

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 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.

VOLUNTEER CLASSIFIEDS

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. 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.

WANTED!

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Annual Picnic is a great time for families to mingle with their greyhounds, share stories, compete for prizes and eat some yummy food. This is Steve & Amy Morinville's second year coordinating the picnic and they need some help. Volunteers are needed for the following tasks:

- Set up from 9 am to 10 am



- Tear-down from 4 pm to 5pm
- Food set-up and replenishment
- BBQ cooking
- Conducting games and contests
- For those with experience with groups of Greyhounds, we also need monitors for the off-leash park and the adoptable Greyhounds area.

If you are able to help in any way please email picnicnw@gpa-nw.or

Jorge and Red Varner share a snooze.
Red is Jorge's Dad. Happy hounds in happy homes.

NEEDED!

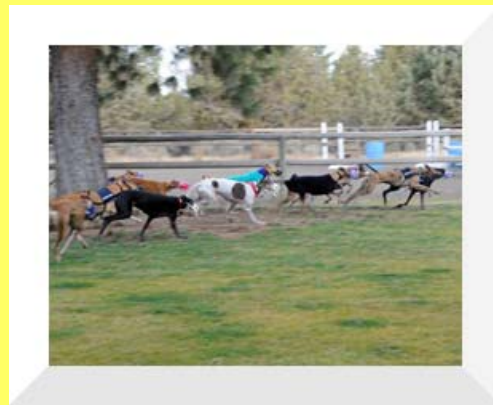
USB BROADBAND INTERNET DEVICE

We need a USB Broadband internet device to use with the Greyt Stuff Shop virtual terminal to take credit cards at the annual picnic. GPA Northwest will cover any additional charges accrued from the use at the picnic.

If you have one that can be used for the day of September 12th (Picnic Day!), please email Rebecca Nance at brindle_gal@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATE

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](#)**

2010 Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest Annual Picnic

Join Us For A Day Of Fun And Games As We Celebrate With Our Greyhounds

When: Sunday September 12th, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Lunch: 11:30am-2:30pm
Where: Happy Valley Park
13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd, Happy Valley, Oregon 97086
Happy Valley park is a family friendly park with walking trails,
play structures, shelter areas, picnic tables and shade trees.
[Link To Map & Directions](#)

Admission: Adults - \$9.00, Kids (Grammar School) - \$5.00
Preschool kids are free.

We will be holding a special ceremony for the Greyhounds we have lost.
Our Rainbow Bridge Crossing Ceremony will be held during the picnic.
If you would like to learn more, [Click Here](#).

All proceeds directly support Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest.

Make your reservation today!
Call 800-767-5139 or [make your reservation now](#).



SEPTEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

Adoption Events - Meet a Retired Racer

Saturday, September 11th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Bark Market, Portland, OR

Saturday, September 11th, Noon - 2:00 pm, Petco Hazel Dell Town Center, Vancouver, WA

Saturday, September 18th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Petco, Keizer, OR

Saturday, September 18th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Petco, Eugene, OR

Saturday, September 18th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Bend Saturday Market, Bend, OR

Saturday, September 25th, Noon - 2:00 pm, Petco, Vancouver, WA

Special Events

2010 Annual Picnic, Sunday, September 12th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Happy Valley, OR

Portland Home and Garden Show, Thursday, September 30th - 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

[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

Volunteer Focus: Cathy Varner

by Talia Oren

Cathy Varner was genuinely surprised when she found out she was to be the featured volunteer in the September Volunteer Focus column. A quick look at her GPA Northwest resume, however, leaves no doubt as to just how deserving she is of the recognition.

Cathy became involved with the organization four years ago, after adopting her second Greyhound, Jorge. She knew volunteering would be an ideal way not only to connect with other Greyhound owners, but also to carve out her own niche in the organization. Her early volunteer efforts with GPA Northwest found her doing things like helping decorate for the Valentine Gala, volunteering to bathe dogs at the Hound Wash, and signing people in at the Annual Picnic. Her efforts paid off; she began developing friendships with many of the members who attended multiple events throughout the year, and her volunteer involvement eventually led her to opportunities to play a more prominent role in some of the organization's larger projects.

Last spring, for example, after two years of helping prepare the organization's float for the Starlight Parade, Cathy successfully coordinated GPA Northwest's involvement in the event. This was no small task, as it required her to oversee and assist in the physical preparation of the float, and to handle the administrative side of the organization's participation, namely successfully entering the float in the parade.



Cathy has recently begun fostering Red, a senior Greyhound. It is a new experience that she has found to be both challenging and rewarding, as Red, who is 12 and has a number of medical issues, is still adjusting to home life.

And as if Cathy, a math teacher at Oregon City High School, weren't already busy enough with a full-time job and a jam-packed volunteer schedule, she created, and maintains, GPA Northwest's Facebook profile. As the main administrator of the page, Cathy is responsible for posting information regarding the organization's major events. With the help of fellow dedicated volunteer, Anne Soeder, Cathy keeps GPA Northwest's members up-to-date on the electronic front.

Don't think that Cathy is taking a breather from her busy schedule just because it's summer. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Cathy spends her summer days at Lewis & Clark College, teaching a summer school course for future math teachers. She is also an avid biker and gardener. In addition, when her busy schedule allows, she gives generously of her time to a bicycle group, leading rides, managing the club's website, and encouraging women's participation in the sport.

If there's one thing Cathy would have those interested in volunteering - but afraid they can't make a difference - know, it's that even though the big events, and those prominently involved in them, tend to grab most of our attention, the successes of these volunteers and the events they coordinate and produce rely heavily on the countless, less glamorous contributions of equally dedicated volunteers. Even the most seemingly insignificant tasks are vital to the success of the organization. Every volunteer contribution, no matter how small, is important.

SIXTH ANNUAL EUGENE PICNIC EVENT REVIEW

Sixth Annual Eugene Greyhound Picnic

by Renée Klein

Wow did we have a great time!

Forty-three Greyhounds and their families gathered at Mary Lou and Jerry Finnigans house in Eugene for the 6th annual Greyhound Picnic. It was an afternoon full of food, fun and festivities for all!

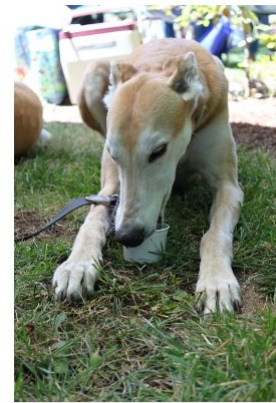
The weather was perfect for the gathering: a little cool and cloudy, breaking into sun later in the day. Guests Filled their plates with grilled burgers, hotdogs and other pot luck goodies. Greys enjoyed a variety of doggie treats, although the biggest hit was a Frosty Paws doggie ice cream for everyone! Yum yum!

Picnic attendees were able to purchase tickets to try to win some fabulous raffle prizes. We had an incredible selection of raffle items donated this year - fancy collars, coats, light switch covers, foods, toys, art and more. While some folks kept their fingers crossed for winning a raffle prize, others bid on silent auction items. Competition was stiff as Greyhound families rivaled for doggie fleece jackets, Greyhound themed art and jewelry, veterinary packages and more. There was much excitement and anticipation as the sought after raffle and auction items were awarded at the end of the picnic.

Greyhounds participated in several games this year, including a hot dog bobbing contest, a water relay and a wet T-shirt contest! We had many contestants, several winners and a lot of laughs as participants and spectators enjoyed the comedy of Greyhounds in action.

Clip clip! The Greyhounds were able to have a pedicure at the picnic! Thank you to all the hound parents who bought tickets for nail clipping and to our fabulous "nail artist" Michelle Compoli for volunteering her services.

Owners and hounds enjoyed browsing in the vendor area for T-shirts, collars, leashes, toys and other cool Greyhound "must-have"



items. So many greyt items, so hard to choose!

The picnic was extra special as we celebrated the birthday of one of our favorite greys, Tom, who turned 11 on picnic day. A beautiful Greyhound themed cake was created and shared to mark the special occasion! All of the Greyhounds howled "Happy Birthday" to him.

Special thanks goes out to all of the people and businesses who donated prizes, raffle items and silent auction items for this event. Our gratitude to Wags Dog Emporium, Safeway, Farmhand Feed, PetCo, Natural Balance, Nutro Products, Solid Gold, Kym Fleming, Jerry Finigan, Michelle Compoli, McKenzie Animal Hospital, Tina Collins, Kara Robinson, Christy Geeslin, Donna Payne, Pam Sparks and Home Co, Liz Lowry.

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for this year's picnic! It just gets better every year thanks to our fabulous Greyhound adopters who join in the festivities, our vendors and raffle prize donors, our volunteers and our fabulous picnic host. Pat yourselves on the back for supporting Greyhound adoption!

See you at the next event!

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!

SENIOR MOMENTS

Sadie Haslewood

by Rebecca Nance

Sadie has been around long before Anna Haslewood was born just five months ago. Sadie is a world class "couch potato" so her people are amazed at just how fascinated Anna is with her.

Whenever Sadie takes a stroll across the house to get a drink of water, Anne is all smiles and laughter. Anna cranes her little neck as far as possible to keep Sadie in her line of sight.

Sadie enjoys a daily romp around the yard. Anna particularly loves to watch this display of energy; she belly laughs and kicks her feet so rambunctiously you know she wishes she could run along side Sadie.

Sadie is a seven-year old greyhound, adopted by Andrea and Garry Haslewood in 2007.



Please send in stories and photos of your special senior pup! Email your submissions to: editorNW@gpa-nw.org

THE GREYHOUNDS ARE COMING!

Newly retired Greyhounds arrived August 29 from Caliente!

Watch for the full story in next month's newsletter.

HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS



Sheila and Snow Say . . .

What You Need To Know About Your Pup's First-Aid Kit



It's September - back to school time! Families are gathering school supplies for their kids. Why not use this month as an opportunity to stock up your first-aid kit for your furry kids?

Emergencies can occur anytime and the best thing to do is be prepared. Keep the kit readily available and periodically check to make sure all the items are up to date and present. A small plastic toolbox or fishing tackle box works well to hold all the necessary equipment.

Many situations require fast and correct action to prevent further injury, infection or death. Assemble a first aid kit now so that you'll be ready when your pet (or a human) needs immediate help.

On the outside of the box, write your name, address and telephone number in case you lose it. Also include the telephone number of your veterinarian as well as the telephone number of a local emergency veterinary facility.

What to include in your first-aid kit:

- Dressings and bandaging materials in several sizes
- Overnight sanitary napkins, to use in case of serious bleeding
- Blunt-nose scissors
- Hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent. (To induce vomiting and to use on infected wounds; check the expiration date from time to time and keep only fresh solution in your kit)
- An antibiotic, non-oil-based eye ointment
- A soft muzzle
- Compressed activated charcoal. (This is effective in absorbing many toxins)
- Sterile saline solution for cleaning wounds or washing eyes
- Cotton balls
- A small hemostat or tweezers
- Splinting materials
- KY Jelly
- A digital thermometer
- A small, powerful flashlight
- A cheap pocket watch with a sweeping second hand
- A notepad and pen to record vital signs
- Vetrap for protection during runs and for stabilizing injuries
- A supply of smelling salts to ward off aggressive dogs
- A Quick Muzzle to protect yourself if necessary
- Extra cotton leashes to restrain the injured dog and other dogs who may try to interfere or to secure the dog for transport
- A supply of water and a fold-up, collapsible bowl
- A fold-up collapsible blanket to use as a stretcher
- Several emergency space blankets
- A small jar of beef baby food, in case you need to get a pill into a stressed dog
- A syringe or turkey baster to administer peroxide to cause vomiting in case of poisoning, or to administer liquid medications
- Benadril, Imodium AD, Enteric-coated aspirin, Tagamet, and Dramamine

Source:

Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies, by Lee Livingwood

Special thanks to Carmen Zolman for researching content for this column!

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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!

SENIOR SUMMER CONTINUES!

Summer Isn't Over Yet, So Take a Chance on Love!

by Carol Vinnacombe

In June we announced the extension of our senior spotlight along with the incentive of a nice soft dog bed and omega 3 vitamins with each senior adopted. The poor economy continues to take a toll and since June we have received senior Greyhounds Rock (6), Emily (9) and Dorie (9).

Lucky seniors Rock, Red, Emily, Black, Jimmie Dean, Franco, and Mr. Tim have found new homes, while others still wait. Click the links below to see pictures of seniors that are ready to come home with you:

[KIMO](#) (8), [NAUTI](#) (9), [MILO](#) (7), [JASPER](#) (10), [ABE](#) (11), [DORIE](#) (10),

[GOODY](#) (6), [SLIM](#) (7), [JENNY](#) (12), [BIG GIRL](#) (9), [SIS](#) (9), [PRETTY BOY](#) (9),

[VALERIE](#) (8), [WIZARD](#) (6), [AUTUMN](#) (6),

These Greyhounds have all been loved and recognize love - they bring with them the promise of love. Take a chance on a Senior Greyhound.

EVENT REVIEW

2010 Brunch with the Greyhounds

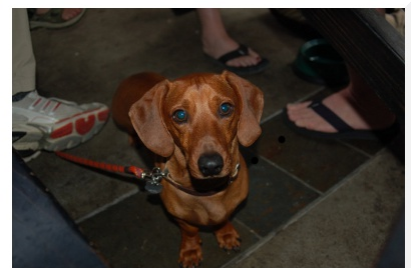
by Kathy Jones



Some lucky hounds got to share brunch!

The weather was just perfect for us to sit outside on the patio at Pyramid Brewery for the annual Brunch with the Greyhounds. This year we had 18 dogs attend the event, as well as 30 people. Our special guest was a Dachshund who attended the breakfast along with a Greyhound. The food was delicious! Pyramid always provides a mouth-watering menu and this year was no exception. The menu included everything from caramelized onion and bacon frittata to chicken fried chicken.

A special THANK YOU goes out to Brett Farrow and the fabulous wait staff at MacTarnahan's Taproom for taking such good care of us and our dogs and donating the brunch proceeds to GPA Northwest. When you are in NW Portland, remember MacTarnahan's allows dogs to join their people on the patio, drop in for a burger or a beer.



The guest of honor.

SUMMER EVENT REVIEW

Summer Fun

by Carol Vinnacombe



Glory dressed up for the Tualatin
Crawfish Festival

Our Greyhounds have been joining in on some fun activities this summer. GiGi and Lil Girl strutted their stuff in the Pet Parade at the Santiam Summerfest in Stayton. After a very busy day telling everyone all about themselves, the girls paid a visit to the awesome car show held in conjunction with the festivities. The girls were overhead to say "bet we could beat any of them!" Volunteers Jim Shirek and Paul Hartwell enjoyed the opportunity to tell everyone about Greyhounds as pets. During the following week, both GiGi and Lil Girl settled into their new homes - well as settled as 2 year olds can get.

On August 7, Greyhounds were seen at two Saturday markets. Slim and Valerie were accompanied to the Silverton Saturday Market & Homer Davenport Days by Jim & Judy Shirek and Paul Hartwell. In addition to a very busy day of meeting new people, the group sold Flowers for Hounds at the market. The flowers were donated by Mary Beth Bartel who is the founder of the Flowers for Hounds program. The flowers not only put a smile on people's faces, but have raised over \$3,000 for the medical fund in the past year.



Hounds getting attention at the Bend
Saturday market

That same day, Greyhounds Black, Shy, Glory, Ellie and Eva made the journey East in the GPA Northwest dog trailer with Jackie Holstom and Carol Vinnacombe. They were met at the Bend Saturday Market by Lynn Smith where they were the main attraction for the day.

Amazingly, the Greyhounds stayed awake for most of the day-long event; they just had too much fun being petted and fawned over. Ellie discovered a new talent which endeared her to everyone; she picked up the water bucket and carried it by the handle to the other side of the xpen where she set it down and waited patiently for applause.

The Tualatin Crawfish Festival is always a favorite of the Greyhounds. This year, a number of volunteers (led by Michelle Corse and Darcie Spar) and their Greyhounds demonstrated the attributes of the Greyhound breed. New attendees to the event were Silda, Navy, Glory, Ellie and Eva. Glory (shown above) thought there must have been some mistake - she understood the crawfish were for eating, not wearing!

Now Open



The Greyt Stuff Shop is now open for business with their new website. It has lots of great features like setting up your own account so you only have to enter your information on time, then just log in when ever you return to shop.

We kept all the great items we have always had and even the categories you are used to so it's easy to navigate and find what you need. We will be adding new items all the time so check back often to see the new items 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

For many of us, giving means adopting one of those adorable Greyhounds because we couldn't deny the big brown eyes looking up at us as they leaned against us to tell us "I choose you to take me home and love me."

For others, giving means fostering a newly retired Greyhound; to teach them what stairs and hardwood floors are, and to be patient and loving as the pups learn about their new life. Some people choose to donate bags of dog food, assist with transports, create web banners, or host picnics. Still others track orders from the online shop or donate services and prizes for events.

Everyone has a different definition for what it means to give. What does it mean for you?

***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.*

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