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The Sunburst Project: Bursting With Pride

What would you say if we promised that the next 583 words would bring a giant ray of sunshine (and maybe even a little warmth) to your cold, snowy winter day? Well, place that bet and let's hear it for The Sunburst Project!

The Sunburst Project is an unprecedented effort to find forever homes for greyhounds coming off of Florida's racetracks. Currently, there are around 20 greyhound racetracks still in operation throughout the U.S. Nearly half of those tracks are located in Florida.

Given this high concentration of tracks, Florida-based greyhound rescues groups have historically had a challenging time finding a sufficient number of homes for the hounds that are retired from racing within their state. Put simply, there are just not enough forever homes in Florida to take care of the hounds in Florida. For years, many rescues groups (in and outside of Florida) have tried to absorb this overflow of hounds. Many GPA MN adopters actually have hounds from a Florida track. Despite the best efforts of rescue groups across the county, hounds coming off of Florida's tracks were just not being placed quickly enough. The piecemeal approach to rescuing these pups was not reaching the entire population of hounds needing homes.



Enter The Sunburst Project and Sunburst Kennel

With the backing of The Greyhound Alliance, The Northern Consortium and The Emerald Coast Chapter of Greyhound Pets of America, The Sunburst Project and Sunburst Kennel are initiatives designed to streamline, speed up and expand the hound-placing efforts of Florida greyhound rescues.

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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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In the two years since its inception, the Sunburst Project has rescued over 2,000 Florida greyhounds!



The Sunburst Project and its volunteers gather the hounds, provide individualized vet care for each pup and then work with rescue organizations across the entire country to find homes for these Florida racers. The Sunburst Kennel at Ebro Greyhound Park in Ebro, Florida serves as both a staging facility and an overflow kennel. From the Sunburst Kennel, hounds are moved across the country to the receiving rescue group (see photo of the custom build hound hauler!). When

other kennels throughout Florida do not have extra space to house the hounds, Sunburst Kennel takes them in and provides an intermediate home before they are moved to their final destination. Before being sent to their forever homes, the hounds adopted out by the Sunburst Project get physical exams, spaying/neutering procedures, vaccinations and prep for transport.

Why the Sunburst Project?

Rich and Jerrie Ingersoll, co-founders of The Greyhound Alliance, have been instrumental in organizing both The Sunburst Project and The Sunburst Kennel. The rescue efforts have been inspired by their friend Nicklaus. According to Rich and Jerrie, "Nicklaus, our first greyhound, was our inspiration to help as many greyhounds as possible find forever homes. He truly brought us a "burst of sunlight" into our lives that continues to shine through The Sunburst Project."

GPA MN Donates \$2,000 to The Sunburst Project



While we are many miles (and many snowstorms) removed from the tropical beaches of Florida, we here in Minnesota have a special place in our hearts for greyhounds in need and the allies that try to make their lives better. In honor of all the Florida hounds GPA MN has adopted out to forever homes and in support of the amazing work these folks are doing, the GPA MN Board of Directors unanimously voted to donate \$2,000 to The Sunburst Project. Until all hounds have homes, we are in this work together.

Learn more about The Sunburst Project at www.sunburstproject.org. Follow their work on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/SunburstGreys>.

Hound Health: Holiday Safety Tips

Editor's Note: This Hound Health Holiday Safety Article was originally published 2 years ago. We found it so valuable that we decided to bring it back...with a few additions. Let's keep those pups safe this winter season!

The holidays represent the joy of giving and peace and love. Unfortunately for some, the holidays also mean emergency veterinarian visits for obstructed bowels after the tinsel on the tree mysteriously disappears, chocolate poisoning, or turkey bones from the garbage that must be removed from an intestine. We want your entire family to have the safest, happiest holiday season possible. Here are some tips - may your season be full of cheer!



Know your pet's temperament. If lots of people are coming over and your pet is not used to parties and lots of noise or is food aggressive, consider placing them in a quiet part of the house until the guests leave. Conversely, if your pet is a party animal and loves to mix and mingle, be sure to ask your guests not to slip them table scraps or treats without permission.

Don't allow your pet access to holiday spreads, especially if you've got a chow hound. Alcoholic beverages, chocolate, coffee, onions, fatty foods, yeast dough, macadamia nuts, walnuts, and raisins can all cause serious and even fatal problems.

Turkey that sits out at room temperature for too long can cause salmonella organisms to multiply and cause contamination to people and pets alike. Turkey bones are hollow and can easily break and splinter into sharp pieces, causing blockage and perforation of the intestinal tract. A pet who has a turkey bone lodged in the digestive system may not exhibit any symptoms for one or two days. However, when they do occur, symptoms include loss of appetite, depression, vomiting or diarrhea.

Keep **batteries** - loose and in packages - away from pets. They contain corrosives that can cause ulceration in your animal companion's mouth, tongue and gastrointestinal tract if bitten or swallowed.

Place **small, breakable tree ornaments** high, and keep tinsel and garland out of your pet's reach, as these can get caught in his throat.

If you have a live Christmas tree, keep the water stand covered so your hound can't drink the sap-infused water. Also make sure that pine needles, which can be toxic, don't get eaten.

Lilies, poinsettias, mistletoe and holly can all be dangerous if ingested by a family pet. Keep these items up high and away from counter-surfing hounds.

Ice-melting salt can be irritating to the skin and mouth of animals. When clearing snow and ice from walkways that your pets will be using, avoid conventional salt products and opt instead for ice-melters specifically marked "pet safe." Pet safe brands include: Morton, Safe Step and Safe Paw.

2013 GPA MN Board Members

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

- Lisa Quast: President, Greyfest Coordinator
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- Curt Carter: External Relations, Heal a Hound
- Heather Everhart: External Relations Coordinator, Grant Writing
- Lori Rasmussen: Special Events, Volunteers
- Caprice Niccoli-Waller, Returns Coordinator
- Seth Tryninewski: Newsletter Coordinator

Visit our website to learn more about our board members

Additional Contributors

- Barb Gates: Adoption Coordinator, Newsletter Editor
- Teri Petrin: Adoption Representative (Chippers)
- Paula Ross: Adoption Representative
- Sylvia Kresal: Meet & Greet Coordinator
- Luana Ball: Vetting and Haul Supplies Coordinator
- Kari Keller: Lost Hound Network

Toughen those pads up! Use this time (before the snow starts flying) to walk your dog outdoors. The walking will help to toughen up your hound's pads. Cracked ice, gravel and grit can all potentially lead to lacerations on the paws of hounds not used to walking in wintry conditions. If you are adopting a new hound who arrives this winter (particularly from a southern state track), be sure to put protective booties on their feet when walking outdoors. Voyagers K9 Apparel, Slick's Greyt Booties and Paw Posse all sell greyhound booties.



Emergencies - **plan now for what you will do for your dog if an emergency situation occurs.** Find out your vet's holiday hours, and where the closest emergency or after-hours vet's office is. The toll-free number for National Animal Poison Control Center is 888-4ANI-HELP or 888-426-4435.

If your hound will be cared for by someone else over the holidays, **make sure all caregivers are provided a clear updated photo of your pet** in case your pet gets lost and the photo is needed to produce fliers ASAP. With all of the festivities, do not forget to relax and spend some quality time with your hound. Your dog will think that is the best gift of all.

Have a very joyous and safe holiday season and let there be peace on earth!

2013 Donors to GPA MN

Thank you to everyone who donated to GPA MN. This list includes folks who used our online giving tool or sent us a check donation. Thank you! Please also note, it does not include the many supporters who made generous donations in support of and/or when attending our Heal a Hound Fundraiser, Greyfest and other events. Thank you everyone!

2013 Donations to GPA MN

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2013 Members Appreciation Event Recap

The 2013 Members Appreciation event was a FANTASTIC success! The meeting was held at the Stone Mountain Pet Lodge in Blaine, MN. We had about 80 people and about 50 hounds attend. This was the best attended Members Appreciation event of the last 8 years. Perhaps being able to bring your hounds had a little something to do with that? We think so!

It was great to see all the hounds running free between the outside field and the inside event. At times they were like an unruly bunch of teenagers bounding into the inside space often nearly knocking over current board members as they gave their presentations.



Once again the board members provided an excellent array of food and snacks for the entire group. Between the cake, bbq, pasta salad and cookies, the board hoped everyone went home full.

Thank you again to all of GPA MN's supporters! If you didn't make it to this year's member appreciation, no worries! We will certainly look forward to seeing you next year!

Featured Foster Hound: Billy

Hillbilly Holler was his racing name. He is extremely handsome and comes in at 70 pounds! Billy is 3 years and 8 months old. He is a creamy light fawn male. He is house trained, kennel trained and is just a big sweetie pie. He looks at his foster family with "Casanova" eyes and loves to cuddle and get belly rubs.

Billy's foster parent Pat Walsh provided the following detail on Billy:

Pick three words to describe your foster hound.

Playful, friendly, and happy!

What kind of home do you think your foster hound would love the most?

He would do best in an active household. The more the merrier! He loves to walk, run, and chase frisbees, balls, and sticks.

Does your foster hound have any humorous habits or tendencies?

He chatters a lot when he is excited.

If your foster hound had to pick a favorite movie, what would it be and why?

The Avengers – he loves action!

Greyt news! Just before publication of this newsletter Billy found his forever home!



Featured Foster Family: The Haugens

How did you become involved with foster greyhounds? How many hounds have you fostered? Who are you currently fostering?

Our hound passed away earlier this year and while we did not feel ready to commit to adopting another hound, we decided to respond to a request for additional foster families for an extra large haul around the 4th of July. We had never fostered before, but we had a lot to offer, we thought, to a foster hound. We still had all our "gear" from our hound and a lot of love to go around - we have two young girls, 8 and 6, who grew up with a hound and knew how to behave with them. We thought this would be a great way to continue to have hounds in our lives and also make a difference in theirs! So our first foster, Joann, came around the 4th of July and a few weeks later, we brought Pinkslip Joe along with us. Both are now very well placed in loving homes!



What is your best memory from fostering hounds?

It is all so memorable from that first meeting at the Petco to introducing them to a new home (stairs!) and new schedule to bringing them to meet their new families and seeing the excitement on all their faces! A very rewarding experience.

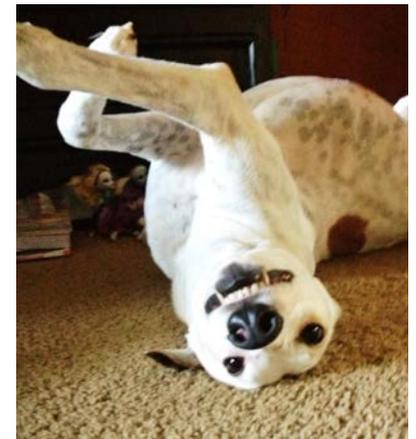
In what ways did you have to adjust your daily schedule to accommodate your foster hound?

Surprisingly, we didn't have to adjust our schedule all that much. Joann was an early (early) riser, but slowly adjusted to our schedule and then was happy to accept it. Joe was the easiest hound we've had, including our own! He cockroached the first day home and was a 'go with the flow' kind of guy.



What advice would you give to people thinking about fostering a hound in the future?

Do it! It was such an amazing experience for our family. You must understand, however, that this life on the outside is all new to them and that they are mostly just looking to understand the schedule and the rules of the house. Give them this guidance (and a lot of love) - they learn so quickly and seem to relax once they understand what you expect. They are such amazing animals!



Do you take any special steps for surviving Minnesota winter with your hound?

We have not had fosters in the winter, but with our adopted hound, we provided her with a winter coat and Muttluk booties. She did not, however, appreciate the booties unless it was well below zero! During winters with lots of snow, we dug out a trail in the backyard for her. If we didn't do this, and the snow melted a bit and froze again, she would cut her thin leg skin on the icy top layer when walking across the snow.

Interested in becoming a foster family?
See <http://www.gpa-mn.org/fostering.html> for more information!

Board Member Spotlight: Michael Horrigan

How did you first get introduced to greyhounds?

A close friend I was living with was asked to foster a GPA-MN bounce-back greyhound. He adopted the big brindle boy named Wade and I also fell in love with the breed.



What is your role on board?

I am the Secretary for the GPA-MN board. I issue the meeting agenda and take the notes for each board meeting. I also receive each incoming adoption application which eventually, hopefully, gets matched up with an adoption contract and then I enter all that info into our database.

Who are your hounds, what are their names, where did they race?

I never thought I would some day be the proud greyhound dad of 3 greyhounds!

Jacket, age 11

Cadfael, age 7

Hunk, age 8

What is the most unique personality trait of each of your hounds?

Jacket is my quiet black boy; he hangs back and doesn't beg for attention. He's the hound in the morning that doesn't bother getting up and excited until he sees I'm fully dressed.

Cadfael is my young energetic life of the party, he bounces whenever he greets me in the morning and I don't expect he will ever stop. He's my outgoing boy who is the first to seek attention from new people.

Hunk is the most recent addition to my hound family. Hunk is a bounce back originally adopted from GPA-TX. Hunk suffers from Pannus and hyperthyroidism. I fostered Hunk for four months and he just wriggled his way into my heart. Being from Texas he is my little freeze baby and always wears his tummy warmer around the house from October through April.

What else do you do outside of GPA MN?

GPA and three hounds keep me pretty busy but in my "spare" time I enjoy cooking and trying to maintain my 1927 home.

Save the Date for the Heal a Hound Event!

Save the date for the 8th Annual Heal a Hound Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction!

Saturday, March 8th, 2014
6pm-9pm

Roseville Hall at Grumpy's
2801 Snelling Avenue
Roseville, MN 55113

The Heal a Hound Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction turns 8 next year. This exciting dinner and auction is a greyt way to reconnect with other hound supporters, get a delicious meal and win some exciting merchandise (art, jewelry, wine, dog wear, etc.). The Heal a Hound Fundraiser is the main way GPA MN finances our Heal a Hound Fund: the resource that allows GPA MN to provide the specialized medical care to hounds in need. Without GPA MN and the Heal a Hound Fund, many of the hounds we have assisted may not have gotten the medical care they needed to return to a full and happy life. Please save the date to join us for this greyt cause and event!

Sorry: this event is humans only (but, you can tell your hounds you will win them some cool toys and treats!).

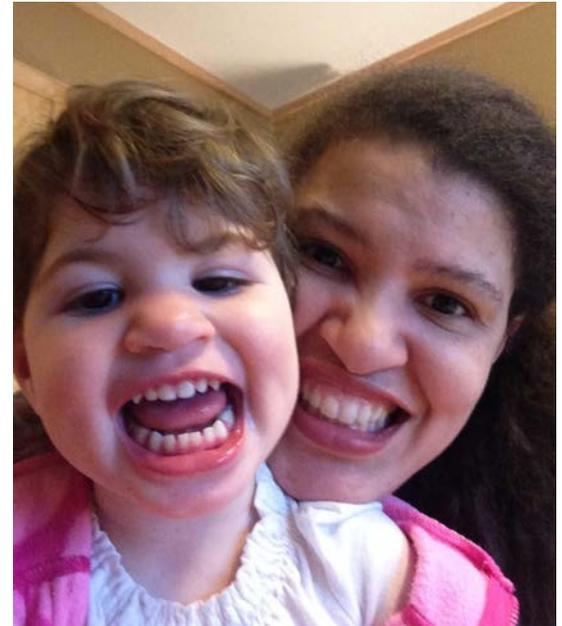
Farewell from Nicole Middlecamp

A big thank you and farewell to a wonderful network of friends.

This marks my last year on the board (6 years of service), as the Foster Coordinator (nearly 5 years), and as the Haul Coordinator (2.5 years) and a time to focus more on my family. Many of you may know and some were there for me 2 years ago when my daughter was hospitalized at birth from a stroke and loss of use of her arm. She has done really well and come a long way and now has full use of her arm that was saved. However, with her special needs my time is getting to be more stretched as I fill her needs for physical and occupational therapy. So it's come time for me to transition from my role as the Foster Coordinator and role on the board to spend more time with my family.

I've had the pleasure of picking up many a hound and getting to know many of the dogs in the past 8 years. I couldn't have been more excited to have a backstage pass to the show of all our incoming hounds! Especially when I would drive them in a haul I personally was able to get to know them and see how fun and exciting the first step to their new retirement transition. As the Foster Coordinator I enjoyed coming to each haul and tentatively matching the fosters to the dog and getting to see all the excitement in both the fosters and the dogs. I have loved getting to know each foster dog and foster family better through the fun stories from the foster families. And the foster families for enduring all my pleas for help. They truly are the best group around town! We have such an amazing support of volunteers always willing to jump in and help!

As the foster coordinator I've had many highs and lows, lots of excitement and nail biting to move dogs in emergencies and even bring in dogs that needed to remain anonymous for their safety. It's never been a dull day. At any point of my day there was a high chance that action would be needed. Hauls to coordinate, foster families to find, foster dog situations to address, moves to make, and medical attention to coordinate. And at the end of the day matches to make to new forever homes. Such a rewarding experience that I will always treasure.



Greyhound to the World Stage

After being nominated by President Obama, Daniel Baer was recently sworn in as the U.S. Ambassador to OSCE. The OSCE, or Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe, is the world's largest regional security organization, with 57 member states from Europe, Central Asia and North America. According to its website, the OSCE "offers a forum for political negotiations and decision-making in the fields of early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation."

The greyhound lovers in use should be very excited for this international development! Why you might you ask? Ambassador Baer and his partner Bryan are the proud parents of rescued greyhound, Cleo.



As a matter of fact, Cleo was sure to get top billing in the State Department's official video introducing Ambassador Baer and Bryan. You can watch the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOLCp3Hx-n4>

A Letter from the GPA MN Treasurer

Dear GPA MN Friends and Supporters -

Recently, we mailed out our 2013 Appeal Letters. Quite simply, we are asking for your financial support. As 2013 winds down and we start building our plans for 2014, knowing the budget we have to work with is crucial. Since a direct mail appeal is a new project for us, I wanted to take a minute – as treasurer – to explain where your generous contributions go and how they are essential to our mission of finding forever homes for greyhounds.

Since 2011, over 95% of our total expenses have been direct program expenses – in other words, 95% of the money GPA MN spends goes directly to our mission of finding homes for ex-racing greyhounds. Examples of these costs include: food for our foster hounds, fuel costs for transporting hauls, advertising for future adopters and, of course, vet bills! Actually, the single biggest expense we have as an organization is vetting expense: this accounts for, on average, 68% of our total expenditures. Unfortunately for our organization, vetting expenses continue to rise, while cash donations are in decline.

Here is a more detailed breakout of our expenses:

Veterinary Services	67.5%	Printing & Postage	5.2%
Dog Food & Supplies	12.7%	Management & General	4.6%
Advertising	5.3%	Other Program Services	4.7%

As you can see above – with over 95% of total expenses being direct program costs - GPA MN wisely stewards the resources our supporters provide. None of our accomplishments as a group and community would be possible but for the generosity of supporters like you. The hounds that we serve are so fortunate to count you amongst their allies and friends. We hope that you will remember us during your year-end giving.

Thank you,

Kate Friedrichs
GPA MN Treasurer



If you didn't receive a letter in the mail, don't fret... we may not have your most recent address. You can easily make a donation by visiting <http://www.gpa-mn.org/donate.html>.

Recent Adoptions

Ann Moe, Wilma
Alan Colpitts, Vince
Katie Polley and TJ Young, Gene
Robert Heeschen, Flora
Sara Pacholke, Boc's Yaya
Daniel Newman, Dare
Sally and Don Donofrio, Hoss
Kerilee and Joseph Ramponi, Thor
Mary and Terry Freshwater, Pink Slip Joe
Mark Scott and Barbara Billington, Joanne

Alan Hebzynski and Nancy Vickmark, Garland
Susan Bielmer, Jordan
Dan Klein, Phoebe
Jamil Orfali, Josie
Kathryn and Kurt Peper, Gracie
Lori and Dan Rasmussen, Hailey
Nancy Perlich, Aggie
Penny and David Miller, Gatti

Farewell from the President: Lisa Quast

Thirteen years ago I was introduced to two dogs that opened my heart to greyhounds and changed the course of my future. Jodi and Jubilee were the fawn beauties that my husband, John, and I cared for as house-sitters for Bob and Lonni Skrentner. We were living in an apartment at the time (no dogs allowed!) so we got our hound fix every time Bob and Lonni went out of town. Needless to say, I got completely hooked on the breed, smitten by their beauty, grace, and gentle demeanor. John and I vowed that after we bought a house, we would add a greyhound to our family.



Fast forward to 2003 when Gracie joined our family, followed by Hobbes in 2004. About a year later I was looking for a way to get more involved with the organization and running for the board sounded like a great opportunity. It turned out to be a much greater opportunity than I ever expected and has been an extremely rewarding experience!

During my years on the board one thread has run throughout: the belief that there is always room for improvement. I have a very results-oriented personality and being directly involved with the daily workings of our organization has provided so many opportunities to strive for improvement. In the past couple of years we have been very busy with upgrades and improvements to many things that represent our organization. The complete overhaul of our online presence through our new brand image, completely customized website launch, increased presence through social networking, and introduction of our completely online application process are just a few of the things that have been recent achievements, collectively propelling our organization into the digital era.

After 8 years on the board, the time has come for me to step back from my involvement with GPA MN and focus more time on my family. Although I am leaving the board and the President role at the end of my term this year, I will continue to be involved in an accessory role as the Matching Coordinator, working directly with the Foster Coordinator and Adoption Reps to successfully match approved applicants to available dogs. It's a completely new role for me, but I look forward to the challenge.

As I hand the Presidential torch to Curt Carter, I am confident that his clear vision and keen ability to engage people will lead the organization in a positive and productive direction. His leadership combined with our talented Board of Directors will mean great things for GPA MN.

My experience on the board, especially in my role as President, has been made even better through the support of such a great group of members, donors, and volunteers. Whether it's giving of one's time, finances, or in-kind donations, every contribution means so much to the hounds. The impact we make on the lives of these deserving dogs is such a wonderful thing, and is made possible through dedication and passion for the cause. Your support makes it possible for us to continue finding homes for these beautiful retired racers.

Thank you for being there with me during my time with GPA MN. It has been an honor to serve the organization.

Consider Adopting a Senior - Emerald is a Gem!



If you have ever considered sharing your life with a senior hound, please take time to consider our dear senior hound, Emerald. She is sweet, intelligent, affectionate, and deserves a wonderful forever home for the rest of her years!

A senior greyhound is something very special. Seniors bring out the best in us. We so want them to be happy and content and comfortable that we strive to make their every moment the best that it can be. We don't take for granted that they will be here tomorrow, for sadly tomorrow may not come. We understand that and, because of that realization, we live in the here and now. We don't have their past to remember, that belonged to someone else. We know we don't have an extended future with them of many years. What we do have is today.

If you are interested in learning more about Emerald, please contact us at info@gpa-mn.org.

Nov. 2013 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.

November 2

Meet & Greets:

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

November 3

Gassy Walks 2 pm

November 9

Meet & Greets

- Eden Prairie 12 pm to 2 pm
- Burnsville 12 pm to 2 pm
- Woodbury 11 am to 1 pm
- Duluth 12 pm to 2:30 pm

November 10

Gassy Walks 2 pm

November 16

Meet & Greets:

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

November 17

Meet & Greets

- St. Paul Pet Supply 11 am to 1 pm
 - Mankato Pet Expo 1 pm to 4 pm
- Gassy Walks 2 pm

November 23

Meet & Greets

- Urban Tails 12 pm to 2 pm

November 24

Gassy Walks 2 p.m.

November 25

Cookie Day-Richfield Petco 12 pm to 2 pm

Dec. 2013 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.

December 1

Gassy Walks 2 pm

December 7

Meet & Greets:

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

December 8

Gassy Walks 2 pm

December 14

Meet & Greets

- Burnsville 12 pm to 2 pm
- Woodbury 11 am to 1 pm
- Duluth 12 pm to 2:30 pm

December 15

Meet & Greets

- Mankato Pet Expo 1 pm to 4 pm

Gassy Walks 2 pm

December 21

Meet & Greets:

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

December 22

Meet & Greets

- St. Paul Pet Supply 11 am to 1 pm
- Gassy Walks 2 pm

December 29

Gassy Walks 2 pm

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.

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GPA MN's Home Stretch

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- Duluth
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- Chaska
- Eden Prairie
- Maplewood
- Woodbury
- Coon Rapids
- Fridley
- Richfield

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St. 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*

Prince Palmer – Terry & Laurie Palmer
Lil Ruby – Millie & Bob Glenn
Ringo - Mark Downey & Christine Sanguinet
Harley – The Higgins Family
Chico – Sue & Roger Swanson
Shane – Judy Triplett
Darwin – Matt Markham & Jessi King-Markham
Bootsie – George & Diane Martin

Please email newsletter@gpa-mn.org if you would like to have your Rainbow Bridge memorial listing included.