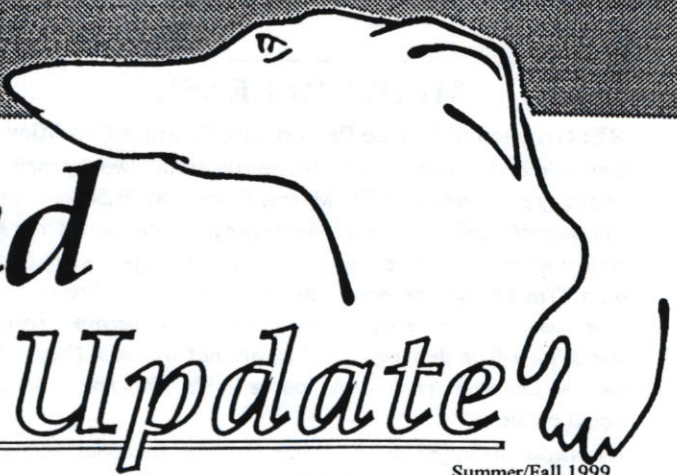


Greyhound



Update

A Newsletter From The National Greyhound Adoption Program
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YES, THERE WILL BE A 1999 PICNIC!

Neshaminy State Park Sabotages NGAP's 1999 Picnic

I cannot let this poor behavior by Neshaminy State Park representatives pass without commenting:

Last year we had a wonderful picnic at Neshaminy State Park in Bensalem. A short time after the picnic when we called to talk about having a picnic again this year we received a letter from the park stating that they did not want us to come back, some of their reasons being that some cars were parked on the grass, our trailers put grooves in their soil, we used their steps for our fashion show and the grand picture and they apparently didn't like the attitude of NGAP's executive director David Wolf.

We felt that this very minor infraction should not have caused us to actually be turned away so Donna McCann and David Pedemonti approached the park. Apparently, the park was going to let us use the facility again. They literally strung us along for about a two month period and on some occasions were quite rude. It would appear that in Pennsylvania we have royalty and the gentleman that directs the park actually considers himself "king of the park."

In all of the years that we have had picnics we have always had good relationships with the people that manage the facilities that we use. We have always had attendees that have not been disruptive and we have always left the facility clean and unsoiled. I feel that the treatment we got from state representatives was shabby at best and possibly other adopters might feel the same way.

We will have the picnic again this year but it will not be at Neshaminy State Park but at Richmond Waterfront Industrial Park, which is owned by David Wolf and his family. Hopefully, even though we are not in a park setting everyone will enjoy this year's belated picnic.

Come join us and have fun on:

Saturday, October 23rd!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still don't have enough volunteers to help the day of the picnic. Please contact: Donna McCann - 215-442-1235 or Kristen Pedemonti - 215-541-4535 or call the office. This year there will be a special feature at the picnic for those volunteering, Doggie Day Care. Our staff will baby-sit your greyhound in a fenced in area while you are doing your shift. Also, all volunteers will receive a free "Volunteer Picnic" T-shirt.

CAR DONATION

If you live in a large metro area and look through the Sunday newspaper, you may find several car donation ads representing different charities from the Leukemia Foundation to the Salvation Army.

A careful look at this ad will not indicate an address, but an 800 number. Most often if you call that number you will be calling somewhere out of state that is a service that solicits the donation and picks up the cars and sells them. Its questionable whether or not the charity is getting the share of the proceeds. We have contacted some of these ads and they have always been very vague about where the money goes and how to contact the charity directly.

NGAP is now advertising for cars, and even to our surprise, we have been very successful. Every week we get two or three cars donated and one week we had eight donations. In our case we arrange the pick up, we will send the car to auction or sell it directly and NGAP will keep all of the proceeds. These ads in your local paper are not cheap.

Our ad costs \$462.00 each week, but obviously it is paying for itself. The large ads by others probably cost \$1500.00. The above information is for two purposes - #1 - if you wish to donate your car you receive a tax deduction from your federal income tax because we are a 501(C)3 charity, and #2 - if you are thinking about donating your car to someone else, a word of caution, you may get a tax deduction but the charity may only get a small portion of the donation, and presumably your donation is more in the interest of the charity than the tax deduction.