

# Greyhound

# Update

A Newsletter from the National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

Fall 1995

## Countdown to Super Picnic III Saturday, September 16th



In just a few short weeks our picnic will be upon us. This gathering underscores the tragedy of greyhound racing and the joys of adoption. Some of our pets and companions wear scars of their racing past both on the outside and inside. In spite of these scars their incredible desire to adjust and support our efforts shines through. Someone recently wrote that her marriage had broken up and how during this period her greyhound just seemed to put out that extra support she needed. Another wrote that they were surely the lucky ones to have a greyhound in their home. These stories abound on a daily basis. If you haven't attended a NGAP Picnic you should come. What a sight to see hundreds of greyhounds in one place. There will be many activities, as well as the Picnic Special and Super Special, the real bargains of the day. It's a day of fun for all.

Picture of the front of the 1995 Picnic T-Shirt  
Drawing by Jennifer Weyland

## The Art of Clipping Nails

Program Director, David Wolf, within the past 5<sup>1/2</sup> years has developed a technique for cutting greyhounds nails.

You need to start with a good clipper and some form of blood stop. Remember that if you nick the vein slightly, it's not the end of the world. It is important that you use a positive approach where your greyhound understands that you are the boss and is getting his nails clipped. The first few times it may take a few people to hold the greyhound and you may have to muzzle it. As time goes on it should be easier to accomplish.

When clipping start as though you were slicing meat from the deli. Take a thin slice and continue with same nail making very thin slices until you see the darkness of the vein. By taking thin slices if you do nick the vein the nick will be small. Use one hand with your thumb near the top of the nail you're clipping. Your thumb becomes a stop and you rest the clipper against the thumb. By doing that you won't accidentally clip off more than you want to. Continue to move the thumb back in small increments as you slice or clip the nail. If you nick the vein use blood stop and press it hard into the area where it's bleeding, holding it there for 15-30 seconds. If you clip your greyhound's nails every 2-3 weeks the veins will begin to recede and it will become easier to do it each time. There will be a nail clipping clinic at the picnic for all to learn the technique.

## Sore Shoulder Leads to Newsletter

If you have ever visited NGAP's office you would know it's anything but quiet. NGAP has four phone lines in addition to a fax line. At times all of the lines are busy at one time. There is constant activity. Because we deal with each day's important items, we have a problem with long term projects such as the Newsletter. The Newsletter is written mostly by Director, David Wolf. Now that you have the background here's the story.

In December 1994, Director David Wolf fell in a hole, hurting his shoulder. He gave it several months to heal, but to no avail. In March of 1995 it was determined he had a partial tear near the rotator cup in the right shoulder and physical therapy was prescribed. Unfortunately, at the same time he had to prepare for major surgery. The surgery was June 6, 1995 and finally by mid-July the therapy began. During therapy the first 10 minutes is a warm wrap on the shoulder for 10 minutes and at the end another 10 minutes of ice. This time plus arriving early allows time to write the newsletter. This therapy will last until just before the picnic. Take note, there are no future plans for therapy, so anyone with a fast pen and time can help!

## OOPS - DID WE FORGET?

Our picnic is a large undertaking and when the Big Day comes we need volunteers for the following:

- DIRECT PARKING
- SELL STORE ITEMS
- DIRECT ACTIVITIES
- SIGNING UP FOR ACTIVITIES
- OVERSEE THE SILENT AUCTION
- HELP WITH THE AUCTION
- COOKS
- HELP WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTION
- HELP WITH REGISTRATION
- DISTRIBUTE PICNIC AND SUPER SPECIALS
- LICENSE PLATE SIGN-UPS
- ETC.

The list of jobs necessary for our picnic to be successful is a long one. In reviewing the picnic registrations returned thus far, it appears that everyone wants to be Indians and participants, but not enough wish to be Chiefs and help make the events happen! I don't think we forgot to ask for help, and we still need many people to help for our picnic to succeed. Volunteer work at the picnic would probably be only for one hour at any given task, except for those in charge of a specific activity. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS PICNIC A SUCCESS!!** An additional form is enclosed, so please sign up or call the office to see what you can do to help.

## Getting Shot and Wrapped

When you bring your greyhound to the picnic it may get shot. Thanks to one of the vaccine manufacturers, we will offer FREE DHLPP (5-way) booster shots to all registering for the picnic. Vet techs from our veterinarian's offices will administer the shots. In addition 3M Company is supplying Vetrap surgical wrap for each registration. We use it all the time to wrap various cuts and bruises. It costs about \$5.00 at the drug store. It's another plus for the picnic this year.

## VACCINES IN DOUBT!

As we go to press we don't have anyone to administer vaccines for the free DHLPP shots for all those registered. We will continue to seek a qualified injector so we deliver on the additional benefit of coming to the picnic.

## Marrow Bone Available

NGAP will have marrow bone (direct from Iowa) frozen and available at the Greyhound Kennel. Marrow bone is excellent to help keep your greyhound's teeth clean. The marrow is food for them. Do not cook it. The bone once cleaned can go in your greyhound's toy chest for an occasional chew. One new marrow bone a week is good for your greyhound. Keep frozen until needed. They cost \$\$.75 each or \$8.00 a dozen. All new adopters will receive a marrow bone. Be a sport donate marrow bone to all of the new dogs coming into the kennel. Twenty dollars pays for a treat for all of them.

## PICNIC TEES AVAILABLE

A collaboration between Director David Wolf and the artistry of Jennifer Weyland has culminated in a really neat picnic T-shirt. Shown on the front page it depicts a greyhound sliding across a picnic table with food flying in every direction. The back of the shirt has our logo and Picnic 1995. If you can't make it to the picnic, don't miss this shirt. It's a collector's item, Limited Edition. Available from the Greyhound Store at \$12.00 each including U.P.S. Sizes M, L, XL & XXL.

## Luggage Tags Available

Need a sure-fire way of identifying your luggage while on a trip? There's no better way than having a personalized luggage tag with your name on one side, as well as a picture of your greyhound on the other. If there are enough volunteers available at the picnic, luggage tags will be made and sealed in plastic with appropriate tags on the end at \$1.00 each. The luggage tag size is indicated below, so that you can bring pictures that are the appropriate size to the picnic, as well as copy information for the other side of the tag with you. Don't miss out, bring your pictures and ID's to the picnic!



AND THEY SAY GREYHOUNDS CAN'T SIT!

## Dinner Out With The Director

Friday evening, September 15th, NGAP Director David Wolf invites all out-of-towners to join him for dinner at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, PA., a lovely restaurant with excellent food which is near our out of town accommodations. We need to know well in advance if you plan to join us and how many in your group, to make the appropriate number of reservations. It will be an excellent time to trade greyhound stories and find out firsthand what we are doing. Everyone will have to pay for their own meals! Dress attire - casual, no jeans or tank tops please.

## Auction Comes To Picnic

Philadelphia's Associated Auction Company owner and lead auctioneer, Ed Barkowitz, will join us at the picnic to auction off many donated items including all of the cake entries. Last year the cake auction brought in over \$300.00. This year's auction will not only have a real auctioneer, but many other items. We have donated office equipment which includes filing cabinets, desks and other items. ABC Carpet has donated 50 yards of \$20.00 per sq. yard carpet tile. Mr. Barkowitz promises to donate some surprise items. If you have an item to donate, it could even be a car, it's a good time to support our efforts and get a tax deduction at the same time.

## The More, The Merrier!

Some of our adopters who are "repeat customers"- who have gone on to adopt a second or even a third greyhound- have found that it can be a challenge to walk 2 or 3 dogs on 2 or 3 leads, the leashes get wrapped around each other, the dogs, you, etc. We have the solution we are now selling double and triple leash couplers. This is a clip for each dog's collar and the other end clips onto a single leash with a loop to hold onto. They're great for 2 or 3 greyhounds but should also work for a greyhound and another dog of comparable size and stride (i.e., not a greyhound and a miniature dachshund!) Available from the Greyhound Store for \$5.00 for the double leash and \$7.00 for the triple leash, including shipping, or you can purchase them at the picnic.



WHITE, WHITE & BLUE, BLUE & BLUE BRINDLE

## Only We Have It!

The short-sleeve, light weight sweat shirt with a surprise decoration, manufactured exclusively for us and no one else, by Phoenix Apparel. The shirt will be included as part of the Super Special at no extra cost. Anyone wishing to buy up from a Special to a Super Special must contact us prior to the picnic. The Super Special is a Super Deal at \$75.00. The shirt by itself is \$12.00 each sizes, M, L, XL & XXL

### DON'T DROP THAT NAPKIN

We've done it again, NGAP is now offering a set of napkins, place mats and table cloth with either of our Logos. The material is a white and green plaid. The 6 napkins are 16" x 16", the 6 placemats are 18"x24" and the table cloth is 60"x72". Because of a limited supply of this fabric, we are only making a limited quantity at this time. We're sure you'll love them. They will be available at the picnic.

### SUSAN BRINGS OHIO TO PICNIC

Susan Boyts\Pangburn is bringing a large contingency of Ohio adopters to NGAP's picnic. We believe they have already blocked in 20 rooms to accomodate all those attending and may actually have to double up. Don't be afraid to come, you'll have a wonderful time.

### TWIGGY COMES TO PICNIC

Many of you may have read "Twiggy" written by Ginny Folkman. Twiggy is a children's story of a greyhound as if it were adopted by the National Greyhound Adoption Program. Some of the things that happen closely correlate the way we do our adoptions. It is a touching cute story and Ginny will be at the picnic to read Twiggy to all those who wish to listen. We will also have her books available for sale at the Greyhound Store.

### Tribute to Helga

Helga Weinstein is an adopter who has adopted 3 greyhounds from us. Unfortunately, Fritzie, one of her greyhounds, recently passed on. She also lives alone with 6 cats. She is devoted to helping NGAP in its efforts in every way she can. Helga is skilled at the sewing machine, and over the last few years has used these skills to help us. She first began sewing squeeze toys, then winter jackets, which were later sold with all proceeds going to NGAP. Most recently she become the maker of our booties. Helga always seems to come up with new ideas to help us. For the picnic she made 5 very lovely day dresses for the silent auction, donated candle stick holders and several other items that will be auctioned at the picnic. We would hope that others can follow Helga's lead and support the National Greyhound Adoption Program in its efforts. Through Helga's efforts and other volunteers we are able to do so much more.

## LICENSE PLATE APPLICATIONS NEED A BOOST AND NGAP SWEETENS THE PIE

All license plate (State of Pennsylvania only) applications will receive a FREE License Plate Cover. The cover has our phone number, thereby making the message complete. If you've already sent in an application, we will issue a coupon for pickup at the picnic. Anyone not attending will have their cover mailed to them after the picnic. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! We can't get ANY plates until 300 are ordered. Another application is enclosed.

### New Jersey Girls Help Out

Sue Moser is an adopter and has been a helper for several years now and has helped NGAP in many ways. She has gone to events whether they be in pet stores or other places with her greyhounds as well as helped with some of our computer problems. This past winter she worked as the chairperson to put together a photographic session taking pictures of the greyhounds with Santa. Her efforts netted \$800.00 in proceeds that were donated to NGAP. She has designed a data base that will help make things go a lot smoother at the picnic this year. She is also working with Vivian to update our greyhound and adopter data base that we use daily.

In addition to Sue, Elena Young this past year has come forward and done so many events that it is difficult to keep count. Most recently she chaired the New Jersey Pet Expo bringing back \$1100.00 for a weekend's efforts. She also has attended many, many pet store functions, not only has she raised considerable money for NGAP but I'm sure has enjoyed herself extremely.

We thank Susan, Elena and all the other New Jerseyites who have dedicated their time and efforts to help out at all the events, and hope others will join them.

### NGAP BORROWS TO COMPLETE SURGICAL UNIT

The National Greyhound Adoption Program, in its efforts to complete its surgical unit, has borrowed money from MidLantic Bank for a term of 2 years, the sum being \$30,000.00. You can help reduce this obligation. Every contributor of at least \$100.00 will have their name on a plaque in the surgical area as a permanent reminder of their devotion. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

### Boarding Your Greyhound?

Your greyhound must be up-to-date on all vaccines. We will need to see proof that all vaccines are current including kennel cough. If your dog is not current on all shots it will be done by us and charged to you. This is to protect the safety of the other dogs in the kennel.

## Our New Kennel Officially Opens

The unofficial opening of our new kennel was July 21, 1995 when 32 greyhounds arrived. Now it's complete and would be hard to be matched anywhere. The floors are rubber as seen in airports. The walls are a combination of formica and paneling. Central air conditioning and heating, of course. Hanging bug zapper, soft music and either oversized galvanized cages or beautiful stainless steel cages are used. We also have a reception area where you would pick up your greyhound.

### Open House

Come see our new kennel with the most comfortable accommodations a greyhound can have. Also visit our new surgical area. We're not sure when we'll be up and running, but we should be close

## Blue & White, White & Blue

We now have adopted over twenty-two hundred (2200) greyhounds during the last 5<sup>1/2</sup> years. We rarely see Blue greyhounds (grey), about one out of every 100-150. We almost never get white greyhounds, about 2 or 3 total, and we have never had a white with blue patches. Well, on July 21st, we received thirty-two greyhounds by truck from Central Florida, and we got all three. The blue & white and blue, both males, came from the same mold, mellow and laid back. The white was a petite little girl. Petite and sweet.

We were lucky that ABC-TV Channel 6 sent a camera man out to do a little story on the arrival of the 32 greyhounds. They ran the segment 3 times and we probably received 200 calls as a result of their efforts. Our thanks to Channel 6.

## Helga's Summer Soaker

We now have available a terry cloth greyhound jacket, which is good for those hot days when your greyhound gets to hot on his daily walk. You simply soak it in cool water and put it on to keep you greyhound cool. You can also take along a spray bottle with some ice water to spray on the jacket as you walk. Available from Helga's Sewing Machine and The Greyhound Store for \$12.00.

## Hit The Target!!

A special area will be fenced off for greyhounds to roam freely to relieve themselves. In that area there will be three (3) special squares. If your greyhound does his number two in one of those squares you get a prize.

1st Prize - Free NGAP Long Sleeve Sweatshirt

2nd Prize - Free NGAP Short Sleeve Sweatshirt

3rd Prize - Free NGAP Tee Shirt

4th Prize and Up - You Pick-Up What's Left

Each entry \$3.00

## RAFFLE GETS MORE PRIZES

Raffle sales have been brisk but should get even better with the addition of more prizes for the winners and three prizes for the top sellers. The top seller will receive one year's supply of dog food for one dog (pick up at NGAP only), 2nd prize \$100.00 of doggie toys and 3rd prize \$50.00 of greyhound toys including the "Big Bone." Additional raffle prizes are \$1,000.00 worth of carpeting and a Free Invisible Fence kit.

## START LOOKING

If you have a greyhound and want to help, you only have to look around you for the many opportunities:

1. Pet Stores & Vet Clinics - stop in, ask if they will display our adoption brochures. Either you or they can call us and we will mail out our pet store or vet starter kits.
2. Call your city's promotion department and find out what events are going to happen. There are many events where you greyhound and information tables are welcome for FREE.
3. Participate in walk-a-thons and street events and get one of our Adopt A Greyhound canine jackets. All you have to do is walk and distribute information. Our office will help with materials and other adopters in your area. It's really fun!

## Picnic Video! We Want Your Help!!

Many of you will be bringing your video cameras to the picnic. NGAP simply asks that you send it to us. We will make a copy and return your original to you. Your pictures could be in next year's video.

## PICNIC- Rules of the Road

1. Bring Chairs
2. Bring Blankets
3. Bring Water & Bowls (for greyhounds)
4. Bring Tables if you need them
5. Tents if you want
6. Keep your greyhound on leash at all times
7. If your greyhound is very shy and uncomfortable in crowds leave it home.
8. If your greyhound is aggressive bring a muzzle (or you can purchase one from us.
9. Don't hug someone else's greyhound
10. Keep your greyhound on a leash at all times.
11. Keep your greyhound on a leash at all times.
12. Be courteous to others
13. Have A Good Time!

**Sorry: On page 3 we mentioned the luggage tags that would be available at the picnic and failed to give the size. The size is 2<sup>1/8</sup> x 3<sup>1/2</sup>. Please bring your pictures.**

## Accomplished Artist Devotes Skills To NGAP

If you adopted your greyhound very early in our program you may remember the unspectacular tee shirts we printed. Then Jennifer Weyland, artist and sculptor decided to adopt a greyhound and then donate her services to us. The first shirts she did were half tone wrap around greyhounds. The wrap around with a running greyhound is second to none across the United States, with thousands sold. At last year's picnic Jennifer designed four greyhounds running in front and their rear in the back. She has also done our Roller Blade shirt and just wait till you see this year's Picnic-T, it's dynamite plus.

Thanks Jennifer!

## Sorry No Spam

I had read about a Spam Molding Contest. Making greyhound figurines out of spam seemed intriguing for the kids. Then I tried it myself. In my hands, Spam was not moldable, although tasty. Also, the manufacturer didn't wish to donate for our endeavor, so Out with the Spam and In With Play Dough. Please Don't Eat The Play Dough!

## Remember Your A B C's

Director David Wolf and his sons Jeffrey and Jon own and operate ABC Carpet Discount, Inc., with a display room at 8301 Torresdale Avenue(also NGAP Office). ABC has been contributing carpet in NGAP since its beginning, in the form of carpet for the kennels as well as flooring in the kennels. Most recently ABC donated the rubber flooring for the new kennel and surgical unit and have donated \$1000.00 worth of carpet as an additional raffle prize. You'll also see some beautiful commercial grade carpet tile in the Silent Auction.

If you need carpet remember your A.B.C.'s.

### Silent Auction Seems to be Awfully Silent!

Last year, we had more silent auction items than we could fit on the table, many of them were wonderful greyhound gifts, as well as many other things. This year, the silent auction numbers are not near what they were last year. Please don't forget us, and donate a silent auction item to help us raise funds for greyhounds.

## Hill's Donates T/D

In the last newsletter we mentioned about a new food developed for dogs with a bad or continual tartar build-up. T/D can be added to your greyhound's diet as part of the normal feeding to help keep teeth clean. Everyone at the picnic will get some T/D.

## Pro-Plan Still Supports NGAP

Pro-Plan has given us 20 lbs of Pro -Plan for each adoption for several years and still continues to make that donation. They have donated the one year's supply of Pro-Plan as a raffle prize and flash lights for every registration.

Our thanks to Pro-Plan and Tera Miller!

## HONORS

This year at the picnic we will have an Honor's Ceremony to honor those organizations supporting our efforts. This year we will honor the following:

Folke Peterson Foundation  
MERCK-AgVet Division  
SmithKline Beecham now Pfizer Animal Health  
Pro-Plan  
Vet-Kem  
USAIR

## Street Shows, Craft Fairs Here We Come

During the summer and fall months across the area where you live there a generally many street fairs, as well as art festivals drawing often thousands of people for either one day or two day events. This is an excellent opportunity for NGAP to get the word out about greyhounds, how wonderful they are and the support we need from the general public. If you are interested in participating in this type of event, or organizing this type of event, contact Lois at the office. She will certainly help you. If you know of events coming up in your area, all you need to do is contact their event organizers to see if they will permit NGAP to set up some type of booth. In most cases most organizations will permit us

## GET WELL SOON MARK

Mark Carl, who has been one of our faithful volunteers almost since the beginning, is recuperating from surgery. He has always been there for us when we needed dogs picked up from the airport, to take dogs to the vets and he was our cook at last year's picnic. We know he will be thinking of us this year when the picnic comes around. We will definitely miss his being there.

Mark, get well soon! The dogs miss you and so do we.

## WARNING

We take what we do very seriously. We expect all adopters to abide by their adoption agreement. That means if your dog is lost and doesn't have a stainless steel I.D. or personalized I.D. on, you're in violation. If you don't give heartworm medication, you're in violation. If your dog is being eaten up by fleas, you're in violation. If you let it run loose, you're in violation. If you leave your dog alone for long periods, you're in violation. If you chain your greyhound, you're in violation. Don't expect us to be benevolent if you mess up. Recently an owner left for vacation with their greyhound at home being cared for by a neighbor. The greyhound got away twice. The first time it came back by itself. The second time it strolled into someone's backyard. They called animal control, who picked up the greyhound. The only identification the greyhound had was its original rabies tag from 1993. Animal Control called us after calling the vet. I picked up the greyhound from Animal Control. As I petted him, I felt and pulled off a tick. I lifted his lip, he needed dental cleaning badly. Was I happy with the adopter? You can be sure I wasn't. They had violated not one but several adoption agreement obligations. It turns out there was a fence not adequately sealed and the greyhound was left unattended outside for several hours at a time. Heed our warning if you truly care for your greyhound. **THIS GREYHOUND COULD BE DEAD!!**

### N.G.A.P Virginia Beach, Va-Chapter

We are so lucky here in the Hampton Roads area that our adopters not only adopted a greyhound, but our cause, as well. We have two fantastic fosters who take in fosters in the drop of a hat! Jean Stevens and Mary Anne Peelman are the **GREATEST!**

We have Meet and Greets twice a month at local pet stores and thanks to Harriet Golombek and her great crew of volunteers, we put on a pretty good show. We sell Tees, give out brochures and last, but not least, brag about our greyhounds. We have now placed 134 greyhounds in the Hampton Roads/Virginia Beach area. We give all the credit to you, our adopters for your pride and love of greyhounds. You have sent a positive message throughout the area.

#### WARNING.....

Some people who have adopted greyhounds still feel that after a period of time they can allow their dog off a lead in an unfenced area. **DON'T BE FOOLISH!!!!!!!** Not only do you put your dog in danger, but you send a message to other people interested in adopting that this will be accepted. We never advocate letting your greyhound off a lead in an **UNFENCED** area! Never! A loose greyhound is a **DEAD** greyhound!!!!!!!

Sam & Gay Latimer

## Ready To Respond

NGAP has the ability to rescue a greyhound from anywhere USAIR flies. Because we distribute information to Vets at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando each year, our name is known around the country. We subsequently receive calls from vets, humane societies and animal control facilities from across the U.S.. Most recently a wonderful greyhound by the name of Lucky was flown in from Atlanta. The Latimers in Virginia Beach are the recipients of many wayward greyhounds and most recently, we referred a humane society in Ohio to our Ohio affiliate, Susan Boyts Pangburn. We require the greyhound have a good temperament and the organization or person calling must get a health certificate and deliver the greyhound to USAIR at the designated time for flight. For many in the greyhound industry, those requirements are too much trouble. For others they will go to great lengths to save one greyhound.

## TOOTHLESS BUT HAPPY

Don't Worry Be Happy!! Worry was recently returned to NGAP for a variety of reasons. The main reason was the adopter wasn't properly caring for "Worry." When NGAP's Director David Wolf checked Worry's teeth he knew Dr. Nina Beyer would have a challenge on her hands. Needless to say "Worry's" dental experience set an all time record for Dr. Beyer and us. Thirty- four teeth were extracted. "Worry" doesn't have to worry about loose teeth any more, but he will have to eat softer food and have no hard bones.

This brings us to the subject of your greyhound's mouth and gums. At least once a month take a good look. Teeth should be pearly white and gums a nice even pink. Anything else either means a trip to the vet or our kennel for a cleaning. We offer exterior scaling for \$7.50 minimum. Usually that's all it is. We may send you to the vet if the problem is extensive. Please take care of your greyhound's mouth.



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## Vet List Grows

Listed below are the veterinarians currently working with NGAP. They are listed in alphabetical order.

Anmuth Veterinary Clinic  
Dr. Donna Rapp  
6750 North 5th Street  
Phila, Pa. 19126  
215-548-7950

Audubon Veterinary Associates  
Dr. Pat Picone  
247 S. White Horse Pike  
Audubon, N. J. 08106  
609-547-7256

Bainbridge Animal Hospital  
Dr. Norman Miller  
Corner 7th & Bainbridge Streets  
Phila, Pa. 19147  
215-922-3400

Bensalem Veterinary Hospital  
Dr. Jay N. Leeb  
3462 Bristol Pike  
Bensalem, Pa. 19020  
215-638-1595

Greenfields Veterinary Associates  
Dr. Nina Beyer  
400 Parkville Road  
Mantua, N.J. 08051  
609-848-0020

Mt. Airy Animal Clinic  
Dr. Kenneth J. Rubin  
114 E. Mt. Airy Avenue  
Phila, Pa. 19119  
215-248-1886

PLEASE SUPPORT THE VETERINARIANS WHO SUPPORT US!!!!

SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE GREYHOUND



Darlin #1424 says, "Boy did I enjoy every shread of the newspaper today."

## PROFILE

Point your car in the direction of Mantua, N.J.. At almost any time you're liable to find Greenfields Veterinary Clinic open. I have been there literally every day of the week including Saturday and Sunday. Greenfields' hours are:

Monday - Friday - 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.  
Saturday - 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday - 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

They are also open most holidays. This is not an emergency clinic with emergency clinic prices. It's just the way they do business. There have been more greyhounds pass through the doors at Greenfields than most vets in the entire state of New Jersey will see combined.

Our relationship began in September, 1991 when Dr. Nina Beyer sent us a large donation and even more importantly, an offer to donate her services to us free of charge. That began our 3<sup>1/2</sup> year relationship. Since then over 700 greyhounds have been seen by Dr. Beyer. She has always been there to answer our questions from early A.M. till late at night. Dr. Beyer is a sighthound devotee. She has small, medium and large. She had a whippet before our affiliation and then adopted one of the Italian greyhounds NGAP had gotten. Most recently her husband surprised her with a greyhound as a gift. By the way, Ken is our official video maker. He has done the last two NGAP picnics and several other videos for our use. But back to Dr. Beyer. Can't you visualize what it looks like when Dr. Beyer or Ken takes their troop for a walk? I'm sure many will presume the smaller ones are just puppies. If you didn't know, Italian greyhounds don't come from Italy and weigh only about 9 pounds fully grown.

We're proud that Dr. Beyer has chosen us to devote her time and skills and are forever in her debt. We thank her, and if you see her at the picnic, I hope you'll thank her also.



## LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR

It has been a long time since I have contacted you. You probably remember us as the persons who adopted "Willie". When we lost her to bone cancer it rocked us like nothing else in our lives ever did. It was really strange how this worked out after Willie's death. An ad was posted at one of our country Wal-Mart stores, "Greyhounds For Sale". I don't know how I happened to read the ad board that day, as I usually pass them by ignoring them. This day I stopped. I couldn't believe my eyes. This happened about 3 months after Willie died. We decided it was worth a try, called the party and set up an appointment. Lucky for us it was only about 40 minutes drive. I never dreamed that any Greyhounds were that close to us.

When we arrived we found the conditions were horrible. I later called their local vet and she told me the man had recently divorced and that when he was married the wife kept everything very clean. One person, a young man helper who did just what he had to wasn't much help. He had about 40 dogs he was scheduling to be sent to the track trainer. What he wanted to do was to find homes for the last litter of pups. They were seven months old then. He had one there who was so timid and scared, that my heart went out to her. We chose her. He wouldn't take any money for her, just wanted her to be cared for. He showed us proof of her bloodline, but that didn't matter to us anyway.

Well, that has been nearly 1<sup>1/2</sup> years ago. She has been wonderful. I feel that we did rescue her from the horrors of where she was living. Just plain dirty conditions. I do believe he did love his dogs, but couldn't devote the time to care for them properly. She has been a real jeh to us. At first I had to spend 15 minutes several times a day on the floor trying to be a dog like she was to win her over and it worked. We had a hard time learning to go thru a doorway. There was such great fear of what was on the other side. She learned to walk up and down steps easily, but to this day is afraid to enter a car or pickup without my assurance it is ok.

By the way her name is NIKI. She goes into the woods all the time and brings us back turtles. She is small and weighs in at about 50 lbs. I don't think she will get any bigger. When we got her we took her to the vets first, had her checked over, rid of fleas, worms, bathed and shots. So far she is doing great health wise and my vet is recommending Greyhounds to everyone. Both Willie and Niki won their hearts.

David I hope you aren't disappointed that we got Niki from a different source than the NGAP, but if you could have seen those dogs you would have wanted to rescue every one of them. I doubt very much if he still has any dogs. He definitely wanted out of the situation. It was more than he could handle, labor and money wise.

I received your newsletters and love them all. I only wish we lived close enough to attend your picnic each year or at least one time. It sounds so wonderful.

Our experience with Willie made all of us here realize what love and life is really all about. We had her for such a short time, but the conditions under which she lived with us showed her that there was a true place her for her in this world. I only regret that she didn't get to share it with us for a longer time. She was the most wonderful loving animal that anyone could have known and all she wanted was the right to share it with someone who wanted to love her. I visit her grave all the time and I look at Niki today I say to her, "Willie lives within you too." God bless each and every greyhound. May they all find love and happiness in this world.

David, to you too, God Bless-We will never forget you either.

As ever,  
Elmyra Tidwell  
Hermann, Missouri



A really cute way to say thank you. A new note-card now available for sale.

# DIRECTIONS TO CORE CREEK PARK

## From Center City, PA, and Points South:

Take I-95 North to exit 30 (Newtown exit). At the end of the exit ramp turn left. Proceed on Route 332 West through 6 traffic lights. At the 7th light turn left onto Route 413 South. Turn left at the 3rd street onto Tollgate Road. From there, follow the directions below from Tollgate Road.

**From Princeton and Trenton:** Take I-95 South to exit 30 (Newtown exit). At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Route 332 West. Proceed through 6 traffic lights and turn left onto Route 413 South. Turn left at the 3rd street onto Tollgate Road. From there, follow the directions below from Tollgate Road.

**From Valley Forge and Points West:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike East to exit 28 (Philadelphia interchange). Take Route 1 North past Neshaminy Mall and follow it towards Langhorne (left lanes). Take the exit for Route 413 North (after Bellevue Avenue exit). Continue on Route 413 North for approximately 3 miles, past St. Mary's Hospital (on the right), and turn right onto Tollgate Road. From there follow the directions below from tollgate Road.

All registrations must be received in the office no later than Friday, Sept. 15th. If your registration is not received by this date you will be requested to pay to \$20.00 the day of the picnic. Any monies received after the picnic will be refunded to you plus \$5.00.

## PICNIC RAIN LOCATION

8701 Torresdale Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA.

(Large indoor location) 3 blocks from NGAP Headquarters. If raining Saturday call for directions:  
(215) 331-7918

## From Northeast Philadelphia:

Take Route 1 North, Pass the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Neshaminy Mall and follow Route 1 towards Langhorne (left lanes). Take the exit for Route 413 North (after Bellevue Avenue exit). Continue on Route 413 for approximately 3 miles, past St. Mary's Hospital (on the right), and turn right onto Tollgate Road. From there, follow the directions below from Tollgate Road.

**From Tollgate Road:** The entrance to the park is 1/4 mile on the right. From this point follow the NGAP PICNIC Signs!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 - 12:00 - Registration
- 10:00 - 11:00 - Shot Clinic (FREE DHLPP SHOTS)  
Nail Clipping Contest
- 10:30 Ginny Folkman Reading Twiggy Book - Followed by book signing
- 10:00 - 2:00 - License Plate Sign-up  
Raffle Entries Sign-up  
Contests Sign-up  
Greyhound Store Open
- 11:00 Play Dough Contest for Children of all ages
- 11:00 - 1:00 - Individual Pictures
- 11:30 Memorial March\*- followed by the Grand Picture
- 12:00 - 1:30 - Eat-Up
- 1:00 Contests
- 1:30 Silent Auction closes (Pick up your winning items)
- 2:00 Raffle Drawing
- 2:15 Live Auction & Cake Auction

\* Memorial march is time to re-dedicate ourselves to the greyhounds that still need rescue and adoption

Farewell till next year. As you leave pick-up specials food at trailer near parking area.