

Greyhound

Update



A Newsletter from the National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

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1996 - YEAR IN REVIEW

1996 was a banner year in many respects for the National Greyhound Adoption Program. There were so many things we did, and so many things we accomplished, we need to categorize the highlights for you:

Adoptions: Adoptions in 1996 ultimately will be about the same as 1995 - approximately 700 adoptions. Considering the fact there are now 200 greyhound adoption programs or greyhound program representatives throughout the United States. N.G.A.P. has an enormous singular share combining our adoption numbers with our strong advocacy position. There is no other program in the United States to compare favorably to us.

Pari-mutuel Appearance: In Mid-January, NGAP's director appeared before the Florida Pari-mutuel Division and was criticizing their inability to properly take the responsibilities for the care of Florida's racing greyhounds. This appearance was coupled with several TV and newspaper interviews.

The Death of "He's My Denny": During the time we were testifying before the Florida Pari-mutuel Division, a terrible abuse case was unfolding in Daytona, Florida. A greyhound by the name of He's My Denny ultimately died of gangrene poisoning. The trainer David Gibby was accused of felony animal abuse. We followed this case, publicized it, sent letters across the nation to other programs to pressure the state of Florida and attended the

trial in June 1996. A demonstration was held at the courthouse and several excellent TV interviews were given. David Gibby was found guilty by jury trial. The jury deliberated for only 38 minutes before they delivered their verdict. Judge James Foxman ultimately sentenced Mr. Gibby to 6 months in prison. We believe much of the success was due to our hard efforts to make this an important case that the prosecutor would take seriously.

Legislative Initiative: We used He's My Denny's unfortunate death as a rallying point for legislative initiative. Proposals were sent to every Florida legislator and ultimately with the help of Pam Fort (our Florida lobbyist) from the Commerce Group and a few other people in high places, one small piece of legislation was passed, which for the first time linked Florida's animal abuse laws to racing greyhounds.

Major Rescues Across The Nation: 1996 showed that coordinated transportation of greyhounds to many greyhound programs was the best way to distribute large numbers of greyhounds across the country to safe havens. Several greyhound tracks closed permanently in 1996, and with their closure massive rescue efforts were involved. The farthest was Juarez, Mexico where greyhounds were trucked to us in the middle of winter through a horrible snow storm in sub freezing temperatures. We literally had chicken soup waiting for the dogs when they arrived and Dr. Nina Beyer was here

standing by if we needed veterinary assistance. Fortunately it was not needed. Other rescue hauls were from Orlando, Florida; Ebro, Florida; Alabama and Kansas. Several hauls came from Florida during the course of the year. N.G.A.P. took large numbers of greyhounds to facilitate the rescues.

Surgical Unit Opens: In the spring of 1996, N.G.A.P. opened the first breed rescue surgical unit in the United States. The unit consists of 2 surgical suites with state-of-the-art equipment as well as holding cages and a prep area used for dentals. We are now currently doing surgeries twice weekly with 2 staff veterinarians - Dr. Sangita Patel and Dr. Bakul Patel, a husband and wife team performing surgeries. The surgical unit is an impressive sight to see.

New Utility Building In Use: An additional 12' x 60' office trailer has been converted for our ever increasing needs. It includes 4 separate sections: a reception area where we do our adoptions, a store area where we have most of the merchandise that is for sale, an x-ray room, and a post op area with 11 new cages in it. By spring time we should have this connecting directly into the surgical unit by ramps, and be in full operation. The new facility was made possible through generous donations from the estate of George Schierenbeck and the H. Folke Peterson Foundation. In the reception area we have plaques hanging in honor of Mr. Schierenbeck and Mr. Peterson.

Paving At Last: For 5 years we have been driving on gravel to get to the kennel compound. This fall we have now paved the area leading into and around the kennel, and what a difference it makes. We also painted each of the trailer units so everything is now the same color. Now it truly looks like a compound.

More Greyhound Media: This year N.G.A.P. has been specifically involved in 2 national media presentations. Hard Copy aired a feature piece on greyhound racing both in September and December. On the September show our phone number was listed and we received over 4,000 phone calls. Nick News also aired nationally on November 18, 1996 and would probably be categorized by us as the best greyhound piece done in years. Nick News is hosted by Linda Ellerby. A German TV crew representing Spingel National TV Network in Germany is preparing a documentary. A TV crew visited and filmed our picnic, did a sit down interview and also filmed in Lee, Florida. The documentary should be completed near the end of December and will be shown in Germany. We hope it will create the demand for adopting greyhounds in Germany. Local TV coverage certainly should not be counted out for '96. Literally every TV network did at least one greyhound feature and some did 2 or 3. We certainly couldn't ask for more, although we do.

Internet Becomes A Big Greyhound Player: Literally thousands of people are logged into the Internet and greyhound information as it appears on the Internet. N.G.A.P. has its own web page that includes an application on the internet and we receive on the average of at least one application per week. We thank Sue Moser for all of the work she has done to make this possible.

Picnic 1996: Each year it becomes more difficult to outdo our previous picnic, but each year we manage. This year we had 600 greyhounds in attendance at Core Creek Park in Langhorne. In addition to many of the usual things, we had an Olympic

athlete, kissing contest and obstacle course contest. The picnic is a special event and everyone from near and far should try to attend.

Our 1st Bequest: George Schierenbeck lived in the Miami, Florida area. He found a shy greyhound roaming in the perimeters of the Miami Airport. He couldn't catch it. He ultimately called us and asked for advice on how to retrieve the greyhound. We were able to help him, and George got his greyhound. She was named Tanya and she made the last 2 years of George's life special. We spoke with George from time to time and learned of Tanya's progress. He passed away in April 1996 and in his Will made the N.G.A.P. part of his estate. Tanya is now being cared for by one of George's friends and the money he left us will help many greyhounds in the future.

Ohio Initiative (short but sweet): About mid-year we were sent an article about an Ohio businessman that hoped to open up a greyhound track in Ohio in conjunction with other Disneyland type attractions. We immediately sent letters to the Governor of Ohio, spoke at length with the Mayor of the local city where the greyhound facility would be placed and spoke with a potential investor. Hopefully, we can convince him that greyhound racing would not be economical or humane in that area. Since our initiative we have not heard anything further about this potential track.

National Alliance For Animals: From June 18 - June 24, 1996, Washington, D.C. hosted the National Alliance For Animals. Thousands of animal rights activists from across the country attended. There was a huge march from the White House to the Washington Monument. N.G.A.P. was the only greyhound organization in attendance. Our Virginia affiliates, Gay Latimer, Harriet Golombek and Jean Pletl attended the march and made sure that the greyhound voice was heard.

Virginia Beach Picnic (Another Greyhound Success): Virginia Beach affiliates had their picnic in October. It included many of the fun things and games we had in Philadelphia. It was another grand day for greyhounds. Director David Wolf and his wife Gerda attended and everyone had a grand time. We came home with \$9,000.00 that was raised through this grand effort.

Hold Your Breath - The License Plates Are Coming: The money was sent a few months ago. First we thought the license plates would be out by picnic time, then we thought for sure we'd have them by Christmas. The state of Pennsylvania has not been able to get anyone at the prison to draw a face of a greyhound that actually looks like the greyhound's face. N.G.A.P. will be the first breed rescue to have an official license plate in the nation. It should be here soon.

Food Distribution: N.G.A.P. has received numerous food donations over the years and 1996 was no exception. This year we were able to redistribute hundreds of thousands of pounds of food to other greyhound programs and humane societies across the country. We hope to be able to continue this program in 1997.

Michigan Legislative Initiative: Judy Jones, an adopter of 3 greyhounds and legislative coordinator for Michigan, put forth an overall effort in 1996 to pass legislation to outlaw greyhound racing in the state of Michigan. She spent tremendous amounts of time and money of her own to try to make it happen. Unfortunately, it did not pass legislation this year. She has told us that 1997 will bring forth a new initiative.

A Visit To Monticello: On December 15, 1996, the Jefferson County Kennel Club, located in Monticello, Florida closed for 1 month, stating that during that period of time there would be no racing and the kennel operators would receive no purses. This track is known for its hundreds of dogs dying each year. It is a dead end track operated by

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an owner that cares little about its canine athletes. We hope to help in ultimately rescuing 41 dogs that would have been destroyed, to find homes for them through our adoption program. Monticello will become a target for 1997 - a target for change.

More Adoptions Nationally: There are now more adoption programs and more advocates. You can help increase the numbers of adoptions by promoting greyhound advocacy. Let's make 1996 a banner year for N.G.A.P. and greyhound adoption nationwide.

A little story from one of our adopters:

IDENTITY

by: Sally W. Abbott

When I was child, I was known as "Sally and Eddie's girl"; when I grew up and married I became "his wife"; after having children, I became "Brenda and Brian's Mom"; later I was known as "the Ex"; again I married and became known as "Curt's wife." Now I am known as "Fawn's Mom."

I became Fawn's Mom a little over three years ago at the Akron-Canton Airport one warm and sunny August afternoon. Fawn was the last "passenger" taken off the plane, from the cargo hold, and plunked down in the center of a concrete area. Upon opening her crate and looking at this nearly hairless, emaciated creature, I just wanted to cry. Her eyes looked up at me with so much trust and longing that I wanted to throw my arms around her and comfort her for all of the trials that she had been through, the last of which was her ten hour plane ride. Thus, I became "Fawn's Mom."

No, the story doesn't end there; it was the beginning of how love and patience can transform the most forlorn creature into a magnificent, happy, playful dog, and, of how this dog has added so much more to our lives.

We went through all the anxieties she suffered while we were at work; the oddities to her in our home; the wor-

ries about some of her strange behavior; the wondering about just what she had been through in her short racing career, and all of the things that any greyhound parent endures. Needless to say, we graduated to the expert stage after awhile. What do you expect from two people who have raised 4 children, numerous Siberian huskies, many cats, and two mixed breed dogs?

As "Fawn's Mom" it is my responsibility to escort her to many different places as often as possible in order for her to charm all those she meets and entice them to adopt one of her kind. She truly does a good job as she is a shy one and will just look up at people with those famous doe eyes for which her breed has a patent. You know that look, it has gotten to you too. She also entertains prospective greyhound parents at home by doing her playful pup routine and showing them that greyhounds do get along with other pets (five cats to be exact and one Rottweiler mix pup).

Being "Fawn's Mom" has also meant letting her choose the right vehicle with which to transport her in style and comfort. She went shopping and tried out several types and decided that she liked a truck with an extended cab because she could stand and look out of the window with ease or lie down if she pleased and still had plenty of room. What a dear, I just happened to like it too!

Fawn moved into my office and allows me to share it with her; Greyhounds are generous to a fault. She gives me her support whenever I need to use the computer by placing herself on the floor nearby or curling up on her pillow. When I am painting at my easel she likes to be right there and can be unmovable, Greyhounds have a bit of stubbornness at times. And when we retire for the night, she, too retires on her own bed right next to ours, and with a satisfied sigh, gives a "good night, Mom."

The highest praise with being her mother, is when someone comes up to me and says, "Oh, I know you. You're Fawn's Mom!"

Pensacola Track Kills Over 600 Greyhounds Annually

In early December 1996 a local Pensacola newspaper reported a series of articles about the bloodbath of greyhounds at the Pensacola track. A local veterinarian admitted he euthanized an average of 12 greyhounds weekly. You may know we have been working with a German TV crew on preparing a documentary about greyhound racing in the United States. After reading the Pensacola article, we alerted the crew and they flew to Pensacola and filmed the euthanasia of 5 beautiful greyhounds. We could not save them, but documenting their callous death hopefully will help us to save other greyhounds. We would suggest that adopters not only boycott the Pensacola track, but the city of Pensacola entirely, so everyone in Pensacola knows that this track is a black mark on their community. This information will also be put on the Internet for others across the country to be more aware of the problem in Florida and throughout other areas of the country. Collectively we can put pressure on both the city of Pensacola and the state of Florida as well.

If you wish to write to express your opinion, the address for the mayor of

Pensacola is:
Mayor John Fogg
P.O. Box 12910
Pensacola, FL 32521

The Governor of Florida's address is:
Governor Lawton Chiles
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

PICNIC GRAND PICTURE AVAILABLE

As soon as we receive 20 orders the grand picture will be made up and become available to adopters and attendees of the Picnic. The cost of the picture will be \$20.00. It will measure 29 1/4" X 8".

Order yours today and have a permanent memento of the days events.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1997

Great strides have been made in 1996 at N.G.A.P. We have increased our physical plant dramatically and paving has made a world of difference in the appearance. But 1997 will bring new challenges. In many respects we don't know what is ahead. Due to our strong advocacy position, as well as the rescues we get involved in, we never know what's breaking just beyond the horizon.

There are many things we know we will be doing this year. The greyhound compound will be fenced off to keep it separate from other areas. All of the construction equipment will be moved elsewhere and additional paving and fencing will permit approximately a 1/2 acre of space for the dogs to frolic. The connecting ramp between our surgical unit and post-op area will be completed. Additional paving will provide a cleaner looking area for us to enjoy. We plan to install heated concrete pads so that during the winter months we are better able to clean the concrete exercise areas and also keep them from becoming slippery. Also within the next several months we expect to install our kennel surveillance system, which will be capable of observing the greyhounds in the kennel, the surgical unit and the yard area to be monitored at the office. Our program will be the only program in the United States with such a system.

We will forever be making finite adjustments to make our greyhounds more comfortable while they are with us. Much has been done, but there is an endless list of things we can still do.

Lend us your support so our goals can become a reality.

National Greyhound Adoption Program is a non-profit corporation with a federal designation of 501(c)(3). That designation means donations made to us are tax deductible. Filings are made each year to keep that status.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

N.G.A.P. will begin a new segment of our newsletter to remember those greyhounds that have died. Although our greyhounds leave us physically, they will forever be in our minds and hearts, and we know that the true fulfillment for every greyhound was to become an important part of our lives, and we a part of theirs.

We will begin this segment in memory of Terry & Leroy Myers greyhound Scott. The Myers were kind enough to make a donation to N.G.A.P. in memory of their dog and as a surprise to Mrs. Myers, Mr. Myers picked up his 3rd greyhound, Hercules, on December 29, 1996.

Scott is gone, but he will never be forgotten.

EVENTS! EVENTS! EVENTS!

Each year we continue to do more "meet and greets" throughout the United States to promote greyhound adoption. Everyone in their own community can support N.G.A.P. by going to their nearest pet store and asking if they'd be willing to have a "greyhound day." They simply need to advertise that the greyhounds are coming to their store. We need a few adopters in the area to take their greyhounds to the event. The N.G.A.P. office will send you brochures, applications, and other items needed to pull off a great event. These are the kind of events that create more adoptions and better awareness.



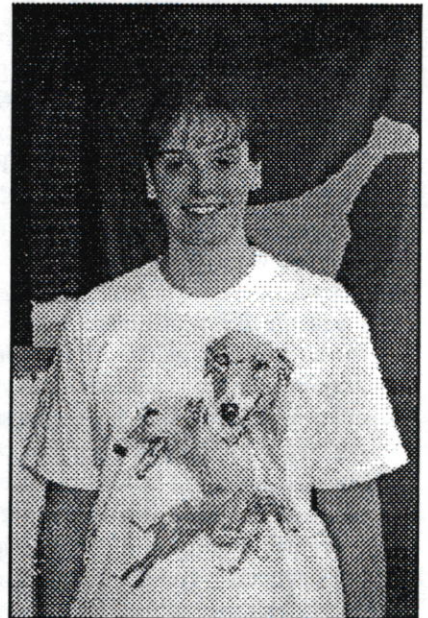
Sunny & Floyd - Don't they make a great pair of deers?

PICNIC VIDEO AVAILABLE

For the first time ever we've had our Picnic professionally videotaped. It has a 50 minute review of the events leading up to the big day and all of the activities involved. There is a fee of \$15.00 + UPS. Order yours now.

CHRISTMAS - UNWANTED

All of us have gotten Christmas gifts that are unwanted and now you have an opportunity to make them worthwhile. Give them to N.G.A.P., and we'll use them for our Silent Auction, or if it is big, we can use it as a raffle prize. Here's a way to make your unwanted gifts worth something.



New Design - 3 Fawns T-Shirt - Same design also available in Sweatshirt from the Greyhound Store.

DONT EXPECT US TO BE PERFECT

We believe that we are the most hi-tech greyhound adoption program in the United States. We have the largest kennel staff of primarily paid workers as well as several people in the office who were primarily hired not to be employees of the greyhound program, but be employees of companies owned by David, Jeffrey and Jon Wolf. Everyone spends much of their day in doing greyhound related work, but we are often overwhelmed. This is why we can always use volunteers both in the kennel and office. So if we don't get back to you instantaneously, and we seem a little frayed around the edges at times, please be patient with us. We're doing the best we can. We do know that we do adopt more greyhounds that anyone else in the United States. We also board greyhounds that have been previously adopted, which most other program do not do and we of course are very strong advocates for the greyhounds that can't speak. There is always more work to be done. If you can help, some of that work that we can't get to can be accomplished.

SOME OLDER GREYHOUNDS ARE RETURNING

We have been adopting greyhounds for 7 years now and some of our older greyhounds are being turned back in for numerous reasons. They usually have nothing to do with a problem with the greyhound - family relocation, divorce, job change are some of those reasons. N.G.A.P. would like to keep an active list of those people who are interested in adopting an older greyhound (usually 5-10 years old). You will receive it with updated shots, dental cleaning and overall good health. There will be no adoption fee, only a request for a donation. These older greyhounds are still able to give plenty of love and joy to your family. Please add your name to our list.

TICK BORNE DISEASES

Tick Borne Diseases are diseases your greyhound may have been exposed to while in racing. They are Erlichia, Babesia and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. If you test your greyhound, it will probably come up showing titers for either one or more of these diseases... That does not mean you have a problem. N.G.A.P. has began including Tetracycline in every adoption package. Tetracycline will basically eradicate all of the tick borne diseases except Babesia. Because of this we suggest that every greyhound be on a three week supply of 500mg. of Tetracycline 3 times a day. We suggest you discuss this with your veterinarian and begin giving your greyhound the medication.

Tetracycline is the cheapest of the antibiotics available. There are some side effects which would make it unacceptable to use. Most greyhounds do not have any side effects from use of Tetracycline. For further information you can contact your veterinarian or our office.

OUR DIFFICULT TO PLACE GREYHOUNDS

Each year we receive back a few greyhounds that have either snapped or bitten people. Most of these greyhounds were either not properly handled to begin with or the people did not follow instructions, which caused the problem. Most of these dogs, with a little love and patience, can be wonderful pets. In some cases they will have to be muzzled over a long period of time to prevent any potential risk to other greyhounds or people. If you would be willing to take a tough case and you qualify as well from the standpoint of N.G.A.P., please contact us. The alternative is not a pleasant one for us.

WOW! LOOK AT OUR NEW ADOPTION COMPOUND PAVING

Since we have been operating our kennel (for about 5 years now), everyone that picked up a greyhound probably went through the bumpy drive. That's all changed now. With recent donations we were able to pave from the street to the kennel area with asphalt. Come visit us and see it, and get some neat items from our expanded greyhound store.

COINS! COINS! COINS!

We have been searching all over to try and get a 6 pence Irish coin with a greyhound likeness on it, and finally someone has come through. Jane and Mike Armento recently made a trip to Ireland and brought back 300 Irish coins which are available in gold plated or polished metal. They all have a bezel on them so you can put a chain through it and wear it as a necklace. They are available through the greyhound store for \$30.00. It's a great gift.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Before you know it, it will be time to begin selling our raffles. Last year was bigger and better than the year before, and hopefully we can make it an even bigger and better prize for the 1997 raffle. If you own a company that can donate a prize, or work for a company that can donate a prize, please ask and see if they would be willing to do so.

PAST CHRISTMAS GIVING

It always seems we are too busy prior to Christmas to get out a newsletter, and subsequently we don't have time to remind you to remember us and all the greyhounds that need help when you are donating to charities. Yes, the National Greyhound Adoption Program is a charity and you're donations are tax deductible, but more important - donations help us carry on the work we do to build better facilities to house the greyhounds we care for, and help us be the strong advocates we are. Don't forget your greyhound and the pleasure it gives you, and the greyhounds you can help.

PICNIC 1996

Our last newsletter said this year's picnic would be the biggest and best one yet, and if you attended, I think you would agree that that is exactly what it was. This year we had 600 greyhounds in attendance with their adopters, more items at the greyhound store, more games to play, and once again beautiful weather.

The memorial march, which was in memory of those greyhounds not lucky enough to be adopted, touched everyone's hearts. The grand picture was certainly grand, and will be available to those interested in purchasing it.

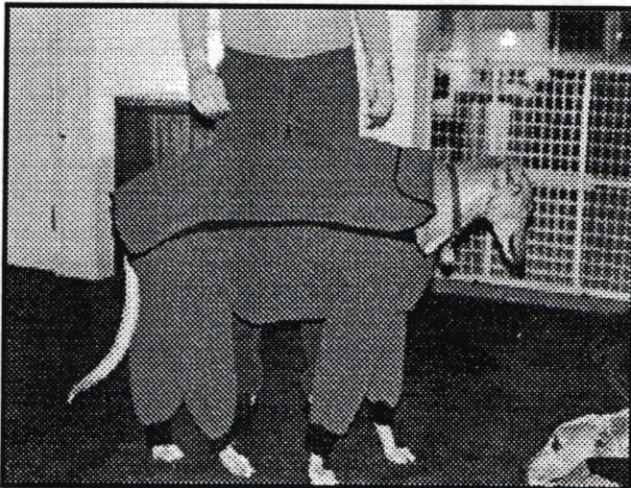
Everyone had a wonderful time. If you missed it, be sure to attend next year.

NGAP - NOW HI-TECH EXHIBITORS

We recently acquired a beautiful exhibit display that could now be used at many events. The display shows many of the photos that are sent to us, enlarged to 8 1/2" x 10". As well as photos of the types of events we are involved in, and photos of our facility. Now people can see quickly exactly what we do and the table surrounding the display can be used to sell items that support our efforts. It was purchased specifically for use at the North American Veterinarian Conference in Orlando each January. This year we have been able to get our own booth for the first time. Over 7,000 veterinarians and vet techs attend this event. We have found it to be a worthwhile event for us.

Our new display sets up in only a few minutes and has already been used at the Petco grand opening, the Philadelphia AKC Show, and the Exotic Pet Show in Fort Washington, PA. It will be used for other large events as well.

Have You Ever Seen A Greyhound Snowsuit?



Sunny's all ready for the snow.

NEW REFERENCE CONTACT MADE

Gail Morris, who has adopted 2 greyhounds - Brooks and Sparkle, adoption #'s 2618 and 2751, now does all of our reference checking for all of our applications. The N.G.A.P. staff faxes her applications, she uses our reference check sheets and calls throughout the country checking on possible adopters. This gives our staff the opportunity to do many of the other things we have to do and Gail can reach people at night, where we cannot.

A big thanks from N.G.A.P. Headquarters!

IN THE NICK OF TIME

On Wednesday, December 4, 1996, our office received a call from Cynthia Cash (Cynthia coordinates most of the large rescue hauls of greyhounds in the United States). This time there were 10 dogs to be destroyed because a bank was tired of paying for their care. First Union National Bank of Florida located in Lee, Florida, had foreclosed on Blue Ridge Greyhound Farm owned by Ken Thomas. They ultimately sold at auction everything the breeder owned. There was no bidding for the greyhounds he was holding. They set a deadline of 1 day to rescue the greyhounds from where they were being boarded, or they would be euthanized. Cynthia called the only group she knew could respond instantaneously. Arrangements were made for Jennifer Cullen of Panama City, Florida to pick up the dogs, and Thursday afternoon Jennifer and a German TV Crew went to Lee, Florida. Those greyhounds were then be flown from Tallahassee to our Philadelphia Headquarters. Once again N.G.A.P. was there in the "nick of time."

FALLING OUT

Unfortunately, a few months ago, some of our New Jersey volunteers decided they no longer wished to work with N.G.A.P. This problem revolved around the volunteers selling items with greyhound logos at many events. At many of the meet and greet type events we attend, we would have to pay a fee, but because we are a non-profit organization we get in for free or close to free. Unfortunately N.G.A.P. received a very small return on the total sale of these items. It was necessary to discontinue selling those items where we did not receive a substantial portion of the proceeds. Somewhere along the way, someone lost sight that we do this for the greyhounds to help adoptions and help support what we do. We are sorry these volunteers left us and hope they will return.



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(PA. residents only)

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Ira H. Zlatkin
Daddy to five greyhounds
Pebbles, Rocky, Lady, Buck & Duke

GIBBY TO SPEND TIME IN PRISON

If you read our last newsletter you would have read that we were very involved in a greyhound abuse case in Daytona, Florida. David Jonathan Gibby was found guilty of Florida State penal code 828-12, felony animal abuse. He was sentenced on October 25, 1996 in a Daytona courtroom to 6 months in the county prison and a 5 year probation period. We hope that this will send a message to those that abuse their greyhounds that this abuse will no longer be tolerated.

THE GERMAN CONNECTION

N.G.A.P. hopefully will soon have an affiliate in Germany. We are currently involved in doing a documentary with a large German TV company, where the National Greyhound Adoption Program should be a major part of the documentary. This TV production will suggest that viewers in Germany maybe interested in adopting a greyhound. U.S. Air, who has flown over 200 greyhounds for us, now flies directly to Munich and Frankfurt on a daily basis out of Philadelphia. We are hoping that U.S. Air will extend its reach of flying greyhounds into Germany in the near future. Stay tuned to future newsletters as this program nears conclusion.

WE ALMOST BROKE A RECORD

On Sunday, October 13, 1996, we received 21 greyhounds from a track in New Hampshire that has seasonally closed. One of the greyhounds is named Glitter. Glitter glittered in name only. She was frothing from the mouth and the odor coming from her mouth was horribly atrocious. Glitter became the first dog to be seen by Dr. Patel at our normal Monday surgery.

Unquestionably, to me, she had the worst teeth and gums of any of the 2,900 greyhounds we have adopted. How anyone could permit her to be in such deplorable condition is difficult to fathom. When Dr. Patel began removing the tartar, most of the tartar was holding the teeth into place, and ultimately 28 teeth were pulled.

The purpose of putting this in the newsletter is to emphasize to greyhound adopters that their dogs have been exposed to high bacteria which creates an ideal breeding place for the build-up of tartar in your greyhound's mouth. It is important that you make a consistent effort to inspect your greyhound's mouth regularly.

TD, which is manufactured by Hills as an after meal snack, is similar to brushing your dog's teeth. Altogether TD is not cheap, however it is cheaper than snack food. So if you buy 5 lbs or 20 lbs of TD, and use it as a snack and an after dinner brush, it will help clean your greyhound's teeth.

We hope that Glitter will glitter again soon. She'll just do it without pearly white teeth.

HARD COPY

Just in case you missed it, Hard Copy recently did a greyhound feature where N.G.A.P. director David Wolf was interviewed. This particular feature was done after we had corresponded with Hard Copy for many months. David Wolf flew to Florida, not only to do the interview, but to help structure the entire piece. At the last minute we were able to convince them to put our 800 number on the screen at the end of the piece and we subsequently received approximately 4,000 telephone calls. The great majority of the calls we passed on to adoption programs across the United States. The ones that we kept hopefully will turn into adoptions for many more months to come.

N.G.A.P. is constantly involved in bringing awareness of the plight of the American Greyhound to both local and national media. If you believe you have any contacts that will help us in this endeavor, we would appreciate your input.

HEALTH CHECK

Three areas to look at today while you're reading this:

#1: Your Greyhounds Teeth

Lift up your greyhound's lip and look at its teeth. Are they gray around the canines and molars? Its time for some scaling. If the gums are red, its time for some Antirobe antibiotics. Go to the vet or call the N.G.A.P. office and set up an appointment. N.G.A.P. charges only \$50.00 for a dental cleaning and polishing. This price also includes extractions. Your vet may charge more but it is important that your greyhound's teeth stay in good condition.

#2: Overweight Greyhounds

If you can't see your greyhound's ribs your dog is probably overweight. You have to cut down on the amount of food you feed it, as well as change to a light food diet. Of course more exercise will help also. Overweight greyhounds are not healthy.

#3: Check for Growths

As your greyhound gets older, it may be getting growths on its body. It's time to let your fingers do the walking. Check your dogs body and coat, if you find anything take your dog to your vet to get checked.

**A HEALTHY GREYHOUND IS A
HAPPY GREYHOUND.**

ADOPTING A CAUSE

When you adopt a greyhound hopefully your not just adopting a pet, but a cause of action. The National Greyhound Adoption Program is one of the greyhound's strongest advocates, and we hope its adopters are instilled with that advocacy position. Simply, whenever you can, get people to see your greyhound and talk about how wonderful it is, and the abuse it received. All of you can help in your own little way to promote greyhound advocacy and eradicate the abuse they receive.

WALKERS NEEDED

The kennel generally has between 30-45 greyhounds available for adoption all the time. Each of these greyhounds gets the opportunity to exercise in our yards 5 times a day, but unfortunately, they miss those nice long walks. Ed Lichtman has been at the kennel 2-3 times a week walking some of our greyhounds. He really needs company and they enjoy those walks so much. You simply need to check in with the kennel and take a dog for a walk. Its good for them and you.

PETCO GIVES NGAP A BIG LIFT

Petco, one of the nation's largest pet food store chains, has supported N.G.A.P. over the last several years through food donations as well as fund-raising events. In October 1996, Petco held a drive to collect donations from its customers and sell N.G.A.P. T-shirts, and on November 18, 1996, at the grand opening of Petco's Manhattan store, Petco presented N.G.A.P. with a 6 foot check totalling \$29,874.00.

Petco supports N.G.A.P., hopefully N.G.A.P. adopters will find a way to support them.

TD = TOOTH DIET = BETTER DENTAL CARE

Hill's Science Diet now makes a product called TD. It is specifically designed to help keep your greyhound's teeth and gums in good condition. You need to get it from your veterinarian.

We suggest the following: Use the TD as a partial supplement to your greyhound's regular food. Use less regular food and some TD. TD can also be used as a snack, and although not cheap, its cheaper than snack food. It comes in 2 (two) sizes. Get the larger!

COVER UP! ITS WINTERTIME

Have you laid down on the floor next to your greyhound recently? Chances are there will be a little draft, even in the bedroom. At Director David Wolf's home there is always 3 or 4 greyhounds laying on mattresses around the bed, but its cool down there so we had blankets made, and each night when we tuck in, we tuck them in. Usually they stay on all night.

As greyhounds get older they can develop arthritis just like us, so grab an old quilt, cut and sew it, and now you have a blanket for your greyhound!



Keep your greyhound warm this winter with Helga's neck warmer- available from the greyhound store.