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Greyfest 2012 Recap

Despite the abundant heat and humidity at this year's Greyfest on Saturday, June 9th, there were LOTS of hounds and their people who joined us at the State Fair Grounds for our 16th year of the event.



Our first year at the State Fair Grounds, the Dairy Building (a.k.a. Empire Commons) kept everyone remarkably cool and provided the perfect venue for all of the festivities -- the raffle, vendors, speed alley, hound games and contests... there were so many things to enjoy!

We had several new contests this year. One of most popular was the "Best Twins" contest. We had nine pairs of hounds enter the contest and after much deliberation, Pearl (adopted by Tracy and Maraline Keeling) and Brett (adopted by Susan Moerer and Dana Kromer) ultimately emerged with the shared title of "Best Twins."

We also unveiled our new merchandise via the all-new Fashion Show. If you didn't have a chance to buy one of the new merchandise items at Greyfest you can visit our website where you will find all the new items in our Online Store, including a few remaining Greyfest 2012 event shirts. (<http://www.gpa-mn.org/gpa-mn-online-store.html>)

This year we brought back Speed Alley! Whether they sprinted, trotted, sauntered, or stopped to pee along the way, every hound who took a turn down the alley seemed to genuinely enjoy the opportunity. Thanks to Sarah Beth Photography for capturing the fun of speed alley through photos. If you haven't already checked out the photos be sure to visit the link on the GPA homepage (www.gpa-mn.org). 50% of proceeds from photo sales are donated back to GPA MN!



The raffle was as popular as ever with a huge variety of wonderful items ranging from gift certificates to wine baskets to beautiful art. The "Grand Prize" highlight of the raffle was the gorgeous quilt created by Jude Edling titled "I See A Little Silhouette of A Hound." Sheri Saunders was the lucky winner who took it home that day!

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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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Greyfest 2012 Recap (cont.)

This year's Greyfest event brought in \$2,963.63 for the hounds. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated raffle items, bought raffle tickets, helped as volunteers before, during, and after the event, and supported our cause in any other way. We are so grateful to everyone who helps make Greyfest a reality!

We received a lot of positive feedback on the new Greyfest venue at the fairgrounds, so we have secured the building again for next year.

Mark your calendars for the next Greyfest to be held Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the fairgrounds!



On the Radio

Lori Rasmussen

GPA was invited to be on the radio during the State Fair this year. We were on 1500am's show with Joe Soucheray, called Garage Logic. They have a lot of listeners, so it was a good chance for us to get some "air time". We were able to tell people to stop out at the fair to see us on both Saturdays that we were there.

I went with Tommy and Sugar and met up with Heather Everhart and her dog Stella before heading to the fairgrounds. It was quite an ordeal, considering we were only on the air for about two minutes.

First, the guys at the gate didn't want to let us in with the dogs, since dogs can't be at the fair except in their designated areas. We had to show them the email from the station asking us to bring some dogs along. Ok. We're in! It's about a 2 block walk to the station booth. The walk there took over a half hour, since so many people were stopping us and asking questions about the dogs and wanting to pet them. It was a pretty warm day, but the dogs were very patient and good ambassadors for the breed. Similarly, it was another half hour to 45 minute walk to get off the fairgrounds. They did have a bowl and water, so they were content.

Overall, I think the outing was a success. Hope you were able to tune in that day and hear us.

GPA MN receives Grant from the ASPCA

GPA MN applied for and received a \$2,000 spay/neuter grant from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. We received these funds in January of 2012, and have been able to distribute this money among eleven foster dogs. The grant applies specifically to the hospital and procedural costs incurred for the spay or neuter of each dog. The following dogs were served by this grant: Alex, Bo, Brett, Jack, Jamaica, Lonestar, Melanie, Stacie, Stew, Wildfire, and Yorkie. Grants and outside funding strengthen the public profile of our organization and help us to continue our mission of finding homes for retired racing greyhounds. We are very thankful to the ASPCA for their support.



High Bridge Dog Park

The City of Saint Paul opened its second off-leash dog park on May 31st, located beneath the Smith Avenue High Bridge. The park is fully fenced and has ample parking for many visitors. It's a beautiful site (adjacent to Xcel Energy) with a view of downtown Saint Paul and convenient to the walking/bike path along the river. Native prairie plants and wild flowers fill the green space, making it a beautiful little oasis in the heart of the city. It's a long narrow park, making it great for a good Greyhound sprint. Stella enjoys chasing the other dogs and smelling the flowers. A lovely place to visit with your hound on a Saturday morning!



2012 GPA MN Board Members

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

- Lisa Quast: President, Greyfest Coordinator
- Nicole Middlecamp: Vice President, Foster Coordinator, Haul Coordinator
- Mark Downey: Treasurer, Merchandise
- Michael Horrigan: Secretary, Heal a Hound, Lost Hound Network
- Curt Carter: External Relations, Heal a Hound
- Heather Everhart: External Relations Coordinator, Grant Writing
- Lori Rasmussen: Special Events, Volunteers

Visit our website to learn more about our board members

Additional Contributors

- Barb Gates Schaben: Adoption Coordinator, Newsletter Editor
- Teri Petrin: Adoption Representative (Chippers)
- Sylvia Kresal: Meet & Greet Coordinator
- Luana Ball: Vetting and Haul Supplies Coordinator
- Estella Eckart: Art & Craft Sale
- Kari Keller: Lost Hound Network

July Hound of the Month - Arrow

Barb Gates Schaben



We named Arrow after the dog in "The Point" because that dog was, and I quote, "the best dog in the world." Our Arrow is even better.

Arrow is a combination of tough and prissy, easily annoyed and sympathetic, and handsome and unusual-looking with his extremely long nose and overbite (the resulting sound of his top teeth hitting the floor when he lays down is music to my ears). Arrow is extremely loyal and very in tune to what is going on with me. He always wants to be with me whenever possible, but especially so when I'm sick or sad. There's no question whose dog he is (or who his person is). He's also an extremely tolerant and very good big brother to Rider, who outweighs him by twenty pounds and at times annoys him as little brothers often do.



Arrow doesn't do anything halfway, including expressing his emotions - he's beyond thrilled or extremely annoyed - rarely indifferent. When excited, he prances and pounces with a toy. When frustrated he storms away, after a series of deep dramatic sighs, to get a drink of water (that'll show us!), returning with a look like, "Are you done? Do you see what you made me do?". He's relentless in his pursuit of attention - patting the floor repeatedly to get your attention and to get you to come over to pet him (yes, we're suckers and we fall for it), then pawing at you to continue.

When you ask him if he wants to go for a walk he grabs a toy and starts running back and forth - the entire length of the house - continuously until you leave, even if it's several minutes. We're pretty sure that he puts on more mileage doing that than the actual distance covered on a walk. He just can't contain his excitement.

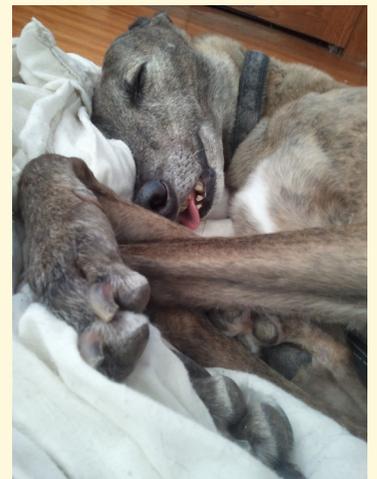
Arrow is PRISSY. He doesn't like to get his feet wet, he's very dainty, he prances more than he runs, and he poses like the male diva that he can be. But prissy doesn't mean he can't rule the roost. He's alpha over most dogs he meets, which doesn't amount to anything in most circumstances - unless it needs to. For example, former foster brother and longtime greyhound friend Ringo was getting picked on by other dogs one day and Arrow calmly physically put himself between Ringo and the other dogs (and his brother Rider followed suit!), halting the bullying. Ringo might annoy Arrow at times, but that doesn't mean anyone is allowed to mess with him!



Arrow is the smartest dog I've ever met. He can very clearly communicate what he wants. For example, one night he kept bouncing around in front of me, trying to get my attention. I asked what he wanted and started to walk to the back door, ready to let him out. He stopped in the kitchen. I asked if he was hungry, expecting him to get excited, but instead he looked up at the top of the refrigerator and then back to me. And did it again. We keep their bones on top of the refrigerator. I asked if he wanted a bone and his curly tail started wagging wildly and he started prancing.

He is an extraordinary greyhound ambassador, and he knows how to work a room. He'll walk up and lean on every person there, gazing up at them, and diving into the people he loves for attention. New people are always surprised he has so much energy at his age (eleven), as well as how sweet and calm he is. Everyone always remembers the sweet boy with the big nose and the overbite.

Every day I wake up nose to (big!) nose with a very excited boy. He stands over me until he realizes I'm awake, then starts prancing, ears straight up, with excitement. This could be 6:00 in the morning or 4:00 in the morning - he doesn't care. It would be annoying if it wasn't so cute. But how can I not love it... he is my sweet, loyal, wise, funny, and favorite favorite boy who makes every day better.



"Wherever we go, everyone knows... it's me and my Arrow..."

Art and Craft Sale 2012

Our 7th Annual Art and Craft Sale will again be taking place on Saturday, Nov. 10 and Sunday Nov. 11, from 10 am to 3 pm.

The event will again be held at:
The Warren - An Artist Habitat
4400 Osseo Road, North Minneapolis



Tell your family, friends and neighbors about the sale and be sure to come shop for wonderful gifts, and maybe a few great items for yourself! You'll also have the opportunity to socialize with other GPA members. All proceeds from the sale go directly to GPA MN. It's a win-win combination – pick up some beautiful art and craft items and support greyhound rescue, all in one stop!

Donations of art and crafts welcomed!

The sale is made possible by the art and craft donations we receive from our members and others who support the sale. If you have any art or craft work that you would like to donate to the sale, please contact this year's sale coordinator, Estella, at estellaeckart@gmail.com or 612.716.6875 and we can arrange for a drop-off or pick-up so your beautiful creations can be included in the sale.

Thank you for your support of GPA MN and everything you do to keep our organization growing and thriving!

April - July Donations to GPA MN

- Adcock, J. "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Aluni, Jennfier & Jason in honor of Addie
- Anonymous "Help The Hounds" Donations
- Besaw, Wendy in memory of Michael Matheny
- Bliss, Anna Donation in honor of Michael Matheny
- Bryan, Annemarie in memory of Michael Matheny
- Bryan, Lenora Donation in memory of Michael Matheny
- Comic-Con Attendees "Help The Hounds" Donations
- Cottew, John and Jennifer Heal-A-Hound Donation
- Dowell, Michael in memory of Michael Matheny
- Downey, Mark "Help The Hounds" Donations
- Dulon, Roy "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Franzmeier, Karen in memory of Michael Matheny
- Grey Oaks Photography "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Greyfest Attendees for "Greyhounds" book, extra money at Speed Alley, and funds in the jar
- Griffin, Hugh "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Hawkinson, Karen "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Heeschen, Bob Donation in memory of Lady
- Heideman, Kyle "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Johnson, Douglas E. "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Johnson, Matt "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Johnson, Nykol "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Kelsch, Chad "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Kildahl, Pamela Donation in memory of Rodney
- Koch, Donald Donation in honor of Pat Walsh
- Mark, Amber "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Martin, Jim and Bev Heal a Hound Donation
- Meet & Greet Donors Meet & Greet Donations
- Missionfish Third-Party Contribution
- Mock, Barbara Donation in honor of Piper, loyal companion of Linda Schmitt
- O. Ya Greyhounds in honor of Lonestar & Will Power, five adopted dogs, O Ya Flash, and in memory of Michael Matheny
- Parker, Bobby "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Ponder, Donna in memory of Michael Matheny
- Quast, Emilie Donation in honor of Mario
- Rudolph, Christine "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Strawberry Festival "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Swager, Karen "Help The Hounds" Donation
- Thomson Reuters "Help The Hounds" Donation from Seth Tryninewski
- Thomson Reuters Indirect Public Support: Matching funds from Thomson Reuters
- Timmerman, Susan Donation in honor of Eleanor, Mark Downey, Christine Sanguinet
- Ungs, David "Help The Hounds" Donation
- United Health Group Indirect Public Support from Christopher and Dria Setter, and Marcus Tuepker
- VerBout, Lynette Thank for helping find Dori
- Wilson, Susan and David "Help The Hounds" Donation

August Hound of the Month - Woofy

Cara Erickson and Jeremy Goldman

Woofy, formerly O Ya Woof, was retired from racing after sustaining a broken ankle at the track. Anyone who was fortunate enough to spend time around Woofy could easily tell that a broken ankle wasn't going to deter this gentle giant from enjoying his retirement. While on the mend, Woofy was able to form strong bonds with his foster family and their two dogs.

Woofy was fostered by Rod and Nashell Loran for 13 weeks. Despite his ankle injury, Woofy was an incredibly fast, enthusiastic runner; a favorite pastime for Woofy and Wilson (Rod and Nashell's Greyhound) was running around in the backyard together, chasing each other until they were so tired they had to return to the comfort of the den where they would collapse and dream of bunnies until they built up enough energy again for another romp.

Woofy also became close with Rod and Nashell's other dog Gabby. Gabby taught Woofy to be very vocal in the way that he expressed himself. Woofy was very "chatty" compared to other Greyhounds, but he never insisted upon himself, he just had a lot to say. Gabby would often instigate mischief between Woofy and Wilson; the three of them got along very well and always had a great time in each others' company.

By the time Cara and I adopted Woofy, he was already quite the character! Woofy was a gentle soul that was great around children and adults alike. He loved to be touched and was happiest when he was by your side. If you sat down next to him while he was lounging on his dog bed, he would scoot himself in your direction to be closer to you, or simply extend one of his long legs and place his paw on your knee; his adorable way of asking you to pet him. Woofy also gave the best kisses of any hound we've ever met!



It wasn't long before Woofy became best buddies with our first Greyhound Dee Dee. We really enjoyed watching the two of them play with rope toys together and destroy squeaker toys; a feat that Woofy was particularly expert at. Dee Dee and Woofy were always at each others' side. When we took them on walks together, Woofy would often lean over and give Dee Dee kisses. It was always a treat to come home and see our two hounds standing together on the landing, necks craned around the corner in anticipation of our return. To observe our dogs, and see how inseparable they were, you would have assumed that Dee Dee and Woofy had lived together for years.

Woofy's time on this earth was far too brief. After only a month of being in his forever-home, Woofy passed away from what the Emergency Vet speculated to be either an infected ulcer or early onset Cancer at the tender age of three. Cara and I miss Woofy so much! You have certain expectations with a young dog, but we learned the hard lesson that you can never take time for granted! Every day is a blessing, every moment a gift when it comes to your loved ones!

Woofy's last day before succumbing to his illness was a good one; one Cara and I will remember forever. Woofy loved being outside, and he loved the company of other dogs, especially small dogs. As a family, we went to a local park and took a long walk. Woofy and Dee Dee got to wade in the water at the edge of the lake, and Woofy got to frolic with an adorable Labrador puppy.

Woofy taught us and our rather reserved Dee Dee a lot about "letting go" and living in the moment. Woofy always loved unconditionally, giving a hundred percent of himself, all of the time. He would often be seen bounding into a room, tail wagging, tongue lolling from a mouth agape and wind up right in front of you, his head between your knees, ready to receive a good neck "scratching".

Woofy is forever in our hearts. Dee Dee now sleeps in the spot where Woofy's crate used to be, we believe she really misses him too. We are so thankful to have been this lovable, goofy boy's forever family. His brief time with us left us with fond memories to hold with us always.

Give back to the organization by getting involved. Run for the GPA MN Board of Directors!

Serving as a GPA MN board member is a terrific way to become an active participant in the inner workings of our chapter and contribute your time and talents to the greater good of the hounds.

Every fall we have our election of new Board members who will join the Board at the beginning of the calendar year in January. We would love for you to consider serving our organization by applying for one of the multiple board positions that are open for election this year. We are sure you will find it to be a fun and rewarding experience!

What does it mean to be a board member?

The GPA MN board is a “working board” which means that board members actively participate in the day-to-day workings of the organization by taking on a coordinator role (example: Volunteer Coordinator, Newsletter Coordinator, Foster Coordinator, etc.) or being elected into one of the executive roles (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). Role selection takes place at the first meeting in January.

Board members attend monthly meetings (usually the first Monday of each month) and conduct business via email during the time between our monthly meetings. The elected term is two years and current board members can succeed themselves.

Board Members should be enthusiastic and interested in actively participating. They should have a willingness to follow through with needed tasks and be visible at GPA MN functions. Since we do most of our communication through e-mail we are looking for people who are able to check e-mail on a regular basis and respond to Board discussions to achieve resolution on issues that come up between monthly board meetings.

Candidates who run for the board have the opportunity to introduce themselves at the Membership Appreciation event on Saturday, October 20th. Board members are elected into office by the GPA MN voting members.

How to Become a GPA MN Board Member:

To be eligible to run for a Board position, you must be a Contributing Member. Contributing Members are those members who have adopted a greyhound through GPA MN.

- Fill out the form below. You must be at least 18 years of age. Application for a board position must be done by a single individual.
- Provide a few sentences that will be included on the ballot form to explain how your talents would help the organization, and what skills and experience you would bring to the board. This is your opportunity to share what makes you a great candidate for the board.
- **Send the completed form to us at the address below so that we receive it by October 18, 2012.**
- We will put together a ballot that includes a list of all applicants along with their short personal statement and send it to all voting members. Available nominees will be introduced at the Membership Appreciation Meeting on October 20, 2012.
- Voting members are those members who have previously adopted a greyhound from GPA MN and contributed significantly to the organization during the time since the prior general meeting.
- Voting members will have two weeks to vote for their choices by returning their completed ballots.
- The Secretary and Treasurer will tally the votes and notify the new board members.
- The new board members will be introduced in the December 2012 Home Stretch newsletter and their term will take effect January 1, 2013.

If you have any questions about applying for or serving in a Board position, please contact Lisa Quast at president@gpa-mn.org.

Application for a Position on the GPA MN Board of Directors

Name:		
Address:		
Telephone:		
Share a few sentences that will be included on the ballot form to explain how your talents would help the organization and what skills and experience you would bring to the board.		

Please return the completed application so we receive it by October 18, 2012. Thank you!

You can **email** this information to:
secretary@gpa-mn.org

or **mail** the application to:
GPA MN, P.O. Box 18312, Minneapolis, MN 55418

September Hound of the Month - Tommy

Lori Rasmussen

When Tommy came to us, he was our 8th foster, but our first “bounce” foster. He wasn’t in his first home very long, but they felt he was too much for them and returned him to GPA.

The first day, when I went to work, I kenneled him like I usually do with fosters. When I got home, he was out of the kennel and there were some spots of blood inside & outside of the kennel. That was the first—and last—time that he was kenneled at our house.

Tommy was such a mild-mannered boy, and nothing bothered him. He was a bit goofy at times, but almost always obeyed the rules. He never barked, marked or growled. He was a very good boy.

After a couple days, I began to think about Tommy’s next family. Would anyone want a big boy dog that they couldn’t kennel? OF COURSE THEY WOULDN’T! He’d just have to stay with us so that he’d for sure have a forever home—AND HE DID!



Tommy was two years old when he came into our lives. He’s now six, with the same grey personality. He puts up with the never-ending string of fosters that come through our door. He is now the “rule enforcer” and barks or growls at the new fosters when they are doing something he doesn’t feel is appropriate. He really does a good job at helping us get them ready for their forever homes.

Tommy shows off for us when we come home by grabbing a stuffed toy and throwing it around a bit. He then brings the “baby” outside with him. Rarely does he bring it back inside, but that’s okay.

He loves to sleep upside down, and he has his own bedroom. He never goes on any furniture, except for the couch in his bedroom.



It also seems like Tommy can tell time. Every night, his human dad gives him a treat when he gets home from work. If Dan is late, Tommy lays by the door and waits for him. He know it should be any minute now!

If you attend any event where Tommy is “working”, you can usually find him sleeping or laying down. He lets his little sister, Sugar, soak up all the attention.

When visiting the nursing home recently, one of the residents asked “Where’s Tommy? He’s my favorite.” He loves to go visiting and puts on the charm. We love our big, goofy, 93-pound brindle boy!!!

Park Midway Bank August Fundraiser

Park Midway Bank, located in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, generously donated the proceeds from the sales at their coffee bar for the month of August to GPA MN. Throughout the month \$781 was raised for our group! A special thank you to GPA adopter Caprice Nicolli-Waller who arranged this fundraiser with the bank. www.parkmidwaybank.com

Pictured: Lilly, Caprice, Elvis, Curt

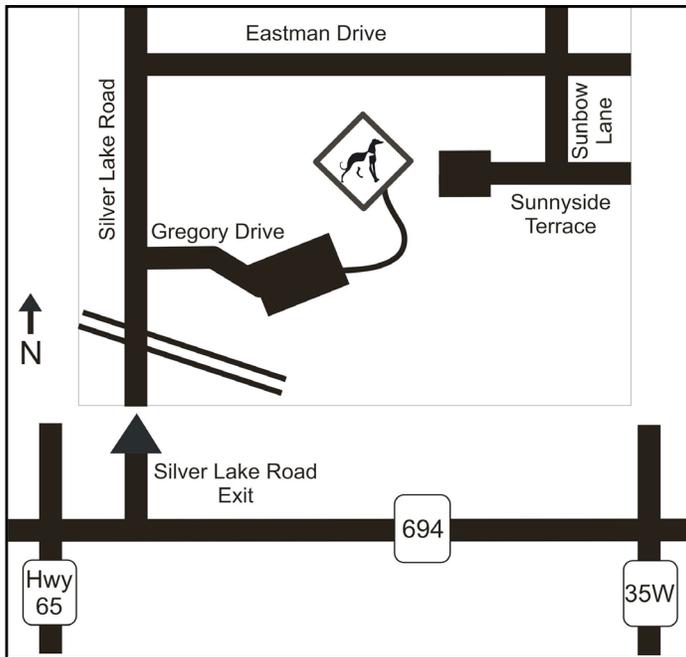


GPA MN Membership Appreciation Event 2012

Membership Appreciation is GPA MN's opportunity to personally thank our members for their support! It's also a chance for you to meet the board election candidates and participate in our general board meeting.

When? Saturday, October 20th, 2012
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Where? Sunny Square Park Community Building
2150 Sunnyside Terrace
New Brighton, Minnesota



Note: Map is not to scale

Directions from 694:

- Take the Silver Lake Road Exit, which is 2 miles west of 35W
- Head north on Silver Lake Road
- Turn right onto Gregory Drive (first right after the railroad tracks)
- Follow Gregory Drive to the small parking lot at the end of the street
- Follow the path to the Community Building

Who's Invited?

You are!

As a previous adopter, financial contributor or volunteer you are an important part of our membership and we'd love to see you there!

Can I Bring My Hound?

Sorry folks - this is a "human-only" event, as the room does not allow dogs.

Why Should You Go?

Food and drink!

With the number of "foodies" currently on the board, we decided to put our creative culinary skills to work for you. The food this year will be personally catered by the current board members. We will have freshly smoked meats, a variety of delicious companion dishes, and even dessert. There will be delicious options for everyone, including the vegetarians.

Merchandise!

We will have some great door prize items as well as our new merchandise including t-shirts, polo shirts, first aid kits and more! There will also be some discounted merchandise available!

A chance to Socialize!

See old friends and make new ones.

Meet the 2013 Board of Directors Candidates

The candidates who are running for the 2013 board election will be invited to introduce themselves to the membership during this meeting. Come meet them and learn about their desire to join the GPA board.

Open Board Meeting

During a brief open board meeting you can learn about the status of the organization and meet current board members.

***But most of all because it's a GREYT time!
Hope to see you there!***

Want more information? Call 763.785.4000

Recent Adoptions

Christopher Nohner and Susannah Ekberg, Jack
Cara Erickson and Jeremy Goldman, Woofy
Janice and Chris Becker, Jill
Paula Ross and Guy Lundstrom, Betsy
Susan Moerer and Dana Kromer, Brett
Brittany and Andrew Bierbaum, Power
Susan Spiller, Lily
LuAnn Yerks and Mike Benz, Snookie
Kim Jacobson, Wildfire
Estella and Patrick Eckhart, Lonestar
Gabriel Gryfyn and Rob Withoff, Aimee
Cindy Hanson, Siryn

Dave and Nancy Kenney, Mo
John Olson, Roulette
Heidi Archibald and Christopher Thielen, Ajax
Dana Halvorson and Jon Helgerson, Bentley
Shawn and Greg Yardley, Danny
Greg Wood, Rita
Kathryn and Gary Heller, Stacey
Jeri Rowley, Leda
Leah Gannon and Jeremy Fliss, Sid
Joseph Chapman, Speedo
Barbara Mattott, Oliver
Jim and Sue Borthwick, Indy

October Hound of the Month - Jack

Muriel Otto

Jack, formerly Jack-B-Nimble, was very excited to be chosen as the October hound of the month, as it is his favorite time of year. Halloween!!!! Jack loves getting dressed up to go out. The first time he was a little embarrassed, running around the house in Russell's "lucky" boxers....that's lucky brand, they aren't otherwise very lucky! This came about after I heard of someone dressing their dog in little-boy boxers in circumstances where they needed a little "extra protection." If you turn them around backward, the fly-hole works great for tails!

At Christmas he wears Christmas boxers and socks, or his jingle-bell antlers. But Halloween is when Jack really comes into his own!!!! Last year GPA was volunteering at the Pug Rescue group's Halloween party, and Jack walked in and stole the show!!!! They created a special "guest" costume category so he could be recognized.



We are always asked, how do you get him to wear those costumes? But he LOVES it!!! He dances around now when we get his costumes out, because he knows he gets to go out and get LOTS of attention!!!!

And he is a faithful ambassador for GPA, always willing to sport the Donation Dog vest to raise money for his brothers out there looking for a forever home.

So the big question now is, what will Jack be for Halloween this year?!!!!

GPA Demo Day and the Minnesota State Fair

Curt Carter

GPA MN was again at the Minnesota State Fair in force this year. On Saturday August 25, the hounds were the feature attraction at the Pet Center's Demonstration Area. Over a dozen greyhounds and their respective owners worked the ring from 8:30-5:30 entertaining and educating curious fairgoers. The hounds had a blast – kissing babies and getting petted, petted and petted by young and old alike. MCs Al Fiene and Michael Horrigan kept the audience informed with greyhound history and interesting facts. A few hounds even performed tricks! The Huge tent in the Demo Area kept it from raining on the Pup's parade later in the day. Many folks took advantage and got up close and personal with the hounds. Throughout the day, several hundred came by to check out and learn more about greyhounds, with many expressing interest in adoption. It was truly a greyt day!



September 2012 Calendar of Events

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

September 1

MN State Fair - Pet Building

Bench Day 8 am to 8 pm

Meet & Greets:

- Coon Rapids 11 am to 1 pm
- Richfield 12 pm to 2 pm

September 2

Gassy Walks 2 pm

September 8

Linden Hills Woofstock 10 am to 3 pm

Meet & Greets

- Eden Prairie 12 pm to 2 pm
- Burnsville 12 pm to 2 pm
- Woodbury 11 am to 1 pm
- St. Cloud 12 pm to 2 pm

September 9

All Breed Obedience School Open House 10 am to 2 pm

Gassy Walks 2 pm

September 15

Meet & Greets:

- Fridley 11 am to 1 pm
- Chaska 12 pm to 2 pm

September 16

Gassy Walks 2 pm

Meet & Greets

- Mankato 1 pm to 4 pm

September 19

Dinner with Your Dog - Icehouse 5 pm to 9 pm

September 22

Meet & Greets

- Highland Park 11 am to 1 pm
- Maplewood 12 pm to 2 pm

September 23

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

September 30

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Meet & Greets

- Urbanimal Mpls 11 am to 1 pm

October 2012 Calendar of Events

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

October 6

Meet & Greets:

- Coon Rapids 11 am to 1 pm
- Richfield 12 pm to 2 pm

October 7

Gassy Walks 2 pm

October 13

Meet & Greets

- Eden Prairie 12 pm to 2 pm
- Burnsville 12 pm to 2 pm
- Woodbury 11 am to 1 pm
- St. Cloud 12 pm to 2 pm

October 14

Gassy Walks 2 pm

October 18

Deadline for submitting Board Election Application

October 20

Membership Appreciation 4 to 6 pm

Meet & Greets:

- Fridley 11 am to 1 pm
- Chaska 12 pm to 2 pm

October 21

Gassy Walks 2 pm

Meet & Greets

- Mankato 1 pm to 4 pm
- St. Paul Pet Supply 11 am to 1 pm

October 27

Meet & Greets

- Highland Park 11 am to 1 pm

October 28

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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.

GPA MN's Website

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

GPA MN's Forum

The forum will take the place of our current eList. To join, visit <http://forum.gpa-mn.org> to complete registration and select a screen name.

GPA Today

If you are currently subscribed to the discontinued GPA eList, you will be automatically subscribed to GPA Today. If you're not currently subscribed, visit our new website to subscribe under Follow Us.

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Meet & Greet Locations:

PETCO Stores

- Burnsville
- Chaska
- Coon Rapids
- Eden Prairie
- Fridley
- Highland Park
- Maplewood
- Richfield
- St. Cloud
- Woodbury

Pet Expo Mankato

Urbanimal Minneapolis

Saint Paul Pet Supply

Our Participating GPA MN Vets:

Blaine Area Pet Hospital, 763-754-2131
Brookdale Animal Hospital, 763-560-6906
Brooklyn Park Animal Hospital, 763-566-6000
Chanhassen Veterinary Clinic, 952-934-8862
Cottage Grove Animal Hospital, 651-768-0200
Grand Avenue Veterinary Center, 651-224-3038
Minnesota Valley Pet Hospital, 507-345-5900
Rivertown Animal Hospital, 651-430-2229
Twin Cities Animal Rehab Clinic, 952-224-9354

Waiting at the Bridge

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

Woofy – Cara & Jeremy Erickson
Lady – Bob Heeschen
Ellie – Judy Triplett
Mario – fostered by John & Lisa Quast
Sadie (Twinkles) – Elizabeth Jenner
Beauty – Jim & Sue Borthwick
Bogey – Mary Ellen & Ron Couture
Jade – Audrey Beckstrom & Gary Harkin
Hollie – Amy & Michael Modjeski