

Tails from the Northwest



© Copyright 2010 Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest

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

October 2010

IN THIS ISSUE

[Photo of the Month](#)

[Save The Date - Greyhound Romp & Pancake Breakfast](#)

[Calendar Of Upcoming Events](#)

[Event Review - Annual Picnic](#)

[Featured Greyhound](#)

[Fundraising Opportunity](#)

[The Caliente-Portland Connection](#)

[Sheila and Snow's Health & Safety Tips](#)

[iGive - Support For Greyhounds](#)

[Editor's Corner](#)

[Volunteer Classifieds - Help Wanted](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

If you would like to submit a photo for our Happy Greyhound Photo of the Month, send it to editorNW@gpa-nw.org

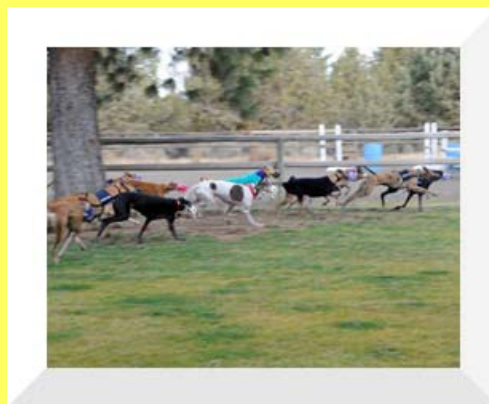
We like photos of Greyhounds with other dogs, other animals or toys. Funny and goofy poses are great and anything that shows the dogs personality.



Greyhound Kobe DiMeglio, age 4, with Boxer Rusty DiMeglio, age 2. Happy hounds in happy homes.

FEATURED EVENT

2010 Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest Greyhound Romp & Pancake Breakfast



A fun day for Greyhounds and people!

Begin the day with breakfast and let your hounds romp in the large play area. This will be followed by an adoption event in Bend.

Date: Sunday, October 3rd

Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: Sisters Oregon

67708 Cloverdale Road, Sisters OR

[Link to Map & Directions](#)

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Adoption Events - Meet a Retired Racer

Vancouver Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, October 9th, Noon - 2:00 pm, Petco Hazeldell

Gresham Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, October 16th, 11:00am - 1:00 pm, PetsMart, Gresham, OR

Eugene Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, October 16th, 11:00am - 2:00 pm, Petco, Eugene OR

Keizer Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, October 16th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Petco, Keizer, OR

Vancouver Meet A Retired Racer Day, Saturday, October 23rd, Noon - 2:00 pm, Petco, Vancouver, WA

Special Events

Portland Home and Garden Show, Friday, October 1st - Sunday, October 3rd
11:00 am - 8:00 pm, Portland, OR

Hounds Out and About, Bend Pet Express -Eastside, Saturday, October 2nd
11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Bend, OR

Hounds Out and About, Bend Pet Express-Westside, Sunday, October 3rd
10:30 am - 3:00 pm, Bend, OR

Greyhound Romp and Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, October 3rd, 8:00 am - 10:00 am, Sisters, OR

Lincoln City Hounds Out And About, Saturday, October 16th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

[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 at EventsNW@gpa-nw.org or telephone at 800-767-5139 or 503-784-1285

GPA NORTHWEST ANNUAL PICNIC EVENT REVIEW

THANK YOU HAPPY VALLEY!

by Carol Vinnacombe

Happy Valley was the gathering place for Greyhounds and their owners for the GPA Northwest Annual Picnic. Greyhounds had a chance to run and play together in a designated off leash park, compete for the title of Hotdog Bobbing Champion, try on new collars, and lounge around in the sun.

This year's silent auction was bigger and offered some unusual Greyhound-related items. The Greytstuff Store introduced the new GPA Northwest t-shirt in black, and Paul Hartwell had Entertainment Books for sale and to distribute to members interested in selling the books themselves.



Bobbing for hotdogs!

The raffle consisted of two incredible items: one was a beautiful handcrafted Greyhound pendant donated by Cara Brockoff of Northcoast Greyhounds and the other was a large canine first-aid kit containing everything you might need in an emergency donated by VCA Northwest Veterinary Specialists. There were also 30 Greyhounds available for adoption in attendance and four of them went home with their new families!



Silent auction.

The Rainbow Bridge Ceremony was followed by a Blessing of the Hounds conducted by Father Joe. All in all, everyone had a great time with the games, activities and good food. Many thanks to Deborah and Cody Pierce for arranging the donation of salads from Reser's and this year's dessert contest resulted in a mountain of wonderful sweet things for people to enjoy. A great big thank you goes to Amy and Steve Morinville for once again putting together a great picnic.



The offleash area was fun for everyone!

Finally, a big thanks to the City of Happy Valley who provided GPA Northwest with the sections of the park to hold our picnic and designated one of their off-lease areas as Greyhound-only for the day. Our sincere thanks go to Bill Calder for making this possible and to all the wonderful people of the City of Happy Valley who maintain one of the nicest

parks in Oregon.

FEATURED DOG

Navy



Navy is a beautiful fawn 4 year old with a tail that could compete in any "longest tail" competition. Navy needs other dogs to be happy, and really would prefer if his owner was home to be with him or could take Navy with them. He's not afraid of work, Navy would like having a job to do - anything that he might learn in obedience. Navy is very playful and loves toys - all kinds of toys. He's tolerant of little dogs, but doesn't really think cats should play a part in his life. He is very loving and above all he wants to please.

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!



THE GREYHOUNDS ARE HERE!

The Caliente-Portland Connection

by Carol Vinnacombe

It started the weekend of August 15: I called Joyce McRorie of Fast Friends Adoptions in Southern California to inquire about the situation with retired racers at Caliente, a racing track in Tijuana. Would it be possible to get six young dogs? With a big adoption event coming up we had 28 adoptable Greyhounds and only four of them were under the age of six. Joyce thought the adoption kennel at Caliente would have six available for us.

Then I began pondering: how do we get the dogs from Caliente to Portland? We could drive down and meet the Fast Friends volunteers in Sacramento, but that meant two long trips within two weeks because we already had a Hounds Out and About trip planned for Medford and Grants Pass the last weekend of the month. Voila! Maybe if we got enough volunteers we could combine the trips!

I called Joyce back to let her know we wanted to go ahead with getting the dogs. In less than 24 hours, Deb Ward and Shelly Hall of Fast Friends called to verify they would get six dogs from Caliente for us. They would even bathe them, feed them and keep them overnight while we made the trip down to pick them up.

They not only arranged to drive the six dogs from Sylmar to Lodi to spend the night, but they also drove the dogs from Lodi to Grants Pass to meet up with us. All we had to do was drive them the last leg of the trip!

Almost two weeks later, we were packing the car and trailer for the trip to Grants Pass and I got a call from Joyce. She gave me the names and descriptions of the six dogs from Caliente. At this point, Tom McRorie was still in line trying to cross the border back into the US, but had called the information ahead.

We made our way South to the home of Sue Van Couvering in Grants Pass, where we got the dogs we had with us ready for the events in Medford and Grants Pass. Meanwhile, we got updates on the movement of our six new retirees as they made their way North. After getting the spa treatment at the McRorie's, all six went to foster homes where they spent their first night in a home.

Early Saturday morning, Deb Ward and Chuck Wolcott loaded all six (four boys and two girls) into the van. Making no pit stops, they arrived in Lodi with enough time to help Patti and Cynthia get all the dogs fed and settled in crates for the night. Once everyone was settled, Deb and Chuck made the trip back to the Los Angeles area.



Getting ready for the trip North!



The van is just another bed!



Patrick and Cider survey the view

Meanwhile, on Saturday we were joined in Medford by Mary and Dave Wanamaker and Vicky Guy who helped with our event. Vicky brought her Greyhound Sophie who she adopted from Fast Friends when she lived in Southern California. Mary and Dave are also transplants from Southern California, where they had volunteered at Hemopet.

Sunday morning, Patti and Cynthia left Lodi early with a planned ETA in Grants Pass of 1:30 p.m. As the clock ticked closer to 1:30, everyone got anxious for the arrival of the six Caliente dogs that had traveled incredibly well for three days. Then Patti called - they were in the parking lot of the Grange Co-op where our event was being held! Dave Wanamaker and I drove separately to lead the very tricky way to Sue's home. The gates were closed and the six new retirees weren't the only ones needing to stretch their legs. Patti and Cynthia stretched for a bit and after a very short pit stop, got back in their van for the trip home.



Settled in with Patti and Cynthia



Patti and Cynthia say goodbye to their new friends, Sunny and Caught

Anne and Jackie finished the event and while the dogs who had been with us throughout the weekend met the new ones for a romp, we repacked everything to make room for the last leg of the journey. With three dogs in the back of the Yukon and all the holes of the trailer full, the final stage of the journey was completed at about 8:30 Sunday night.

The two girls, Sunny and Caught, jumped into their upper kennels for the night and the four boys, Patrick, Seth, Stormy and Cider settled in their lower kennels. The following week was a whirlwind of getting pictures taken and completing everyone's medical vetting. By the next weekend they were ready to audition new families. Cider charmed his new family into picking him, but it was Patrick who actually went to his new home first. The other four are in foster homes in Redmond, Corvallis and Keizer enjoying their new-found retirement.

We'd like to thank our Fast Friends all up and down the coast - it's wonderful to work with such dedicated people who like nothing better than to help a Greyhound find a home.

HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS



Sheila and Snow Say . . .

What You Need To Know About

The Evil Foxtail



Fall has arrived but a bit of summer still remains. As I walk down my alley with Birdie, Apple and Abe I usually find myself saying "no, don't step there" or "don't stick your nose down there." I've always thought of the foxtail as a noxious weed common to California. Either because of the nature of noxious weeds or global warming or perhaps both, this dangerous weed has invaded the Northwest. I see them all over on our daily walks.

This is a bristly plant with a head that, when dry, finds its way into dogs' noses, ears, mouths; it will also work its way up from between a dog's toes and drill through the outer fur. The obvious go-to-the-vet emergency is when your greyhound is rubbing at her eye or shaking her head repeatedly. Even worse is when the barbs work their way into a dog's body causing inflammation, pain, infection and abscesses. Years ago, I remember hearing about a greyhound who had a foxtail lodged against his spine, resulting in a mysteriously swollen and painful leg.

If you have them in your yard, you'd do well to get rid of them. If you see them in places like your local park, avoid them. If you can't avoid exposure, be sure to give your greyhound a thorough once-over to make sure there aren't any on his ears, feet, or the rest of his body. He'll thank you for it!

Source:
Special thanks to Deanna Cecotti for writing this month's article!

This information is for educational purposes only, always consult your veterinarian or a specialist before taking any advice or using any recommended products

weekend day and only takes a few people about an hour. If possible, we would like to do it the same date as we clean the kennel. Send an email with your available dates and times to volunteernw@gpa-nw.org and we will confirm the date and times that work best for the most people.

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.

Special Visual Communications

We need someone who will learn to use a new product we have that can create visual-audio presentations for our members, donors and the public. The system, GoldMail, uses an online graphic management system to facilitate the creation of short presentations using photos, video, text. Voice or music tracks can also be added to the presentations. The projects are all done using the GoldMail system so it's all online and no special software is required. Click here to see a demo of the program:

<http://play.goldmail.com/8i87foce53f2>. We need someone who either has good graphic design skills or wants to learn. The product is simple to use, has a number of training methods and help for users. We hope to create lots of exciting visual/audio commercials and short movies that will help us reach out to potential adopters, donors and volunteers. There is no limit to the creativity you can apply to this task and our communications team will be there for full support. If you're interested in learning more, please contact CommunicationsNW@gpa-nw.org.

Data Entry

We will be converting our complete database to a new database management system and need volunteers to help with data entry, reviewing entries for accuracy and maintenance. This can be a short term volunteer position or grow into a long term database management position. If you have time and the skills needed to enter lots of data into a database please contact us at VolunteerNW@gpa-nw.org.

***Tails from the Northwest** is a newsletter for and about Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest members and our dogs. We welcome your suggestions and comments and encourage you to share stories about YOUR Greyhound.*

Please contact our editor at editornw@gpa-nw.org

Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest

PO Box 6524

Portland, OR 97228

800.767.5139

503.784.1285

www.gpa-nw.org