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Winter is the time when so many of us turn our focus inward, whether because we're gearing up for the fresh start that the New Year represents or because we're just huddling together trying to keep warm. This season seems to be a time of more intense reflection than usual; the combination of the weather, the holidays, the end of one year and the start of another, and recent national events have prompted many of us to seek the familiar and the comforting. Winter finds us approaching that well-worn cushion, pawing at it a few times, and then nestling into its familiar bulk with a weary but satisfied grunt.

This issue mirrors the season's sense of reflection and transition. It includes articles that reconsider some of the Greyhound basics: Dr. Jim Bader offers a primer on anesthesia, Mary Pat Parkhill explains how to conduct a Meet and Greet, and Lee Lavery tells us how to cat-test our Greyhounds. Claudia Presto's remembrance of SportNLove and Joan Belle Isle's tribute to the late Joan Martin's Greyhounds are bittersweet acknowledgments of the joy and pain of life's passages. Other articles celebrate the excitement of beginnings, as in Rich Roselli's explanation of how his Greyhound brought an adoptive son to his family and Carol Cummings' description of her Greyhound's new job at the elementary school. Other articles that will challenge you to "take the next step" include Nancy Waddell's piece about Greyhound blood donation, Karyn Zoldan's suggestions for bringing Greyhound adoption to new target audiences, and Lauren Emery's bracing call to fight cabin fever.

And while we're on the subject of transitions . . . Several months ago, Marcia Herman asked me if I would be interested in moving into the editor-in-chief position at *CG*. I said that I might be. We talked briefly about the qualifications she sought and the time period over which she wanted to transition someone into the role. Her response: "Would you like to start now?" After several deep breaths, many long conversations, and some negotiation on that time frame, here I am.

It is a privilege to be working with such a talented group of contributors who share a real passion for Greyhounds.

Please join me in welcoming some contributors as they take on new roles with *CG*. Mary Bauer, a former *CG* copy editor, is our new Adoptions editor. Karyn Zoldan has joined our copy editor team. And I am thrilled that Marcia Herman has agreed to stick around as Editor Emeritus. Everyone should be so lucky to have such a superb mentor.

This issue of *CG* has been the product of an exciting and challenging transition. I hope you enjoy it.





# No Rules...Just Right



All goodies must be earned.

This may be a great way to advertise an Aussie-themed steakhouse, but it's a bad practice to adopt in dealing with your dog. If there are no clearly communicated boundaries, dogs — like children — will test their environment to determine what is safe or dangerous and what offers rewards or punishments.

Problems don't arise because our hounds have decided to storm the castle. Problems arise when our dogs have no sense of structure or boundaries, when they can't understand what we are trying to communicate, or when their relationship with us isn't as strong as it should be.

Simply put, your hound has to understand what is expected of him and to trust you with his life. Don't worry about who goes down the stairs first, as long as he'll wait at the top if you say, "Wait."

You don't need to turn your home into a mini-bootcamp. I spoil my dogs rotten. They sleep on the beds and furniture. I share my food with them. My dogs have earned those privileges. Once your dogs have learned your house rules, you can cheat with most dogs and give them goodies occasionally just because they're so cute.

We don't need a lot of pack-ranking exercises or phony alpha displays to communicate with our dogs. You don't have to be harsh to be in charge. And scruff shakes and alpha rolls don't make you a leader. They make you a bully. If you have to use force to get your way, you have no real power. I train without a leash or a collar except as necessary for my dogs' safety. My hands never touch my dogs when we're training except to pet, praise, or protect them.

So how do you develop this kind of relationship with your hounds?

A dog that isn't looking at you usually isn't listening to you. A dog that pays attention only when you have food needs to be reminded that you own the can opener. Before you do anything else, teach him to look at you or to you for everything he wants.

Teach him to sit (or lie down) and pay attention to you no matter what is happening around him. This behavior becomes the doggie equivalent of "Please." It is the only way for him to get what he wants. If you expect a toddler to say "please," you should certainly expect the same from your hound.

Teach him to work for a living. There are no free lunches! Give him a job and a sense of purpose. It doesn't matter what behaviors you pick as long as all goodies (petting, walks, food, treats, and the like) are earned *and you control his access to them — or at least have him think you do.* Teach your hound the way your Grandma taught you. To get dessert, you had to eat your veggies. If he isn't sitting and paying attention to you, the door doesn't open, the leash isn't put on or the treat goes back into the cookie jar until he complies.

Find activities that work your hound's brain as well as his body. Bored or under-

worked dogs are far more likely to look for things to get into. If he already has a job of his own, he has no need to go looking for one.

Teach self-control exercises like attention, stay, and immediate recall. These exercises aren't about obedience. They are about safety, self-confidence, communication, and relationship. The better he knows them the calmer he will be in all situations and the more he will trust you and look to you for guidance. It takes only a few minutes a day of formal training.

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If a dog becomes ill or injured, how well he accepts handling can be critical. Help him learn that being handled and touched on any part of his body is pleasant (or at least acceptable).

Each Greyhound is different. Some never test the rules; a few are always testing. How do you know if your hound needs a more structured environment? Try this easy test: How many sentences can you begin with "My dog won't let me... (move him from the bed, take a favorite toy, trim nails...)," or "My dog won't... (sit when I ask him, come when I call)?" The more sentences you can complete, the more your hound needs a stronger sense of structure and leadership. Find a good trainer or behavioral consultant who uses gentle, positive methods, and get to work. ■

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*Lee Livingood is a CG regular columnist and the author of Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies.*

## Danger Zone

I was surprised and horrified to read the article in the Summer CG by Caroline Coile ("Caution: You're Now Entering the Danger Zone") regarding the potential hazards for UNLEASHED (YIKES!) Greyhounds exploring America's woodlands. "Before you unhook the leash . . . know where every conceivable danger to your dog is." HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? The greatest danger to an unleashed Greyhound is the owner who unhooked the leash!

I would and will never allow my two hounds to run loose in an unfenced area. In my adoption agreements there were clauses stating that as an adopter of these precious sighthounds I would never allow them to run loose in an unfenced area. I took this marriage vow very seriously and know if I didn't it might mean their deaths might we part! Allowing Greyhounds or any sighthound to run unleashed in an unfenced area is extremely irresponsible dog ownership. I think it borders on neglect.

I'm a new subscriber to CG and am extremely disappointed to see printed an article even suggesting this.

Mary Jo Janchar, Colonel Mustard, and Ms. Tricksie  
Ashland, Ohio



Smiles. Claudia Presto

It warmed our hearts to see Marcie and Lily's picture in the Summer 2001 issue of CG (p. 29). The picture was taken in Punta Gorda, Florida on the gulf side. It was in a field of maybe 100 acres or more. A cul-de-sac led to the middle of the field and there were not any buildings or houses nearby. I suppose that it might have been a large tract of land that was going to be developed in the future. The field was not fenced, but it was so large that you did not have to worry about the greys reaching the perimeter, because it was immense. In my travels, I have only been able to find this one field that was completely safe. I wish I could find more fields where I would not have to worry about the greys reaching traffic, running into a barbed wire fence, or finding a hole, etc. etc.

David French (via e-mail)

## In Memoriam

I have received your magazine since its inception. Ten months ago I lost my adopted Greyhound to old age (15 years old!). Recently, I could finally compose an obituary for Howie and had intended to send it to you along with a contribution in his memory. Imagine my surprise and sorrow to read that memorials would no longer be published for us "regulars" — only those dogs fortunate enough to have appeared in your publication. This is definitely "Greyhound discrimination"! Obviously, a renewal and a contribution is no longer in the picture. Please don't tell me about size constraints, costs etc. If these dogs and their owners were really your main concern, their lives and feelings would certainly be in the forefront of any decision making.

JoAnne Kabasin (via e-mail)

*Every Greyhound is special, and every passing is grieved. However, "In Memoriam" has, from its inception, bid farewell to the Greyhounds who were the focal point of previous articles or were pictured in CG, and to those who had a profound impact on the world of Greyhounds. — Ed.*



## Mystery Solved

The mystery dog on the inside cover of your Fall 2001 issue is Duchess. She lived with us for three years before dying from bone cancer. In this photo, Duchess is standing on the beach that surrounds Lake Arrowhead, and she is watching the boats and water skiers.

Duchess was our first greyhound and was truly an elegant and regal lady. She was 7 years old when we adopted her from a local business where she had been a blood donor for three years. Two years later, she was diagnosed with bone cancer in her right front shoulder. Through it all, Duchess always remained a happy and outgoing elegant lady with a few tricks up her sleeve. She loved doing the Show and Tells and was an excellent ambassadorette for greyhound adoptions. She is still loved and missed at our household.

Sharon Cummings  
Irvine, California

## Manx

In the Spring 2001 issue of Celebrating Greyhounds, we noticed an old picture of Manx (alias Manger) swimming in the Flathead Lake in Polson, Montana. The picture was made when he was 4 or 5 years old. Manx is now 13 years old and still very active. He still likes to swim, although he no longer jumps off our boat dock — a good three feet above the surface of the water — to go after his dumbbell. He still loves to run with his Greyhound friends. He is happiest when he is traveling in the van with his family, both four-footed and two-legged. We hope he will be able to enjoy another few years with us. Thank you for including his picture in this wonderful publication.

Beth and Byron Christian  
Polson, Montana



## Searching CG

Hope this finds all well with you and yours. Is there somewhere I can look to find an article on high prey drive that might have been in CG Magazines? Trying to find something today, if possible. I have the past four years in CG's (which I consider to be quite an asset!)

Thanks for your help, as always,

Susie McQuade (via e-mail)  
Greyhound Adoption League of Texas, Inc.

*This issue includes a cumulative index to CG as well as an index for 2001. I hope this helps! – Ed.*

## On a Bounceback

I wonder if some Greyhound adoption groups are going overboard marketing retired racers as family pets? We adopted four years ago, but finally returned our dog this spring. When our children were little, and there was a lot of family "floor" time and many walks during the day, he was fine. But he did not seem to tolerate our changing schedules. We moved twice in two years, we added a puppy to the mix, a family tragedy had me traveling back to be with my parents in an unusual schedule, and as the kids got older and activities extended family hours outside the house, he seemed to fall apart. He was especially baleful if he was not walked frequently and on schedule. Walking seemed to be his only pleasure (and he got walked every single day) for he did not seem to enjoy our attentions. (One reason we got a puppy was because he ignored the kids and we wanted them to have a friendlier dog experience.) None of these were reasons for returning him – it was nocturnal barking and peeing in the house that finally became overwhelming. After repeated visits to the vet, many medications and months of various behavioral strategies, it seemed clear that he was unhappy, and so were we.

Our experience – and from talking with other owners – is that these animals need an

especially attentive and highly structured environment and they do best where they can be bonded with a single person. They are fascinating and beautiful, but their needs are unique. We did our best to provide a loving, stable environment, but it wasn't enough for him. As a group, these animals have some unusual personality (and medical) problems that can't all be addressed by a normal, dog-friendly environment. While it's possible our dog was just a bad match with us, this experience makes me question the wisdom of marketing retired racers as family pets as strongly as some groups seem to do. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Ann-Janine Morey  
Harrisonburg, Va.

## Thanks, Marcia!

Thanks for your greyt job as editor-in-chief. You've done a wonderful job. I for one appreciate your efforts. Good luck for the future and happy tails,

Paul Lee (via e-mail)

Marcia, thanks for many happy memories and lots of good reading. I've enjoyed every issue. You have done a wonderful job.

Robin Hecht (via e-mail)

Thank you for a wonderful six years of service. I've only subscribed for the past one, but it was fabulous. I wish you luck!

Annette Doerr (via e-mail)

Thank you for all the support Celebrating Greyhounds has extended toward the European Greyhounds- both Irish and Spanish. Many good things have occurred over the year and you helped to make it happen.

Mary Alice Class (via e-mail)

Thank you for all your hard work and all your dedication and for the tremendous journal. Good luck in all you do and to your replacement ... she has big shoes to fill!

Holly Priestley (via e-mail)



Dream. Lauren Emery

I would like to thank you for all the wonderful issues of CG Magazine, and wish you well in your new venture, whatever it may be.

We had Danny the reddish fawn Greyhound, who died of nasal carcinoma. A picture of Danny with his two housemates, Epigee and Perci, appeared in the Summer 2000 issue. Epigee fractured his leg in May due to osteosarcoma which we didn't know he had. We noticed a limp but wanted to wait a week because we saw him pounce on a toy and thought he might have jarred something (he was almost 11 years old). We let him cross the bridge.

I really wanted to say "thank you" for being so nice, for putting in Danny's picture in CG, to memorialize him for us (and those who knew our big red baby). Thank you for just listening and for being you.

I had planned to write you that as usual since Danny's passing, I list all those greys who have passed on during the year and send a donation to the Morris Animal Foundation in their memory. Wanted to let you and the staff know that I was also sending in the name of Joan Dillon so people would know she's not forgotten.

Good Luck Always!

Martha and John Ward (via e-mail)

*Thank you for your letters (up to 300 words) and photographs. Letters may be edited for brevity or clarity. Please send letters and photos by mail to the editorial office. Letters sent via e-mail to [editor@adopt-a-greyhound.org](mailto:editor@adopt-a-greyhound.org) are also appreciated.*

*We regret that we cannot publish every letter or photo. ■*

# Calendar Time All Year Long

By Joan Belle Isle

I feel as if I'm in a time warp. It's mid-fall 2001. The *2002 Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar* is already for sale and now we are writing about photos for the 2003 calendar.

Greyhound adopters from all over the country send us photos for the calendar. When we work with them, the genuine affection that owners feel for their Greyhounds radiates from every picture. The great photos and the not so great ones all invoke a grin, or a sigh, or a chuckle of recognition. We all see our own dogs, or dogs we know, in your pictures.

Without your photographs, the calendar would be impossible. Here are some hints and guidelines to make the project easier for us and to give your photos the best chance to stand out.

## Label, label, label

We inventory and catalog every photo that we get. It's a big job, and a critical one. Please put a label on the back of each photo you send and write your name, address, the name(s) of the dogs in the picture, the name(s) of any people in the photo, and the name of the adoption group, track, kennel, or breeder from which the dogs in the photo were adopted. Use an adhesive label; do not write on the back of the photo. Writing on the back of a photo with a ballpoint pen leaves an indentation and the ink can bleed through to the front.

## More isn't always better

We are always looking for the photos that are a little bit different – pictures that capture the personality of the individual Greyhound and the versatility of the breed. But more is not always better. Look critically at the photos you plan to send. Are they in focus? Do the dogs have red-eye or green-eye? Is there something really distracting in the background? Is the image over-exposed and washed out, or under-exposed and dark? Don't let your really fabulous photos get buried amidst a bunch of mediocre shots. Be selec-

tive.

## To digitalize or not to digitalize

Every year people ask if they can submit photos taken with a digital camera. Digital imaging technology has improved dramatically since the first digital cameras, but there are still some limitations. For a digital photo to reproduce well in print, it has to be taken at the highest resolution setting on the camera. These high-resolution images produce huge files. You can expect a high-resolution image to be 1.5 Mb or larger. If you have a digital photo that you want to submit, have it professionally printed on good quality photographic paper. Most of the film manufacturers such as Kodak and Fuji offer the service, as well as some retail camera stores.

## And what about professional studio photographs?

Studio photographs certainly meet the focus and clarity requirements to reproduce well in print. And we have occasionally used studio photos in the calendar. But generally studio photographs lack the spontaneity of good candid images. It is the difference between a wonderful but static painting and an image that makes you want to reach out and scratch the dog's ears. So in the case of studio photos, they are not our favorites. But if you have a really good one that you like a lot, send it.

## May I? – Permissions and releases

If you did not take the photograph yourself, you need to get the permission of the photographer for it to be considered. That also applies to any people in the picture.

The Greyhound Project collects photos all year long. In March the selection process starts for the up coming calendar. Send your photos to: The Greyhound Project, Inc.

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## Galgo Becomes Therapy Dog

Linda Pioggia reports that her Spanish Galgo, Valor ("Scooby 172: An Irresistible Galgo," *CG*, Spring 2001), passed his Canine Good Citizen test through Therapy Dogs International. He regularly accompanies her to work in a hospital and visits sick children. Linda believes that while Valor may be the first Galgo in America to become a therapy dog, he will not be the last.

## Update on the Research Dogs

As described in "Without Owners' Consent" (Fall 2001 *CG*), moving the Greyhounds from the research labs at Guidant to adoptive homes was a group effort. The following is a list of individuals and adoption groups that received the research Greyhounds.

GPA-Minnesota, Minneapolis,

Minnesota: 21

GPA-Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana: 1

GPA-Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin: 3

Greyhound Friends, Belle Mead,

New Jersey: 2

Make Peace with Animals,

New Hope, Pennsylvania: 2

Michigan REGAP, Detroit,

Michigan: 11

Monica's Heart, Altoona, Pennsylvania: 2

National Greyhound Adoption Program,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 8

Nittany Greyhounds, Port Matilda,

Pennsylvania: 1

Renewed Life for Greyhounds, Holland,

Michigan: 3

Rescued Racers, St. Louis, Missouri: 4

Rochester REGAP, Rochester, Minnesota: 4

St. Louis REGAP, St. Louis, Missouri: 3

USA Dog, Indianapolis, Indiana: 15

Jan Eastman and Robert Peterson (owners): 2

Candy Schultz and Lana Trow

(kennel operators): 13



## Corrections

Page 62 of Fall 2001 *CG*. The correct contact address for "Say Goodnight Gracie" is Linda Miranda, PO Box 108, Derby Line, VT 05830-0108. The correct mailing address for Mrs. Bones Decorative Collars is 2512 Consolvo Dr., Virginia Beach, VT 23454.

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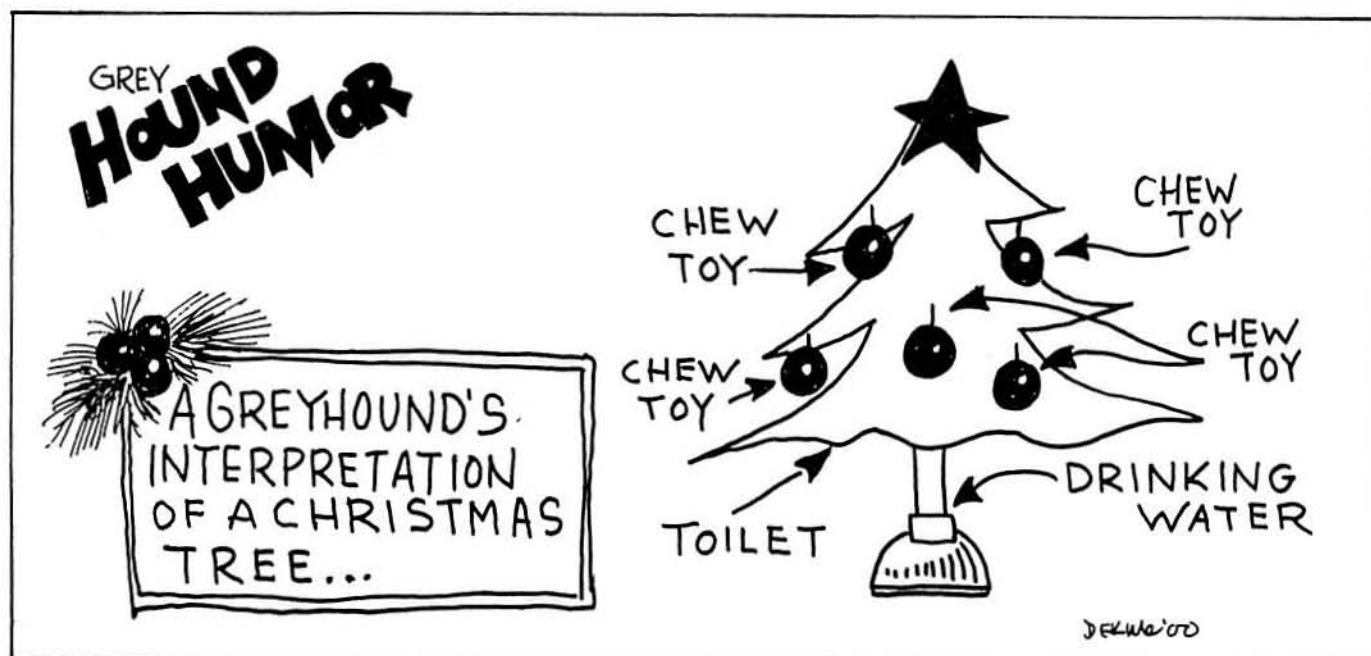
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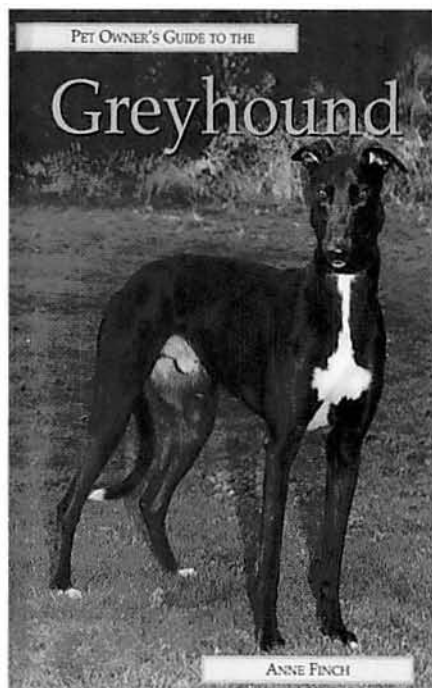
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## Pet Owner's Guide to the Greyhound

By Anne Finch Published by Ringpress Books, PO Box 8, Lydney, Gloucestershire GL15 6YD United Kingdom USA \$9.95



Written by Anne Finch, founder and trustee of Greyhounds in Need, *Pet Owner's Guide to the Greyhound* provides a succinct overview of the Greyhound as a pet. This slim, 78-page volume touches on a number of basic topics, including the history of the breed, the racing life, the adoption process, feeding and exercise, training, behavioral problems, and health care. The book also includes lovely color photographs by Steve Nash.

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***Pet Owner's Guide  
is enlightening  
as a window into  
Greyhound life***

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Written for prospective Greyhound owners in Great Britain, *Pet Owner's Guide* is probably of less interest to prospective Greyhound owners in the United States than to supporters of Greyhound adoption. The reader who is looking to adopt a Greyhound in the U.S. can easily find several books at the local library or bookstore that address the Greyhound adoption process in greater depth: Cynthia Branigan's *Adopting the Racing Greyhound*, D. Caroline Coile's *Greyhounds*, and Lee Livingood's *Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies* are well-written, thorough guides for the new Greyhound owner that are routinely recommended by adoption groups. Moreover, *Pet Owner's Guide* contains several pronouncements with the potential to raise eyebrows among adoption advocates in the U.S. For example, on the subject of walks, Finch writes: "Do not let him off the lead for three months at least, or until a strong bond has been formed between you" (p. 41). In addition, the hounds depicted in the book are wearing buckle collars or no collars at all, rather than martingale-style collars. On the subject of basic needs, she writes that "more than five hours is really too long" for the Greyhound to be home alone (p. 21). The book also contains the following statement describing bouncebacks: "These dogs are very sensitive and every time they move homes they have a minor nervous breakdown!" (p. 22).

Nevertheless, *Pet Owner's Guide* is enlightening as a window into Greyhound life and adoption abroad, and thus American readers may find its greatest value as a source of connection between Greyhound adoption efforts and practices here and those in other countries. Greyhound owners familiar with the layout of an American

racing kennel might be surprised to read that racing Greyhounds in the U.K. are routinely housed two to an enclosure, in mixed-sex pairs. Although some of the terms may be unfamiliar—identity disc, dog refuge, push-chair, dandy-brush, preypouncing—the concepts and challenges are not. Placement representatives will nod knowingly at Finch's words of wisdom for adopters with young children or plans to start a family. And everyone who has loved and lost a Greyhound companion can find solace in Finch's sensitive but no-nonsense suggestions for dealing with euthanasia and grief.

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For the volunteer or adoptive owner who wants to understand Greyhound adoption in an international context, Anne Finch's *Pet Owner's Guide to the Greyhound* is an enlightening addition to the library. ■

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# Canine Arthritis

An Overview of Current Treatment Strategies

Diana's story is very common, one with which many Greyhound owners can surely identify. We adopted Diana when she was 5 years old. She was bouncy, exuberant, and playful. She would greet us when we came home by bouncing around the living room with her stuffed bear. Every night she followed us upstairs and slept in our bedroom near the foot of our bed. As she grew older, she bounced less, and we began to notice that she was not so eager to climb the stairs at the end of the day. My veterinarian pointed at her now fairly knobby toes and told me that it definitely looked like she had arthritis. Arthritis is a common condition that occurs in both dogs and humans. Some of the first signs of arthritis in dogs include joint inflammation, inactivity, and a reluctance to lie down, get up, or climb stairs. Some dogs may even begin to limp. Three main types of this disorder affect canines: rheumatoid arthritis, infectious arthritis, and the most common type: osteoarthritis. These

names might sound familiar because they may also occur in humans.

Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disorder that affects the cartilage and other tissues of a joint. This disease causes a dog's immune system to produce antibodies against its own proteins. The result is severe inflammation that can damage the cartilage and other tissues in the joint. Although the disease cannot be cured, the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis are usually treated with steroids or drugs that affect the immune system.

Infectious arthritis is caused by an infection traveling from another part of the body to the tissues of the affected joint. This type of arthritis is particularly dangerous because the animal can develop sepsis and eventually go into shock. Infectious arthritis is generally treated with antibiotics and pain medication.

The most common type of arthritis affecting dogs is osteoarthritis, also known

as degenerative arthritis or degenerative joint disease (DJD). Osteoarthritis occurs when a joint begins to deteriorate because of frequent use or injury. First, the cartilage lining the bone begins to wear away; eventually bone rubs on bone during movement of the joint, causing pain and inflammation. Osteoarthritis is thought to affect one in every five adult dogs, which equates to more than eight million dogs in the United States. Analgesics, which relieve the pain and sometimes the inflammation associated with osteoarthritis, are the treatment of choice.

After a diagnosis of arthritis, there are many steps you can take to make your dog more comfortable. Making sure his bedding is thick enough to cushion his sensitive joints is very important, as well as making sure that he is not too hot or cold while sleeping. If the dog is having trouble climbing stairs or jumping into the back of a truck, you can purchase a ramp for him to use. Carpeting will also help to keep footing firm, something slick wood or vinyl floors cannot do. Even with these modifications, many dogs will need drug therapy to truly relieve the chronic pain of arthritis. Currently-available products will not cure arthritis, but they will treat the symptoms associated with this disease.

A number of medications exist to treat the pain and inflammation associated with arthritis, and many more are currently in development. After consultation with a veterinarian, your first step in treating arthritis may be to try an over-the-counter product, such as aspirin. Aspirin acts as an anti-inflammatory as well as an analgesic, and the buffered variety protects the dog's stomach from some of the gastrointestinal side effects of this drug. Tylenol®, another over-the-counter medication, may also be



Knobby toe on an arthritic Greyhound. Cindy Hanson



Thick bedding will cushion sensitive arthritic joints. Linda McVey

recommended, although acetaminophen (the active ingredient in Tylenol) is not an anti-inflammatory; it only relieves pain. It is important to note that another popular over-the-counter medication, ibuprofen (Motrin®, Advil®) should never be used in dogs or cats, as it can have toxic side effects.

Newer prescription medications may provide better pain control with fewer side effects. Rimadyl® falls into the class of NSAIDs, or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (like ibuprofen and aspirin). Like other NSAIDs, the exact mechanism of how Rimadyl works is unknown, although scientists think it affects a number of enzymes that stimulate inflammation. We know that it effectively relieves the pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis. Clinical studies with Rimadyl have shown the most common side effects include vomiting, diarrhea, and changes in appetite. Rimadyl is available as either caplets or chewable tablets.

EtoGesic® is an NSAID approved by the FDA in 1998. The active ingredient in Eto-

Gesic is etodolac, which is the same active ingredient in an NSAID used for analgesia in humans, Lodine®. Like Rimadyl, EtoGesic inhibits inflammatory enzymes associated with the pain and inflammation of osteoarthritis. Results from clinical studies suggest that EtoGesic may be less likely to cause the gastrointestinal side effects that are associated with older analgesics, such as aspirin. Like Rimadyl, EtoGesic is supplied as tablets. However, EtoGesic is given only once daily, with or without food, as opposed to Rimadyl, which is given twice daily. Because it is given only once a day, EtoGesic it is less likely to interrupt the daily routines of both you and your dog and will hopefully make it easier to stay on therapy.

Treatment with Rimadyl has been associated with liver toxicities, especially in certain breeds of dogs. Currently, both Rimadyl and EtoGesic manufacturers include letters for owners that outline both the potential benefits and harmful side effects that are associated with their products. It is unclear whether EtoGesic is associated with simi-

lar toxicity, but it is important to remember that EtoGesic has not been available as long as Rimadyl which was introduced in early 1997. As with any new drug, more information about potential side effects and toxicities will be discovered the longer it is on the market and is administered to a larger number of dogs.

A slightly different type of product for canine arthritis is Adequan®. Derived from the tracheal cartilage of cattle, Adequan is not an NSAID. It is classified as a "disease modifying osteoarthritis drug." The specific mechanism of action of Adequan in canine joints is not known, but in clinical studies it has been shown to inhibit certain enzymes that are known to increase activity in inflamed joints. Adequan is believed to inhibit the enzymes that break down cartilage in the joint tissue. It also decreases the inflammation in the joints and increases the viscosity of the synovial fluid that surrounds the joint, providing more protection for the joint tissues. Unlike other products for osteoarthritis that only relieve pain, Adequan actually promotes healing and regeneration of the joint and blocks further degeneration. The FDA has approved Adequan for the control of symptoms associated with non-infectious degenerative arthritis. Adequan is administered through an intramuscular injection twice weekly for up to four weeks. After the initial four weeks of treatment, further injections can be given if they are needed.

Like products marketed for human arthritis, products available for relief of canine arthritis pain are numerous and confusing. The most important thing to remember is that your best defense against your dog's arthritis is your own veterinarian. Finding the best therapy for your dog involves working closely with him or her to see which methods and products alleviate pain without causing adverse side effects. ■

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## Common Treatments for Canine Arthritis

Drug	What It Does	Common Side Effects	Where Available
Buffered aspirin (salicylic acid)	Anti-inflammatory and analgesic (Reduces pain and swelling)	Gastrointestinal irritation, vomiting, loss of appetite, ulcers	Over the counter
Tylenol (acetaminophen)	Analgesic only (Reduces pain)	Vomiting and diarrhea	Over the counter
Rimadyl (Carprofen; made by Pfizer)	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (reduces inflammation and pain)	Vomiting, diarrhea, changes in appetite, lethargy, liver toxicities	Prescription only
EtoGesic (Etodolac; made by Fort Dodge Animal Health)	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (reduces inflammation and pain)	Decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, dark or tarry stools	Prescription only
Adequan (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan; made by Luitpold Pharmaceuticals)	A disease-modifying osteoarthritis drug that inhibits enzymes involved in inflammation	Pain at injection site, transient diarrhea	Prescription only

References: [www.rimadyl.com](http://www.rimadyl.com), [www.etogesic.com](http://www.etogesic.com), [www.luitpold.com](http://www.luitpold.com), [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)



Peanut, age 13, owned by Sue Bonitadibus

## Tough Love - SportNLove



SportNLove. Claudio Presto

Sport has come back to the Greyhound Gang to live out her last remaining days. She has a chest hemangiosarcoma that has grown too big to remove. She can't win this battle, but she is going to do her damndest living her last days.

Sport showed that old fighting spirit on the car ride home from Vegas. I rearranged the car with her comfort in mind by putting the luggage up front, so she and three other Greyhounds would have the entire back of the van to stretch out in. But she wasn't having any of staying in the back with the other dogs. With some very pointed growls and snaps she told me in no uncertain terms that I was to haul all that luggage to the back, and put her in front with me, so she could ride the whole way with her head in my lap.

We spend a lot of time with her head in my lap. When she finally lets her exhaustion take over, we lie together with her pink, dry tongue hanging out the side of her toothless mouth. I pet her, and she looks directly at me with those strong eyes. Tears well up, unbidden, whenever I stop my day to give my attention to her. Her fighting spirit is still

with her, but her physical body is losing this battle. It's as if she is carrying around an alien growth. It hangs hard and bulbous from the angle where her leg meets her chest. An alien egg that has attached itself and keeps feeding on her life force. And her life force is so strong, the alien just gets bigger and harder. This ticking time bomb of cancer that will abscess, or will impede her movement so much that the decision will have to be made. I want to rip it off of her. I want to do voodoo to make it go away. I want to excise it from her. I cannot believe that this fighter is fighting her last fight, and it will be a losing one. I cannot stand to be so helpless in the face of death. But Sport is anything but helpless.

Each morning when I take the other dogs for their morning run, Sport is right there, battling out the door to get to the car. This morning, she refused to go inside. She stumbled around the car, looking up at all the dogs so full of life, and anxious for their run. She stood there, pleading with me, whining at me to take her too. Asking me to put her in that car and take her for a glorious run in the morning breezes. Just to run one more time. It took me 20 minutes to cajole her into the house, where I closed off the dog door and gave her some chicken stew to assuage my guilt in leaving her behind. She refuses to let life leave her behind.

And invariably, after I return from the run with the others, she walks over to the car. Very clearly, she expects a ride. And she gets one. Even if it's just around the block. I gently slip my arm around her front legs, trying not to pull and push the growth, and lift her up. Up where she belongs.

We had a bath today. Sport had that old musty smell that seems to follow death around. She let me pick her up and put her

in the tub, suds her down, and spray her with water. She leaned against me, as her weight started to collapse, trusting me to not to hurt her, to keep her up, and to make everything all I right. My tears fell with the hand-held sprayer's drops.

Sport has no time for tears. She always knows what she wants. When she's hungry, she hustles over to me and puts her head insistently under my typing hand. She emits her "ummm" noise, a cross between a whine and a bark. "Feed me now. Stop everything you are doing, and take care of me. Because I deserve it."

So I go into the kitchen and start opening a can. She is right there watching my every move, knowing that she is the first for the warmed organic chicken soup, the baked kibble, the well cut-up cooked meat, and the holistic canned food. She slops it all up, food particles clinging to the side of her face, and walks over to rub it off on me.

Last night, when the weather cooled down, Sport was outside snooping around.

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I called her name, she awkwardly turned around, and then, totally unexpectedly, galloped towards me. At least that's what she thought she was doing in her mind's eye. It was more like a galumph towards me. The



alien growth swinging and stretching, the back legs attempting to leap up, to propel her forward as she threw her head in the air, and she powered her way to my side. I dropped to her level and cradled her face in my hands as she looked straight at me with clear eyes and her tiny face. Her precious, almost 13-year-young face, all white around the muzzle and eyes, but for the brindle and gray "V" distinctly etched between her two eyes. My mantra to her: "You are so tough, Sport," trying not to ruin her dignity and her joy with my sorrow. Because there is nothing that is going to stop this girl.

But she's not leaving us yet. And in true Sport fashion, she lets the other dogs know. Tonight there was barking outside. I dashed through the door to see what the commotion was about. It was Sport. She was standing over a colorful stuffed teddy, and a huge knotted rawhide. She was telling the other dogs to stay away, because these treasures were hers and no one else's. And they listened, and so did I. She and I tossed that bone around outside, and she did her darnedest to hold the 12-inch rawhide in her little, toothless mouth. She slept that night with toy and rawhide by her side.

Sport is what she is. Tough, demanding, clear in her needs and the battle she has fought to live. Huge growth be damned! And I honor her daily, by honoring her spirit, her life, and her will to live. ■

*Claudia Presto's life is dedicated to helping Greyhounds have lives as loved pets. You can read about her journey at [www.greyhoundgang.org](http://www.greyhoundgang.org). She was blessed to have been honored with Sport's last days, and immersed in her strong will to live and love and boss. "She left physically," writes Claudia, "but a piece of her heart remains in mine. You are so tough, my Sporty, and so missed."*

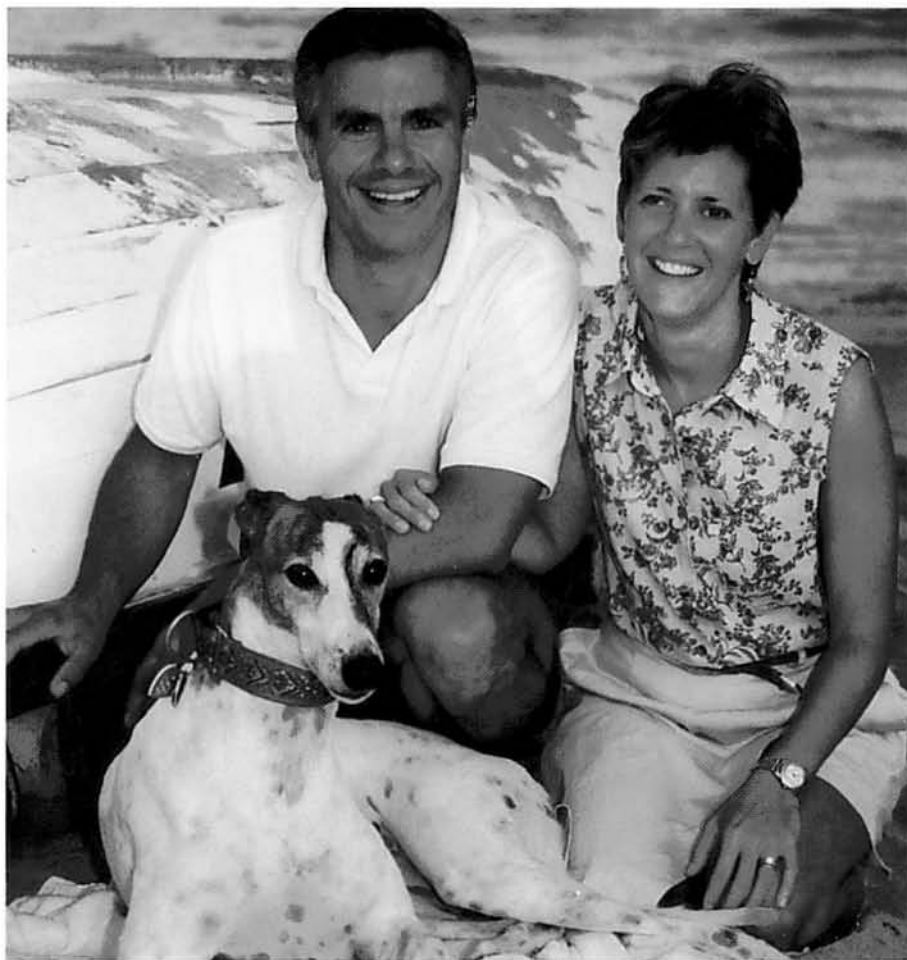


Dolly. Mandy Beavers



Mercury. Jean and Jim Pletl

## Storks don't bring babies...Greyhounds do!



Rich, Helen and Pearl.

After years of attempting to start a family, receiving infertility treatments and pursuing domestic adoption of a baby, our Greyhound, Pearl, was the deciding factor in bringing a beautiful adopted baby boy to our home. She has also been the perfect older sister since Nicholas Albert Rosselli joined the family on April 30, 2001.

Pearl came into our lives in May 1996 after her racing career was over, before reaching age 3. She was recovering from

what we believe was the third broken leg of her racing career. We adopted her from the Pets Without Partners program at the Shoreline Star Greyhound Track in Bridgeport, Conn. While waiting for her new family to walk through the door, Pearl was treated with much love by the program manager, Penny Zwart.

When Penny took her from the crate, we knew immediately that Pearl was destined to be part of our family. While I was sitting on

the couch in Penny's office, Pearl jumped up on the couch and gave me a few kisses. Then she straddled me and leaned back against me with her body, as if to say "you are not going anywhere without me!" Needless to say, Pearl adopted us and became part of our family that day.

Pearl adjusted very quickly to her new family and home. She learned to do stairs, speak, sit, and lie down. Not only did we become attached to her very quickly, but she also made friends with just about anybody she could. Over the years, Pearl has given joy to many people in many ways. Pearl has become a registered therapy dog and participates in the Pet Visitation Program at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Conn. She also visits the Carlton Nursing Home in Fairfield, Conn. Some members of our families were not "dog people," but have become very close to Pearl. Her gentle, affectionate manner and her strong desire to be good and to please have turned them into "Greyhound people."

I am one of the owners of a small manufacturing business, and I periodically bring Pearl to work with me. The real beneficiaries of Pearl going to work are the shop employees and customers. Her presence is a morale builder, and they always ask about Pearl on the days that she is not at work. The business employs about 30 individuals with mental and physical challenges, and these people love Pearl and ask for her to visit them every day. The smiles she brings are unbelievable. Certain customers drop off or pick up their parts personally, rather than ship them, in order to see Pearl and give her a treat.

Pearl's greatest contribution by far was the role she played in bringing Nicholas into our family. Nicholas was born on Easter Sat-



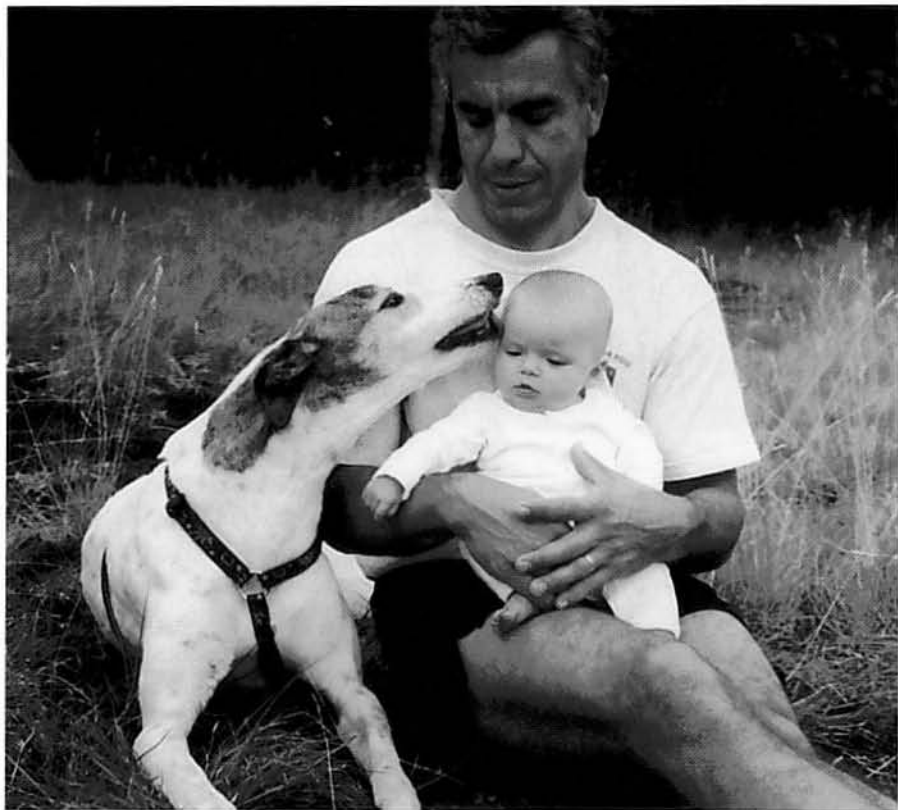
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urday. Nicholas's birth parents contacted Catholic Family Services in Waterbury, Conn. in order to find the perfect family to raise him. They looked through a number of photo albums of prospective families, and to our great fortune they selected us. They did not even feel the need to meet us. Our social worker later told us that Pearl was the deciding factor. Our photo album features many excellent pictures that included Pearl. The birth parents are apparently dog lovers, and they fell in love with Pearl from the photographs. Other prospective families they considered also had dogs, but the birth parents connected most with the pictures of Pearl.

Pearl has been the perfect older sister from the day Nicholas came home. She never showed any signs of jealousy and has been incredibly gentle, giving him occasional sweet kisses. During the first days after he arrived, she would walk right next to the baby carriage during her walks, instead of her usual way of walking out in front of us. Pearl also refused to allow neighbors or relatives to take her on walks. She would literally not leave the driveway. She made sure one of us walked her, preferably both of us with Nicholas in the carriage. Although she is not a protective dog, she definitely wanted to keep tabs on the three of us.



Pearl welcomes Nicholas to the family.

Pearl has demonstrated on numerous occasions that she understands a baby is fragile. One day when I was outside, Pearl heard my voice through an open window in a room where Nicholas and my wife, Helen, were on the floor. At that moment, she came running to find out what was going on. When she saw Nicholas on the floor, she quickly stopped, sniffed and greeted him, and then walked very carefully around him to get to the window and see me. We were pleased to see such self-awareness and control, even at a time when she was excited. We will always be cautious for the safety of both Nicholas and Pearl, but she has set our

minds at ease by her behavior during these first months.

We are thankful to have had Pearl during the difficult years of attempting to start a family. Little did we know that she would play an important role in our eventual success. Pearl is a joy, and we will always be thankful for her love and for her help in starting our family. We know that Nicholas will enjoy her and the Greyhounds who will become part of our family in the future. ■

*Rich Rosselli and his family make their home in Trumbull, Connecticut.*

## They Also Serve... Those Who Stand and Wait



Jessie

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. When most people hear the word “hero” they think of a person or a Greyhound propelled by circumstances to do something unexpectedly out of character: save a child from danger, chase away some bad guys, drive away a dangerous predator.

I'd like to share the story of a different kind of hero – two heroes, actually. Their names are Jessie and Painter and they are both Greyhounds.

A friend of mine – Joan Martin – adopted Jessie and Painter. I first met Joan 13 years ago when I adopted my first Greyhound. At the time she was working with one of the local adoption groups doing follow-up calls, among other things. Even in 1988, Joan was one of those people of indeterminate age – clearly no longer young, a little crotchety, and thin to the point of appearing ill. She was a prickly character who was hard to know and like. Those who managed to get past the crustiness of Joan's affect found a loyal, generous person.

Joan would only talk about her past in fragments. As I grew to know her, I began to fill in some of the pieces of her life. I discovered that as a young woman she had been

a dancer and a painter. Some of her paintings hung in her living room, and she limped from an old dance injury.

I always felt that Joan was a bit of a Bohemian in her youth and that she enjoyed being the source of considerable discomfort to her New England Yankee family. She married a sculptor and gave birth to and raised three children, all of whom were grown by the time I met her. She worked for years in social services, helping the developmentally disabled live independently. Deeply committed in an earthy, practical way to nature and animals of all kinds, she adopted several Greyhounds. Jessie and Painter were Joan's second generation of Greyhounds. As the first Greyhounds that Joan adopted – Sander, Missy and Doo Wop Moe – grew old and left her one by one, she took in Painter, then Jessie. Painter, a red brindle boy with a partially missing tail and ears that stand up tall and straight when he's excited, is a big, strong dog who proved to be a little too big and strong to be easily placed by one of the local adoption groups. He is a big, goofy boy who, in spite of his size, just wanted to rest his head in Joan's lap to get his ears scratched.

Jessie, on the other hand, turned out to be a very dominant alpha girl. A successful racer, she had been bred before she was released for adoption. Jessie had all the characteristics of a strong, pushy, demanding dog that was going to be boss-dog in the house regardless of whom she had to convince along the way. Her adoptive family didn't know how to handle a strong-willed, demanding dog, so they returned her. She had other strikes against her as well: she was jet black and 7 or 8 years old.

Joan was not intimidated or put off by the baggage that these dogs brought with them. She had lived with enough Greyhounds and other dogs during her life to know how to



Painter

handle “problem children” in spite of her own frailties. But by the time Jessie and Painter moved into Joan's house, she was beginning to experience the problems of growing older. Her old injuries, chronic pain, and other health issues began visibly to take their toll.

Somehow, in the way that only animals seem to know, Painter and Jessie understood their job in Joan's life. It was a few years before their real work started. When the time came, however, they knew they were there to be her companions, to demand that she get out of her chair and move around, to insist that she remain engaged, to watch over her and comfort her during the night. They were there to do for Joan what she had done for so many others.

I visited Joan at her home six days before she died. She was in her bed with Jessie lying next to her and Painter on his own bed on the floor nearby. She was at home under the watchful guardianship of Jessie and Painter until three days before she collapsed, was hospitalized, and passed away.

Jessie and Painter are the heroes that simply stood and waited. ■

*Ed. Note: Jessie and Painter are still together, as Joan requested in her will.*

*Joan Belle Isle is President of The Greyhound Project, Inc.*



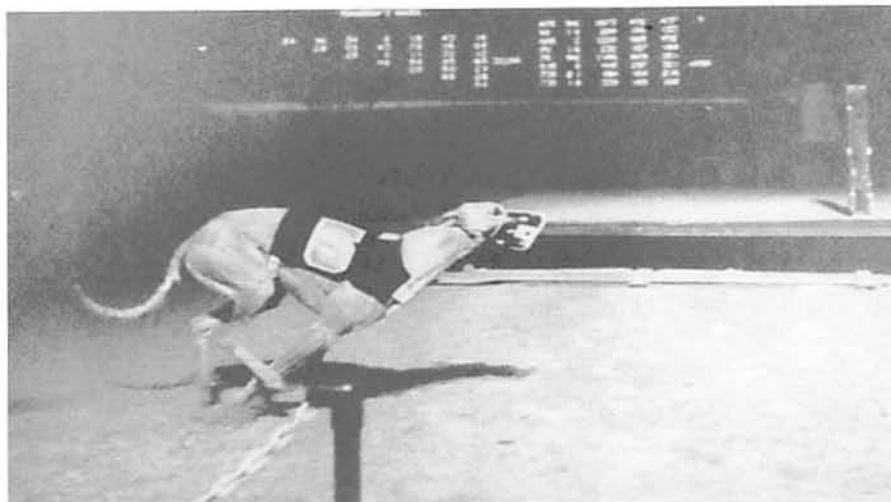
# Rocketing to Success

Wilbert and Julia Hart were Greyhound racing pioneers in Colorado. Dogs with their "JW" prefix ran for many years at Cloverleaf and Colorado Springs and at tracks from West Virginia to Oregon. Wilbert's dog career began in 1947 when he opened a roadhouse in northern Colorado and met "dog people." In 1952, he got his first bitch from Axel Jensen and he was hooked. Four years later, he purchased an 80-acre spread, dug out its failing apple orchard, and put in long runs for the dogs. Prior to the birth of JW Rocket One, Wilbert produced the great sire, Runyon's Genius. Genius would go on to produce a number of top winners.

JW Rocket One, a fawn dog, was the son of Wally and J. W. Hart Flush, a fine bitch out of Wilbert's breeding of CM's Stella, a daughter of Capriole, to J.W. Bonanza Gold. The Rocket dog was not the pick of his litter and, despite his name, he got off to a slow start in his schooling races. He suddenly came to life, however, when he won his first race. After that Rocket's career had a jet-assisted take off. According to Wilbert Hart, "He was just an ordinary dog, but he was like an athlete. He thought he had to win every race. He was supposed to win them all."

And that Rocket dog nearly did. He won the Cloverleaf Classic in each of his first two seasons; he was also the first dog ever to win the Rural Rube Award for the nation's top sprinter two years in a row. JW Rocket One captained the All-America Team and during his career gave his owners a large shelf full of trophies: in all, he won 111 races!

When he won his 100th race, the track in Colorado Springs presented him with a huge cake to commemorate the milestone. Ironically, Rocket had to celebrate with a dog biscuit, because the sugar from the cake



JW Rocket One. Greyhound Hall of Fame

would have made his post-race urine sample test positive.

JW Rocket One's 111 wins in just two-and-a-half seasons put him on the road to immortality. Had he finished his third season, Rocket would have surpassed the national record of 123 wins and then retired to stud. Hart already had been offered \$400,000 for Rocket; unfortunately, he did not live to sire a single pup.

On the morning of March 9, 1984, Hart's trainer noticed Rocket appeared bloated and ill. When he let the dog into the turnout pen, Rocket lay down and died from gastric torsion. (At that time little could be done about torsion; surgery for the disorder was brand new and very dangerous.) So just what had JW Rocket One accomplished to put him into the Greyhound Hall of Fame? Well, in addition to those Rural Rube Awards and winning the Cloverleaf Classic twice, he also won the Hollywood Classic, St. Patrick's Day Stake, the sixth Great Greyhound Race, and the McCarthy Memorial. He also set a new track record at Rocky Mountain Greyhound Park, won the All-

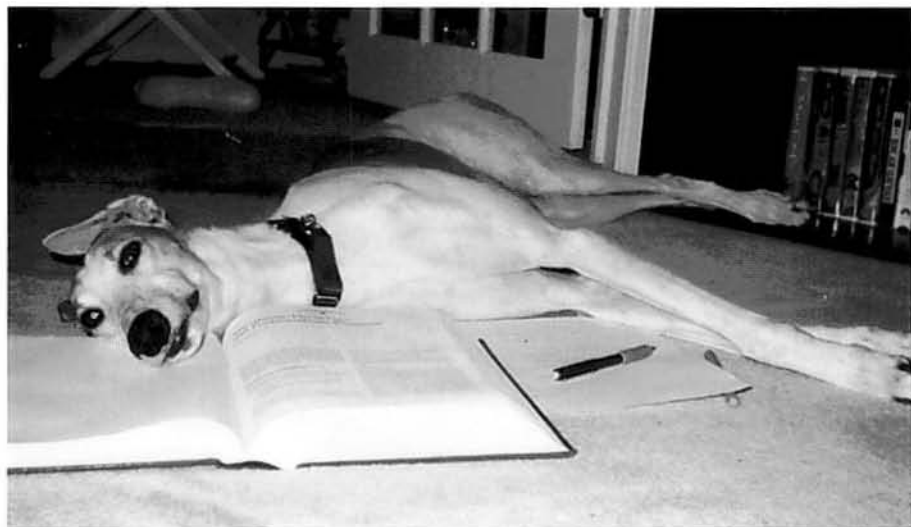
West Match Race, and was Sprint Champ in 1983.

JW Rocket One was buried on the farm, just a short distance from the house. His grave is decorated with a statue of a Greyhound and a plaque that reads, "Our best loved friend with 111 wins." His monument was a gift from all the Colorado dog tracks, and Hart placed a Christmas wreath around the neck of the statue each year until he sold the farm. Two years later, while sitting at his kitchen table and recalling this great dog for a Denver Post article, Wilbert and Julia still could not contain their tears. In 1986, with his health failing and his Rocket dog gone, Wilbert retired from Greyhound racing, selling his kennel, dogs, equipment, and racing rights to Pat C. Collins, who continues the Harts' successful bloodlines to this day. ■

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## Choices in Greyhound Anesthesia

One Doctor's View



Dixie's study of anesthesia makes her very sleepy. Amanda Elliott

Nearly every Greyhound owner has heard horror stories of taking a dog to the veterinarian for a routine procedure and having the dog experience an adverse, life-threatening reaction to the anesthesia. Nearly everyone has been told that Greyhounds are highly sensitive to anesthetics. So how do we ensure that our dogs are treated as safely as possible?

First, it is important to understand the purpose of anesthesia. Anesthesia controls the brain by providing sedation, pain relief, and immobility. Dogs are anesthetized with various classes of medications including barbiturates, morphine derivatives, receptor stimulators, dissociate combinations, emulsions, and inhalant anesthetics. I will discuss each of these categories as well as how to choose an anesthetic, and I will also describe the anesthetic combination that I use for Greyhounds.

Barbiturate medications include Thiopental, Pentothal, and Brevital. These medications first provide sedation to the brain, then redistribute to the animal's body

fat. The problem with using this class of medications is that because Greyhounds have very little fat to store the medication, they are very easy to overdose. This class of medications should only be used by doctors specifically trained in anesthesia or doctors experienced with this particular class of medications.

Morphine derivatives are derived from the poppy plant. Derivatives are a form of the parent compound modified to have fewer undesirable side effects and to provide a safer level of dosing. Medications in this class also provide pain relief and sedation. On the down side, nearly all induce depression of breathing and circulation. Butorphanol is one morphine derivative that provides pain relief and sedation but does not depress breathing. Oxymorphone, which is 10 to 15 times more potent than morphine, provides wonderful pain relief and sedation but will reduce respirations.

The class of receptor stimulators known as alpha2 stimulators stimulate the adrenal glands, inducing a shock-like state that

results in sedation and a decrease in blood pressure. These drugs provide moderate pain relief and sedation, but they have the benefit of being easily reversed with an antidote. The antidote (commonly Antesedan®) blocks the stimulation of the alpha2 receptors, reversing the effects of the original medication so within minutes a Greyhound will act as if he was not just anesthetized. Xylazine and Domitor® are two commonly used alpha2 stimulators.

Dissociative combinations include valium/ketamine, Telazol, diazepam (better known as Valium), or a derivative of diazepam. Also included are ketamine and tiletamine, derivatives of PCP (better known as "Angel Dust"). Dissociative combinations induce sedation and provide pain relief and relaxation, but during the recovery period the patient is very sensitive to light and sound stimulation. With these drugs, the pet may become very excitable, almost as if he is being chased by big pink elephants, trying to get away from them.

The only emulsion used in veterinary medicine is propofol. Propofol is given intravenously either as a bolus (a large amount given over one minute) for a short procedure, or as an initial bolus followed by a continuous drip to maintain the level of anesthesia required for longer procedures. Propofol lasts in the body for only 10 to 20 minutes, so recovery is very short and smooth. However, propofol must be given intravenously, and if given too quickly on the initial bolus, can depress breathing enough to cause death. Thus, it must be given carefully and monitored closely.

The final class of veterinary anesthetics includes the inhalant anesthetics, which are liquids. When added to a vaporizer (not the "vaporizer" used by many families to fight colds, but a precise instrument used to con-

trol the percentage of oxygen mixed with the anesthetic liquid), the inhalants turn into a gas that is then administered with a face mask or endotracheal tube. This class includes halothane, isoflurane, and sevoflurane. Halothane dissolves in the blood more than the other two inhalant anesthetics. Because less halothane crosses into the brain to cause anesthesia, higher dosage levels are needed, and recovery is the slowest of all drugs in this group. In addition, cardiac arrhythmia (abnormal heartbeats) and malignant hyperthermia (a fatal condition seen in humans, pigs, and Greyhounds that causes the body's ability to regulate its temperature to fail, spiking a high fever and usually death within minutes) have been associated with halothane.

Isoflurane is a very safe anesthetic and is very common in veterinary practice. It dissolves less in the blood than halothane, inducing anesthesia quickly. Recoveries with isoflurane are generally quick and uneventful. The problem with isoflurane is the smell. It smells almost like dry cleaning fluid, so the pets do not want to inhale it; they fight the face mask because of the pungent odor.

Sevoflurane is the "new kid on the block." It has only been used in veterinary medicine for about two years but has been used in human medicine for several years. It remains virtually undissolved in the blood and acts very quickly. Recoveries are also very quick, and control of the level of anesthesia can be changed in seconds. Because sevoflurane smells sweet, the animals do not object to its odor, making it easier to use a face mask. By next year, sevoflurane should be the standard veterinary gas anesthetic because of safety and ease of administration.

As you can see, there are many choices for canine anesthesia, and this list is far from complete. How does a veterinarian choose an anesthetic? FAMILIARITY is the number one factor. Familiarity is determined by

a number of factors, including the training the doctor has received, the doctor's general comfort level with use of the anesthetic, and the doctor's assessment of the anesthetic's ability to provide a high level of safety at a reasonable price. Anesthesia is 99.9 percent boredom and 0.1 percent excitement. All doctors would prefer to have 0 percent excitement because this is usually when adverse reaction occurs, and the doctor needs to act quickly to reverse the adverse side effects. Familiarity allows the doctor to recognize the adverse reaction quickly and respond. If the doctor is not familiar with the anesthetic, it may be too late. Always question what anesthetic will be used on your dog and how often the veterinarian has used it on Greyhounds, and trust that the veterinarian will use it properly.

The anesthetic protocols I use on Greyhounds are exactly the same as those I use on most of my patients. Using a combination regime, where multiple medications are given at lower than standard dosage, is safer than using one or two medications at a higher dosage. When giving multiple anesthetics at lower dosages, the effects are additive; not as much of each individual anesthetic is needed and levels of safety are greater.

For spays/neuters, I administer xylazine and butorphanol intravenously. This induces wonderful sedation and pain relief but does not cause the shock-like state associated with xylazine alone. (Incidentally, pain relief before the pain is caused is very important. Research indicates that lower dosages of pain reliever are needed if given before the incident than after the incident.) Then I administer sevoflurane via face mask until the Greyhound is fully anesthetized and intubated. The Greyhound receives sevoflurane throughout the procedure. We monitor the patient for depth of anesthesia with a pulse oximeter that checks the dog's heart rate and blood oxygen level. If the pulse oximeter indicates the level of anesthesia is



No doubt Annie was anesthetized for treatment of her broken leg. Sam & Julie Shine

too great, it can be changed quickly by lowering the amount of sevoflurane the Greyhound is breathing. The butorphanol gives pain relief for about 12 hours post-op, giving the Greyhound some relief in the early post-op period, too.

I give my dental patients Domitor® intravenously, sevoflurane, and then Antisedan® (the antidote for Domitor®). Greyhounds recover quickly from this protocol. Usually the Greyhound is walking 10 minutes after completion of the dental. I like this protocol for dentals because the owners do not see any depression from the anesthetic and are more likely to continue dental care for their Greyhound.

Anesthesia is very complicated and should never be taken for granted. Always allow the doctor to choose the safest protocol for your Greyhound, but always be informed about what protocol is being used. If you have your choice for major procedures, I suggest sevoflurane, as I have used it on Greyhounds, birds (from parakeet to macaw), iguanas and even a two-spot African civet (looks like a hyena) without an adverse reaction. ■

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# Chinese Astrology for Greyhounds

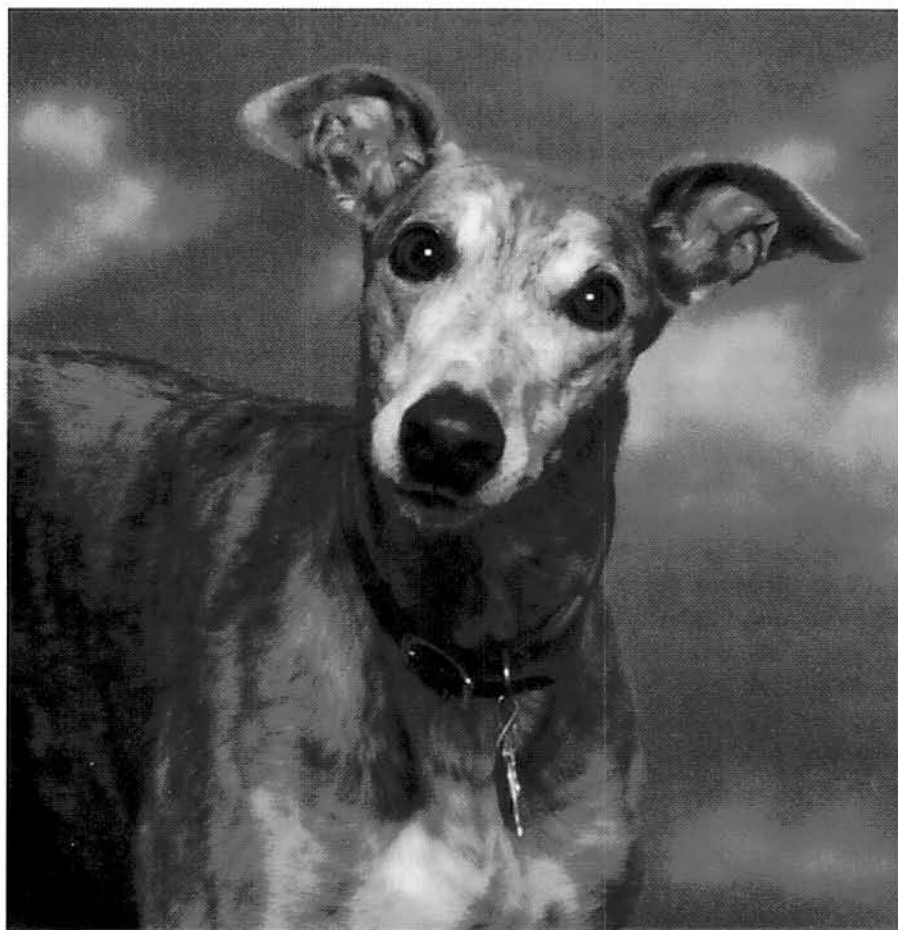
The Chinese use 12 animals to express the zodiacal time. Twelve is a very important number—12 months in a year, a 12-year cycle, 12 two-hour phases in a day. Astrologers chose the 12 animals because they represented the qualities of the astrological years. The Chinese Zodiac is very helpful for choosing partners (including your adopted Greyhound) and timing important events, and it is trustworthy in that it has withstood the test of time for many millennia.

## Rat: 1984, 1996, 2008

This is the most fortunate sign to be born under. Our Rat is resourceful and crafty survivor. He is physically attractive. A Rat Greyhound can be quite restless in his search for the perfect “anything.” He will test 10 different types of kibble before he finds just the right one. This hound will test every existing soft area in the house in order to find the perfect bed. He usually ends up in yours. A Rat is usually a late bloomer, so patience is in order for anything you may wish to teach him. Wait until he is at least 3 or 4 years old before you become involved with any advanced obedience or tougher tasks. He will attain the goal; it just takes some time. With the Rat the saying “still waters run deep” definitely applies.

## Ox: 1985, 1997, 2009

The Ox Greyhound is calm, methodical, and determined. The Ox never forgets he symbolizes happiness through hard work and perseverance. An Ox is also very traditional. Think twice before changing his usual long walks in the morning and at night. Do not deviate or he will sulk. He is very trustworthy and loyal. He can use an occasional push to get him out of a serious rut and have some fun. If you own an Ox hound, get on the floor and teach him how to play.



What's my sign? Robin.

## Tiger: 1986, 1998, 2010

Your Tiger dog will be passionate, daring, rebellious, and difficult to ignore. He has a dynamic personality and loves being the center of attention. If the Greyhound in your life knocks things off the coffee table with the wildly wagging tail, he is probably a Tiger. He is kind and has a wonderful imagination. Once your Tiger bonds to you, he will give 100 percent of his energy. A caring Tiger dog is difficult to resist. He is quick moving and craves excitement so it takes a lot to keep up with him.

## Rabbit: 1987, 1999, 2011

Rabbits are considered one of the most suspicious signs in the Chinese Zodiac. The Rabbit personality can be moody, but this needle-nose is very kind, gracious, and sensitive. He is very understanding and accepting of individuals and will forgive you if you are late getting his dinner. You do have to hurry to get him outside the minute you come home. Rabbits are very lucky in both life and love. Rabbits have a tendency to move far away from their birthplace. This Greyhound will probably travel farther than most before he is adopted.

**Dragon: 1988, 2000, 2012**

Your fire-breathing Dragon dog is a charismatic individual with a very quick mind. Once his mind is made up, he will stick to his course of action. He is resilient and versatile. He is also a very impulsive critter, which leads him into trouble at times. He thrives on challenges and will try to turn the most negative situations around. If you have a dog-hating relative, introduce him to this dog. He thrives on attention and will reciprocate ten-fold. He is an excellent Greyhound to bring to meet and greets.

**Snake: 1989, 2001, 2013**

Your Snake dog has a very sharp mind as well as a very secretive, guarded personality. He won't warm right up to you after adoption and you will rejoice on the day he looks at you with utter devotion, wagging his tail. Your slinky Snake can also be quite sneaky, so if your collection of teddy bears disappears, look first to his bed before you call 911. They can become quite lost in frivolous pursuits. He would much prefer flipping his hedgehog up in the air and listening to it squeak rather than learning how to sit. A Snake is very creative and philosophical. He is slightly high-strung but a devoted companion.

**Horse: 1990, 2002, 2014**

Whether your Horse is quiet and unassuming or loud and the life of the party, those born under his sign will find some way to be and hold the center of attention. A Horse is restless, smart, quick-witted, and charming. He can be very quick-tempered. He is not afraid of taking chances in life and is usually at the head of the pack when getting into some kind of trouble. If your hound is a counter-surfer or garbage picker, it is probably a Horse dog. A Horse dog needs to control his need to control. A Horse values his family and home. He is not very sentimental but he is a devoted companion.

**Goat: 1991, 2003, 2015**

The Goat dog seeks harmony and peace in the home. He is not complacent by any means but needs peace to be truly content. Because of his good nature and kind heart, the Chinese believe that fortune smiles upon the Goat. Goats can be a bit indecisive and worry when there is no need to do so. A Goat dog needs a lot of petting and loving. Reassure him daily that he is the center of your universe. He falls under one of the most sentimental and affectionate signs in the Chinese Zodiac. A Greyhound born in the year of the Goat would make a wonderful therapy dog. He will also do well in a multi-hound household.

**Monkey: 1992, 2004, 2016**

Your Monkey dog will always be the most talented in the crowd. His entertaining qualities border almost on the ingenious. He always does things on a grand scale. So, if your Monkey Greyhound enjoys digging, be careful; the pool you always wanted may be yours. Luckily he has a tendency not to follow through on grand schemes. He can be quite cunning but is also loyal, trusting, and very healthy.

**Rooster: 1993, 2003, 2015**

Your Rooster dog is the perfectionist of the Chinese Zodiac. He wants and expects the world to run on time and expects everything to be in perfect place. Do not forget to feed or take him out at the exact same time every day. He is one of the most intelligent signs of the Zodiac and is well-informed about everything that is going on in his household. He loves to be the center of attention and at times can be tactless. Sibling rivalry can be a problem. He has the capability of being both extrovert and introvert, which makes him appear to be moody. He is not easy to live with, but he is loyal and will stick by you in good times and bad. For instance, my Greyhound Tauren is a classic Rooster. If his meals and walks are not on time, we hear about it.

**Dog: 1994, 2006, 2018**

The Dog Personality is the most pleasing of the Chinese zodiac. It is very difficult to resist this charmer. Why should you? A Dog dog is a prized creature indeed. You can trust him with your innermost secrets, and he can give you down to earth advice through his actions. So, take a hint from your Greyhound "Dog." Be happy, enjoy life, dig a few holes, and enjoy your food. Your Dog has the uncanny knack of spotting a dishonest person and makes a wonderful guard dog. He is very intelligent but at times seems unable to get what you are trying to teach him. Once he has it, he has it forever. A Dog is an insecure creature and can spend a lot of time fretting over little things. He needs lots of love and devotion, and in return, he will be a passionately loving companion. My Greyhound Feather is the classic Dog. She smiles constantly and is happy-go-lucky. Raise your voice and she quivers.

**Boar: 1995, 2007, 2019**

Your Boar dog is kind, generous, affectionate, loyal, honest and truly enjoys the good things in life. He is truly a home-loving hound dog. Two square meals a day, some love, walks, and a soft bed will make him happier than a clam. He does not need to be the center of attention and is often mistakenly called shy. He loves people and he loves his home. He can at times be very naïve so new things should be introduced to him gradually. ("The vacuum cleaner is not a monster, Maxi. See, it will not hurt you.") He can also be a tad stubborn. ■

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## Fighting Cabin Fever

Blizzard conditions are forecast for the day with up to 18 inches of snow predicted. It's March 6 and our plowman is running out of room to push the snow in our long driveway and turn circle. We've even had to have our peaked roof shoveled three times. The January thaw never came this year, so the snow has accumulated all winter. Schools are closed again. No doubt the school kids are cheering, but our Greyhound boys look shell-shocked, wondering if this winter will ever end. There's no point in going to work, so I stay home and shovel the steps and path to the gate four times during the storm. Our 11-year-old Greyhound Boomer is blind and navigates the steps easier when he can smell them. Bernie, our 9-and-a-half-year-old Greyhound is having the hardest time adjusting to nature's abundance as he can't blast around the acre and a half we have fenced and it's too hard to take leash walks in the woods. The dogs have to walk single file in the tracks around the yard that my husband has stomped out with snowshoes.

As the falling snow accumulates during the day, I dress our 12-year-old Dalmatian girls in their fuchsia parkas, and we head out cross-country skiing in the back forty. Despite their age they love every minute of this glorious winter, because endurance running is their forte.

With the arrival of darkness, the blizzard intensifies. I have skied a loop around the house for the dogs and my husband has snow-shoed this particular trail again. When I take the dogs out for their last pee, we get halfway around the house and I end up to my hips in a snowdrift. Laughing at the absurdity, I crawl out on top of the snow. Bernie is behind me, caught up to his shoulders in whiteness, looking at me most help-



What's a little snow? Lauren Emery

lessly. The Dalmatians blast past him, stirring up enough snow, so the Greyhounds can make their way forward. We get back home and I remember that another storm is predicted to arrive in a few days.

Most dogs joyously welcome the arrival of winter, and our Greyhounds are no exception. The first few snowfalls are great to frolic in. They dash around in the soft fluffy stuff and love to eat it. Both our Greyhounds have fairly thick coats for the breed and prefer cool weather. As the snow pack accumulates and their mobility is hampered, cabin fever can develop when their regular exercise and time outdoors is restricted. Some dogs will react with destructiveness. In Bernie's case, he becomes anxious. The broom, coat rack and stairs appear forbidding, and he runs nervously by them,

reminding us of his behavior when he was newly adopted. He sticks to his bed all day with a worried look on his face. With the snow so deep it's impossible for him to fly out the door and run around. Gone are the days of lying under the white birches in dappled sun listening to the birds.

A number of years ago we thought he could join us cross-country skiing in the woods during a very snowy winter. We positioned him between my husband and me with the other dogs, thinking he would stay in the ski tracks. Over a half mile from home instinct beckoned, and he hopped out of the tracks and took off in the woods after who knows what. Fortunately, my husband and the Dalmatian detectives found him off our property on an old logging road we never use. Would he have made it home on his





Dogs enjoy early snowfalls when they can play in the snow, still get around easily, and bitter cold hasn't arrived. Lauren Emery.

own before hypothermia set in? Needless to say, that was the last time we gambled with his life. I remember a newly adopted Greyhound who wasn't so lucky one winter. He ran off and fell through thin ice on a lake and died.

Our treatment for the Greyhounds' cabin fever started about five years ago when Boomer went blind. Most of the year they get the majority of their exercise in our fenced yard and the woods behind our house. With Boomer's loss of vision, and the difficulty dogs have scenting a trail in the snow, we started taking both boys for walks. We walked down our quiet road in the winter, since it was plowed and easy to walk on. We would also go cross-country skiing in the fenced yard, so the Greyhounds

could join us safely.

As last winter started shaping up to be a whopper, I took them for walks in a new development nearby for a whole new sensory experience. We'd hop in the car and drive to one or both parks that are fairly close, encountering other people and dogs who were also treating their cabin fever. This creates a great opportunity for the Greyhounds to send and receive fascinating pee mail. I would take Bernie, the social butterfly, to visit friends and neighbors for a little stimulation and visit the local feed store, where he could pick out treats. We made a number of trips to Bradbury Mountain, eight miles from our house where, we'd take the short, slightly strenuous hike up to the summit. The exercise invigorated both of

us. I would take in the beautiful view of the snow-covered landscape while Bernie got attention from other winter sports enthusiasts.

When we'd return home from our jaunts, the boys would lie on their beds. They would be high on released endorphins, heads up with happy faces, mouths open, still savoring the exciting olfactory input they had encountered. I liked to think when they slept afterwards, it was because they were truly tired and not just exhausted from boredom. I hoped they had returned home with lots of new dream material to spice up their sleep.

The final tally for last winter was 99 inches of snow, which is a lot for the Portland, Maine area. St. Paddy's Day arrives with a couple of days of 45-degree weather. The first sign of spring surfaces: Bernie's favorite toy, a deflated basketball. Crocuses won't appear for two more weeks. It is easier for him to dash around outside now, with his beloved ball in his mouth. From his point of view, all is well in the world. I have visions of mud season with 16 dirty dog feet. After that will come the steamy heat of summer when we don't have the stamina to do much outside except in the early morning and evening. At that point we will be eagerly awaiting the first snowfall.

### Tips for a safe and enjoyable winter with Greyhounds

Winter can be a spectacular time of year. With the proper clothing and some effort you and your Greyhound can enjoy this season.

Get a good winter dog coat, preferably with an attached turtleneck, or purchase a separate neck/head piece (sold as "snoods"). Consider a single layer fleece coat for warmer winter days and a fleece coat with a waterproof shell for the coldest days.

Try dog booties, especially on extremely cold days or for dogs with sensitive feet. To acclimate the dog to booties, put on one at a time until the dog gets used to them.



Tucker and Justy Blue of Island Falls, Maine are prepared for a long walk in their winter gear. Coats by Montana Dogware and booties by Neo-Paws. Nathan Silver



Bernie is happy to take a walk in the Royal River Park in Yarmouth, Maine on a warm winter day wearing a one-piece turtleneck fleece coat with leash slot. Coat by Goodnight Gracie. Lauren Emery

Dogs who don't wear booties will need their feet cleaned off if they walk in salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice. These substances can be harmful to dogs if ingested when licking paws.

Keep toenails trimmed to prevent the dog's toes from splaying. Splayed toes reduce traction on ice and can lead to injury.

Elderly and ill dogs are less tolerant of cold. Don't overdo their outdoor time and consider using a lightweight fleece coat indoors for warmth if your house is cool.

Don't leave your dog in an unheated car for prolonged periods. In cold weather a car acts as a refrigerator.

If you have a fenced yard, remember the height of the snow pack lowers the height of the fence. If it appears that your Greyhound could jump over the fence, use a leash when taking him out. Keep the gate area cleared of snow to make sure it closes all the way and doesn't allow a dog to squeeze through.

Don't let your Greyhound run free. More dogs are lost during winter than in any other season as they can lose their scent in snow and ice. Be aware that ponds, lakes, and rivers may have thin ice and dogs and their human rescuers can fall through and drown.

Do not exercise your dog on snowmobile trails, for this can be very dangerous.

Frostbite may occur on tissue with prolonged cold exposure, restricting blood flow especially to ear tips, tail and foot pads, potentially causing tissue death. Areas covered with hair make early symptoms easy to miss. Initially skin turns pale and becomes red and painful as it warms. Suspected areas should be warmed gently with warm water and should not be massaged. Contact a veterinarian for further care.

Hypothermia occurs when a dog's core temperature falls below normal. Dogs with short coats, very old dogs, and dogs that have been submerged in cold water are most susceptible. Violent shivering is an initial symptom. It may progress to lethargy, coma,

and cardiac arrest. A wet dog should be dried vigorously. Wrap a hypothermic dog in warm blankets and place bottles filled with warm water covered in towels in the arm pit and groin areas. Seek immediate veterinary care for this medical emergency, especially if the dog's rectal temperature is below 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

Don't expect your dog to just hunker down for the winter. Provide him with exercise and stimulation by walking in accessi-

ble areas: parks, shoveled sidewalks, quiet plowed streets. Visit pet supply stores and the homes of friends and relatives. Make an effort to get out. Your dog will appreciate it and you will enjoy it too. ■

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The first sign of spring appears on St. Paddy's Day: Bernie's beloved deflated basketball surfaces after two days of 45-degree weather. Lauren Emery

## No Mo No

*No Mo  
 Don't Mo  
 Stop it Mo  
 Oh Mo  
 Don't stand on the table  
 Leave the cat food alone  
 No Mo  
 Don't worry, he's just a foster  
 This can't last forever  
 Can it?  
 No Mo  
 Don't drag the bathroom rug  
 The plants don't need watering  
 Oh Mo  
 Missing socks?  
 Check Mo's crate  
 Under the wooden spoons,  
 Milk cartons and stuffed animal fluff  
 Oh Mo  
 Who will understand?  
 We laugh with you  
 But, will others?  
 Leaping over couches one minute  
 Face-to-face kisses the next  
 Oh Mo  
 Who will give you the home you need  
 Without too many "No Mo"  
 Oh Mo  
 That's enough kisses  
 Yes, I'll scratch your ears  
 And everything else  
 Head on my lap Mo  
 Snuggles in bed Mo  
 Nowhere to go Mo  
 You must be home*

By W.L. Cowie



## Greyhounds Give at the Bloodmobile



The Animal Bloodmobile

Unless you are strongly motivated by the thought of a glass of cold orange juice, a few pretzels, and the occasional slice of cheese pizza, giving blood is probably not one of your top 10 favorite things.

But think about it for a moment. You know someone who may be sufficiently food-motivated to look forward to donating blood. Okay, so it's not pretzels, donuts, pizza or juice, but donors at the Animal Bloodmobile from the Penn Animal Blood Bank (PABB) at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (VHUP) are treated to the canine equivalent of all of the above. Unpalatable to us, of course, this high-calorie, high-protein treat is totally enticing to our canine companions. To many of these donor dogs, their after-procedure snack is sufficient reward for donating a pint of their blood.

The dogs may do it for the food reward, I think, however, you'll find that to the own-

ers, each unit of blood the dog donates represents the potential to save a canine life, perhaps even that of their own companion. The owners of canine blood donors don't do it for notoriety or money. They don't visit the Animal Bloodmobile because they're forced to. They don't get their pictures in the newspaper or get a commemorative pin after a certain number of pints. They volunteer their dogs knowing that each unit donated will help enhance the quality of life of another animal. For them, that's reward enough.

So, what are these dogs in for? Just what happens when your Greyhound becomes a blood donor? Are there guidelines, qualifications, and caveats? Yes, there are. Canine blood donors must weigh over 50 pounds. They must be in good health, between the ages of 1 and 8 years, current on vaccinations, and have a willing temperament. If a canine is pregnant, has had or will have surgery or medications (not counting thy-

roid or heartworm medications) within 30 days of the donor date, or has had or will have annual vaccinations within 30 days, it's best to wait until the bloodmobile's next visit.

Approximately once every six weeks, parked at sites throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, northern Maryland, and Delaware, the Animal Bloodmobile of the VHUP is available for canine blood donation. Inside the bloodmobile, a veterinary nurse takes a blood sample from each potential donor. A portion of this sample is typed on the spot and the donor is tested for anemia. These simple tests determine the dog's suitability as a donor based on its blood type and current health status. As with humans, dogs have several blood types. The characteristics of one blood type (DEA 1.1 Negative) are such that it can be safely transfused to any dog with any other blood type. Dogs with this type blood are known as "universal donors." Greyhounds are one of the breeds with the greatest percentage of universal donors.

The remainder of the blood sample is sent to the lab at VHUP where it is tested for the tick-borne diseases ehrlichia, babesia, Lyme and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. The lab also runs a complete blood chemistry screen, which checks the sample for blood values, electrolyte levels, and general organ function. The test will also check for the presence of adult heartworms in the donor. Any abnormalities in any of the tests are immediately communicated to the owner and copies of the animal's profile are made available to his or her own veterinarian.

### He's good to go, now what?

The veterinary nurse and her technical assistant lift the dog onto the table and lay him or her on the right side. The owner is

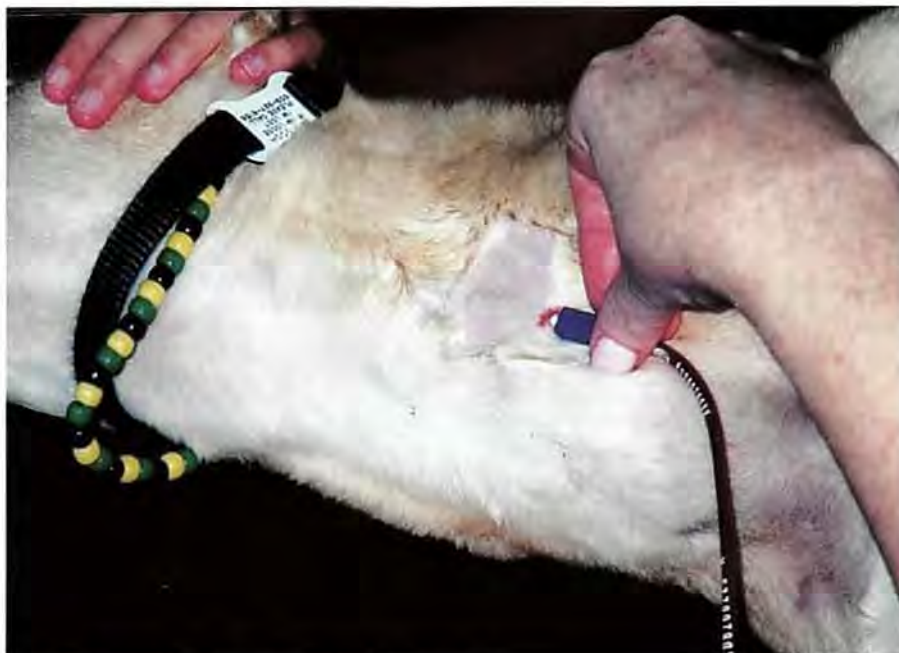


enlisted to sit at the dog's head for comfort and to help the dog maintain the optimum position for drawing blood. The procedure is quick and painless. The veterinary nurses, many of whom have been participating in the blood donor program since its inception, explain each step of the procedure as it takes place. With the exception of the thrum of the GOMCO vacuum device, the mini-theater is quiet as questions are asked and information given in soft, modulated voices. It takes between four and five minutes for the pump to draw 400-450 milliliters of blood. Following the donation, the dog remains prone for a few minutes while the veterinary nurse applies pressure to the needle site. Before leaving the table, the dog is encouraged to sit (and it's amazing the number of Greyhounds who do sit) and partake of the snack mentioned earlier.

Donor dogs should be kept from strenuous physical activity for at least 24 hours. Owners are encouraged to be aware of any swelling or bleeding from the donation site as well as any atypical behavior on the part of their pet. In a matter of days, the dog's body will have replaced the donated pint of blood and in two months, the dog will be ready to donate once again.

### How it began

The Animal Bloodmobile is an extension of the Penn Animal Blood Bank. Born of necessity in the 1980s, the PABB was the brainchild of Donna Oakley, one of the original five nurses hired at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Donna became aware of the need for donor blood and blood products for the procedures and operations performed at VHUP. With the aid of the University of Pennsylvania faculty, staff, and students and their pets, the Penn Animal Blood Bank became a reality. As grateful as she was for their assistance, Oakley realized the university community was not large enough for the growing need for whole blood and blood products. In 1988, Oakley took the concept of



The neck is shaved over the jugular vein prior to venipuncture.



Taking blood from Van Gogh's vein for typing.

animal blood donations to the community, to breed clubs and to other special interest groups in the area. This outreach resulted in even greater on-site donations, but Oakley knew there was an untapped quantity of potential canine blood donors in the suburbs of her Philadelphia hospital.

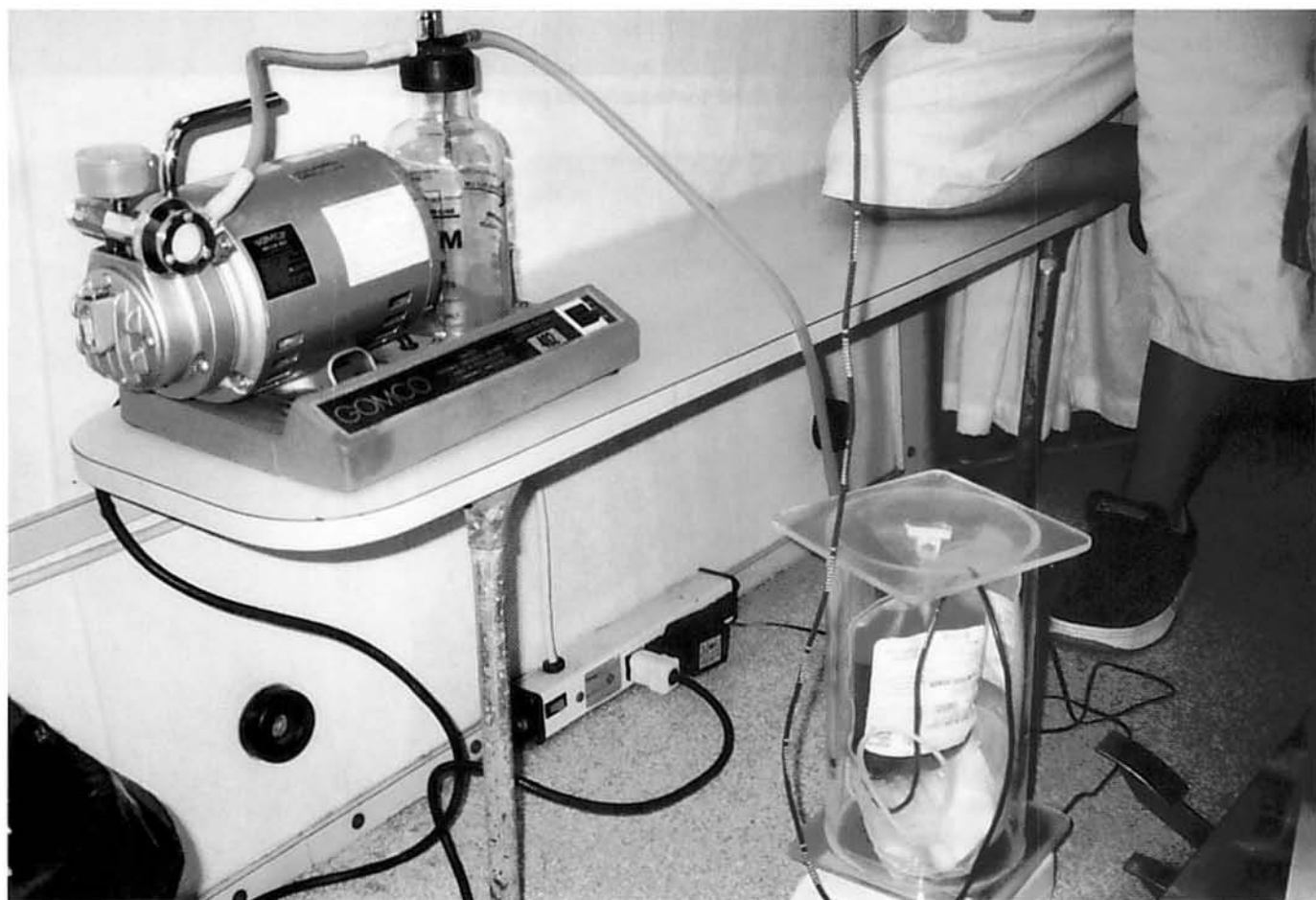
In 1991, with the blessing of the Dodgen Corporation and the special interest and dedication of John Eastman, then an executive with Dodgen, Oakley developed the concept of the Animal Bloodmobile. Together they evaluated and delineated the requirements of such a vehicle and ended up with the specially outfitted Born Free Motor Coach. Eastman delivered the motor coach to Oakley personally on her birthday, a gift she will never

forget. As founder and director of the Penn Animal Blood Bank and the bloodmobile program, Donna Oakley is justifiably proud and appreciative of the more than 3,000 participating donors who have been part of the program in the intervening years. ■

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I did it! Kadin.

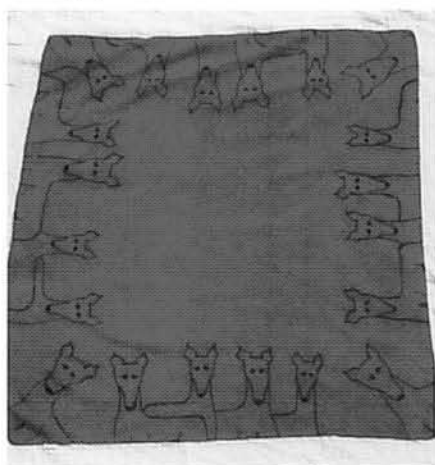


The result is a full unit of blood. Pictured are the GOMCO vacuum unit and sterile collection bag.



# Greyhound Scarf for Humans

It doesn't take much artistic talent to create a beautiful silk scarf with a Greyhound motif. The secret is in knowing what materials work best. This article reveals that secret as well as one design for Greyhound scarf graphics.



## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Silk scarf blank (see steps below for suppliers)
- Black fabric marker (the kind with the ball that clicks when you shake the pen is best)
- Iron
- Optional: Cold water fabric dye (most popular brand is Dylon)

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Step 1. Purchase a Scarf Blank

Unless you live in the San Francisco Bay Area, you will probably need to mail order your scarf blank. The following are the two sources we know and trust. Both have online ordering, mail order, and retail stores.

- Thai Silks, 252 State Street, Los Altos, CA, 94022, 800-722-7455, [www.thaisilks.com](http://www.thaisilks.com)
- Dharma Trading Company, 1604 Fourth St., San Rafael, CA 94901, 800-542-5227, [www.dharmatrading.com](http://www.dharmatrading.com)

We prefer the 30" x 30" Haboti 8mm silk scarf blanks, made for artists. They are in the \$2 to \$4 price range, depending upon where you purchase them.

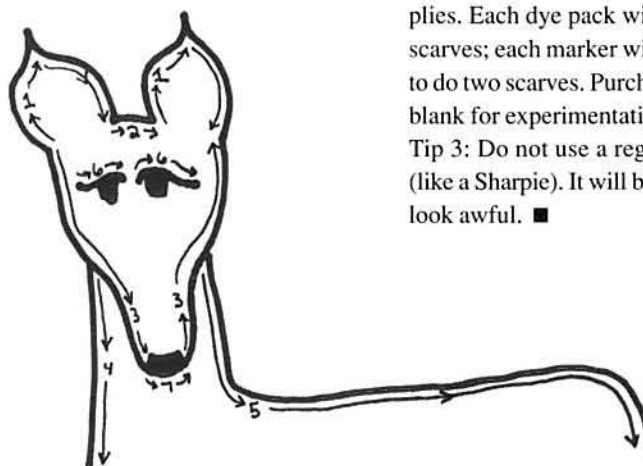
### Step 2. Optional: Dye the Scarf

Follow the instructions on the cold water dye package. There are several packets in there and you will be required to add four tablespoons of table salt to the vat of dye. Pay careful attention to the timing recommendations and follow them carefully for the best results. After dyeing the scarf blank, follow instructions for washing and heat setting so that the scarf will not bleed when you wear it.

### Step 3. Draw the Hounds

Follow the instructions on the fabric marker. Shake well and take a few practice strokes on a piece of paper. Be sure to work on a piece of cardboard, as the marker will bleed through the fabric onto your work surface.

We like the design shown, with large, cartoonish Greyhounds placed around the edge of the scarf. Start by placing a hound in each corner of the scarf. Then, add three to four randomly-placed hounds to fill in each edge.



Draw the hounds using this simple technique (as illustrated in the diagram):

First, draw the two ears. Second, connect them with a line that will form the top of the head. Third, draw the temples and down to the nose to form the face. Fourth, draw the line that forms the neck and one leg, randomly putting it on either the left or right side. Fifth, draw the line that forms the neck, back, and hind end. Sixth, add two squiggles to form the eyes and add in the pupils. Seventh, fill in the nose.

### Step 4. Let Dry and Heat-Set

Let the scarf dry at least overnight after using the fabric marker. Then, wet the scarf thoroughly and heat-set your drawings with an iron until the scarf is dry. This will leave you with a perfectly pressed, heat-set scarf ready to wear or donate to your local Greyhound group for a raffle or silent auction prize.

## TIPS

Tip 1: We tried the chisel-tipped fabric markers and they bled quite a bit on the silk. They were very hard to control, so pre-test if you are considering using them.

Tip 2: Purchase the right amount of supplies. Each dye pack will dye five to eight scarves; each marker will have enough ink to do two scarves. Purchase one extra scarf blank for experimentation.

Tip 3: Do not use a regular black marker (like a Sharpie). It will bleed on the silk and look awful. ■

## Jammer's Winter Project

Last winter, I built myself a new toy . . . or maybe I built it for my Greyhound, Jammer! I hurt my foot in an accident in October and even though I really enjoyed taking Jammer for a walk each day, my foot was killing me. I decided it was time to build a bike or cart with an electric motor on it.

When I started this project, I thought about what it would be like to drive a cart with Jammer walking at a fast pace beside it. I wanted to make sure it would be a quiet running machine so I bought a 24-volt DC electric motor. I also bought a 24-volt DC speed control circuit board that would allow

me to control the throttle at any speed. The local bike shop had a freewheeling sprocket that would allow the bike to coast with the motor off and save on battery power. I bolted the freewheeling sprocket to a go-cart gear. I needed the front end off a bike for the fork and bought an old one for \$15. Then with



Jammer and the cart are ready to roll.



spare metal I had lying around I started welding the frame together.

I modeled the cart's design on the recumbent bicycle. Recumbent bicycles are bikes that the rider lies back on instead of sitting upright. They are comfortable and easy to ride. I liked the idea of how you can steer a recumbent bike with two sticks that you move forward and back, so I designed that idea into my electric cart as well. As I added a wood box that would cover the batteries, motor and gears, the cart began to look like a chariot or old-fashioned horse cart. I looked at different horse carts on the Internet, and most of them had a low back seat, so I made a low back seat out of wood. I put foam over the wood and stapled some hunter green vinyl to it. A local sign painter painted a name on the back of the box, which I named "Down the Stretch."

The cart or three-wheel bike is hunter green with natural oak clear finish. It will go about 25 mph top speed, but Jammer and I only take it up to a fast walk, never a run. Jammer is a Greyhound that loves to go for walks and would walk all day if you let him. All I have to say is the word "walk" and he is all over me.

I finished the cart at the beginning of April. It was a beautiful warm Saturday morning as I pulled the three-wheeled cart out of the garage. Jammer was looking out the window, watching me test the cart for the first time. As I sat in the seat with my heart racing, I turned on the safety key switch. Next I turned on the speed control board safety switch. Then with a turn of the throttle I was moving forward. After testing the brakes a few times, I turned up the throttle and I was down the street in no time at all and it felt as if I was driving on a rail, so smooth and so straight.

I returned home and it was Jammer's turn to go for his first walk. He watched me work on it most of the time so this new strange-looking machine didn't frighten him. As we moved forward inch by inch it seemed as



Rear view of the cart.

though it was just meant to be. We carted down the street with all the neighbors coming out of their homes cheering us on. I have met more neighbors this way and every day it seems like someone is stopping me to meet Jammer and ask me questions about him and the cart.

I have made other things for Jammer as well. He has his little elevated eating table made out of wood and a few other things. Jammer has been a blessing to me.

Here are some details on our three-wheeled electric cart:

**Frame:** Metal tubing and Aircraft Aluminum

**Wheels:** 20-inch made for heavy weight

**Motor:** 24-volt DC 1.2 horsepower

**Controls:** Curtis Speed Control Board with 5k ohm pot

**Brakes:** Disc and Bicycle

**Batteries:** Two gel cell deep cycle

**Drive:** Chain drive with freewheel hub

**Top speed:** 25 mph

**Color:** Hunter green and natural clear coat oak wood ■

*Don Willi and Jammer (OJ WindJammer) can be seen motoring around the streets of Louisville, Ky. Don adopted Jammer from Greyt Rescues of Lafayette, Ind.*



## Raw Food Diets



Ann Penfield's Merlin neatly eats his raw turkey neck for breakfast. Marcia Herman

Which type of food is healthier for your Greyhound: commercially prepared dry food, a homemade cooked diet or a homemade raw diet? More and more holistic veterinarians are recommending the latter. Approaches to the raw food diet are many, and savvy Greyhound owners who are considering the switch to raw food will do their own research and consult their veterinarian for advice. The following is an introduction to raw food diets based on my own research and what has worked for my Greyhounds.

Commercial foods are easy to feed, balanced to the minimum requirements, and relatively inexpensive. Specialty commercial foods sold by veterinarians, including formulas for dogs with allergies or kidney problems, can be lifesavers for your Greyhound. However, most commercially prepared dry dog foods require high heating during preparation. Heating meat and vegetables to very high temperatures destroys their natural

enzymes. Heating can also alter the composition of amino acids or destroy them. Since researchers don't yet know which amino acids are essential for dogs, deficiencies may develop.

Most commercial foods also include meat or meat byproducts. These can include feathers, hooves, beaks, or diseased animals from the rendering plant. We have to trust the pet food companies not to include these items.

In addition, most commercial dry foods are grain-based. Some dogs can tolerate grain diets. Allergies, itchy skin, hot spots, irritable bowel disease, vomiting, and diarrhea may all be aggravated by a grain-based diet.

Canines lived on a raw diet for years. They chased and caught a variety of small animals and birds. They ate the stomach that contained partially digested vegetation mixed with enzymes and bacteria, as well as the internal organs, some hair and bones.

There are advantages and disadvantages to feeding a raw diet. Bones can splinter or cause slab fractures of molars. A slab fracture cracks the tooth perpendicular to the gum line and usually requires removal of the tooth. Therefore, bones should be only a small part of the diet. Feeding ground bones or chicken backs and necks that are mainly cartilage is usually safer.

Salmonella and *e. coli* are also a risk. Good hygiene and a reliable source of human grade (possibly organic) meat are important. Leave raw food out for the dog for a maximum of one hour, then refrigerate.

Preparing a raw homemade diet can be relatively expensive and time consuming. Preparing a week's worth of food and freezing it or purchasing a commercially-prepared raw food eliminates some of the problems. Finding a reliable wholesale source for meats and poultry can provide significant savings.

Some dogs do not tolerate raw food diets and others do not like them. This is particularly true of older dogs and some with chronic loose stools. A slow switch to the raw food diet can help avoid most problems. (Any change in diet should be gradual, if possible, not just the change to a raw diet.) Feed one tablespoon of raw food mixed with the regular diet for a few days. Slightly increase the proportion of raw food to the regular food at each feeding. If your dog demonstrates food sensitivities or does not like the raw food, try cooking it slightly.

Proponents of raw food diets believe that the main advantage of a raw food diet is that you know what your dog is eating because you made it. It is closer to the natural diet on which dogs evolved. It strengthens the immune system and there is less chance of an amino acid deficiency.

The following is a description of the raw

food diet that I use. If you are contemplating the switch to a raw food diet, do your research, consult your veterinarian, and proceed slowly so you can see what works for your Greyhound.

### Maureen's Method:

By volume, meals consist of 40-50 percent meat or fish; 10 percent eggs or cottage cheese; 35-40 percent grains; and 15-25 percent vegetables.

Sources of protein include raw beef, lamb, chicken or turkey, or cooked fish; cooked eggs, cottage cheese or small amounts of yogurt; tripe (raw and unclean and fed in large chunks – an excellent teeth cleaner and gum stimulator); and organ meat (liver, heart, or kidney) which makes up 15-20 percent of the meat portion.

A note about tripe: If you use tripe, feed it separately and probably outside. Tripe is raw and messy and it contains lots of bacteria and slime. Do not ever add tripe to the food as it will make the food smell bad and your dog very likely will not eat it. When first eating tripe, some dogs will swallow it whole and promptly regurgitate. The next time, they generally tear off chunks and chew them well before swallowing.

Sources of grains include whole grains such as brown rice, millet, buckwheat, rye or barley. All grains should be cooked and puréed since the dog's digestive system requires this help in breaking down grains. Rolled grains can also be used such as rolled oats, wheat, rye, or barley flakes.

Alternatives to whole grains include cracked grains like bulgur or cracked wheat, starchy vegetables (potatoes, winter squash, turnips, and yams) and whole-wheat pasta or bread.

All vegetables should be puréed. Carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, asparagus, cabbage, green beans, peas, celery, zucchini, and summer squash can all be fed raw and puréed. Some hard vegetables such as beets,

### How do we know dogs evolved eating meat?

Herbivores (such as horses, cows or sheep) have strong cutting teeth in front and large flat molars to grind up grasses with chewing in a circular motion.

Carnivores (such as cats and dogs) have large canine teeth for holding prey and ripping it into chunks. The molars cut the meat into bite-size pieces suitable to swallow. The upper molars slide over the lower ones in a scissors-like action. The smaller incisors scrape meat off bones.

Omnivores (such as humans or bears) can handle vegetation as well as meat.

Our molars are flat but have points on the corners so we can eat some meat. Our canines however, are much too small to hold game.

broccoli stalks, thick carrots or cauliflower may require light steaming before puréeing.

One pound of mixed food will feed a dog of 30-35 pounds. Therefore, a 60-pound Greyhound will require approximately one pound of food in the morning and another pound at night. This equals two and a half to three cups for one 60-pound dog. A 75-pound dog could need up to four cups. Adjust the amount of food depending on the dog.

If your dog has no access to bones, you may need to add human-grade bone meal to his diet. This is not garden-type bone meal. If you add human-grade bone meal to his food, use two and a half to five tablespoons of granules.

Your dog can eat raw chicken backs and necks or large marrow bones once a week. Do not feed any other type of bone. If you wish, you can add nutritional supplements such as Solid Gold Seameal (minerals) or Missing Link.

I follow this step-by-step process to make a raw food meal:

Cook the grains, cool and purée.

Steam the vegetables if necessary, or use raw and purée.

Cut or coarsely grind the meat. (You can also mix the meat with the cooked grains while they are cooling. Light steaming of

the meat is acceptable but do not cook, bake or fry the meat as this destroys those valuable amino acids.)

Add any supplements.

When the food is at room temperature, feed it to the dog, allowing one hour for the dog to eat it. Refrigerate any food left after one hour and save it for the following meal.

### Want to learn more about raw food diets? Consult the following:

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## How to Have a Successful Meet and Greet



Set up your table outside to attract more traffic.

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The Meet and Greet (M&G) is one of the most important activities in Greyhound adoption. A public appearance showing the Greyhounds and offering adoption information, the M&G introduces the general public to these wonderful, loving couch potatoes. Below you will find step-by-step instructions on getting started, items you will need, and the dos and don'ts of holding a great M&G.

### On your mark!

Location, location, location — that is probably foremost in increasing quality and quantity of potential adopters. Most pet stores will allow you to hold a Meet and

Greet. A pet store is a good starting point, but try to find one in a busy strip mall or shopping center. Remember that most people going into a pet store already have pets and are probably not looking for another one. Consider locating your M&G outside, in front of the pet store where many people going to different stores will see you. Once you find a pet store in a nice, busy location, approach the store manager and ask permission to hold a Meet and Greet. Be prepared to answer questions. For example, the manager will probably want proof of insurance. Most groups do have insurance, but if you do not, it is best not to bring dogs to your M&G. It's not worth the risk.



## FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

The manager may ask you the following types of questions:

- When do you want to do it?
- How often do you want to do it?
- How many dogs are going to be here?
- How many people will be supervising here?
- Do you want to be inside or outside the store?
- Where will you set up?
- What time will you start/stop?
- What do you plan to do in the event of inclement weather?
- Do you have insurance?
- What group do you represent?

Whatever the questions, you will want to work with the manager. Find out if there is a limit to the number of people and dogs. Can you go inside the shop during inclement weather? Can you be outside for good weather? If you do need to get inside, what size is the shop? If you have a large M&G scheduled with 20 dogs and 10 people, can you fit inside? Be flexible and honest. If the manager hesitates, would a Meet and Greet be allowed on a trial basis? A good selling point is that people are drawn to Greyhounds. As a breed they are interesting, unique, and different to the general population. People drawn to the dogs out front may be drawn into the store. If you represent a group, have a letter of introduction from the head of the group with you to present to the manager. Have proof of insurance as well (it can be contained in the letter of introduction).

Now that you have your location, you need to think about the elements. Are you planning an outside M&G in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the second Saturday of January or in Tucson, Arizona for the third Sunday in August? If you do have a Meet and Greet in adverse conditions, you will need to be prepared for them to be held indoors. When you set up indoors you should be prepared to lose a lot of potential clientele, because

you will only have access to customers in that particular store and not the entire mall.

You have a location for your M&G, are planning it with the weather in mind, and have a backup contingency for bad weather. The next question is: What to bring?

### Here is a good starting list:

- Sturdy, folding table.
- Tablecloth that covers the complete front of the table to the ground. Preferably in a solid color.
- A good-sized (6 feet by 2 feet) banner indicating the name of your adoption group.
- Information/pamphlets covering topics such as history of the breed, your adoption group, FAQ with answers about the Greyhound (this information is available via the Internet), and business cards.
- A large sign advertising "Greyhounds Today" that can be placed at the entrance to the shopping area or in any strategic location.
- Paperweights for windy days.
- A few framed pictures of Greyhounds (sleeping, playing, cockroaching, whatever).
- Folding chair(s)
- Blankets or beds for the dogs.
- Water for the dogs (be generous!)
- Plastic bags, paper towels, and extra water for cleanup.
- A crate, if you have dogs that need to take a rest from people.
- Coats if the weather is on the cool side; ice if the weather is on the warm side.
- Pens/paper to jot down notes.



Stow set-up materials and the occasional tired Greyhound under the table.



A neat and inviting table.

- A large, clear, plastic donations jar. Make sure it is plastic; not glass. Simply tape the group's business card to it and print the word "Donation" on it. Place about \$5 dollars in singles as feeder money inside.
- Greyhound books your group may recommend (one copy of each sitting up on the table).
- Something for shade.

### Get Ready!

You can hold a one-person/one-dog M&G if you cannot find anyone to help. The more M&Gs you do, the more people you will meet who have Greyhounds and will want to do them with you. If you know people with Greyhounds, even if they are not from your group, ask them if they would like to help. Don't be concerned about different groups.

Okay, now you have a location, a date, a friend with a dog, and all the equipment. Now what?

As the coordinator of the M&G, you have a few more responsibilities than other volunteers do. You must report to the location approximately 30 minutes early to set up. Let the manager know you are there. Have someone hold your dogs for you or have them stay in the car while you get ready. Place the table in front of the pet store or wherever the manager instructs you. Do not block the sidewalk so that people are forced to walk in the parking lot or road. Hang the banner from the table, on the storefront or, if you are using a tent, above the tent. Place the donation jar with feeder money front and center. Place any pictures towards the back and have all

information flyers in neat piles near the front within easy reach of passersby. Put paperweights on the flyers, even if it is not windy. Painted horseshoes or tiles with the adoption group's phone number make excellent paperweights.

Get out the dog beds and put them to the side or behind the table. If you have a crate put it behind the table or underneath if it fits. If the manager lets you, you could also place it inside the store. Place chairs towards the back and side of the table. All boxes the equipment came in should be stowed under the table away from view.

Stand back and look at the finished product, if people have not already started hounding you for information. Is your display neat, orderly, and inviting? You are now ready to bring your dogs out and open shop.



This table is a disaster. How many "Don'ts" can you spot?



## Go!

You stand there, holding dogs and waiting. So, now what? If it is quiet and people have not yet noticed you, sit down and talk with your dogs, pet them, give them treats, and get them to lie down. Talk with your fellow volunteers. Here comes someone who is looking at the table. Get up and start a conversation with that person. If they are not interested, they will walk past you. If they are interested, start selling the dog. The person will most probably start off with questions. While talking with the person and answering questions be aware of your dogs' activity. Is your dog sniffing a little toy poodle whose owner is going into the pet store? Is your Greyhound small-dog-safe?

Here are some Dos and Don'ts for doing a M&G:

- Do look neat. No baggy pants, sweatpants (sweatshirts with Greyhound logos, okay), or torn jeans. Dogs do not need to be bathed but make sure they don't leave people looking at their hands in disgust after they've petted them.
- Do be available. Look inviting, so people feel comfortable walking up to you to ask questions.
- Don't have food or drink on the table.
- Don't be talking to your fellow volunteers if there is anyone showing interest in the information.
- Don't gang up on people to push Greyhound adoption. If two of you are talking to one person and another comes along, break apart and take the newcomer.
- Don't block access to the walkways, doorways, or information table.
- Don't let your dogs jump on people.
- Do leave immediately if your dog is overwhelmed. This is not uncommon on the first M&G.
- Do limit all dogs to four-hour shifts or less.
- Don't let small children mistreat your dog. Stand firm and tell the parents in a diplomatic manner that the child's treatment of the dog is unacceptable (this

includes hitting, ear and tail pulling). These people are probably not suitable Greyhound adopters anyway.

- Don't allow any dogs off leash.
- Do be truthful but with a positive spin.

Here's an example:

*Question:* "Are Greyhounds good with cats?"

*Bad answer:* "Yes." (Misleading, not all Greyhounds are good with cats.)

*OK answer:* "Some are and some are not." (Many people will walk away with just the last piece of information in their head, that "some are not.")

*Best answer:* "If you have a cat make sure you put that information on your application. The group will work with you to make sure you find an appropriate dog for your situation."

This last answer is positive, truthful, and not misleading.

## The Finish Line!

Festivals and fairs make wonderful places for M&Gs. If you are assigned a booth, take note of the size. You probably cannot accommodate 10 dogs and 20 people. The best bet is to find two people with two dogs each for these small booths. Find out if you are allowed to spill over into the walk area. Fair managers can be very strict about protecting the walk areas. You may also be limited to where you can take your dogs for breaks. Make sure you know the rules.

If you have volunteers from different groups, the rules are simple. Today's M&G is for Group A. The literature is for Group A. The discussions center around Group A. Volunteers are allowed to state what group they got their dogs from and use them for positive comparisons. There should be no group rivalry whatsoever. Remember why are you there: To find families who would like to adopt a Greyhound.

It is okay to mention your group's stance on the racing issue, but do not dwell on it. Have the policy in your literature. You may

drive away very good applicants if you dwell on the politics of racing.

As the M&G coordinator, you have certain responsibilities.

1. Make sure all volunteers are aware of the rules.
2. Make sure the M&G is running smoothly. Yes, you need to be the police.
3. Keep the doorway to the store and sidewalks from getting blocked by volunteers and dogs.
4. Make sure volunteers are watching what their dogs are doing.
5. When necessary, make the decision for either closing the M&G or sending individual dogs home for whatever reason.
6. Clean up. Keep the table clean during the M&G and make sure the area is as clean or cleaner than when you got there.
7. Make sure all dog messes are cleaned up and the cement rinsed with water. The fastest way not to get invited back is to leave that kind of a memory.
8. Know your fair or festival. Do they have fireworks? Do they have noisy fire engines or trucks with airhorns going off? Most Greyhounds cannot handle loud noises.
9. You need to coordinate the shifts if the M&Gs are longer than four hours. If they run more than one day, you are responsible for closing down and re-opening the booth and handling the money (donations).
10. Know your material. If someone doesn't know an answer, you are the one they will seek. ■

***Have a M&G. It's a good way to get out there and get those Greyhounds adopted!***

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## Cat-Testing the Greyhound



Cat safe? At this point, it's hard to tell. Cindy Hanson

Anyone who lives with a Greyhound and cats has seen some kind of interaction between the two species. If the Greyhound has been properly cat-tested and introduced to the cat it can be a match made in heaven. If the Greyhound has not, it can be a deadly combination.

We know that not all Greyhounds are cat-safe and cat-testing is not 100 percent fool-proof. If done correctly, however, cat-testing can reveal a lot about a Greyhound's prey drive. Having cat-tested Greyhounds for almost eight years, I know that first impressions are not always accurate. I believe it is wise to cat-test a "raw Greyhound" at least twice before placing it in either foster care or an adoptive home. The Greyhound that

shows no interest in the cat during the first test may well try to devour the cat during the second test. Conversely, what appears to be a high-prey Greyhound during the first test may be a totally uninterested Greyhound during the second. Keep in mind that many things can affect a cat test. For example, unfamiliar settings may agitate some dogs causing them to act out or withdraw, thus producing an inaccurate cat test response. Strange noises or stimuli may draw the Greyhound's interest away from the cat, also producing an inaccurate result. In my opinion, it is always better to test as many times as possible before placing the Greyhound and, if possible, place the dog in foster care with cats prior to adoption.

When cat-testing raw Greyhounds a four-step process using two people works well. One person works with the cat while the other person works with the dog. Between the two people, the Greyhound and cat are always under control preventing harm to either animal.

To begin with the Greyhound should be muzzled and leashed, while the cat is held in front of its face. If there is little or no reaction, the cat is allowed to get down and walk around. If there continues to be little or no reaction the cat is picked up, the Greyhound's muzzle is removed, and the introductions are repeated. If the dog is still showing little or no interest, the cat is allowed to walk around with the Greyhound leashed



but not muzzled. Finally, if there is still no response from the Greyhound, we consider him to be cat safe.

Once a Greyhound has been cat-tested and placed in a home, the family should always be given a muzzle and encouraged to use it until the introductions to all house pets have been made and things have settled down a bit. This process might actually take a few days. The Greyhound should not be muzzled the entire time, but should only be unmuzzled when there is strict supervision during Greyhound and cat meetings. I also strongly recommend the use of a crate until everyone in the family — animal and human — is completely comfortable with the situation. When the Greyhound is well-integrated into the home and family, it is fairly common to allow the Greyhound and other house pets unsupervised run of the house. I advise anyone with cats to arrange an escape route for them, just in case. This can be something as simple as a baby gate the cat can get over or under, but still prevents the Greyhound access to a certain area of the house where the cat can relax.

While Greyhounds and cats can peacefully cohabitate with one another in the comfort of their own home, you must consider the potential dangers of allowing cats and Greyhounds to run freely together outdoors. In all the years I have worked with Greyhounds, cat-tested Greyhounds, and placed them in homes with cats, I have seen very few Greyhounds that were cat-safe outdoors. In most cases, there is something about the great outdoors that can change the dog's prey drive in a heartbeat. The most cat-safe Greyhound inside the house can become a very determined hunter in the backyard. My own Greyhounds, who live quite peacefully with six cats, have tried to attack one of their feline housemates in the yard. It appears that dogs don't understand that the cat in the yard is the same cat they sleep with on the sofa.

Sadly, I have received more than a handful of tearful phone calls from adopters



This Greyhound seems to have passed the cat test.

telling me their cat-safe Greyhound killed their cat out in the yard. This always upsets me because being chased and killed by a Greyhound is a violent death. There is no reason for this to happen if Greyhound adopters will only heed the advice of adoption representatives and never allow their Greyhounds and cats to roam the yard together. We stress to all our cat families that Greyhounds and cats in the yard together is a deadly combination no matter how cat-safe the dog seems in the house. We explain that Greyhounds are hunters by nature and this is not something that can be

un-learned. The bottom line to a Greyhound — if it's small and furry and moving in the yard, it's fair game!

Can Greyhounds and cats live together harmoniously? Yes, many can if the adopters understand the rules and follow them. Rules are made for the well-being of all parties involved in any given situation. Unfortunately, breaking the Greyhound-cat-yard rule can result in disaster for you and your cat. ■

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## Engaging Generation Y



Generation Y: Budding Greyhound adoption advocates? Michele Carnevale

The term “strategic partnerships” was once reserved for conglomerates and large corporations. By way of the Web, home-based businesses interact compatibly versus competitively to form strategic partnerships in growing their businesses individually and collectively. Now is the time for Greyhound adoption groups to reach out beyond their core of weary volunteers to a new generation and form their own partnerships.

Engage Generation Y. Born between 1977 and 1994, the members of Generation Y make up more than one-fifth of the U.S. population. They are the target of marketers and advertisers, and they are the future of Greyhound adoption.

No one marketing effort will be the definitive solution for reaching this group. Be open to many options, collect contacts, and “plant seeds” to reap rewards one step at a time.

### Why Generation Y?

Greyhound adoption groups should now realize Generation Y’s potential to influence family recreational time and spending. Hollywood and advertisers are courting Generation Y (which is why *Shrek* was the best movie of the year). This generation is second in buying power and population to the highly-targeted baby boomers. In an attempt to cultivate a new group of loyal consumers, corporations are increasingly focusing on

kids. Heinz asked kids to help develop a new label for their ketchup bottle. Crayola asked kids to name new crayon colors. Kodak advertises its products on Saturday morning TV. As kids influence product purchases more than ever before, this type of marketing is unlikely to diminish.

Generation Y has been exposed to mass media and multimedia like never before. They’re Internet-savvy, globally hip, and socially conscious. They prefer directness instead of subtlety, action to observation, and anything “cool.” They are heavily influenced by their peers. According to the well-known advertising agency, Saatchi & Saatchi, this age group is confident, self-reliant, optimistic, and positive. Don’t be



deterred by blue hair and tattoos; today's kids take vegetarianism, environmental concerns, and community service seriously.

By engaging Generation Y in your projects, Greyhound adoption can benefit from untapped resources now while building loyal "brand" awareness. (Although Greyhounds are a breed, "brand" awareness refers to recognizing the breed and acknowledging its specific needs today and in the future.) A few months ago I read an article in *Women's World* about a 13-year-old girl who was having a birthday. In lieu of gifts, she asked her friends to bring dog food. They spent an afternoon at a local dog rescue playing with and walking the dogs. All her guests agreed it was the best birthday celebration ever.

### Get them involved

Find a few Gen-Y groups within the community such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, sororities, fraternities, college service organizations, and special interest clubs. When interacting with the groups, be sure to let the kids know what you need. Ask for help in collecting supplies such as blankets, dog shampoo, towels, detergent, bedding, leashes, toys, and medical supplies. Never

underestimate the power of kids; they may be a link to future sponsors and donations.

Invite involved groups and their parents to help bathe an arriving batch of Greyhounds. Let them experience the joy and awe up close and personal. Call your local college and inquire what organization might be interested in partnering or contact the campus newspaper and ask them to write an article. Dress the dogs in college colors for the photo opportunity.

### Build partnerships

Invite them to your events and return the favor — with the Greyhounds in tow. Support their fundraising efforts. For instance, announce their car wash efforts to your members and request to set up a fenced-in wading pool for a mini-Meet-and-Greet on the premises. Dress the hounds in wet T-shirts. The group benefits by washing more cars and you benefit from impromptu exposure different than the pet store.

For example, this year Arizona Greyhound Rescue ([www.azgreyhoundrescue.org](http://www.azgreyhoundrescue.org)) sponsored a local Little League team. For \$175, Arizona Greyhound Rescue's name was printed on the back of the

uniforms and was seen by rival audiences as well as the players' parents and friends. An AGR volunteer was also the assistant coach.

### Ask for input

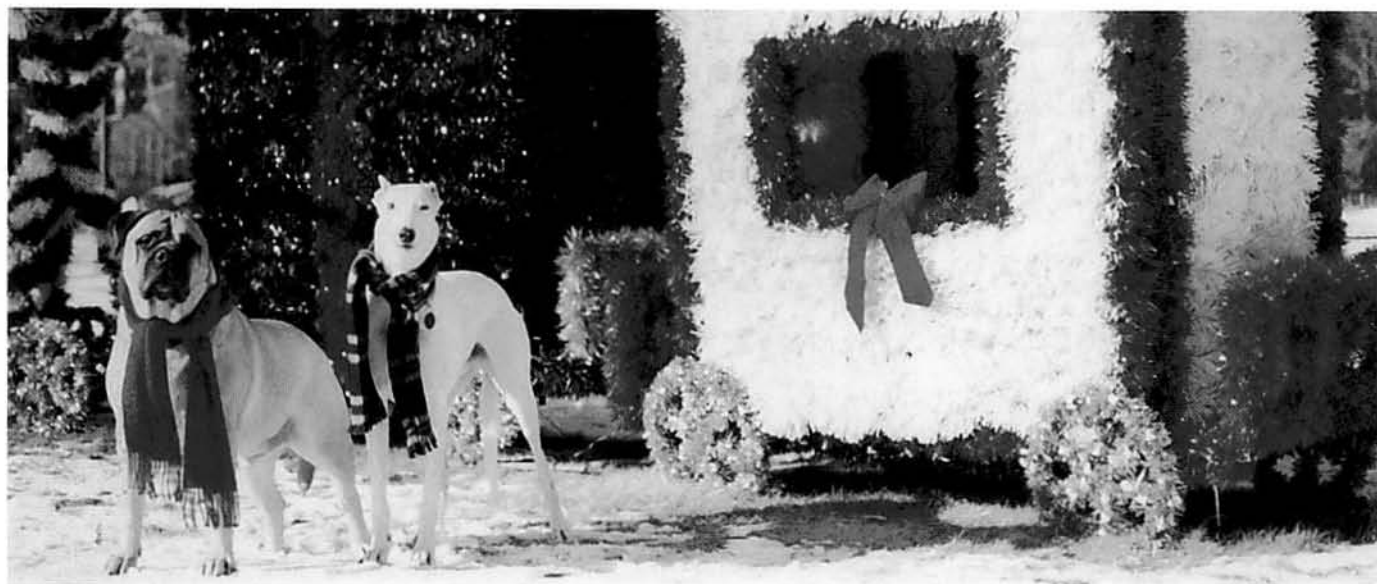
Never before has this age group had such a voice. On the Internet they take mini-polls and post results on message boards. Ask for their input. Tell them what Greyhounds need and ask them for solutions. Ask them to help you name incoming Greyhounds. Ask them to write an article for your newsletter or website.

### Give recognition

Be sure to thank the groups for their involvement. Rave about their efforts in your newsletter and/or website. Send a photograph and short paragraph to your local newspaper and cable television station. Assign a volunteer to follow-up with the ongoing collection of supplies and keep in touch. ■

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Adam and Bently. Eileen Neary

# young people and greyhounds

By Carol Cummings

## It Started With a Letter . . .

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*CG receives many letters about people and their Greyhounds. Because these letters describe a creative introduction of Greyhounds to a younger generation—and illustrate the formation of a “strategic partnership”—we are sharing them here.*

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### Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter that we received regarding one of our retired Greyhounds. I was so impressed with Carol's letter and her creativity I wanted to share it with as many people as possible. When I contacted the Greyhound Hall of Fame to purchase some materials for her and her class, they suggested that I send you a copy of her letter.

Recently she sent us a note telling us that in January she will be doing a unit on Greyhounds and her students would be in contact with us at that time. What a wonderful life for a pet; so much love. It is our hope that this will inspire more teachers to use Greyhounds to reach their students.

I have sent Carol Cummings your address so she can share her ideas and successes with you as well.

Joni Holding  
Colwich, Kan.

### The enclosed letter reads:

I am now the new owner of a very special Greyhound named Katz Meow, who previously raced for you. I would like to tell you about the special job that Katz now has. I am a school administrator, and I take Katz to school with me to be friends with the children. My job is to run a Title I program for “at risk” children. These children often lack love and attention at home and thus it shows

in their schoolwork. Katz's job is to show them attention when they come in the room, and to be an inspiration for them to learn.

I was wondering if you would be kind enough in helping me to reach these children by doing a couple things for the children and me. First, would you please sign the pet transfer form that I have enclosed, and send any records that you may have on Katz Meow? Second, would you be willing to answer questions by way of letter or e-mail from the children? We promise not to bombard you with letters, but consolidate our letters into just a couple. Also if you have any information that would interest children (ages 8-12) on Greyhounds could you send it to us? These kids are really inter-

ested in any video you might have of her or any Greyhounds racing. We will be doing research on Greyhounds using both books and the Internet. We will be using Katz to inspire reading, by letting the children read to her. We will do math using her running record, or by measuring her legs, etc. So you can see, we are trying to be creative in using Katz with the kids. I wish you could see the love that she gives to these children each day and the love that she gets back. It is really fantastic.

Thank you very much for your time. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Carol Cummings  
Geneva, Ind. ■



Tuxedo and friends

# From the Racetrack to the Classroom

A Story of One Greyhound's Love for Children

What do you do with one not-so-fast Greyhound that has just retired from the track? Well, you take her to school to help children to read and learn. This is the story of RC Katz Meow and how she inspires children in a school in rural Indiana.

Katz led the life of most racing Greyhounds; she had a great owner and trainer, but she was just a little too slow on the track. So thoughts of retirement danced in Katz's head. In the fall of 1998, she began her retirement and a new life with a slightly crazy educator.

After Katz's orientation to home life was complete, she was slowly introduced to her new job: to serve as a teaching assistant to help children learn to read. It was love at first sight for everyone involved. The children and teachers of the school welcomed her with open arms. Katz welcomed them with licks and kisses.

Katz encourages children to read more by simply listening to them. Like most Greyhounds, Katz is very laid back. She just sleeps in her corner until a teacher sends a child over to read to her. At the sight of a child Katz's head pops up, then her ears perk up. As the child reads a story, Katz calmly listens.

Over time, Katz has become quite the educated dog. The children have taken to writing notes to her, and of course she writes back (with a little help). Some days she even writes notes about the weather or something exciting that has happened to her, like the adoption of a new brother! Often children carry on a conversation with Katz, as if she is another child. One student even went home in February and told his family about the new dog at school: a "groundhog" whose name was "Cats." Katz loves to take part in school activities, like reading, pajama parties, and pet education week. She even



Katz in the classroom. Carol Cummings

played Rudolph in the 2nd grade Christmas play.

Katz also visits the Intermediate school (grades 4-6). These students have a whole unit on Greyhounds. They learn about the breed and racing from books, the Internet, and personal correspondence with Greyhound people. They have had a writing exercise with Katz's former owner, asking a lot of questions. The students have had the opportunity to correspond with Anne Finch in England about rescuing Greyhounds in Spain. They even found Katz's sister RC Ride It Out with the help of the Internet and e-mail. Information about Greyhounds adds interest to many classroom activities; even math can be fun when exercises involve taking a Greyhound's measurements or calcu-

lating speed based on racing results. With her colorful history, Katz helps students get excited about learning.

Katz is now in her fourth year as a teaching assistant and still enjoys it, although like any student she is hard to get up in the mornings! Katz has been a very positive influence on the children in our school system. In fact, her presence in the classroom has been positive for Greyhound rescue, too. Katz has inspired several families in the area to adopt a Greyhound. Katz is living proof that for some rescued Greyhounds there are new careers after racing! Katz's new career is loving kids. ■

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## Making the Most of Vendor Donations



Perhaps Misty's owner won her lovely collar as a prize. Janice & Tom Cleveland

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*In the Fall 2001 issue of CG Magazine, Kathy Johnson shared some ideas for working with vendors in "A Vendor's View of Event Planning." In this article, she offers some suggestions about what to do with all of those donated items.*

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You have all these great prizes, now what do you do with them? Here are some ideas and suggestions:

### Contest prizes

At events, does your group hold contests, such as "longest tail" or "best trick?" Keep a few of the lower-value donation items or small gift certificates to use as prizes. Plan your trick contests in advance so you have the right number of prizes.

### Door prizes

Door prizes are a bad idea. They are money losers because people are going to attend the event anyway. One main reason to have an event like a Greyhound reunion is to raise money for the group. Giving attendees a ticket to win a prize just for showing up doesn't make any money! If you feel you must have a door prize, make it one medium-value item, or perhaps a basket of small items. For example, pet shampoo and flea spray with a comb and brush in a nice wicker basket is an appropriate door prize.

### Live auction

The live auction can be a good or a bad idea. Much of the success or failure of an auction depends on the auctioneer. If the auctioneer is not donating services to the group, this can be expensive. Some professional

auctioneers ask for a percentage cut of the sales. Be sure to agree on a method of payment well in advance. If you have lots of items to be auctioned be aware that an auction could take several hours and people may get bored. It might be better to auction higher-value items and raffle off the medium-to lower-value ones. And not all auctioneers are fast and snappy — a slow, boring auctioneer might cause a loss of interest. If possible, preview your potential auctioneer at another event before hiring him or her. If you have an inexperienced volunteer from your group doing the auctioneer job, have fun with it, but limit the auctioned items to a few really good ones just for the sake of saving time and maintaining interest.

### Dollar raffles/auctions

Sometimes called "Chinese auctions," these are excellent moneymakers. Gather up a supply of lidded clear plastic containers (such as the ones used at deli counters for salads), a roll of tape, a heavy black magic marker, and some squares of brightly colored paper (small Post-It Notes work well for this purpose). Cut a small slot in the lid of each container, snap the lid on, tape a piece of paper to the front, and number each one in sequence, starting at 1. Be sure to number the lid of each container as well as the note on the front. Get a roll of double-strip tickets commonly used at raffles. One half says "keep this ticket," and the other piece says, "drop this side." You can usually get these at a fundraiser supply store or party supply store.

As you organize your raffle items on the display table, number each prize item with a numbered Post-It note to match the number on a container, and set that container in front of the item. If you have a lot of tiny or inexpensive items (small loose rawhide

bones or food samples, for example), make packages of one larger item and two or three tiny items, and raffle them as one item. Cover packages in plastic wrap in advance, setting the items on a paper plate or square of cardboard inside the wrap for easier visibility. Seal with tape and a quick ribbon bow. Nice looking raffle prizes are more desirable.

Sell the tickets at \$1 each, or offer a "deal" like six for \$5. For fun, offer to sell a strip of tickets the length of a Greyhound's tail or the length of a person's arm from shoulder to fingertips for \$10.

Once the buyers have purchased tickets, they must write their names on the back of each ticket. The buyer puts that half of each ticket into the container for the item they want to win and keeps the other half. Post signs saying "must be present to win" or the cost of shipping prizes to absentee winners will diminish your profits. However, if someone happens to win a large or heavy prize that they are unable to take home that day, consider making separate pre-paid shipping arrangements with the winner.

Set up scheduled times for drawing. Stop selling tickets and begin to draw winners at that time sharp. If the winner does not respond in three minutes, discard the ticket and draw another one for that item. Having a megaphone or a sound system makes the actual announcing much easier than screaming over crowd noise. If you have a public address system, have someone promote the raffle occasionally throughout the day to help boost ticket sales.

It's a good idea to get enough prizes to have more than one drawing during the day. People spend even more money at a table full of potential prizes. For example, if you have enough prizes, hold the first drawing two hours after the event starts. Clear the table and reset it with the next group of prizes to be raffled off in another two hours. Keep it going at two-hour intervals until the end of the event. Of course, with fewer



A boring auctioneer can put everyone to sleep. Guinness and friends must have had a good one at their picnic.

prizes, you can adjust the schedule accordingly. If there are enough volunteers, ask them to circulate and sell tickets. They will sell more tickets than one ticket vendor sitting at the raffle table. Don't forget to sell tickets to vendors — they like to have fun and take a chance on winning just as much as the visitors.

If you want to be really nice, have a "loser's raffle." Save all the losing tickets from each drawing. Put them in one big bucket at the end of the drawing and draw for one silly item that you've set aside or perhaps kept hidden until the end. Make it something funny, but not terribly expensive. If you have a volunteer who's a humorous public speaker, let him or her build suspense over the course of the regular drawing. One of those incredibly ugly latex rubber dog toys or a less-than-attractive Greyhound household item would make a good "loser's raffle" prize.

### Special item raffles

These can be excellent moneymakers, depending on the item. Take one unique item (for example, an original painting, a certificate for a pet portrait sitting, or an expensive crate) and sell tickets for that item separately. Use different colored two-part tickets for the special raffle and sell them for \$2 to \$10 each, depending on the retail value of the item. Use one specific, clearly-marked container for that special raffle and attach it to the special item. Have an announcer build suspense all day and create an incentive for people to stay longer. Keep the crowd's interest high and you will sell more tickets. If the item is something people truly want to win, they will stay until the end. Schedule the drawing for the special item as the very last event of the day; after the other raffle prizes have been distributed. If you have available volunteers, station a few near the special prize item and have them sell tickets right up until the drawing.

## 50/50 drawings

A 50/50 raffle is a good moneymaker, if it is legal in your area. In some areas, 50/50 raffles are legal if tickets are sold only at the event. In other areas, all such raffles involving cash prizes require permits. Check with a local lawyer to determine if you need a permit for this type of raffle.

How does a 50/50 raffle work? You simply sell tickets and have the buyers put one half of each ticket into one clearly-marked jar. (For best results and least confusion, use a different color of ticket for the 50/50 raffle than those you use for any other raffles.) Sometimes funeral homes or banks offer free ticket printing for non-profit groups in return for placing their advertising on the ticket stubs as an event sponsor. You might also contact a local printer and see if they will print special tickets for volunteers to sell outside the event. This will increase your total take for the raffle, and can often make the prize amount quite enticing.

Keep all the money for the 50/50 raffle separate from any other money. Make certain that each ticket buyer fills out the written portion of the ticket completely and legibly. (If you have volunteers record all of this information later, you will have a nice mailing list for future events.) A few minutes before the drawing, stop all ticket sales and count the money. Then announce the prize amount, which will be half of the total sales of all 50/50 raffle tickets. Only one winner is drawn. That winner gets cash and a written receipt for a tax-deductible donation to your group.

## Silent auction

This can be a good moneymaker if the items are really desirable. A silent auction differs from a regular auction in that it involves no auctioneering. People bid on items by placing their bids in writing.

Gather a small number of medium- to high-value donated items. For each item, create a bid sheet using a lined piece of paper



How many tickets would a tail's length be for this greyhound's owner?

divided into two columns labeled "Name" and "Bid". Bidders will write their names and bids here. Think positively and have more than one bid sheet for each item in case bidding gets fierce. Write a brief item description and starting bid (e.g., "Greyhound lamp, minimum bid \$50") on the top line of the bid sheet. Also indicate the minimum bid increment (pennies? 50 cents? one dollar?) so there is no argument later when someone is outbid by one penny. Most importantly, post the bidding close time in big letters on each bid sheet. Tape the bid sheets to the table in front of the items. Provide pens attached to the table by string. Without pens or bid sheets, nobody can bid. Post a large, clear sign stating the rules for the silent auction and have a volunteer standing by to explain the procedure to people unfamiliar with this type of auction.

As people bid, they will write their name and the amount they are willing to pay for that item on the bid sheet. The next bidder must offer an amount at least one minimum increment higher. Near the end of the bid-

ding, have lots of volunteers near the table to help ward off last-minute fights. No kidding! People do try to hold onto or cover up a bid sheet so nobody can outbid them. End the bidding promptly at the scheduled time by removing the bid sheets. The winner of each item is the person who has entered the highest amount on its bid sheet. Require the winner to pay for that item on the spot before being allowed to remove it from the table.

I have seen all these fundraising methods in action, and I know that they all can work. The bird club I volunteered for once made \$4,000 in one day just from a raffle table. It requires much work and several hardworking volunteers to create a good raffle, but I think the benefits are well worth the trouble. Good luck with your fundraisers. ■

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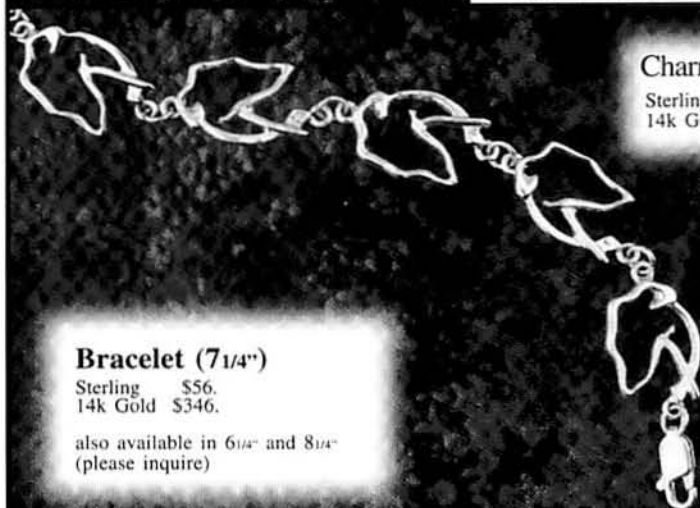
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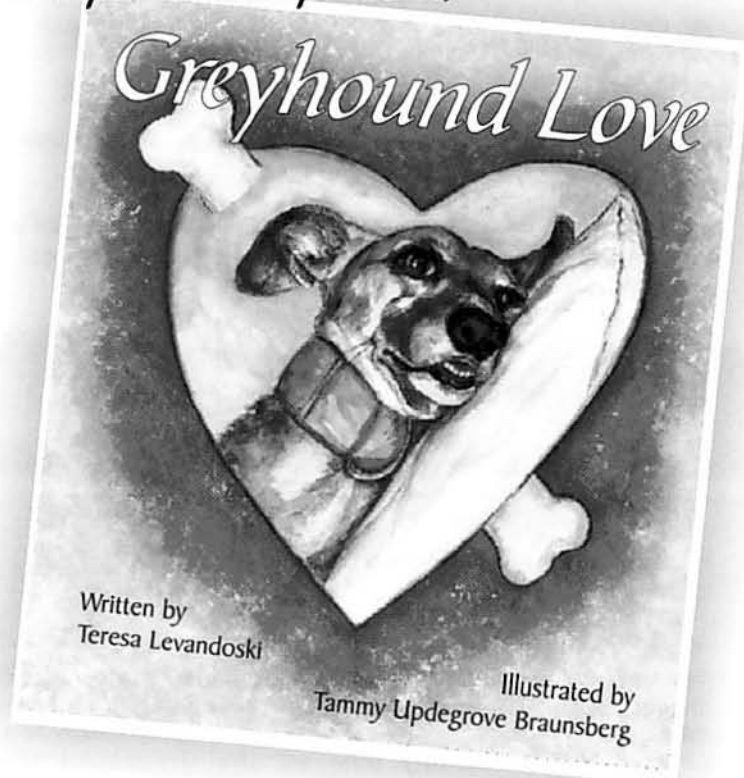
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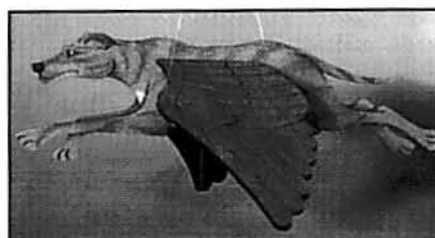


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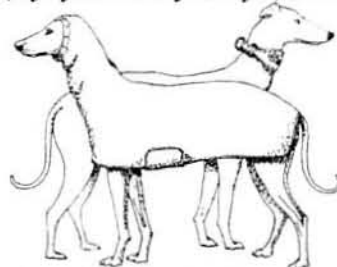


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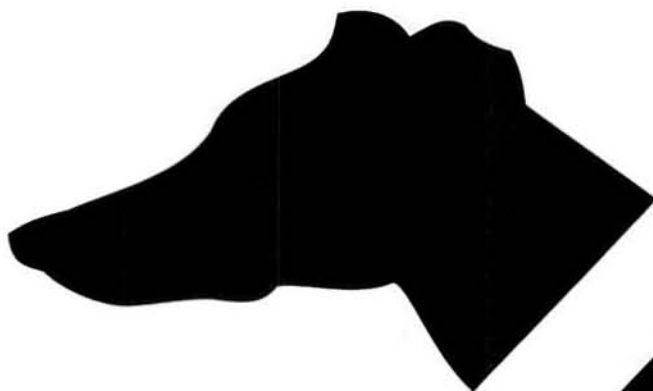
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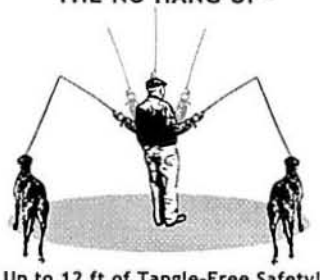
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## Trippa (Triple Eh) 1991-2001

Loved and owned by Lynda and Chris Seed, of North Gower, Ontario, Canada. In July, she was gently held in their arms as she was assisted to the Rainbow Bridge, releasing her from the pain of the mast cell cancer throughout her beautiful body. She continues to be missed by her long-time companion, Boomer (Ripley Boomer) and more recently, Flirty (System Gertie).

Trippa was one of only a relatively small number of Canadian born and bred Greyhounds who raced professionally in the United States. She was the Seeds' first Greyhound, and her arrival in their home would have an unexpected and lasting impact on their lives. Living with and being loved by a Greyhound resulted in their immediately being drawn into volunteerism with the adopting agency. Two years later they co-founded Adopt-A-Greyhound of Central Canada, Inc., the oldest active greyhound adoption group in Canada.

Trippa and her favorite bunny, Pink Floyd, graced the 1997 edition of the CG calendar. Trippa was immortalized as the red fawn Greyhound on the *Glorious Greyhound* throw; her memory and gentle spirit will continue to guide the Seeds' Greyhound placement efforts.

## Handy (Show Band) 1989-2000

Handy came to Terrill Schukraft after nearly six years of successful racing in New England. The Downing grandson took after his famous grandsire in a couple of ways: he was the image of his ancestor physically, and, like Downing, he did everything asked of him. He quickly earned his American Sighthound Field Association field championship, with a lot of first places and one best in field, and the

respect of all who saw him run. He is the dog in the pink blanket featured in the article on lure coursing in the autumn 1997 issue of *Celebrating Greyhounds*. He was an important member of the animal-assisted therapy program at the Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) State Hospital, working with deeply disturbed psychiatric patients.

But most important to her was how he changed Terrill's life. He was her first sighthound, and the first Greyhound she had ever known. He fit into the household of Siberian Huskies easily (after his initial shock at the sight of those furry, prick-eared strangers), becoming best buddies with the house Siberian, Apollo. He introduced Terrill to a whole new arena of canine activities, including working on this venerable magazine.



## Star (1987-2001)

Owned and loved by Robin, Marty, Michele and Shawn Hecht. Companion to Greyhounds Spanky, Scotty, and Velvet, and Basenjis Butch and Weezer. Three years ago we met Star, a scared little senior girl who came to the Harrisburg Humane Society as part of a humane society raid. Star had the grace and beauty of a senior; her silver brindle markings perfectly complemented her beautiful grey face. She touched many people; she was an ambassador for the senior/special needs Greyhounds, never missing a meet-and-greet. Star was featured in "Grand Old Dames of Dewey" (Spring 2001 CG) and was known to Dewey attendees as the "little girl in the red wagon." It is through her that we found our passion and love for seniors.



## Irving (Starlight Irving) 1993-2001

Owned and loved by Deborah Williams. Died of bone cancer on April 9, 2001. Irving appeared on page 13 of the Winter 2000 issue of CG.

## Gary Tracy 1937-2001

Co-founder (with his wife, Lorri) of the Greyhound Adoption League in Tucson, Arizona. Tracy died of lung cancer July 15 of this year. GAL has placed more than 800 Greyhounds per year since its beginning in 1985, the majority by working with Tucson Greyhound Park. The organization expanded to Sierra Vista, Ariz., in 1996 and El Paso, Texas, in 1997; it also has two satellite programs in Arizona and works with adoption groups in Southern California, Washington, and Idaho.

Gary is survived by his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren, and nine Greyhounds, including two 4-year-old siblings adopted from the track and seven seniors ages 8 and over who were returned by former owners only to find a home with the Tracy family. Memorial contributions may be sent to Greyhound Adoption League, 4310 S. Calico Lane, Tucson, AZ 85735.

*This section bids farewell to the Greyhounds who were the focal point of previous articles, were pictured in Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine, or who had a profound impact on the world of Greyhounds. We regret that because of space limitations we cannot picture other deceased Greyhounds in this section nor can we publish written tributes and poems about them. May they all race with the angels.*





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