

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 have the capacity for 7 greyhounds. Someone owed us money and instead 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 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 another organization 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.

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WHAT'S GOING ON.....



We've come a long way in the last year and a half. Our name has changed and we now have one of the best programs in the United States. Last year we did 46 adoptions, but for we have placed over 150 dogs, and have about 15 applications in process right now. Our first foreign shipment was made this week to Canada. We now have support from Purina, Hills, and Ciba Geigy's Interceptor. We have written to Florida's Governor in efforts to change Florida's law. Florida needs state mandated adoption fees because track owners are both cruel and too cheap to change their ways. We will continue to press local & national media to expose dog racing for what it is. Our track in West Virginia has an adoption program or giveaway. They pay someone \$20.00 nightly to literally give dogs to whomever will take them away. You get a dog, leash, and collar and are sent on your way. They call it an adoption program. We have a long way to go, but there is a much appearing in the dog industry itself. They don't like bad publicity, but most do nothing but the show what they're going to do, and believe they can continue to get away with it. Keep talking about how great greyhounds are and how bad the industry is. (Dog Fancy Magazine has a long article in the September issue, we're mentioned in the second half of the article next month). We had sent two long letters to the editor of Dog Fancy earlier this year. They got the message! The editor's dog happens to be a retired racing greyhound. We have tons of work ahead and we can use your help.

OUR KENNEL

It's here and now it use. I took a year and a half to get together, but now the kennel with the in caretaker residence is in use. We can comfortably house eight greyhounds in climate controlled comfort. The kennels were custom made and afford a comfortable place to stretch out and sleep. The dogs are out frequently in our 5,000 square foot exercise area. If you wish, we will board your greyhound, room permitting for \$8.00 per day, while you're away. Call ahead to reserve a time. The boarders that far have of record.

Our 800 line has now been in use since early this year and has helped us get adoptions around the country. Now that you have a greyhound, please remember that we are a non-profit organization, and if you wish to call us on our regular phone number, our number is, 215 / 331-7918. We will always be here to help, but typically don't have to pay for the calls.

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