

Tails from the Northwest



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A Newsletter For And About Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest Members And Our Dogs

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

If you would like to submit a photo for our Happy Greyhound Photo of the Month, send it to our [Editor](#)

We like photos of Greyhounds with other dogs, other animals or toys. Funny and goofy poses are great and anything that shows the dogs personality.



Dudders Saucier enjoys a day at the beach. Happy hounds in happy homes.

FEATURED EVENT

It's Fall. That can only mean one thing:

Bowling For Greyhounds

All you need to do is: download the "Bowling for Greyhounds" [pledge sheet](#); gather pledges from friends, family and co-workers; and show up at the bowling alley ready to have some fun.

When: Saturday, November 20th from noon to 4pm

Where: Milwaukie Elks Lodge, 13121 SE McLoughlin Boulevard, Milwaukie, OR

There will be a prize for the bowler who brings in the most pledges. Additionally, there will be door prizes and a raffle!

Our greyhounds need love, affection, food, medicine and transportation and, of course, a forever home. You can help them by bowling and/or making a pledge!

We ask that each bowler gather pledges totaling \$100 or more to make this a successful fundraiser for these amazing creatures.

Contact [Rebecca Nance](#), [Deanna Cecotti](#), or [Carolyn Duffy](#) if you will be joining us for this event.

EVENT CALENDAR

Adoption Events - Meet a Retired Racer

Eugene Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, November 6th, 11:00am - 2:00 pm, Petco, Eugene OR

Gresham Meet A Retired Racer Day, Sunday, November 7th, 3:00pm - 5:00 pm, Petco, Gresham, OR

Vancouver Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, November 13th, Noon - 2:00 pm, Petco Hazeldell, Vancouver, WA

Salem Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, November 13th, 1:00pm - 3:00 pm, PetsMart, Salem, OR

Vancouver Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, November 27th, Noon - 2:00 pm, Petco, Vancouver, WA

Vancouver Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, December 11th, Noon - 2:00 pm, Petco Hazeldell, Vancouver, WA

Keizer Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, December 18th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Petco, Keizer, OR

Gresham Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, December 18th, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Petco, Gresham, OR

Special Events

7th Annual Christmas Tree Sale, Saturday December 4th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Forest Heights Village Center

Bowling for Greyhounds, Saturday, November 20th, noon - 4:00 pm, Milwaukie Elks Lodge

[Details for each of these events is posted on our website](#)

For more information or to volunteer to help with any of these events, please contact our [Events Coordinator](#) by Email or telephone at 800-767-5139 or 503-784-1285

FEATURED EVENT

7th Annual Christmas Tree Sale

December 4, 9am - 4pm



Forest Heights Village Center
2041 NW Miller Road
Portland, OR 97229

Holiday Trees

Fresh, local Oregon Noble Fir \$35

Holiday Cheer

Holiday Shopping

Christmas Cookies & Treats

Greytstuff Shop - Featuring Items For Dogs

We will be selling all **Noble Fir** trees again this year and every tree is beautiful. Our simple, one-price for any tree cost makes it easy to look for just the right tree for your home. All trees are **only \$35.00** each and will be freshly cut local Oregon trees delivered the day of the sale. Trees will be between 5ft. and 10Ft. tall, reserve yours before the sale to be sure you get what you want.

[Pre-Order Your Christmas Tree Now!](#)

For more info call 800-767-5139 or email [Events Information](#)

VOLUNTEER FOCUS

Volunteer Focus: Steve and Amy Morinville

by Talia Oren



Steve and Amy Morinville have been involved with Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest (GPA Northwest) since adopting their first greyhound, John Henry, about four years ago. With three kids and full-time jobs, Steve, a police officer, and Amy, a schoolteacher, still find the time to volunteer for the organization.

The Morinvilles wasted no time getting involved with GPA Northwest. After adopting John and attending several events, they jumped right in and began volunteering in response to the various calls for volunteers they saw in the newsletter.

To date, their impressive volunteer resume includes foster parenting (they're currently caring for foster dog, Nauti) and a number of community-oriented activities.

Together, Steve and Amy coordinate the Annual Picnic, which is a major undertaking. As co-coordinators, they're charged with a laundry list of responsibilities: they plan the picnic activities and coordinate volunteers to oversee them, procure the equipment necessary for those activities, organize and participate in the food preparation, determine the placement, and assist in the setup, of the tents, the signs, and the merchandising booths, coordinate the entertainment, and see to it that the auction runs smoothly.

They genuinely enjoy their roles as volunteers, particularly as ambassadors to the public. Steve notes that adoption events are especially fulfilling; he loves having the opportunity to educate the public about the dogs and to share the joys of greyhound ownership with potential adopters.

The Morinvilles love Greyhounds for their incredible trustworthiness, their loving personalities, and for the fact that the easygoing, adaptable greys seem ideally suited to their busy lives.

And if, by chance, there's a minute or two of free time in their demanding schedules as professionals, parents, and volunteers, Steve likes to get a little time in riding motorbikes, and Amy swing dances.

FEATURED DOG

Nesse



Nesse is a petite 2 year old, very curious and still a puppy in many respects. She has an appropriate indoor energy level and a beautiful red brindle coat.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The GPA Northwest Entertainment Book Fundraiser is Underway!

Paul Hartwell heading a fundraiser for Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest. He and other volunteers are selling the Entertainment Coupon Book. You can help sell them, or buy one to help the cause. If you purchase the Entertainment Book before November 30, 2010, up to 50% of the proceeds will go to help GPA Northwest.

Anyone who would like to help with this fundraiser or would just like to purchase a book can contact Paul by emailing him at ebooks@gpa-nw.org. He will give you details on the program and flyers to help promote the fundraiser. The ways to fund raise are numerous; you can just promote to friends, family and coworkers or you can involve retail establishments and/or social club contacts.

GPA Northwest will receive \$5 per book for the first 50 books sold after that we earn 50% or \$12.50 per book sold. Profit from the sale of 1000 books is \$12,750 - wouldn't it be great to sell this many?

Email Paul today to help out the Greyhounds!



EVENT REVIEW

Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest at the Home & Garden Show!

by Cindy Ramzy

Most of us already know that one of the best ways to make your house a more beautiful, interesting, inviting and homey place is to add a Greyhound - or two, or three! For four days, GPA Northwest volunteers and dogs brought that message to the Portland Fall Home & Garden Show at the Portland Expo Center in one of the largest meet-and-greets that our organization participates in. Approximately 9000 people attended the show which ran all day from September 30 through October 3.

Twenty-nine GPA Northwest volunteers, their dogs and foster dogs manned our booth over 12 shifts. We had a cozy yet visible location in the Expo Center for our ex-pen, and volunteers took their dogs out to walk among the other exhibits to show off and meet people. Everyone was charmed by our beautiful, friendly dogs. Even some of the other vendors came to visit our booth

daily to meet the new dogs that had come for each shift.

The Home & Garden Show was an excellent opportunity for our dogs and dutiful volunteers to interact with a wide variety of people and spread the word about retired racers as loving pets. A special thanks to all the volunteers - and their pooches - who manned our booth and proved that Greyhounds can add just as much value to your home as new gutters or windows!

Thanks Carol Vinnacombe, Kay Stanley, Cleo Abernathy, Sue Hall, Claudia Byes-Lund, Janice Ridder, Christine Anderson, Marge and Steve Brennecke, Bob Vinnacombe, Chris Harper, Lynn Wilson, Jon and Rachel Fishback, Ruth Curtis, Jane Accardo, Cody and Deborah Pierce, Cathy Varner, Kara Robinson, Rebecca Nance, Lauren Rafter, Teresa Smith, Becky Magnuson, Gail Dreckman, Pam Hellesto, and Steve and Amy Morinville for helping out at the show.



Watch a Video, Support Greyhounds

Michelle Stevens has submitted a video for Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest for a chance to win part of the \$10,000 that iGive is donating to charities they support. This is an easy way to help raise money for GPA Northwest. Please click the link below to see the video on YouTube, then be sure to vote for it. You can vote every day in November and the video with the most votes will win part of the \$10,000 being donated by iGive.

Thanks Michelle, the video is great and we hope we win some of that money!

If your already signed up with iGive, just click [This Link](#) and vote for the video. If your not signed up yet for iGive, you can sign up and then vote. It's free and painless to sign up and iGive donates money for every click and every purchase you make.

HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS



Sheila and Snow Say . . .

What You Need To Know About

Celebrating the Holidays



The holidays are here again and here are some common holiday hazards to watch out for.

Dinner time:

You may have the table set for your dozen friends and family, but in the midst of the holiday dinner chaos, remember that your Greyhound may fall victim to temptation and try to steal something off the table, or go for the food the kids dropped. Bones, especially those from chicken and turkey, chip and become sharp and very dangerous when chewed and ingested.

Be sure to ask that your guests not feed any table scraps to your Greyhound, even though she's super cute. Any food your pup isn't used to can cause an upset tummy, and a big mess to clean up to boot.

Holiday parties can also be stressful for shy pets. If this is the case for your pet, be sure they have a nice quiet room with a warm bed, food and water that they can retreat to when it becomes overwhelming.

Make sure your friends and family keep an eye out for pets as they come and go from the house, so no one goes caroling that isn't supposed to.

Holiday decorating:

The holidays are more festive with decorations, but be sure yours are safe for your fuzzy friends.

First, let's talk about holly and mistletoe. These are poisonous when eaten! Poinsettias can also be harmful. Be sure to read the labels on any house plants and bouquets, and when in doubt, ask your veterinarian.

Your holiday tree can also be a pet hazard. Pine needles can hurt a dog's delicate digestive system if ingested, and a frolicking Fido can also knock down a tree if he's determined. The electrical cord and cords for all the pretty lights are also tempting to chew on. If you have a holiday tree and or lights that decorate your home, be sure your pets understand they aren't to be played with.

Candles are beautiful, but be sure to place them where your Greyhound's long wagging tail won't accidentally knock them over. Pets also get curious and can burn themselves trying to sniff hot candles.

Other decorations to research before bringing them home: potpourri, scented pine cones, garlands and even ribbons. When in doubt, ask your veterinarian. A little bit of forethought can go a very long way in keeping your four-legged friends happy and safe this holiday season.

Source:

Submitted by Jennifer Nyberg, researched on healthypets.com

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SUPPORT GREYHOUNDS WITH iGive

A Great Way to Help the Greyhounds



How often do you search or shop online? When you shop online at iGive.com, a penny a search and a portion of each purchase will be donated to Greyhound Pets of America-NW for free.

Searching or shopping means a donation. It's just that free and easy. A penny or more per search, a \$5 bonus for your first purchase and up to 26% of your purchases at over 730 stores like Amazon, eBay, Travelocity, Home Depot, Staples, and many, many more. Plus you SAVE money with exclusive coupons/free shipping deals.

Greyhound Pets of America is a national organization dedicated to finding responsible, loving homes for retired racing greyhounds. As a tax-exempt non-profit organization, GPA Northwest depends on donations and volunteers to accomplish its goal. Won't you help by using iGive.com for your next online shopping experience? Go to [iGive](http://iGive.com) to start shopping and donating today!

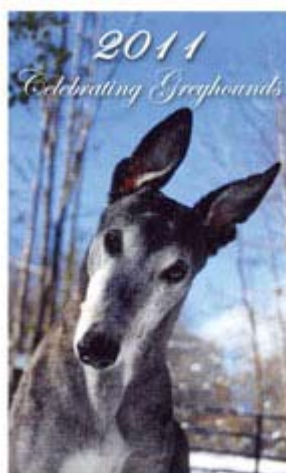
GREYT STUFF SHOP



It's almost the end of the year, now is the perfect time to get the 2011 Celebrating Greyhounds Calendars.



Wall Calendar



Desktop Book

We will be adding new items all the time so check back often to see the new and featured items available at the Greyt Stuff Shop.

[Click Here to Start Shopping!](#)

EDITOR'S CORNER

A Note from the Editor

by Jennifer Nyberg

Are there specific topics you'd like to see in our newsletter? Maybe you have an idea for a regular column or feature. If so, please let us know! Write to us at: editornw@gpa-nw.org

VOLUNTEER CLASSIFIEDS

Greytstuff Shop Merchandiser Needed

Do you love Greyhounds? Do you like people who love Greyhounds? Would you like to find interesting items to sell in the Greytstuff Shop? If you answered "yes" to these questions, this may be the right volunteer job for you! The Merchandise Chair is responsible for: procuring items for the Greytstuff Shop; shipping merchandise to customers; monthly inventory; and store set-up and tear-down at events. The merchandiser should have adequate storage space to keep the inventory organized to fill orders. It is possible to split up the duties between two volunteers. If you are interested in this important volunteer job, please email: bodnw@gpa-nw.org.

Greyt Stuff Shop Manager

We need a volunteer who will run the Greyt Stuff Shop. Our shopkeeper does a great job with the sales and inventory, but we need more help. We'd like someone to review what is in stock and make decisions about new items we should add and decide which items are available to be purchased or special ordered. In general, someone who will work to make it better and bigger so it can bring in more money for GPA Northwest. This volunteer work is perfect if you love to shop! If you're interested please write to volunteernw@gpa-nw.org.

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