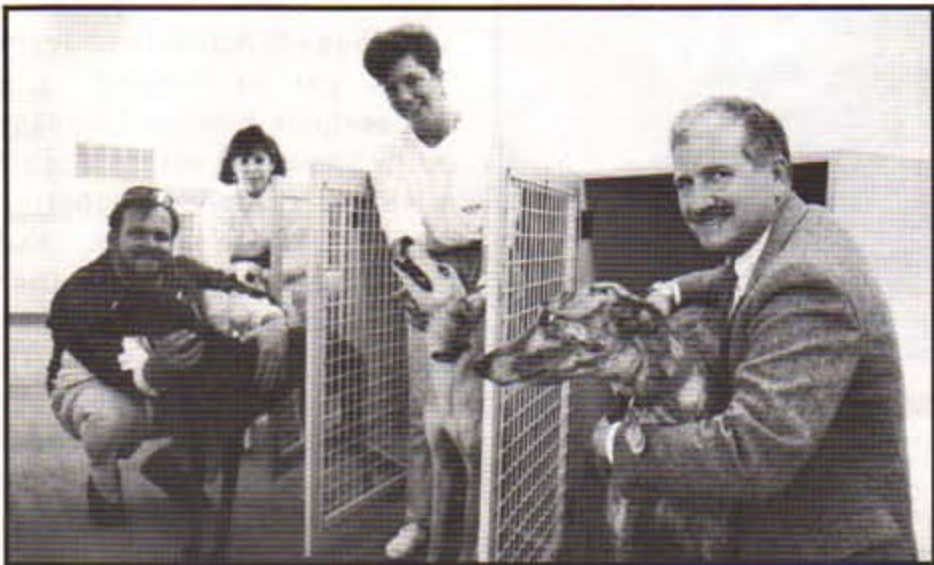


# Greyhound Update

NEWSLETTER FROM THE NATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

FALL 1991

## WHAT'S GOING ON.....



We've come a long way in the last year and a half. Our name has changed and we now have one of the best programs in the United States. Last year we did 46 adoptions, thus far we have placed over 130 dogs, and have about 15 applications in process right now. Our first foreign shipment was made this week to Canada. We now have support from Purina, Hills, and Ciba Geigy's interceptor. We have written to Florida State Legislators and Florida's Governor in efforts to change Florida's laws. Florida needs state mandated adoption laws because track owners are both too cruel and too cheap to change their ways. We will continue to press local & national media to expose dog racing for what it is. One track in West Virginia has an adoption program or giveaway. They pay

someone \$20.00 nightly to literally give dogs to whomever will take them away. You get a dog, leash, and collar - and are sent on your way. They call it an adoption program. We have a long way to go; but there is a crack appearing in the dog industry shell. They don't like bad publicity; but most do nothing but lie about what they're going to do, and believe they can continue to get away with it. Keep talking about how great greyhounds are and how bad the industry is. (Dog Fancy Magazine has a long article in the September issue, we're mentioned in the second half of the article next month). We had sent two long letters to the editor of Dog Fancy earlier this year. They got the message (The editor's dog happens to be a retired racing greyhound). We have lots of work ahead and we can use your help.

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## OUR KENNEL

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

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

## NEWS RELEASES... *...Making A Difference!*

We have found our best advertising has been articles written by local papers about greyhound adoptions. This comes about by sending in your news release to your local paper. After the article is written, we'll send you the names and phone numbers of the responses we get from the article. If you call them, it really helps. Carol Smerling of Wappingers Falls, New York, did it and we got six new adoptions from that one article including someone from the newspaper. Try it.



## PROMOTE GREYHOUND ADOPTION

There are always little events going on which give us opportunities to promote Greyhound Adoption. Jerry Hahn got us invited to a Philadelphia Electric Company Auto Show. We set up a table with our greyhound adoption banner, photo album, and information. We had four greyhounds there, and they were a big hit. We will definitely do some adoptions from this event, and also spread the word of the plight of the American racing greyhound. You can do it also. We'll supply whatever you need. Let us know.

## IMPORTANT!

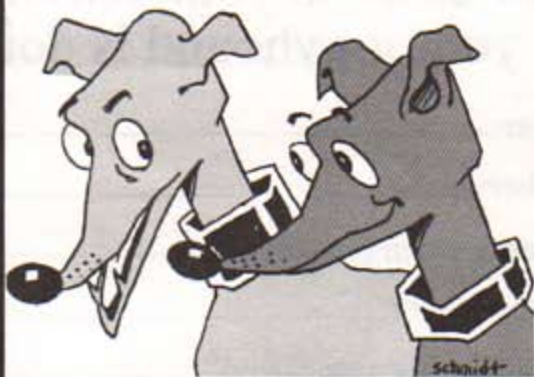
This winter we will once again have a table set up at the Eastern States Veterinary Conference in Orlando. We will be showing a continuous video about greyhounds. If you have a camera, do an interview of yourself and greyhound. Shoot shots running outside and playing inside with kids. Whatever you send will be appreciated. This show in Orlando is very important, so the more we have, the better we can show off our great ex-racers.

## Did You Know...

Greyhounds have the best blood of all dogs. That's because their blood has more red blood cells, and they also have a 60% chance of being universal donors. The University of Pennsylvania Veterinary College would like our greyhounds as blood donors. It really won't hurt them and you get some special advantages. First, you get a complete blood work up on your dog.

Second, if you ever need blood, it will be free. Third, with each blood donation, our Kennel will receive 20lbs. of dog food, which we can certainly use. Lastly - your greyhounds blood can help save the life of another dog. We will try to arrange one or two days when blood can be given either at the University of Pennsylvania or our kennel. Let us know if you're willing to participate.

# GOOD STORY



*"Sure makes us feel good to hear them say the whole world is going to the dogs."*

Most of us have a cute story, or two, or three, about our greyhound. Share it with us, we will be submitting such stories to the "Greyhound Update" in the future. Send a photo along with your story.

## *Become A Volunteer*

Since we are doing so many adoptions now, we can really use some volunteer help, for such things as: answering phones, checking references, writing letters, making copies, picking up greyhounds at the airport, and other chores. Most of it is done from our office. Just let us know how often you can come and help.

## SPECIAL NOTES:

### I.D. TAGS

The I.D. Tags we are now using are stainless steel with our 800 phone number and an identification number. If you need a new one, they are \$1.00 each including postage.

### LEASHES & COLLARS

Families who adopted early on, probably didn't get a safety collar. They're really terrific. It's perfect for greyhounds. It's a modified choker, but all nylon, 1" wide, doesn't hurt, and won't slide off. They come in the following colors: Red, Hot Pink, Fluorescent Orange, Blue, Black, and Green. The cost is \$6.00 including mailing costs. Matching leashes, 6 feet long, are \$7.00, including mailing costs.

## Write The Governor

Now is the time when the greyhound cause really counts. In Florida at the next Legislative session, they will be rewriting the laws governing Paramutual Racing "Dog Racing". By Writing the Governor now, we can hopefully force or influence Florida to create changes how it treats greyhounds, you will not only stay away from the tracks, but also Florida. Also tell friends to do the same. If you send a letter, send us a copy. We may end up dumping them on the capitol steps for exposure thanks.

**The Governors Address Is:  
GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR  
PL-05 - THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0001**

# Greyhound TIPS

## ➔ WEIGHT CONTROL

If your greyhound has gained more than 10 or 12 pounds, he's probably overweight. It's important, if you want to keep your dog in proper health, he should maintain his proper weight, it may be a good idea to switch to either pro plan lite or science diet lite. Your greyhound was never meant to be fat.

## ➔ HACKSAW BLADE BRUSH

If we didn't already tell you, a Hacksaw Blade makes the best greyhound brush. Try it, it's the best.

## ➔ OBEDIENCE

If your dogs jump on the sofa, table, or does other things they shouldn't try a mouse trap in those areas. Thanks to Gus's parents "The Dentons".

## ➔ HOLES

If your Greyhound like to dig holes try this. Fill the hole almost full with soil, then put some of the dog's feces in the hole and cover with soil and see what happens. Thanks to Gus's parents "The Dentons"

## Adoption Update

Please fill us in on your activities and how your greyhound is doing.

Name of adopter: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption number: \_\_\_\_\_

Greyhound's name when placed: \_\_\_\_\_

Greyhound's new name: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your greyhound been sterilized? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you sent us you sterilization verification? \_\_\_\_\_

What brand food are you feeding? \_\_\_\_\_

Any health problems? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Original weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you considering getting a second greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

Any suggestions to make our program better? \_\_\_\_\_

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