

# GREYHOUND UPDATE



A Newsletter From The National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

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## In Case You Didn't Know A National Greyhound Adoption Program Brief

Many people adopted years ago and still make donations receive this newsletter. Many others will pick it up various ways. It's purpose is to inform you about our activities such as current medical issues, stories on some of our adopted greyhounds, greyhounds awaiting adoption and greys that are here and gone. For those that may have lost track or who are just getting on board here are a few facts and figures:

National Greyhound Adoption Program first came into being in 1990, then as Delaware Valley Retired Racing Greyhound Association or DVRRGA. As time passed the name didn't fully describe our activity. After a national tv spot on the Garry Collins Show and 5,000 phone calls later we were sending greyhounds throughout the United States. It was as simple as adopting NGA / National Greyhound Association and changing it to NGAP / National Greyhound Adoption Program. We became Incorporated and filed with the Federal Government for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Our first adoptions were rudimentary at best. We'd fly greyhounds straight from a track into an airport where they were met by their perspective adopters. We didn't even get to meet the greys first. There was no profiling, no spaying or neutering, no shots, only the requirement that those things be done by the adopter. When our first kennel opened we had the capacity for 7 greyhounds. Someone owed us money and instead of repaying us with money he constructed cages out of formica, those cages are still around somewhere but none have been used in a long time. From the beginning we had a live-in caretaker even when there were only 7 greyhounds to care for. Fast Forward to 2006 we have a wide menu of projects we are involved in and we can now house over 100 greyhounds. We have long runs for exercise and a paid staff of about 20. We have adopted over 6400 greyhounds. The number of greyhounds each year has somewhat diminished because there are now so many other programs throughout the U.S., literally hundreds more. That doesn't make us any less busy. It's my belief we are cutting edge when it comes to greyhound health issues. All the greys we have adopted, currently house, or adopted through other organizations are welcome to be treated at our surgical facility for a variety of health issues. When it comes to dentistry we certainly do more than any other clinic in the U.S. on greyhounds.



We will see over 2,000 greyhounds annually under anesthesia protocol and many more for other treatments not requiring anesthesia. As a source of income we also board greyhounds all year and can have 10-30 boarders at any time. When we debate greyhound health issues we base our opinions on treating thousands of greyhounds for many years. We are greyhound advocates and as such we often have difficulty with things going on in the racing industry and sometimes with things going on with other adoption programs. When atrocities occur advocates need to step up and address those issues with local and national media, those issues sometimes need the attention of local authorities and national humane authorities. If we sit on our hands nothing will change. NGAP now will seek donations of food and pharmaceuticals sometimes accepting large donations that may be beyond our needs then redistribute to other rescue groups throughout the U.S. Those programs pay only shipping charges, which are sometimes paid by the ASPCA of New York.

So in case you didn't know that's what NGAP is all about, not so different from the early 90's but on a far broader scale.



Front page of National Greyhound Adoption Program's first Newsletter, published in the Fall of 1991

## PHILOSOPHIES

Everywhere we go people have philosophies. They may be political, religious, or about greyhound rescue. Greyhound rescue is divided into strong advocates, those that believe greyhound racing exploits every greyhound born to race and racing should end. Some may believe racing is inherently bad but the racing industry can clean up their act and if we are vigilant enough racing can co-exist with adoption. Some say they take one position on greyhound racing but many things they do will tilt the balance in one way or another. Others will actually cater to greyhound racing. Ultimately, can these divergent groups merge into one cohesive organization of people devoted to making the greyhound life better? I think not. In truth we are the small players of the game. We'd like to think the humane treatment of racing canines is high on the list and although we can make our voices heard our pockets are not deep enough and those that control greyhound racing are influenced by dollars and cents and the possibility of casino gaming. When casino gaming is mixed with greyhound racing the racing becomes a side show. Slot machines are the main attraction. As players on the side we can sometimes help our cause. It would be so much better if players wouldn't tell us how wonderful it is and create stories that are half true. Think of the influence greyhound adoption could have if everyone, and I mean everyone, worked to make the lives of greyhounds better every day.

## PEPSI SUPPORTS GREYHOUND RACING IN AUSTRALIA

We have learned from a Grey2K email that Pepsi MAX in Australia supports a very large greyhound racing industry. Australia literally has no greyhound adoption so every dog dies once it no longer wins races. You can help end this practice by letting Pepsi know you don't like it.

1. You can stop drinking Pepsi and let Pepsi in the United States know WHY you are no longer drinking their products.
2. You can send Pepsi a letter to the address below asking them how they can support an industry that routinely euthanizes its canine athletes when they no longer win money for that industry.

I know this practice is also done in Florida at stake races. If someone is specifically aware that Coke or Pepsi is promoting it please contact our office and we will get the word out.

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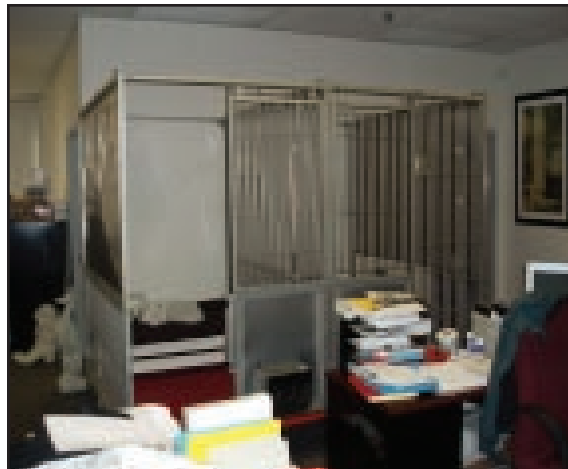
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## Our New Kennel Gets A Little Closer

One of the most important ingredients for a new kennel is dog cages. We have been in the market seeking quotes for a long time. By chance we went to an auction at the Women's Medical Hospital in Philadelphia. The hospital had closed in 2005 and now the entire facility was being sold at auction. Much to my surprise after inspecting most of the hospital we came to the Biohazard Area. This area was where the hospital's Animal Research was done. Some of the highlights that gave perspective into what they were doing was a large sterilizer specifically marked "Cage Sterilizer." Further down the hall were large steel doors when opened looked a bit like a car wash the sign read: "Cage Washer." There were water jets at the top and bottom; this would take a 'big' cage. We came to an area where there were cages and there were not many cages onsite. I would suspect most cages were on wheels as many research cages are but these were not. One grouping of two very large cages, a group of 3 large cages, both groups were built into the wall. There was one single cage and one double cage. As it turns out we bought two large 2 & 3 cage units for only \$400.00 each and a single cage unit for \$200.00. If we were to buy these cages new it probably would have cost \$20,000.00 instead of \$1,000.00. We then went online specifically looking for research cages, which are significantly more expensive than regular vet cages. We have purchased 48 cage runs from California and 14 post-op cages from Massachusetts spending a little over \$25,000.00. The new cost for these cages would probably be 5-10 times what we were paying. We will now keep looking for more of the same. Pictures are below. The groups of 2 & 3 cages are now being installed at our current kennel so we can try out the concept of large runs first hand.



Look close and you will see the grey sleeping on the raised bed



WOW! The New Runs



Post-op cage

## “Big Shot #3619”

Big Shot is a pretty remarkable greyhound, 12 years old, never had his teeth cleaned, yet they are beautiful. He has no tartar, no periodontal disease, his teeth are white. Big Shot was adopted by Steve Schwartz about 8 years ago and he has always been a very high-anxiety dog. One of the medications used for anxiety is Amitriptyline, which is always given in higher doses with the intention of weaning down to zero in small increments. Big Shot has been on Amitriptyline throughout his adopted life. The name for Amitriptyline for humans is ‘Elavil.’ The question that comes to mind is: ‘Does this one greyhound have incredibly unusual genes, or does the Amitriptyline effect the health of his mouth in some way?’ Photo of Big Shot below.



## Novel Way To Raise Money For NGAP

This is somewhat of a long story. Wolf Investment Corporations, the company owned by the director of National Greyhound Adoption Program, has a contract with Disney Film Productions and on a few occasions they have rented space for movies being filmed in Philadelphia. For their most recent movie, Invincible, space was rented for the housing of clothing. When they gave up the space there were also some props left. The movie Invincible is based on the story of Eagles walk-on football player Vince Pappelli. Vince was a part-time bartender. Some filming used a large bar prop presumably like the one Vince used in his bartending days. Upon conclusion of filming the prop was stored at our warehouse on Dutton Road. Several months later when editing was finished they no longer needed the bar prop and let us keep it as opposed to dumping it. As a creative means to raise money for NGAP the bar prop was listed on eBay and \$500.30 was raised for our greyhounds. Photo below.



The above picture shows one of the seven sections of the bar

## A Fund Raiser Is Fun

On May 23, 2006 Donna McCann organized our 2<sup>nd</sup> eating fundraiser at Calloway’s Restaurant where greyhound adopters from the area were invited to attend, eat dinner, and socialize. Each attendee paid the full fare for their meal but with a National Greyhound Adoption Program coupon 20% of their spending amount would be remitted to NGAP. We had a Raffle for a Paw Plunger that additionally raised \$181.00. Everyone had fun. Everyone had to eat dinner anyway and NGAP benefited from it this time. Debbie Jordan even threw a party for her daughter’s college graduation, so the night was a big hit. This is a good thought for others to do the same type of Fund Raising events. We always appreciate the support.

P.S. We raised \$288.40 good job Donna McCann for putting it all together!!!

## More Fund Raiser Fun

Here’s a clever idea for everyone. Next Easter you can raise money for NGAP by decorating Easter Eggs. That’s what Judi Jackson did and sent the donation of money raised.



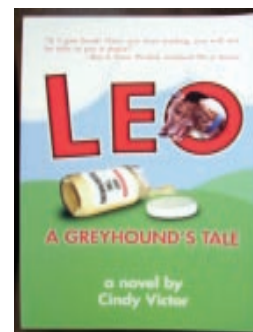
## The Best Gift To Yourself

Since 2004 there has been a secret that not too many people have known about. That secret is now out, we have found a wonderful book: “**Leo, A Greyhound’s Tale**”.

This is a book that can be appreciated by children but even more so by adults, especially those with greyhounds, and even those with no greyhounds. How would you feel if your greyhound understood every word you said and not only understand but could respond. Leo can do just that.

This book takes you from Leo as a puppy to Leo as a racer to Leo as an adopted greyhound. It appears Leo made a wrong choice – he finds his true love but will he be able to keep it? Everyone should read Leo, A Greyhound’s Tale.

Available from NGAP for \$13.00 + shipping.



## Greyhounds As Blood Donors

### Pet Population At Risk

The Canine Influenza, known in the veterinary community as Influenza A subtype H3N8 virus (CIV), has now been identified in 22 states. It has affected primarily kennels and areas where there are multiple dogs. It has significantly affected the greyhound racing industry. It was first specifically identified in Jacksonville, Florida in 2004. It has now spread across much of the United States. This spring all of the dogs in an animal shelter in Cheyenne, Wyoming were euthanized. They were unable to control the virus. Yesterday, July 6, 2006, all canines in a West Palm Animal Control Adoption area were euthanized, 529. CIV is not easily controlled; transmission can be from dog to dog through the air or even from the clothing of people moving from an infected area to a clean area where an animal will become infected. Animals suffer a horrible death. Fifteen percent have tissue samples or necropsies done of 4,000 dogs had CIV. This spring every track in Florida was under quarantine. Greyhound tracks reduced the number of races and the number of greyhounds in each race in order to stay open. Florida requires a minimum of 8 races daily if card rooms are to stay open. CIV was currently at Flagler, West Palm, Jacksonville, Monticello, and Fort Myers.

Two pharmaceutical companies have applied for provisional use for a vaccine to prevent this illness. Apparently the USDA is in no hurry to grant its acceptance. How many dogs will die before this vaccine comes to market? Write the USDA if you want them to wake up.

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Former greyhound racers are one of the favored canines used as blood donors. There are now multiple companies in the United States whose specific business is to collect blood for use by veterinarian facilities throughout the U.S. Blood is broken down into several components each having a different value. Greyhounds are often used because so many are DEA1.1 negative, which is a universal blood type. Their hemocrits are higher than other breeds and so are their cell packs. That is on the good side. The bad side is their platelet counts are lower than other breeds and according to our research 75% are Von Willebrands positive, a bleeding disorder similar to Hemophilia in humans, and 38% are carriers of Von Willebrands. Does your greyhound bleed after blood is drawn and have a hematoma? Their blood is sometimes a carrier of tick born diseases and in my view most will show titers for exposure to one or more tick born diseases. Greyhounds had been kept by many universities including at one time the University of Pennsylvania. Over ten years ago the University of Penn discontinued housing greyhounds or any other breed as blood donors and has worked out a sophisticated system of sending out a blood mobile to harvest blood. This is a best case scenario where greyhounds and other breeds have been adopted, live in a home, sleep on a soft bed every night, and a few times a year they step up to help save lives of other canines. Ohio State University has a program where adopted greyhounds come into their facility to donate blood. That blood is used to help other dogs and it is used in clinical studies specifically of greyhounds. I am sure there are more than just those two good blood donor programs that we are just not yet aware of.

We are, however, aware of some of the worst blood donor programs as well. These facilities do not have soft beds for their greyhounds to sleep on, they do not give their greyhounds sufficient exercise, and these greyhounds must relieve themselves in the confinements of their cells. Additionally, their health needs are not appropriately attended to. That was the case two years ago at the Animal Medical Center in New York, when an inspection was done and found that ALL greyhound blood donors at this facility needed dentistry and most of them had periodontal disease. The Animal Medical Center's response was that the dogs received dentistry on an "as-needed basis." Two months after our findings we were told by the President Dr. Guy Pigeon, they were too busy and had not gotten around to the

dental issues of their 14 greyhound prisoners. They now have 19. The AMC has about 100 staff vets as well as an additional 100 resident vets. Give me a break!

Recently we were made aware that Peggy Adams Humane Society in Palm Beach Florida and affiliated with Palm Beach Humane Society had blood donors. Coincidentally, almost immediately after our call they were readily available for adoption, and like the stroke of a magic wand all 3 of their blood donor greyhounds were adopted. One grey was a 5 1/2-year-old named El Dorado. He had two dentals done over a two month period, although the photographs show he was greatly in need of 28 extractions, they chose not to deal with it. They kept very meticulous records on El Dorado. All 3 greyhounds somehow found their way to NGAP. A few months ago we spoke to an organization in Texas with almost 200 greyhound blood donors and found they had no defined dental program.

Of course, there is Hemavet in California that has only greyhounds as blood donors, has anyone checked their teeth?

Teeth, of course, are an important issue for greyhounds because of the bacteria entering the blood stream through the teeth and it is degrading the blood, which is then being used for health-compromised dogs. That does not really make good sense.

The racing industry does the same thing. They don't take care of the greyhounds teeth and that diminishes the health of the athlete and broods alike. A greyhound racing industry & vet in Florida, Dr. David Moses, wrote in the July 2006 Greyhound Review about the importance of good teeth in broods. He was one of the experts questioned on the subject. He is very involved in breeding. A few years back we treated a 9-year-old stud from his farm "Fused Energy." It's still one of the worst mouths we have every seen.

Does your vet have greyhound blood donors? Are they locked in cages in a back room with no ability to see the light of day? Does your vet bring in adopted pets to donate blood?

There were recently numerous articles being published in the Sun Sentinel about accountability, writings from pro-racing people and anti-racing people. No one has brought up the issue of greyhounds as blood donors. On the whole, most of those donors are being exploited.

Success stories are too few. End of Story.

# Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League

Very large, good organizations sometimes cannot get it right. Because they are large and basically do good they can try to avoid the necessity of properly caring for their greyhound blood donors and even accounting for it. We learned that Peggy Adams in West Palm Beach, Florida had greyhounds being used as blood donors available for adoption. Initially, they didn't respond to my calls. It's my belief that they weren't particularly happy with our conversation when we finally did speak with Palm Beach Humane Society Director Frank Valente. After we asked them to cooperate so we could instruct them on proper care and protocols and after a somewhat threatening letter to them, I received a letter from Carl Leverage the executive director of Peggy Adams Humane Society. In his letter to me he denied that El Dorado was really a blood donor and was specifically taken in because no one would adopt him due to the conditions of his teeth. They made no effort to fix those problems and didn't even make a note of it to the adopter. El Dorado had 28 extractions and may have more later. If El Dorado wasn't a blood donor why did the form on his cage list him as one? If El Dorado wasn't a blood donor why would they have adopted 3 greyhounds to 1 person whom they did not know and did not expect back? Was it an effort to make the issue disappear?

In Mr. Leverage's letter he tells me that Peggy Adams Animal Resue League is 82 years old and they are currently building a 38,000 square foot clinic that will care for over 10,000 animals each year. Does that include greyhound blood

The second of the three greyhounds adopted was Rudy, also listed as a blood donor. When we ran diagnostic testing we found that Rudy's platelet counts were dangerously low and until such time that those platelets improve Rudy is not ready for real adoption. Platelets should range from 200,000 – 500,000. Rudy's platelets on August 8<sup>th</sup> were 13,000 on the first test, 25,000 on the second test, and 30,000 on the third test. His test was repeated three times to verify just how low his platelets were. On September 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 he was tested two more times. The first test done resulted at 62,000 and the second test resulted 59,000. Most greyhounds do have low platelets but normally range around 130,000. Could it be that Rudy also wasn't a blood donor and was only taken in because no one wanted him either? Of course, they did manage to adopt him out with critically low platelets.

Mr. Leverage asked why I was so concerned with Peggy Adams and shouldn't I be more interested in greyhounds "to help combat extreme dire situations with greyhounds?" I believe Mr. Leverage has missed the point; it's because of my interest in dire situations that we specifically focus on Peggy Adams. Photos below of El Dorado before and after being listed in Peggy Adams Newsletter as a "Blood Donor."



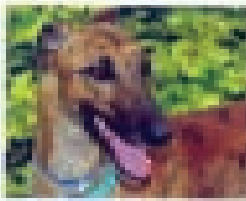
**Living to Save A Life**  
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As with a human blood donation, we make every effort to ensure that the blood supply is disease free. Our donor animals are thoroughly tested to ensure that all donor standards are met and adhered to.

It's an extremely proud of our doing animals and the role they play in saving the lives of dogs in need of a home.



EL DORADO (left) RECEIVED his green blood donor certificate of adoption.



DOGS of these 40 in-p.h. needs positions are waiting to be adopted by a forever family.

EL DORADO (right) is a volunteer training blood.

The above was taken from Peggy Adams Newsletter

Lines show where root exposure begins

## Always There For Us

One of the most difficult things to try to accomplish is facilitating the transport of animals. Sometimes on short notice when greyhounds go to our Virginia Beach affiliates, Sam & Gay Latimer, they're met half way. Many times taking supplies but primarily greyhounds for adoption. When a dog is found on the street somewhere, someone is needed to pick it up. When an IG with a broken leg needs an orthopedic surgeon on short order, someone must be there. Of course, in dire situations you'd think to call the fire department, in our case we call Tony Tereszczuk, who by the way, works for the Philadelphia Fire Department. Because Tony sometimes has unusual hours he's available to help in so many ways. Usually his wife Gale is by his side and daughter Courtney who has served as a volunteer since she was very young and is now a graduate of college and has entered into the working society. The Tereszczuk's as a family are always there for us. We're truly blessed to have their participation and energetic support. Everyone at NGAP appreciates all their efforts!

## Greyhound Racing Down Under

Greyhounds first came to Australia back in 1770. They were first used in hunting. It has now expanded across Australia, New Zealand, and Northeast Wales.

I was very pleased to read in a most recent Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine 3 different articles about greyhound adoption in Australia. It's grey that now people are making an effort to find homes for former racers down under. If you didn't know, in most of Australia greyhounds wear wire muzzles whenever in public. If you take your greyhound to a park or a friends house it must be wearing this wire muzzle. Subsequently, the perception of most Australians is that greyhounds are vicious. This certainly makes it more difficult for adoptions. Now at long last when I speak of Australia I can no longer say all of their greyhounds are euthanized. Now I will say most of them are. We live a long way from Australia and haven't seen any published statistics I believe that most large cities have tracks. It's believed that many are only open two days a week and there are many home breeders and fewer large racing kennels with 200 greys. Who better to get the best information than NGA. Vivian from our office called Gary Guccione of National Greyhound Association on September 27, 2006. Gary told us there are anywhere from 40-80 tracks in Australia. You'd think he might know a precise number. Last year NGA hosted the 2005 World Greyhound Racing Federation in Florida. When we asked him how many greys were bred there on an annual basis he answered 15,000. According to one article in Celebrating Greyhounds in Northeast Wales alone - approximately 10,000 greyhound puppies were bred 2003-2004. Of those bred 25% would never make it to the track. What became of those 25%? That still leaves the rest of Australia and New Zealand to account for. Could it be that they don't want to release the actual figures.

Truly the only way in my view that greyhound adoption can take hold is if it was possible to eliminate the wire muzzle law. The one place that has the exception of no wire muzzles is Queensland where they just have a law that greyhounds must wear a green collar identifying them as a GAP (Greyhound Adoption Program) dog. Could you imagine if every greyhound in the U.S. was wearing a green collar? No \$100.00 collars down under. It would certainly be better than mandatory wire muzzles. Anyone who knows anyone in Australia should write them to tell them how wonderful greyhounds actually are and shouldn't have to be muzzled. We will try to find names of Australian Legislators and post it to our website so everyone can write. I recall a comedy movie from Australia that was shown in the U.S. a few years ago, all the greyhounds in the film wore wire muzzles even at home. Hopefully things will change.



Photo taken from Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine  
Fall 2006 Edition

## Greyhounds Love To Walk

On most Sundays it is a regular happening at NGAP's kennel. Carloads of students and adults arrive from NJ to take our greys on a walk. Patti Kolodi, now for many years no matter what school she works for, organizes groups of mostly teens to come out for a nice Sunday stroll. We thank Patti for all her efforts again and this year, near the end of the school year she held her 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Party.

Everyone can walk our greys 7 days a week, including all major Holidays, weather permitting, from 9am-11am or 2pm-4pm.

It's wonderful exercise for the greyhounds and it's wonderful exercise for the people. Can you imagine teenage girls from New Jersey getting up early on a Sunday to come walk our greys? Isn't it greyt!



*Because we feel it is appropriate, this article will appear in every newsletter*

### *The Gift of Life, The Gift of Death*

Each of us can truly say we've adopted a greyhound and we have extended to that greyhound the "Gift of Life". Surely, if it had not been adopted, it would have been euthanized in one way or another. We hopefully have brought as much pleasure to it's life, as it has to ours. But the time will come when it will not feel well, but it won't be able to tell you, and by the time you realize it, it's health is failing. We love our greyhounds dearly but we must consider giving them one final gift. This is the "Gift of Death" - without undue pain, without any suffering, we can bestow them with it's final gift. Quality of life is something we all desire for ourselves and our pets. When we lose that quality of life, when there is not a light at the end of the tunnel, when the hope of extended life is more to put off the pain that we would feel at our greyhounds loss, then it is time for the "Gift of Death". As difficult as it is we truly love our greyhounds we don't wish them to suffer. It is always a difficult choice. Try not to prolong life if the quality of life is not worth living. As difficult as it may seem when you are facing the need to euthanize your greyhound you can always give another the "Gift of Life", as a true memorial to the greyhound you lost.

## Yahi Returns

Let's jump back 8 years to April 6, 1998. We had been doing surgery in-house for a few years at this point and all seemed to be well. On this particular day surgery was finished and our surgical patients seemed to be doing well so the doctors left for the day. We then found one of our dogs was uncomfortable. We checked his temperature it was 108.5. We knew dramatic action was called for or he would soon die. Technicians were still onsite and I was there. We knew what had to be done but we were only partially prepared. We immediately covered his body in towels dipped in ice water but we knew that would only help a little. Yahi would need intravenous fluids and no one had ever done this before. Standard protocol would be insertion of an IV Catheter then an introduction of life sustaining fluids. David Wolf, having no experience in giving fluids, carefully placed a syringe needle into Yahi's vein. We did this on two legs and had two bags of fluid going in with needles not catheters. Yahi is now 10 1/2 years old and has unfortunately been returned to us through no fault of his own. His new name is Dutch. Fortunately, many greyhounds have come after Yahi and the director is now well-skilled at insertion of an IV Catheter. That skill has come into play many times over the last 8 years.



## Ivan The Wonderful

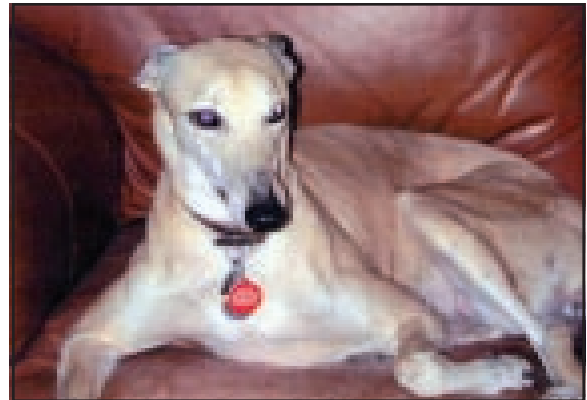
Just a note to let you know that Ivan (#6346) seems to fit right into our family. He had a rough, rainy ride home...got carsick about halfway; but we managed to towel it up and proceed. He is very curious about the second floor and basement: but his self-attempts at the stairs haven't brought him much success, so Mom will be sleeping in the den for a few nights! He walks beautifully on a lead and seems to be enjoying farm smells and Amish buggies...but he's not a chaser or a barker so far. We had a fear that he would want to mark on previously soiled areas' but he hasn't had an accident and is spending the majority of time out of the crate. As you can see (photo shown) his radar jjs on constant alert! This morning, the grass was flying as he tried out his new yard.....what a beautiful sight.

Rich & Marie Glass  
Paradise, Pennsylvania



## Rosie #1556

It was 12 years ago I adopted 'Rosie' from you. today I gave her the final gift, as she couldn't live with dignity any longer, and above all, she was dignified. As the pet websites would say; "she crossed the rainbow bridge" today. We took one last walk along the creek, she smelled and sniffed and took a leak. She couldn't chase rabbits and longer in this life, she wasn't getting any younger. So I did what I should, and sent her to where she could. She was 14, we knew her for 12, we were so-ooooo lucky.....



Rosie - 8/12/91-4/25/06

Thank you for your dedication, your stance against racing, and for bringing Rosie & I together, all those years ago.

Kathleen Seal

## Lily(#5712) NGAP Alumnae Class of "04"

Lily is the perfect house dog, a real glamour girl and a wonderful ladies pet!

She's quite the couch potato and as you can see, she doesn't care whose couch it is - a friend snapped this picture of Lil making herself at home (photo below).

Hopefully, her early health problems are gone for good. She is doing well.

Keep up the good work at NGAP.....

Janet Willse (Lily's Mom)



# The Spanish Galgo

The Spanish Greyhound, or Galgo, is used primarily for hunting small game such as rabbits in Spain. Spanish Greyhounds were originally associated with the country's nobility, but after years of thievery and indiscriminant breeding by the "lower classes" they became a symbol of the poor, no longer a mark of nobility and stature. The only racetrack remaining in Spain closed in February 2006 and the dogs used for racing were imported from Ireland.

The Galgo is very similar to his American and Irish counterparts. Some Galgos have a wire-haired coat, varying from mildly rough to fairly long, though most Galgos bear the same coat as the greyhounds we all know and love, with colors as various and beautiful. The Spanish Galgo is thought to be a present day culmination of breeding Irish greyhounds with the original greyhounds of Spain, which were closely related to the sloughi.

Sadly, the life of the Galgo is far from glorious. Galgos who have outlived their usefulness are often hung from trees, shot and dumped like garbage, or thrown alive into deep, abandoned wells. The fortunate ones are the dogs who the hunters or 'galgueros' take to one of the country's few sanctuaries.

Scooby, Protectora de Animales, is an animal sanctuary located in the remote countryside of Spain, a few hours northwest of Madrid. Scooby serves as a home to as many as 500 dogs at any given time, as well as cats, sheep, geese, donkeys, and even a raccoon. For nearly 10 years Scooby has been rescuing animals of all shapes and sizes - many of whom have suffered at the hands of their former keepers. Scooby is one of several sanctuaries in Spain helping Galgos. Everyone reading this can help in some way writing a letter or many letters, donating supplies needed or even money. Listed below is information of those agencies or people to:

**NGAP has brought Galgos to our program several times over the last few years!**

## YOU CAN HELP!

### What can I do to help the Galgos?

1. Donate medical supplies to Operation Scooby or another organization.
2. Donate dog coats, collars, leashes, and other supplies to G.R.I.N.
3. Spread the word! Tell your friends and family about the Spanish Galgo.
4. Contact the Spanish embassy to demand legislation and action protecting the Galgo from inhumane treatment and abuse.
5. VOLUNTEER! The shelters are in constant need of medical and practical help.
6. DONATE a financial gift to one of the pro-galgo organizations.

### Informational Websites

[www.scoobymedina.com](http://www.scoobymedina.com)  
[www.operationscooby.org](http://www.operationscooby.org)  
[www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)  
[www.galgosinfronteras.org](http://www.galgosinfronteras.org)  
[www.hounddog.org.uk](http://www.hounddog.org.uk)  
[www.ameurigrehoundalliance.org](http://www.ameurigrehoundalliance.org)  
[www.dogs-in-spain.org/  
groups.yahoo.com/group/saveagalgo](http://www.dogs-in-spain.org/groups.yahoo.com/group/saveagalgo)  
[www.sosgalgos.com](http://www.sosgalgos.com)

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[http://europa.eu.int/comm/contact/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/contact/index_en.htm)

Office International des Epizooties (OIE)  
[animalwelfare-conference@oie.int](mailto:animalwelfare-conference@oie.int)  
<http://animal-welfare.oie.int>

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[webmaster.assembly@coe.int](mailto:webmaster.assembly@coe.int)  
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### Spanish Embassies

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Tye, one of 13 Galgo puppies born here in the U.S.



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Main Office - (215) 331-7918 - Kennel.Clinic - (215) 331-3625

[www.ngap.org](http://www.ngap.org)

### Annual Membership

National Greyhound Adoption Program has grown over the years and continues to grow. We have adopted over 6,000 greyhounds since we began in 1990. This could not have been accomplished without the use of our onsite full service kennel, boarding and surgical facility. We are about to embark on a venture that will allow us to rescue even more greyhounds and have them live in comfort until an adoptive home can be found. We continue to expand our horizons regarding their post operative medical issues. Your donations help us help the greyhounds! Please Support Us

Subscriber (Annual) \$25.00\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor (Annual) \$50.00\_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete and return this form along with your check made payable to NGAP to the the above address.

We also accept all major credit cards. We are a 501(c)(3) Non Profit organization.

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### Toy Poodles!

They're smaller, fuzzier, and easier to cuddle. For sure they're not greyhounds.

NGAP now has 2 Toy Poodles looking for a home. Their approximate ages are 6 & 10. They are in good health, kennel trained, and have wonderful, loving dispositions.

So what if they're not greyhounds, they need a



Sori & Nari, really cute pair looking for a home

### Greyhound Network News

For an unbiased report of greyhound news worldwide, Greyhound Network News is the place to go. It will cover state by state reporting where greyhound racing exists or legislation moves in non greyhound states pertaining to greyhounds. Titles on some summer issues are:

- **35 greyhounds found dead in Oregon kennel**
- **Respiratory problems kill greyhounds in Florida**
- **Dog racing ban excluded from Massachusetts ballot**
- **International news from England, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand**
- **Trainer receives probation in greyhound death**
- **State investigates disappearance of 100-200 greyhounds from Tucson track**

It includes updates on California, Florida, Texas, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Kansas, Arizona, Connecticut, Alabama, Colorado, North Carolina, and Kentucky

It is a wonderful publication. You can contact Greyhound Network News at:

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Phoenix, AZ 85064

[www.greyhoundnetworknews.org](http://www.greyhoundnetworknews.org)

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## NGAP Veterinary Clinic

If you didn't already know, NGAP performs more surgery on greyhounds than anywhere in the U.S. We do over 1,000 procedures annually under general anesthesia and over another 1,000 under Domitor/Antisedan (a short term anesthetic). It is common place for us to do dentistry and extractions on greyhounds 10-13 years old. We have had greyt success doing procedures on geriatric greyhounds. Below is a list of some veterinaray costs for our services:

### Dental

Ultrasonic with Anesthesia - \$110-\$150

Ultrasonic without Anesthesia - \$40

### Extractions

Incisors: \$10-\$20 each

Premolars: \$20-\$25 each

4th Premolar: \$30-\$50 each

Canine: \$50-\$100 each

### Nail Clipping & Ear Cleaning

Reg. Clip: \$10, Extensive: \$12

Reg. Ear: \$6, Extensive: \$12, Flush: \$20-\$30

### Shots

Rabies: \$20

Bordatella: \$20

Lyme: \$20

DHLPP & Corona: \$20

COMBO (DHLPP/Rabies/Bordatella/Lyme): \$50

### Diagnostic Testing

Heartworm Test: \$22

T4 Test: \$22

Heartworm / Lyme Test: \$40

In House CBC: \$25

Comprehensive CBC Chem/T4/UA: \$85

Chemistry: \$30

Urinalysis: \$20

Fecal: \$15

IV Fluids (setup & monitor): \$35-\$50

### Clinic Hours

Tuesdays & Fridays: starting at 9:30AM

4800 Wingate Street, Phila, PA 19136

Call the NGAP Office to schedule an appointment

## Just Another Day At The NGAP Clinic

Below is a list of dogs to be seen at our clinic on August 18, 2006. As the schedule indicates there were 30 greyhounds to be seen that day, that's right 30 in one day; most of them would have dentistry done. That dentistry may consist of something as simple as an Ultrasonic touch-up or something as complex as multiple extractions. We see dogs for a large variety of medical conditions but especially dental related issues. Many of these greys are over 10 years old. Those adopters, either NGAP adopters or adopters from other programs, that do not pay attention to their dog's teeth will permit their greys to suffer in silence. Your dog's teeth are very important. We suggest pulling up the lip each month to inspect the large canines in front and the molars in the back. Ultimately, if you don't pay attention to the top teeth the dog could have periodontal disease on the bottom too. If multiple extractions are necessary you should permit the veterinarian to do it. As we have stated so many times 'your dog doesn't need teeth to be happy and healthy, it needs a healthy mouth to be happy and healthy.'



A photo of NGAP's surgery board

## Boarding At NGAP

In case you had forgotten greyhounds and sometimes some of their non-greyhound friends can board with us when you go on vacation. In addition to receiving income from boarding it's an opportunity for your greyhound to pass thru our health system automatically included in the fees is nail clipping & ear cleaning, but we can check teeth, clean them, extract them or touch them up. We can give shots or do examinations. We'll tell you if we see things you may not be able to see that it takes someone who constantly cares for greyhounds to know about. You'll find our rates most reasonable. It's like summer camp for your grey.

## Euthanasia and Cremation

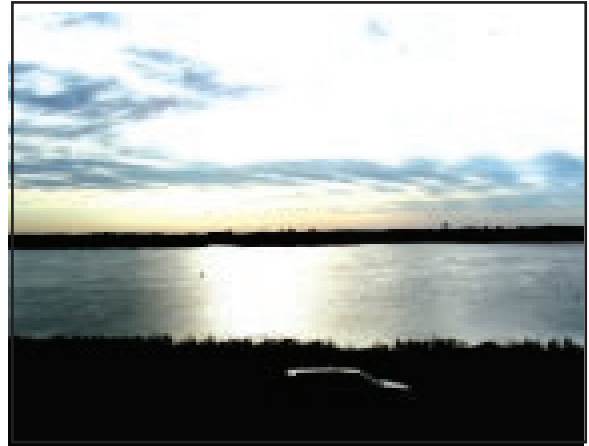
NGAP now offers Euthanasia and Cremation services at affordable prices. Contact our office for additional information.

**Buying a new car.....  
 Don't know what to do  
 with the old car.....  
 Donate it to NGAP!  
 All donations are tax  
 deductible and your  
 donations helps the  
 greyhounds!!**

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## For Sale

In past newsletters we talked about our property on the waterfront as a possible location for our new kennel. You may already know that will not be the location but rather a campus-like setting in a Northeast Philadelphia business park. Our 5.8 acres of waterfront property is now for sale. When the sale is complete we expect with continued donation help to complete a truly grand facility. We'll keep all advised.



## Adopt A Senior

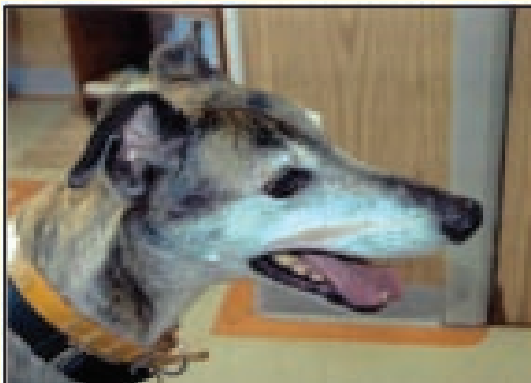
Pictured are only a few of the seniors available for adoption.  
 Visit our kennel!



Chance - 11 year old red male - NO CATS- low keyed but sociable



Duke - 8 year old Brindle male - NO CATS  
 Sweet & Gentle-Housebroken



Hurricane - 10 year old Brindle Male  
 CAT Friendly - He's an Alpha Male



Mary- 11 year old Red female -  
 CAT friendly - very low keyed - crate trained

## Only Sometimes Do Good Things Come True

It was early morning on Friday, September 8, 2006 when I received a cell phone call from Joan Sharkey that her greyhound Jamie had a stroke the night before. Jamie couldn't get up and didn't have the strength to try. I told her I wasn't sure if we would be able to do anything to help but to bring her right in and the doctors would be there shortly. When Jamie arrived we were ready for her, we had everything laid out waiting to start intravenous fluids. She was carried into surgery and laid on a surgical table. Her temperature was slightly elevated, her color was fair, and she had no feeling in one side of her body. We began intravenous fluids and antibiotic injection and waited for the doctors. Our treatment was uncomplicated. She was put on two antibiotics and given Deximethizone and continued intravenous fluids. Only time would tell if she'd regain strength. One thing she was able to do was eat. If you put food to her mouth she could eat it. We saw very little change in the first 24 hours but she did not get worse. Then she started to make the slightest movement. It was over two days before she had a bowel movement, though it was inside her cage it was a good sign (she could squeeze). As we carried her out supporting her front and back, two of her legs just dragged. On the third day we actually saw some function in her left front leg. Ever so slowly as each day went by Jamie got a little better. Joan and her husband visited Jamie literally every day you could see her perk up with each visit. The first few days she would only drink water while Joan was there. Although she was improving and after only needing intravenous fluids one additional time she needed support of the kennel staff to be carried out. We knew we were getting somewhere and with a little help of support towels Jamie was able to climb the steep ramp back to Post Op. After one week instead of laying flat she could sit up and now, on Wednesday, September 21, 2006 Jamie gets up on her own, walks out of her cage on her own, manages the steep ramp on her own and comes back on her own. Jamie will go home today. We gave her a chance to get better and she did.

*Congratulations to all staff members that contributed to her getting well!*

*P.S. While visiting Jamie, Mrs Sharkey saw a recent return, "Jessica". She weighed only 41 pounds but with a wonderful spirit. After Jamie had returned back home with the Sharkeys they decided to come back and get Jessica. Both Jamie and Jessica are doing well.*

## E-MAIL

We need your e-mail address! NGAP is in the process of setting up their own list. A good way to notify you of upcoming events and important greyhound information that becomes available to us. Please contact Debbie Jordan at [debra.grooms@verizon.net](mailto:debra.grooms@verizon.net)

## Really Good..... Really Bad In Just 15 Minutes

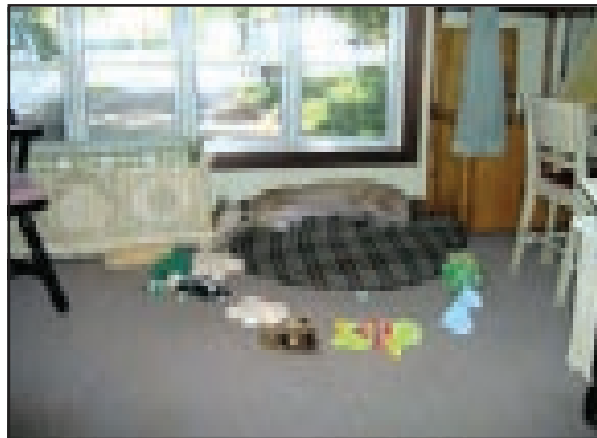
Thursday, October 19, 2006 I just visited the kennel. We have a boarder there, a ten-year-old female NOD (not our dog) not adopted from NGAP. The kennel staff related to the owner when the dog was dropped off for boarding that she would definitely need most of her teeth extracted. We felt it was necessary to contact the owner again and tell her that the charges would probably be over \$500.00. The kennel staff was told a large bill might be a problem. We spoke with the owner who said their vet was quite skilled with greyhounds and that vet would take care of whatever was necessary. I questioned what that vet had been doing up until now. A dog's teeth do not get this bad in one year, actually not even two years. This poor girl was probably numb with pain. Bacteria was entering her bloodstream through her mouth. If possible we will charge the owner with gross neglect in caring for their dog by contacting their local Animal Control. Pictures are certainly worth a thousand words. We took plenty. This makes everyone feel really bad.

As I left the kennel to get into my car, I looked across the kennel at a long run where one of our adoption kennel dogs just came out for afternoon turnout. He was running back and forth and up and down the ramp and making quick turns. He was just simply having fun, all by himself, just kept running back and forth along the 150' run. Watching him I knew this is the reason I do what I do, to find a home for that dog, so he can run and have fun and feel really good about life. Thank goodness for the good.

## NGAP's South Jersey Volunteers Annual Christmas Party

The South Jersey Volunteers for National Greyhound Adoption Program are holding their 9th annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3rd, at the Super Chinese Buffet, from 1PM - 4PM. We'll have a Chinese Auction, the Greyhound Store and the grey food & much, much more as you all know from past parties. Donation is \$15 per person. All who are interested please contact Merci Riccardi at (609) 652-5816 or email [mercibar1@aol.com](mailto:mercibar1@aol.com). Please make checks payable to NGAP and mail to Merci Riccardi - 240 Arbutus Ave - Gallopway, NJ 08205. RSVP by November 30th please.....

## Circle Of Friends



Check out this photo sent to us by Linda Bulger of Virginia Beach. Her greyhound Harley has very carefully arranged his toys in a circle of protective friends. He did it all by himself. Smart dog, don't you think?

# NGAP's Greyhound Store



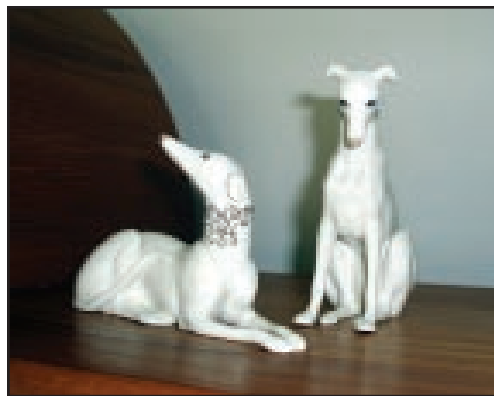
**Brand New!** - Stackable Greys-  
120 thousand stitch embroidery  
Sweatshirts & Jackets



NGAP's New Bolster Bed



"Holiday Stroll" - Christmas Card



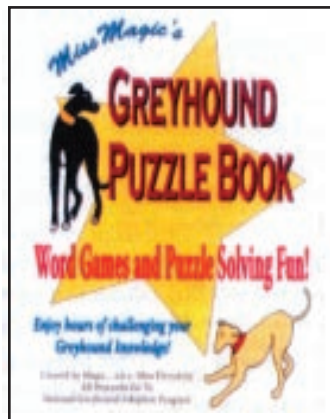
"Jeweled Devotion" - Lenox Figurine



How Greys Celebrate Birthdays Card



Celebrating Greyhounds "2007" Calendar



"Miss Magic's" Puzzle Book



"Paco & Carlos" Christmas Card



Greyhound Lover's Address Book



Greyt Recipes Cookbook



Concrete Statues

## Notice to Adoption & Rescue Groups

NGAP from time to time receives pharmaceuticals that are available to other groups free of charge. The requirement is that a Release Form be signed appropriate to the product being donated and if the product needs to be shipped you are obligated to pay UPS shipping charge. Currently we have the following available:

DVM ParaGARD Ivermectin Chewable Tablets specifically for Heartworm prevention. It is available for small dogs: 68mcg for up to 25lbs, medium dogs: 136mcg for 26-50lbs, and large dogs: 272mcg for 51-100lbs.

DVMax Ointment (similar to Odamax) ear antibiotic, which can also be used as a topical antibiotic ointment.

Clindamycin HCl Capsules 300mg

Malaseb Concentrate (Rinse) - A shampoo especially to

remediate Ring worm (not pictured)

At this point ALL products available are outdated but should still be good to use. We also have from time to time both dry and canned dog and cat foods. Currently we have a large quantity of canned dog and cat food.

For information on obtaining these products please

## **NGAP 's Greyhound Store**

### **Discontinued Edition -" Jeweled Devotion"**

Beautiful Lenox Greyhounds sporting jeweled collars around their necks. They come as a pair. Authenticity certificate included -

currently backordered - not available until February 2007  
\$80.00

**Celebrating Greyhounds "2007" Calendar** - \$10.00

**How Greyhounds Celebrate Birthdays** - \$1.25 per card or 5 cards for \$6.00

**"Holiday Stroll" Christmas Card** -(Created for the Museum of Modern Art) - \$16.00 - box of 8 cards

**"Miss Magic's Puzzle Book** - 115 pages of crossword puzzles, name games & word games - \$15.00

**"Paco & Carlos" Christmas Card** - \$10.00 for 8 cards

**"Greyhound Lover's" Address Book** - Imported from England, grey pictures and a grey place to keep to keep phone numbers and addresses - \$20.00

**NGAP's Greyt Beds** - \$45.00

**Greyhound Concrete Statues** - \$90.00

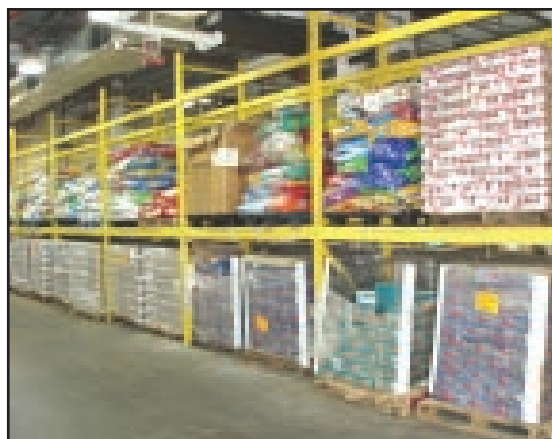
**Brand New Item - Stackable Greyhound Embroidered Sweatshirts & Jackets**

Sweatshirts - \$35.00

## **Heaven's Screening ( Author unknown)**

This article was sent to us by Susan Norman. Thanks Sue!

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate and as he got closer he saw a man at a desk on one side. When he was close enough, he called out "Excuse me, where are we?" The man answered: "This is Heaven." "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" The man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right in and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open. "Can my friend come in too?" The man asked as he gestured toward his dog. "I'm sorry sir, but we don't accept pets." The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk and at the top of another long hill he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate he saw a man inside leaning against a tree and reading a book. "Excuse me!" he called to the man. "do you have any water?" The man replied: "Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in." "How about my friend here?" the man asked as he gestured toward his dog. "There should be a bowl by the pump." the man answered. They went through the gate, and sure enough there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to his friend - the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man standing by the tree. "What do you call this place?" he asked. "This is Heaven." he answered. "Well that's confusing." the traveler replied, "The man down the road said that was Heaven too." "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope, that's Hell!" the man answered. The traveler asked: "Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?" "No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."



## **Christmas Time Is a Time For Giving**

Please remember National Greyhound Adoption Program. Your donations help all of our greyhounds both near and far.

### **Important Notice to Adopters (ID Tags)**

Until now all ID tags we have provided have had NGAP's 1-800 number as a possible option if your dog gets lost. Please be advised that number is no longer in service. If you'd like to order a new tag with our local 215 number please let us know. The cost for tags is \$4.

You will need to notify our office of the dog's name and adoption number, as well as your information such as name, address, and telephone number. If you do not know your adoption number we can look it up. We will have the tag ordered and mailed to you asap.

In the mean time we suggest you tape our office number, 215-331-7918, to back of your dog's existing tag, if you are still using it.

You can call this info in, fax it, email it, or mail it. All notices must be accompanied by a credit card number or check. (Checks require 10 days to clear).

### **SOPHIE**

A 7-year-old greyhound, mostly white, was returned to us when her adopter could no longer care for her. She was blind in both eyes and after an exam by an ophthalmologist it was determined the best course of action would be to remove both eyes. That was done about two months ago. In the mean time Sophie is settled in now living at our caretakers quarters, which she manages very well. It is almost as though she has radar, she rarely bumps anything, she's able to run in the yard, and is a very sweet and lovable girl. She even manages steps quite well. Just about everyone has had her for a walk and she goes potty on the leash. She's currently living with Justice, a return galgo, and they co-exist peacefully, Sophie needs a special home. Call our office for more information.



**This Is Sophie**

## **Dewey Beach 2006**

### **A Year To Forget**

Each year thousands of greyhound survivors, a few galgos and I.G.'s come together on Columbus weekend on what used to be a small reunion for those on the internet celebrating the wonder of greyhound adoption. In previous years Dewey Delaware would turn into a greyhound city, wherever you looked there were groups of greyhounds congregating in front of restaurants, crossing the street, walking the beach or in seminars. This year many of the same things happened but to a lesser degree. Unfortunately, Thursday night, October 5th 2006, a Noreaster hit the Atlantic Coast including Dewey Delaware, wind and rain pounded the beach. The tents, which are a focal point for greyhound shopping were still standing on Friday morning, October 6th. By Friday afternoon all of them were down and by sometime Saturday they were all gone. There would be no tents or vendors at the tent site at Dewey Beach 2006. At some point the Mayor of Dewey declared vendors could set up anywhere, waiving registration rules and fees. This was too little, too late. Some vendors were already gone, some had to find places where they could be seen by Reach the Beach attendees, and most took financial losses. Attendance was significantly lower, no one wanted to come in the rain, or just like Jennifer Storm, one of our volunteers, when she got there and found the weather to be so bad and no tents, just left. Sunday was beautiful the sun was bright, the temperature was accommodating but this also was too little, too late. Those people who planned Dewey overlooked what should be done in the worst case scenario if the weather was bad. It's not known at this point if vendors will be reimbursed by organizers for their \$250.00 per table. One thing this writer questions is sponsorship. This year an overwhelming number of events were sponsored by the American Greyhound Council. If you didn't know, the American Greyhound Council is part of the greyhound racing industry, it's funded by tracks. It sponsors good things like Dewey's Reach the Beach but it also sponsors stake racing and other greyhound events that don't have much to do with the welfare and treatment of greyhounds.

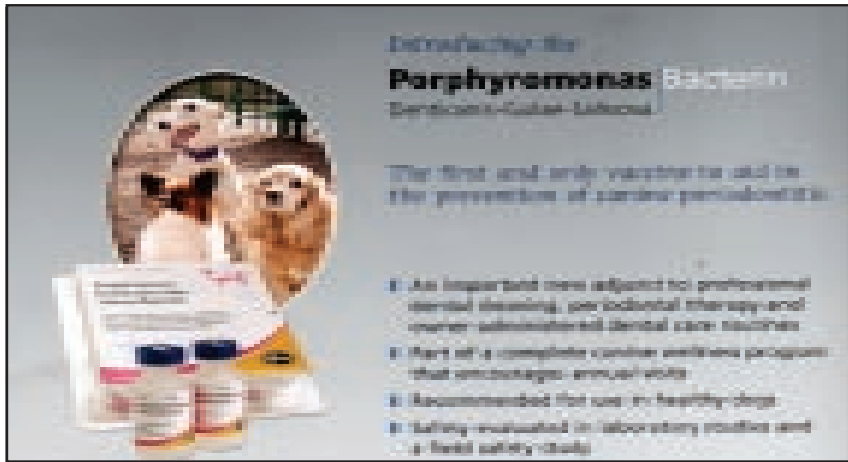
More and more each year it appears greyhound programs continue to lean towards the greyhound racing industry and advocates and non-committed adoption programs don't have a way to make their voices heard. It's a shame that greyhound programs having little money in their banks have to sponsor events for adopters. It should really be the other way around. Adopters should be honoring those volunteers that do so much each year to save thousands of greyhounds from a premature death. Please remember this racing industry still kills thousands each year, sends many to laboratories for research, sends many to places like Juarez, Mexico and other foreign countries, and euthanizes greyhounds by the truckload at cheap euthanasia facilities across the U.S. It's really hard to find the good in so much bad. It was wonderful to see those that were able to attend, braving the elements. Greyhound rain coats were probably a big seller this year.

This year we took embroidered hats that read DEWEY 2006. By mistake our embroiderer made some reading DEWEY 2007, so we're ready for next year and hopefully mother nature will be kinder and vendors will have some place to

### Adopter's Note

#### ***This may have a significant impact on your greyhound's health...***

Pfizer Animal Health just released a new vaccine specifically targeting canine periodontitis. They are trying to change the bacteria level in your greyhound's mouth to prevent the most common periodontal pathogens. These pathogens colonize in plaque, calculus and periodontal pockets in the oral cavity. As periodontitis progresses the anaerobic bacteria outnumber the aerobic bacteria. This vaccine is used to reverse that progress. This vaccine requires an initial vaccination, a follow up vaccination in three weeks and an annual booster every year. To introduce your greyhounds to this vaccine, NGAP will offer it for a limited time at \$10.00 per vaccination. The initial shot can only be given at the time a dental cleaning is done. For a limited time on greys receiving this vaccine we will be taking photos of the mouth and do an examination outlining the periodontal conditions of every tooth. At the one-year mark when the next cleaning is due we can do a further evaluation to determine how well the vaccine worked. This does not mean you do not have to brush your dog's teeth. Home care is the first and foremost important part of oral hygiene for people and dogs. NGAP should have this vaccine by the time you receive this newsletter.



### A Final Newsletter

For over 30 years Vivian Holloway has worked for both Wolf Investments and National Greyhound Adoption Program since its inception. She's the person that puts the newsletter together. David Wolf dictates most of what you will read but Vivian formats it, lays out the pictures, and puts it all into some reasonable order. The newsletter now comes infrequently because we are busy with so many other things. We like to have one ready for the Greyhounds Reach the Beach event every year in Dewey, Delaware. That gives us 12 months to put one together. Somehow it always seems we are just putting it together a week before Dewey's event. Each article is dictated, then revisited and altered. In the mean time for this last newsletter, since Vivian retires at the end of this year, she's truly been put to the test. Of course, Vivian has done so much more than just newsletters. She manages our database, coordinates with Sue Moser on doing the website, has fielded thousands and thousands of phone calls and all the forms we use and most of all has tolerated this writer. We thank Vivian for her many years of devoted service. I'm sure she'll miss us but will not miss newsletter time. Come back, visit us often Viv.

David G. Wolf, Director

### ***WOW! What a Deal!***

It just happened so it becomes the last article in the newsletter. We're always looking on the internet for things we need to buy and really got lucky. Jeff Wolf found a broker selling beautiful 4'x6' stainless steel runs being sold by one of this countries largest pharmaceutical companies. First we were offered 22 runs, that became 44, then 60, we received just over 100. We just got them in and they are beautiful. We paid about ten cents on the dollar. You can see us unloading the truck. It took a trailer and a half, a 53' trailer that is, to get these runs all here. We'll have one set up in the office in time for the Christmas Sale this year.



### **Greyt Christmas Sales!!**

**December 8th - 10th, 2006**

**10901 Dutton Rd - Phila, Pa**

**Fri - Dec 8th - 2PM - 5PM**

**Sat - Dec. 9th - 10AM - 2PM**

**Sun - Dec. 10th - 11AM - 2PM**

Many one of a kinds, many closeouts at really cheap prices.

Sweat Special - ~~-\$25.00~~ - \$15.00

New Style Sweats - ~~-\$25.00~~ - \$35.00

Baseball Hats - \$8.00

Magnets - Small - \$3.00

Med - \$5.00

Lg. - ~~-\$7.00~~

Long Sleeve Denim Shirts - ~~-\$35~~ - \$25

Cookbook Closeout - 2 for \$5.00

And much, much more.....

