

Greyhound

Update



A Newsletter from the National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

Fall 1992

What's Going On...

Since our last newsletter, so much has been going on, it's difficult to include everything. Almost immediately after the first newsletter, the "Ocala '200'" rescue began. In November of 1991, local authorities raided a Greyhound farm in Ocala, Florida. There were 200 Greyhounds there, all racing rejects, destined to be flown to Venezuela. The caretakers had stopped feeding and caring for them. We got involved immediately, and started by getting over 70 Greyhounds off the facility. Our program worked through the winter, and I was there to take the last 12 Greyhounds off. We adopted over 140 of the 200 Greyhounds

As that was going on, I was also involved in seeking legislation in Tallahassee, Florida. We were able to get several items into Senate Bill 86, but the Florida State Legislature managed to bumble, stumble and didn't pass any pari-mutuel legislation. As I write this, Florida is operating its Dog Racing under emergency rule. I was in Tallahassee 5 weeks last winter, and really had the Industry scrambling. Hopefully in November, our legislation will be passed.

In between all of the above, we taped a segment for the Gary Collins Morning Show. It aired February 28, 1992. We re-



Photo by Andrea Mitchell of the Philadelphia Daily News

Greyhounds still being destroyed by the tens of thousands - Seminole Animal Control Sept. 1992.

ceived over 3000 calls that day. After the Morning Show taping, we taped extensively for National Geographic television. The National Geographic special will be aired January 3, 1993 at 9:00 pm e.s.t. on Turner Broadcasting. This is an important film and should have substantial impact on the Greyhound industry. Try not to miss it. If they don't put too much of our interviews on the cutting room floor, the Industry will be in for a surprise.

So far this year, we have been involved in rescues from Dade Animal Control, Melbourne Track, Orlando Humane Society and some farms. In some cases, we really can't divulge where we get our Greyhounds from, because our suppliers fear Industry retaliation.

As of October 26, 1992, we have done a total of 655 adoptions, since our first feeble day in early 1990. This year we expect to do about 450 adoptions. We are now a registered charity, and any donations we receive, are tax deductible for the donor.

As I write this update, I'm in flight to Birmingham, Alabama to testify before the Birmingham Racing Commission. They are opening a new Track there in late October, and we are trying to get them to mandate an Adoption Program and other important humane considerations. We look forward to a bigger and better year for Greyhounds in 1993.

David G. Wolf, Director

A Tribute to Vivian Holloway

Would be adopters, when first calling will chat with Vivian for basic information. When it comes to checking references, Vivian is there again. After the Greyhound has been selected it's Vivian's task to set up and coordinate all airline

flights. What we try to make easy for you, takes a lot of hard work and coordination to make sure your dog arrives safe and sound. She is truly dedicated and we all appreciate it.

Picnic

Next year we want to have a picnic, but we need a committee to do the planning. We are so busy with adoptions and legislation, I'm afraid we need your help. Let us know if you can come.

Help!

In order for our program to grow we need your help. The amount of office work has now grown to the point where I can no longer completely subsidize it. We desperately need volunteers to do a myriad of clerical functions. Nad Rosenberg - Adoption numbers 228 and 472 developed a computer program for us, but we don't have the staffing to operate it. Try to find some time or money to help us out. With all the love your greyhound gives you maybe you can help us adopt out more. /

Problems?

Having a problem? Let us know. We hear all sorts of little problems that crop up and we usually have a simple answer. Don't wait until it's a big problem, give us a call.

The stomach growling syndrome

We have found that many of our greyhounds get up in the morning feeling nauseous. It's no wonder considering the slop they were fed. What may be happening is their stomach growls, sometimes they spit up a little bile from their stomach or want to eat grass. The solution seems to be rather simple. We believe that when their stomach is empty, it builds up an excess of stomach acid. The stomach growls and your greyhound doesn't feel well. Start the following feeding schedule:

Morning (7-8:30 am) - 2/6 daily meal

Afternoon (4-6 pm) - 3/6 daily meal

Evening (9-10 pm) - 1/6 daily meal

The body's digestive system continues working and doesn't build up the acid. /

Medical Note

Louise Bovz. in New York discovered a wart on her "Scottie" an 8 year old Greyhound. It opened and would not heal. It turned out to be cancer. She suggests you keep an eye out for any changes on your greyhound and don't ignore them. /

Friends of N.G.A.P.

Pro Plan Comes Through

Pro Visions Pro Plan has given us much support over the past year. They donated food to help the dogs in Ocala. They also donated a 20 lb. bag of Pro Plan for every adoption.

Special Thanks

Just about one year ago, we received a large donation from a veterinarian - Dr. Nina Beyer. But even more important, she offered her services free to do medical procedures for us. Since that time, Dr. Beyer, affiliated with the Greenfield Veterinary Clinic in Mantua, New Jersey, has done over 150 sterilizations and dental procedures. Some weeks, we have had 8 procedures done. We sincerely thank Dr. Beyer and her staff for their continued support and devotion.

Big Corporate Gifts

This past year, several companies have donated important items to us. Some of the quantities were so large that we in turn donated them to other adoption programs across the country. So far this year, we have sent more than 250,000 pounds of dog food to other programs, as well as flea & tick powder, and worming medication. The donors deserve mentioning and are listed below. To thank them, each company shall be presented with a beautifully framed greyhound print with a plaque acknowledging their help.

Major contributors:

Pro Plan Dog Food
Alpo Pet Foods
SmithKline Beecham
Pfizer Corporation
Merck AgVet
Vet Kem
Heinz Pet Products
ARC Laboratories

Special congratulations

U.S. Air began flying our greyhounds in early 1991. We have now flown over 600 greyhounds with U.S. Air. Without their professional dedication we certainly could not achieve the success we have. Many thanks

A Big Heart

Mark & Elsie Carl adopted Soupy October, 1991. It was of course an instant bonding, and soupy settled right in. A few months later, Jesse came up from Florida. Jesse was a mess. She was afraid of everything. She would glue herself to the back of her cage, and didn't want to come out. After one unsuccessful try at adoption, we asked the Carls if they would foster Jesse, and of course they did. Jesse is still very shy, but she's come a long way, and won't be leaving the Carls. Mark is our chief "picker upper". He makes several trips weekly to the vet and airport. Thanks Mark & Elsie!
P.S. Mark could use a little help!

About Celie

Celie Hymson saw the broadcast of the home show back in February. She was very touched by the plight of greyhounds and offered her help. It began when she was visiting Florida with her family. I met her at Ft. Lauderdale Airport, and she brought back three greyhounds for us. She was later visiting Orlando, where our contacts were not that good; but through her persistent efforts, we arranged to bring back four greyhounds. One was a Blue Brindle named Puddin. The Hymson family fell in love with Puddin. To make a long story short, Puddin is now Puddin Hymson. Celie takes Puddin to a nursing home weekly to help cheer up the senior residents. Celie can also be found in our office quite frequently helping out. Thanks Celie!



"If I win 3 times do I get to be adopted?"

Boarding

For those that don't already know, we will board your greyhound at the kennel on a space available basis. You should make a reservation as far ahead as possible. Donation required is \$20.00 first day which includes kennel cough vaccine, ear cleaning, nail clipping, worming and spraying with flea and tick spray or shampoo with flea and tick shampoo. After the first day the donation is \$8.00 per day. The dogs are fed Pro Plan unless you supply your own food. ✓

Christmas Donations

Every time you look into the sad eyes of your greyhound, keep in mind that thousands of greyhounds are not so lucky and they desperately need help. Presently NGAP leads the nation in public awareness programs about the plight of the greyhounds. This year our program distributed 250,000 lbs. of dog food to other greyhound programs in the nation. To continue this successful effort we need financial support. Try to remember us. Any donation you make is tax deductible from your income taxes because of our 501(c)(3) status. ✓

Dental Care

It's time to take a close look at your greyhound's teeth and gums. Look at the back molars. Is there tartar pushing up against the gum or is the gum lining bright pink or inflamed? Take your fingernail and push hard where the tooth meets the gum and pull down. If tartar cracks off it's time to make an appointment at your Vet for ultrasonic teeth cleaning and polishing. Accept nothing else. If you adopted your greyhound more than one year ago call us for new anesthesia information. ✓



Dr. Beyer hard at work

Media Releases Special Events Committee

Those of you that mailed in your Media Release, can tell how much fun it was being in your local paper. Many of you have done it, but not everyone. The Media Release is one of our most important tools to let the word out about greyhound abuse and adoption. It's never too late. Carol Smerling And Charlotte did it, and was in news print and on TV. We made many more adoptions in the Poughkeepsie, New York area, including a local vet, Dr. Marshall Breite, because of her efforts. We also won't forget Mrs. Neville from Charlotte, North Carolina. She was so happy and excited. You can be too. ✓

We need a special events committee. There are always different occasions popping up in every city. Walk-a-thons, tennis tournaments and other events that we could set up booths to give the general public the opportunity to learn more about Greyhounds. If you wish to work on this committee give us a call ✓

Too Much Gas?

Beth Belkowitz suggests mixing 2 spoons of plain yogurt into the food. It works for her. ✓



Sad Greyhound. Greyhound in crate at Florida Kennels

Photo by Andrea Mihalik of the Philadelphia Daily News

Greyhound Store

Christmas Hats

Christmas hats available with velcro straps are **\$7.50** each

Winter Coats

This year we have a much higher quality coat that will last for years. It has a fleece lining and will protect your greyhound on cold winter days. The cost is **\$35.00**. They are red, green or blue, small (50-65 lbs.) and large (over 65 lbs.). The dog in the photo could use a small.

Greyhound Jewelry

A greyhound adopter in Wisconsin has come out with a line of greyhound jewelry. We have enclosed their price list. Take **25% off** the list price. It is really very well made. Makes an excellent Christmas gift.

Collars

Is your safety collar a little tattered? Get a new one for Christmas. **\$6.00** each in red, black and blue.

Calendars

Beautiful 1993 calendars are available with a different color greyhound picture for each month. The cost is **\$10.00** each.

The Mitt

For the first two years we found the best thing for grooming your greyhound was a hack saw blade. We are happy to report you can put your hack saw back in the tool box. We have The Mitt. The Mitt is a rubber glove with pimples everywhere. It's super, it's terrific, it's great. If you don't have one, you can get one from us. The cost is **\$5.50** including shipping.

Sleeptime

Another favorite at the N.G.A.P. store is the mattress. If you're tired of being pushed out of bed by those long legs, it's time to get one of our mattresses. The mattress is 45" diameter, filled with polypropylene & cedar chips, has an inner lining and removable velour outer lining. To get one, it's **\$50.00** shipped or **\$40.00** picked up. That's about \$20 - \$30 below retail store prices.

Fancy Leash Collars

We have some beautiful leash collars with gold embroidery for special occasions available at a cost of **\$14.00** (includes postage) in red, blue and green. Guarantee you will love them. ✓



Eileen Monihan getting George ready for his flight to the Yukon wearing his new coat and Christmas hat

Adoption Update

Please fill us in on your activities and how your greyhound is doing.

Cut out this form and return it to us.

Name of adopter: _____

Address of adopter: _____

If we have a picnic would you come? _____

Adoption number: _____

Has your greyhound been sterilized? _____

Have you sent us verification? _____

What brand of food are you feeding? _____

Any health problems? _____ (Explain on another sheet)

Current weight: _____ Original weight: _____

We are compiling health information so that we may better help solve problems in the future, therefore your information is important to us. Please send us a picture of your greyhound. Any comments or suggestions can be put on another sheet of paper and sent with along with this questionnaire