 2011 Calendar of Events

Gassy Walk Sundays at 2 p.m. Weather permitting, meet at the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet or the Como Lakeside Pavilion at 2 p.m.

April 2

Meet & Greets

- Richfield Noon to 2 p.m.
- Coon Rapids 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 16

Meet & Greets

- Fridley 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Chaska Noon to 2 p.m.

April 17

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

Meet & Greets

- Mankato 1 to 4 p.m.
- Urbanimals Grand Ave 11 to 1 p.m.

April 23

Meet & Greets

- Highland 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Maplewood Noon to 2 p.m.

April 24

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

Meet & Greet

- Urbanimal Mpls 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 3

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

April 5

Meet & Greets

- Woodbury 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- St Cloud Noon to 2 p.m.
- Burnsville Noon to 2 p.m.
- Eden Prairie Noon to 2 p.m.

April 10

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

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

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Survey Says...

Question: Does your hound like the snow?

Response: 3 people said their dogs love the snow, one said no way.

"My girl, Jazzie, absolutely LOVES the snow. She gallops around in our backyard after every fresh snow!" - Dani Richards

"Lilly loves it--especially the fresh stuff! She becomes a puppy again." - Caprice Niccoli-Waller, Ph.D.

"Balthier does not care for snow... after a fresh snowfall he has to be drug out the door to go potty. - Tae

"While other hound owners were busy shoveling paths for their dogs to go potty in the yard, my hounds Stella and Dexter are busy plowing their own." - Jen and Adam Shaleen



Next survey:

In connection with Eleanor's column in which she talks about the difficulty of adopting out black dogs, we thought we'd ask: when you adopted your first greyhound, did color play any role in your decision to choose one available hound over another? Send your response to newsletter@gpa-mn.org.

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