

Greyhound

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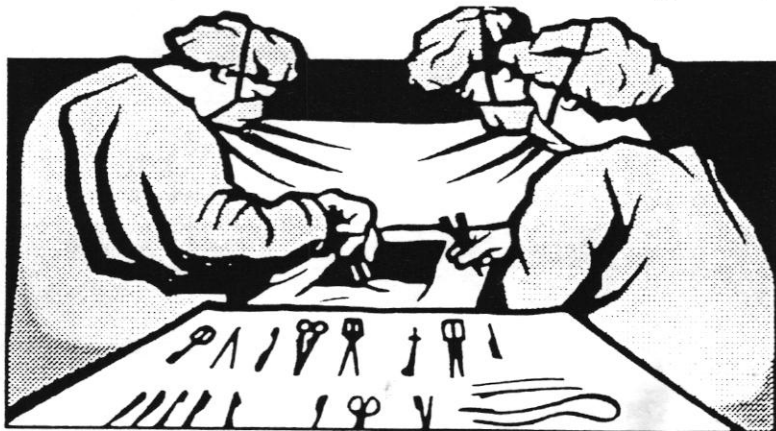


A Newsletter from National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

Spring 1996

Surgical Unit Up And Running

Formal Dedication May 5, 1996



On Tuesday, March 26, 1996 N.G.A.P. began on-site surgery. Andrei Gal, D.V.M. and Donna Schwartz, a vet tech, along with our kennel support got us off the ground. The surgical unit took about 2 years from planning to completion, but it is truly an impressive site. All of the equipment is new state of the art and will help us be more efficient and better able to serve new greyhounds coming in as well as previous adopters. We hope to be able to eventually do dentals and check-ups and other procedures for adopters. Just think, a vet clinic that specializes in greyhounds. Inspections and visits to the surgical unit are available by appointment.

Where Are You?

40 More Needed For The Official Penna. NGAP License Plate

It's been over a year since we began our campaign to have our own special state of Pennsylvania Greyhound License Plate. We need 300 people to sign up to get these plates in order for the State of Pennsylvania to grant us permission. We only need 40 more people. Whether you own your car or lease your car, it can have a N.G.A.P. license tag. Your car must be licensed in PA

Once this is completed, we will be the only greyhound program in the United States to have such a tag. The \$20.00 cost all goes to the State of Pennsylvania for the tag, and this is a one-time fee. Your car's present registration period will remain the same.

Please support us and help save more Greyhounds.

Picnic 1995 - A Huge Success

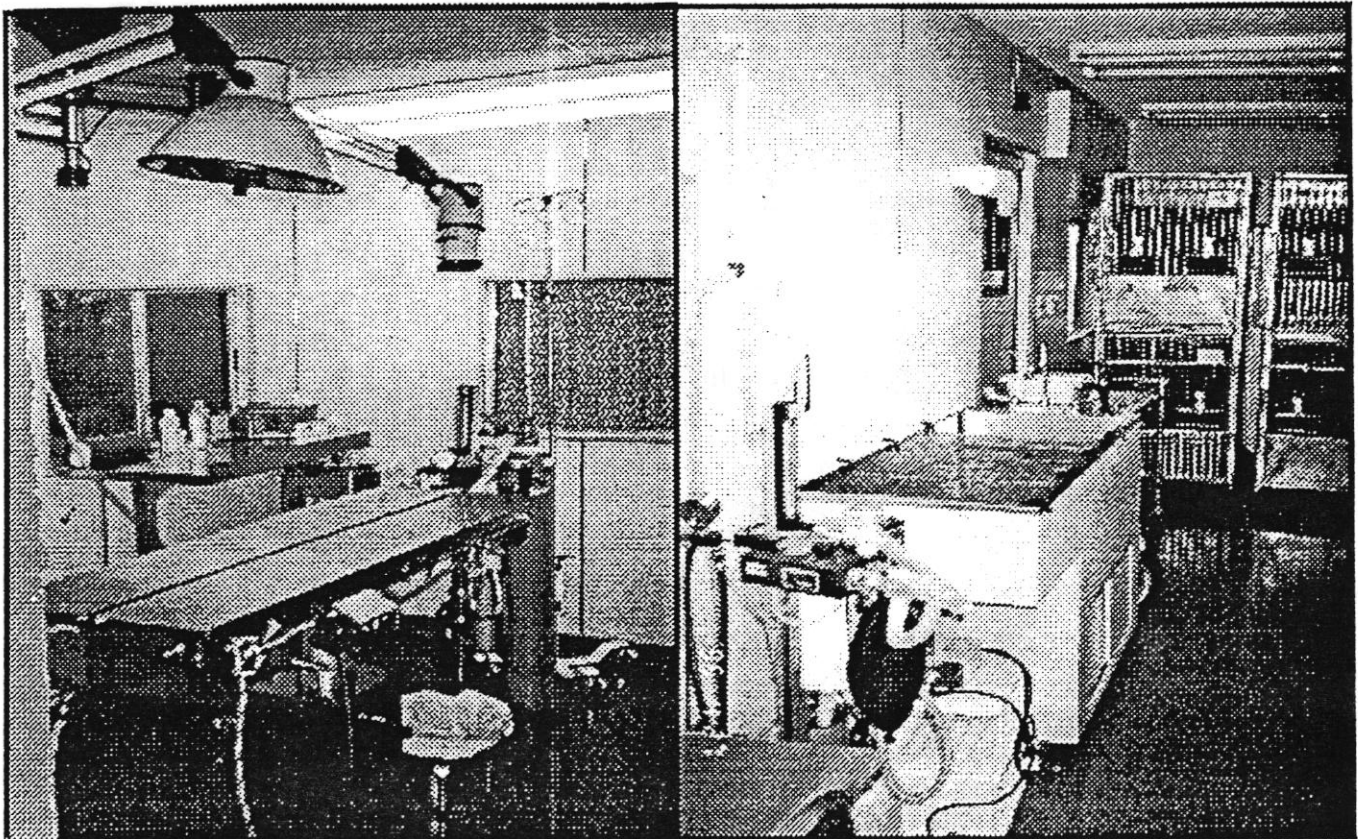
On September 16, 1995, NGAP held its annual picnic at Core Creek Park. This year instead of 2 tents we had 3. Instead of 3 trailers we had 6. Instead of 300 greyhounds we had 500 greyhounds. It was a marvelous event with attendance by over 2,000 people. We had 3 veterinarians available giving free DHLPP shots and doing nail clippings. There were several contests, and the one that seemed to be enjoyed the most was the play-doh sculpting done by the children. We, of course, had more silent auction items than ever before, more cake than ever before, more and better things to eat than ever before, and an auctioneer as well to auction lots of things for young and old. Everybody eagerly anticipated the drawing for the raffle and the winning raffle salesperson with over 600 tickets sold was Francine Kaplan of Brooklyn, New York. The winning raffle ticket was sold by Helga Weinstein to a neighbor of hers here in Philadelphia.

Probably the most touching moment was when we had our memorial march and greyhounds marched in single file as far as the eye could see as a special tribute for those less fortunate greyhounds that never made it to an

adoption program. We had a craft booth, an embroidering booth, which was new this year, and the people from Hill's Science Diet who brought enough TD (tooth diet) for everyone to take home a 5lb. bag. This year's grand picture was truly grand and helped cap an absolutely wonderful day. We were pleased that Howard Usher, trustee for the Folke H. Peterson Foundation, took time to fly up from Florida to join us in the festivities as well as help as a volunteer during the day. Everyone went home with a big smile and lots of goodies for their greyhound. *Join us this year! This year maybe 700 greyhounds will come.*



Best Play-doh sculpture of a greyhound done at the picnic. Real cute; don't you think? Sorry we don't know the name of the artist.



**National Greyhound Adoption Program's Surgical Unit
On-site surgery began March 26, 1996**

"Picnic 1996" Is Coming

This year we would like to get an early start on this year's picnic. We need chairpeople for our picnic. These are the categories:

- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Food
- Games
- Setup & Breakdown
- Greyhound Store

We also need people to volunteer for all of the above and much more. This year there will be some new games. There will be an adopters and greyhound obstacle and team relay race and kissing contest (who can plant the best kisses). The play dough moulding was a big hit with the kids, this year there will also be volleyball and adults can join in. Mark your calendar, the date is Saturday, September 21st.

"Big Prizes Needed"

We are getting ready for this year's annual raffle and although we were very successful last year, one complaint expressed was that most of the prizes were applicable only to people with greyhounds, and not to the general public.

Therefore this year, we would like to have a big list of big prizes to make our raffle even more successful than last year's.

If you work for a company that manufactures something that would be a great prize, ask the boss if it can be donated. If you work for a travel agency perhaps a tour operator you work with would be willing to donate a free trip for the good publicity they will get. If you work for an airline, free tickets are always a great prize. Of course your donation will get a tax deduction from N.G.A.P.

Scratch your head and come up with something neat and give us a call. We need prizes A.S.A.P.

Thanks Jo!

As of April 23rd this year Jo Spangenberg has fostered 50 greyhounds for NGAP

NGAP "SURFS" INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Thanks to Sue Moser, NGAP is now on the Internet. Hats off to her for doing such a great job in designing and setting up our Web Page. For all you Net Surfers out there we can be found at the following address on the World Wide Web: <http://www2.pcix.com/~moser/ngap.html>. Our e-mail address is ngap@ix.netcom.com. Also, for those interested she has her own Web Page and if you check it out you will be able to hear her greyhounds Roscoe & Tiger singing a song. Sue can be found at <http://www2.pcix.com/~moser.html>. Sue is a multi-talented person who has been working with NGAP for a number of years. She is also designing a new greyhound database which will allow us to be even more proficient. Thanks Sue for all the help you've given us over the years.

Crafts, Crafts!

This year's picnic will have a special craft table that will be run by Jack & Amy Corrigan. If you are a craft person, this would be a good time to show off some of your crafts and help NGAP at the same time. If you are interested contact the office or contact the Corrigan's directly at (610) 367-9551.

We Need Muzzles!

If you received a muzzle when you got your greyhound and no longer need it, please send or bring it back to us. We can use it for another adopter's greyhound and this will help keep our costs down.

Marrow Bone Available

You may recall in our last newsletter, we made mention that the kennel now stocks marrow bone and we make it available to adopters. Marrow bone, of course, is one of the best things for a greyhound to chew on, uncooked so your greyhound can eat the marrow from inside the bone. It's excellent for helping to keep your greyhound's teeth clean. They are available frozen from the kennel at a cost of \$8.00 per dozen. Pick-up only. We normally have a large supply on hand, but double check before you come, by calling the kennel at (215) 331-3625.

"Don't Miss This"

As you all know, we are always seeking new ways to make the public aware of the plight of greyhounds. We have recently learned about a unique event that will be taking place in June. World Animal Awareness Week, sponsored by the National Alliance for Animals, will run from June 18-24 in Washington, DC. There will be various activities going on throughout the week, but the highlight will be the March for the Animals, which is planned for 10:00 a.m. on June 23rd. Marchers will travel from the White House to the Washington Monument. The planners anticipate a six-figure crowd at the event and, through international media coverage, an audience of 200 million+.

So far, we are the only greyhound group planning to have a table and take part in this event. We hope to have a HUGE greyhound presence to take advantage of this opportunity. Please call our office if you would like to be involved. You can also get a brochure about the events planned from The National Alliance for Animals, (703)810-1085. If enough people are interested, we may be able to make group travel arrangements. This is your chance to *be a voice for the voiceless!*

NGAP HELPS WITH FOOD

Many adopters are probably unaware of our role in helping other adoption programs and humane societies. We, like many other non-profit organizations, solicit for donations of food and medicines, but unlike other groups when we receive excess supplies we redonate them to other organizations. Case in point, in January '96 the greyhound track in Juarez closed for good and two hundred twenty-six (226) greyhounds were at risk. NGAP shipped over 2000 pounds of food and worming medication to help these dogs. Cost of the transportation was paid with greyhound industry money which is distributed by ASPCA in New York.

NGAP SITE USED FOR RESCUE DISTRIBUTION

On February 3rd NGAP Kennel Facility was the site for the distribution of approximately 80 greyhounds from Juarez, Mexico. Greyhound groups from New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland and other Pennsylvania groups converged to distribute these rescued greyhounds across the eastern United States. The 80 greyhounds were part of 226 left at risk in Juarez.

The Irish Connection

We have found an Irish coin with the likeness of a Greyhound on it. It is a six pence coin that was minted in Ireland from 1928-1968. We have had them mounted with a small loop and they can be worn as a necklace and in some cases have dipped them in gold. They are quite stunning.

We have to find a person to get this coin, so if there is anyone in the travel business with connections in Ireland or if you know of anyone in Ireland or in the coin business we would purchase several hundred.

The coin would equate to approximately 10 cents American money, today's standard. We would obviously hope to buy them inexpensively. If you can help please contact the N.G.A.P. office.

ANY BLACKTOP

Anyone driving into our facility will notice the paving to the kennel is much less than perfect. If there is someone that knows a contractor or is a contractor willing to donate some work or even give us a reduced price, please contact our office. Any donation specifically for blacktop work, concrete or concrete work would be greatly appreciated and, of course, is tax deductible.

SURGERY UNIT DEDICATED

February 3rd was to be a double header day. Just prior to the arrival of the Juarez greyhounds we arranged to dedicate our new surgical facility. It has impressed everyone that has come to visit it. Everyone that has donated at least \$100.00 since June of 1995 will have their name listed as a donor in the unit, \$1000.00 puts you on the list as a benefactor. The plaque will be open-ended, so it's not too late to help. We have decided to dedicate our surgery unit in memory of Betty Rosen. Betty recently died. She was one of the early pioneers of greyhound rescue and adoption. Although she did not work within our program we worked with her for several years and she literally worked to rescue greyhounds while fighting cancer right up until her death. Tours of the surgical unit will be available by appointment. Because of snow on the 3rd of February we have rescheduled the dedication to May 5, 1996.

NORTH AMERICAN VET CONFERENCE 1996

We have now attended six years at the conference. This conference gives us the opportunity to give information to Vets, answer questions about greyhound adoption, sell some T-shirts and speak with the companies that sell products to vets and sometimes seek donations from them. It has always been worthwhile and each year we find new companies to support our efforts. This year Director David Wolf was joined again by Sam and Gay Latimer from Virginia Beach and Helene and Sharon Jones with Jolie and Travis from Fort Lauderdale. For a few years the conference officials gave us a free booth but the last two years they chose to shun us. Luckily Vet-Kem came to our rescue and permitted us to use a portion of their booth and a Vet Tech group gave us a little piece of their table to sell T-shirts. We were able to get into the vendor area with badges donated by companies with extra badges. Our greyhounds are always a big hit. Travis is just the funniest. He backs his rear end and rear legs onto a sofa and sits just like a person for long periods of time. People would go by and do a double take. He should be on T.V. In spite of the conference organizers giving us a hard time the conference was a success for us.

Our sincere thanks to VET-KEM AND John Paolucci.



The "handsome threesome", B.J., Libby Adoption #1334 & Punky. Their proud owners are Ray & Joy Miller of Lodi, Ca.

MAJOR RESCUES BECOME COMMONPLACE

In the past year, several greyhound rescues have taken place, which has never happened before. Because of tracks closing, either permanently or seasonally, large numbers of greyhounds have been at risk; in the past they would have all been destroyed. The use of the word "networking" has become commonplace. "Networking" as it applies to greyhounds, means taking large numbers of greyhounds from one place where they are at risk, and sending them to adoption programs, in some cases thousands of miles away to save their lives. A coordinator networks with groups across the country to make it work. No one group can handle 50-100 greyhounds, but by networking, they can be rescued. NGAP has been involved in every major rescue and usually has taken more greyhounds than any other adoption program. Below we have listed a rundown of some of these large rescues:

Harlingen, Texas - Valley Greyhound Park closed September 6, 1995. 54 greyhounds were moved to programs in Houston, Louisiana, Dallas, Tulsa, St. Louis and California. Some of the Harlingen greyhounds were transported to a track in Juarez, Mexico. We began flying some of these greyhounds from Juarez to us. Four flights of 6 each were done.

Juarez, Mexico - There was then a major rescue from Juarez totaling 65 greyhounds. 23 were allocated to NGAP arriving September 16th, the day of our picnic.

Ebro, Florida - Within a few weeks of the Juarez rescue, a greyhound track in Ebro, Florida seasonally closed. This was the first year that the track cooperated with rescue programs and subsequently approximately 100 greyhounds were either trucked or flown to adoption programs. We flew 12 to us, plus many others from that area, that were not a part of the rescue. Just last week (April 10th), we flew in 3 more.

Orlando, Florida - On the heels of Ebro closing, the Seminole Greyhound Track closed and there was also an overload of greyhounds from other Florida areas. 83 greyhounds were transported as part of this rescue of which NGAP took 20.

Juarez, Mexico - January 15, 1996, the management from the track in Juarez, Mexico, announced it was closing forever and the largest rescue ever undertaken was begun - that of 276 greyhounds. Greyhounds were literally spread throughout the United States in 3 separate hauls. NGAP donated 2,000 pounds of food to help feed the dogs while they were waiting to be transported, and took in 14 from that group.

Melbourne, Florida - Most recently on April 18, 1996, 56 greyhounds left from Melbourne. When they stopped in Philadelphia, NGAP kept 11, 2 other groups took a total of 8. We offloaded all of the other dogs (25), gave them an opportunity to exercise, relieve themselves, and fed every dog, before they continued on their journey.

As this is being written, Cynthia Cash of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the volunteer coordinator for national transportaton, is working on another Florida rescue, this time from Sanford Orlando Track. It never ends!

In addition to being part of major rescues, NGAP is weekly either trucking or flying greyhounds to our facility here in Philadelphia. We are pleased to be part of a cooperative effort that will ultimately mean over 15,000 greyhounds will find homes this year in the United States. Five years ago that number was only about 1,500.

Everyone that has adopted a greyhound can be part of our rescue effort. You can find a way to help!

Have You Moved?

Contact the office with
any change of address
or phone number.
It's important!

Pictured below is a group of volunteers helping to unload a large trailer of greyhounds from Juarez, Mexico with T.V. news crew filming..



"Puppies Visit N.G.A.P."

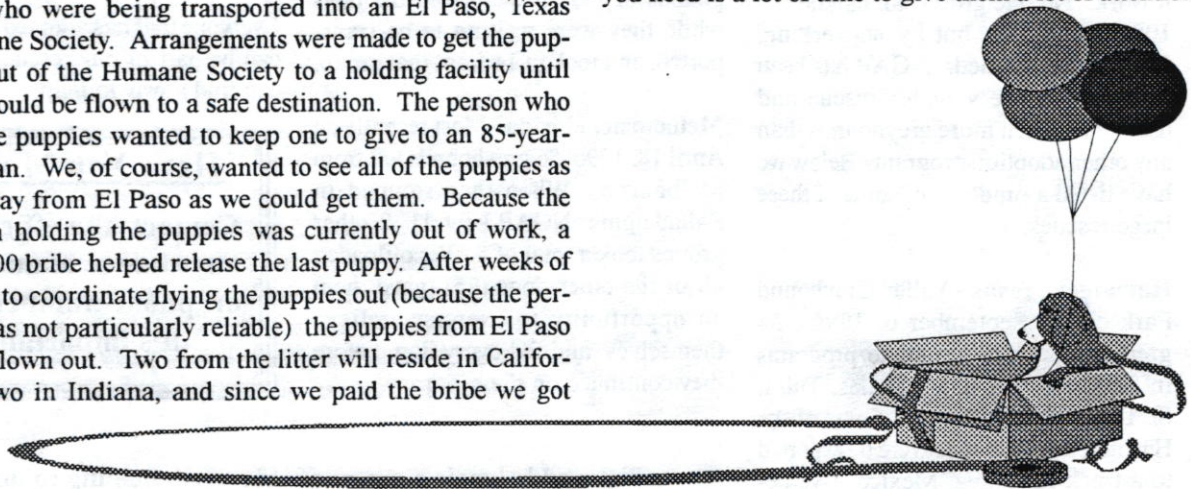
We get to see very few greyhound puppies each year. We believe primarily because there is no direct channel for greyhound farms to adoption programs, subsequently most greyhound puppies that are not going to be used in racing are ultimately destroyed. But each year we get a handful of these wonderful little creatures.

Taking care of one greyhound puppy is something like taking care of twenty-five adult greyhounds. It is a combination of continuous work with some pleasure thrown in.

Cynthia Cash, who resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and has coordinated several very large rescues in the past year, received information about seven greyhound puppies who were being transported into an El Paso, Texas Humane Society. Arrangements were made to get the puppies out of the Humane Society to a holding facility until they could be flown to a safe destination. The person who got the puppies wanted to keep one to give to an 85-year-old man. We, of course, wanted to see all of the puppies as far away from El Paso as we could get them. Because the person holding the puppies was currently out of work, a \$200.00 bribe helped release the last puppy. After weeks of trying to coordinate flying the puppies out (because the person was not particularly reliable) the puppies from El Paso were flown out. Two from the litter will reside in California, two in Indiana, and since we paid the bribe we got three.

All three fit into one size 400 kennel and arrived about midnight at American Airlines cargo in Philadelphia. Two of the three exhibited signs of kennel cough. They were all as dirty as puppies could possibly get. All of them went to reside in Huntingdon Valley at director David Wolf's home, so by 1:30 a.m. that morning all had been fed, bathed, and had antibiotics in their tummies. The next day they were whisked off to Audubon Veterinary Clinic for examinations and initial DHLPP shots. In short order they were feeling fine and romping around the Wolf house.

At the time of this writing on April 3rd, the two girls have been adopted and after 2 1/2 weeks the large 10 pound male now weighs 20 pounds. Each day during the week they have joined us at the office and been well-behaved little guys. Greyhound puppies are wonderful, all you need is a lot of time to give them a lot of attention.



The Lucky adopters are: Lynne Hartley of Virginia Beach, VA., Dorothy Bolinsky of Cherry Hill, NJ, and Alex and Marie-Elena Barabuscio of Sewell, NJ.

HOPS TOXICITY IN DOGS

By Edie Rehkopf

Brewing one's own beer at home has become one of the fastest growing hobbies in the last year or so. There are "instant beer" kits available - just add boiling water and follow the directions - or there are dozens of different beers that can be made by combining different malt extracts with different blends of hops. Home-brewers' supply shops are springing up everywhere, enabling anyone to purchase the equipment and ingredients needed to get started. By following directions and maintaining reasonably sterile conditions, a person may legally produce up to 100 gallons of beer per year for his or her own consumption. Home-brewed beer is cheaper and usually tastier than the commercial variety, and gives the beer lover access to beers that might be unavailable in supermarkets or even liquor stores.

There is a danger lurking in this brewers' paradise, however, far more serious than that of a severe hangover.

On Labor Day weekend, my husband had held a home brewers' workshop at our home for some of his friends that were interested in the subject. Fifteen gallons of Irish stout were brewed and set aside to ferment. The spent hops from this process were strained out of the mixture. The next day, I heard a strange noise and found Size, our rescue greyhound bitch, with her head in the bucket, eating the hops.

My husband assured me that the hops wouldn't hurt her, and a call to my vet seemed to confirm this. However, by dinnertime, eight hours later, Size was beginning to pant severely, and was running a temperature of 106°F. We put her in a cold bath to lower her temperature and rushed her to the vet, who thought at this point that she had an infection, and treated her with dipyrone to lower the fever, and an antibiotic. Not being too much of a believer in coincidence, I asked the vet if there was such a thing as poison control center for dogs, and asked him to call them. They confirmed that they had several cases of hop poisoning in dogs, with symptoms identical to those Size was exhibiting. Our vet told us to take her home

and continue the cold baths to try to keep her temperature down. We succeeded to keeping the temperature down, but she went into convulsions and died, thirteen and half hours after eating the hops.

My vet was not to blame, since a poll of several vets in the area produced a unanimous verdict that "hops aren't poisonous." I called the veterinary school at Washington State University, and they, too, had never heard of hops being toxic. Dr Carolyn Henry from WSU has been kind enough to look into this for me, working with the vets at the National Animal Poison Control Center at the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL

The NAPCC has recorded eight cases of hops toxicity in dogs. Seven of the dogs have been Greyhounds, with the one remaining case being a Labrador Retriever cross. Ingestion of hops results in malignant hyperthermia - an uncontrollable fever. The first symptom to become obvious to an owner is heavy panting. Tachycardia (rapid heart rate) will also be present, up to 200 beats per minute. The temperature may rise as quickly as 2°F every five minutes. Carbon dioxide levels in the blood rise dramatically.

Hops toxicity in dogs has only come to light within the last twelve months. This may be due to two factors: the recent upsurge in popularity in home brewing, and the tremendous increase in adoption of retired racing greyhounds. Greyhounds kept in the tightly controlled environment of a racing kennel would have little opportunity to get into spent hops or anything else not specifically organized for their feed. As more greyhounds are adopted into home environments, their potential for ingesting harmful substances drastically increases.

If I seem to be picking on retired greyhounds here, it is because sighthounds seem to be more prone to developing malignant hyperthermia than other breeds. Malignant hyperthermia occasionally develops following anesthesia and/or surgical stress in both

dogs and humans. It has also been reported in horses, cats, deer, chickens, rabbits and cattle. It is particularly prevalent in swine, and seems to have a genetic basis, at least in that species.

Greyhound pet owners who periodically subject their hounds to hard exercise, such as open field or lure coursing, should be alert to the possibility of azoturia, or tying-up syndrome, which has symptoms quite similar to malignant hyperthermia. The two can be differentiated by the presence of myoglobin in the urine of hounds with azoturia. The urine will show a reddish coloration, but your vet should check a urine sample to confirm the presence of myoglobin.

All eight cases of hops toxicity reported to the NAPCC have proven fatal. Malignant hyperthermia due to other causes in dogs has been successfully treated in some cases, largely due to the animals being in a closely-monitored hospital setting when the syndrome developed. As yet, the toxic agent in the hops has not been identified. Without this identification, it is impossible to determine the absorption rate and the exact progress of the toxin. It would seem from the data available that once the dogs begins to show symptoms of malignant hyperthermia due to hop poisoning, treatment is of little use.

If you suspect that your dog has eaten hops, call your veterinarian immediately! You may refer him to the National Animal Poison Control Center at 1-800-548-2423. This call will cost \$30, which I consider a small price to pay to save the life of a friend. If the dog has not yet begun to exhibit symptoms of malignant hyperthermia, gastric lavage would be the first step, to wash out any hops in the dog's stomach. This should be followed by the administration of activated charcoal to absorb any residual toxin, and by valium to sedate the dog and prevent the muscle contractions that are part of malignant hyperthermia. If the dog has already begun to exhibit the elevated temperature, pulse and respiration of malignant hyperthermia, treatment should consist

TALLAHASSEE LOOK OUT

The Winter of 1992 director David Wolf spent in Tallahassee trying to persuade Florida legislators to pass humane treatment legislation for greyhounds. Although no legislation was passed at that session some of the legislation was passed later that year. After the passage the regulatory group in state government (The Pari-Mutuel Division) began writing rules appropriate to the legislation passed. Well, it's 3 years later and the rules are finally drafted but they have chosen to ignore Humane Treatment of Greyhounds. On January 25, 1996 a hearing was held and Director Dave was there to voice his displeasure with the Pari-Mutuel Division. He was also to meet with an aide to Governor Lawton Chiles. This is being written enroute to that meeting on a flight subsidized by USAIR. USAIR has provided discount tickets to Director Dave on his legislative missions more to follow.....

Lobby, Lobby, Lobby!

The year was "1991" and NGAP director, David Wolf, spent most of it in Tallahassee, Florida trying to seek Humane Legislation for greyhounds. During his stay he was helped by a woman who was at that time Office Director for the Senate Commerce Committee. Pamela Burch Fort spent 16 years working in Florida State government. Approximately 2 years ago she left and is now part of a Lobbying firm called Commerce Group. Pam has offered her services to help us. It is an extremely difficult task. Legislators listen to people willing to give them campaign money not Humane Advocates. This past year I called one committee chairman 10 times and am still waiting for a return call We thank Pam for her efforts!

" Even Envelopes Help"

Tucked away in the large industrial complex where N.G.A.P. has its headquarters and kennel, is a tenant trading under the name EXECU-FILE. Execu-File prints envelopes for attorneys in the Greater Philadelphia area. Every once in a while they either will have a misprint or surplus of envelopes, and its owner Harvey Gilbert has been very kind to donate envelopes for our use. We are always doing mailings, so those envelopes have been a great help to us.

Our thanks to Mr. Gilbert and Execu-File!

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

Everyone that has gotten a greyhound from us feels that we are doing such a wonderful job, and hopefully because they have had such wonderful experiences with their greyhound, they would like to pass their experience on to others.

In order to do that there is a tremendous amount of work required. It can be either cutting carpet, it can be washing carpet, it can be walking dogs, or it can be bathing dogs. There is an endless number of tasks that we need to accomplish on a daily basis. Every time we have to pay someone to do these tasks, it is less money we have available to us for flying greyhounds or medicating greyhounds, and for being a greyhound advocate.

Lip service is nice, but we really need help! There are a few people of the 2,600 adopters that help us all of the time. We really need the 2,550.

Show how much you love your greyhound by helping another.

" PROBLEMS! PROBLEMS!"

If you have one, don't wait until it becomes too big to solve it. Occasionally we receive calls from adopters that have had one type or another going on for a year. After that period of time the problems are more difficult to solve.

DON'T WAIT! CALL NGAP and we will do our best to steer you in the right direction. Don't be too surprised if you see this little blurb in our newsletter from now on.

"Picnic Videos Revisited"

Everyone that attended the picnic and took their own videos, has the opportunity to revisit the fun and excitement of the picnic. This year we are attempting to put together groups from many different videos to present the best possible picnic video we can. But we have not received videos from anyone, and without your input, there will be no picnic video this year.

Please get your videos together, send them off to us, we will dub it, and return it to you so that everyone can enjoy the experience of "Super Picnic '95".

GENUARDI'S TAPES HELP!

We just received a donation check from Genuardi's. So keep saving those register tapes and send them in. Every little bit helps the greyhounds.

Hops Toxicity In Dogs (Cont'd)

of supportive therapy to keep the temperature under control, and antipyretic such as dipyrone, sedation with valium, and activated charcoal. Dantrolene, a drug developed to treat malignant hyperthermia in swine and also used routinely in humans, should also be administered if available.

If you live a long way from your veterinarian, oral administration of syrup of ipecac at the rate of .5-1 milliliters per pound of body weight, of or hydrogen peroxide at .5-2 ml per pound, to induce vomiting, would probably be your best bet. If no vomiting occurs, repeat in fifteen minutes. This is not a substitute for a trip to the vet! By inducing vomiting, you are simply reducing, not eliminating, the level of toxin available to be absorbed. The longer the hops stay in the dog, the poorer his chances of survival. If the dog has already started exhibiting signs of respiratory distress, i.e. panting, do not induce vomiting, as he might aspirate the vomitus.

If the dog should die, it is vital to the continuing research into this problem that the veterinarian take blood, liver and muscle tissue samples. These should be frozen and the NAPCC contacted at 1-800-548-2423. They will tell him where to send the samples.

If anyone in your household is interested in home brewing, the best advice I can give is to make sure that the spent hops are put immediately into a sealed container, and deposited in a garbage can the dogs cannot get into. It would also be a wise precaution to keep cattle feed out of the reach of your dogs, since spent hops or "brewing waste" is often incorporated into cattle rations. Since there is no data yet on the amount of hops that is dangerous, it is far better to be safe than sorry.

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More Information About Thyroid And Greyhounds

We have reprinted below the handout given at the North American Vet Conference to Vets. It may apply to your greyhound. On surgery days we will do thyroid T-4 testing for \$15.00. You must call to make a reservation.

Thyroid Information for Veterinarians

We have undertaken a project of testing every greyhound for base-line thyroid information. Beginning June of last year, we began thyroid testing of every greyhound. The T-4 results ranging from 1.0 to 4.0 are within the normal range. At least 50% of greyhounds tested were below the normal range. (Below range being less than 1.0) Ninety-five percent tested were under 2.0 and literally every shy greyhound tested under .5. We have found that use of Soloxine has been beneficial to every greyhound that we have given this medication to, including those that tested in the low normal range (1-2). We have yet to find greyhounds on Soloxine to have adverse affects on the drug. Those greyhounds profiled as very shy that are on Soloxine, we find significant improvement to their personality and their feeling about themselves. We feel that, literally, every shy greyhound should be tested and be administered with Soloxine. We have found greyhounds that are overweight have lost weight when put on thyroid medication. We suggest a T-4 test prior to administering the medication. The greyhounds put on Soloxine that were overweight did not change in the amount of food administered to them but still lost weight when on medication. Many vets familiar with greyhounds feel they may be predisposed to having low T-4 results. Our belief is if they have low levels the thyroid medication is helpful.

We hope this information will be helpful to you. These results were based on tests on over 300 greyhounds.

NEWS RELEASES

NGAP sends out many news releases. We constantly try to find reasons to get local media to visit our facility or feature our cause (we can always use additional help). We enclose a listing of target programs to send letters asking them to do a feature story.

- 1- Dateline - NBC
30 Rockefeller Plaza - Room 510
New York, N.Y. 10112
- 2- Oprah Winfrey
P. O. Box 909715
Chicago, Il 60690
- 3- 60 Minutes c/o CBS
524 West 57th Street
New York, N.Y. 10019
- 4- Sally Jessy Raphael
515 West 57th Street
3rd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10019
Attn: SJR Show Idea (under 2 pgs)
- 5- Prime Time Live - ABC
Story Editor
147 Columbus Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10023

"Home Again, Home Again"

The Schering-Plough Company, a large national veterinary pharmaceutical company, has introduced a new product used for the identification of lost dogs. It is a small micro chip inserted under the skin between your greyhound's shoulder blades. This chip I.D. can be read by a scanner. There are several thousand of these scanners in humane societies throughout the United States. If your dog is ever lost or stolen this chip is a guaranteed way to detect its identification if it should lose its I.D. collar. Thru this program I.D. information is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can have this chip implanted for a cost of \$20.00. It can be done either while your dog is boarding at our kennel or you can make an appointment to have it done on a surgical day. This is another way to protect your beloved friend. Please contact this office if you have any questions.

A Tribute to "My Jet"

TO MY JET

*Fly like the wind,
from the top of the hill.
Fly like the wind,
as you always will.
Fly like the wind,
and although we're apart.
Your kind gentle spirit,
will live in my heart.*

Mrs. Joyce Mowbray

We will always remember My Jet, he was a big brindled greyhound born in November of 1988. We adopted him out the first time in March of 1991. His adoption number was #60. He was an extremely mischievous boy to say the least. Because he was so mischievous he was placed in 5 different homes before we found just the right home for him. Our program was just getting off the ground and we didn't know as much about greyhounds as we do now. He is the reason we began "cat testing" all greyhounds that come through our program. He killed his first owner's cat. But believe it or not, that is not the reason the family returned him. They returned him because he got into their little girl's "Easter Basket" and ate all of her candy. We didn't have a kennel in those days to house our greyhounds, so My Jet spent many days here in the office while he was waiting to go to his next home. There were many times we would find him standing on top of the table looking out the window and he was always able to find ways to get to things he wanted from the highest of places. He was a mischievous boy.

After being placed in a number of homes and being returned, he was placed with the Mowbray family in March of 1992. They loved him and provided him with a good home. We received a very nice letter from Mrs. Mowbray indicating that My Jet passed away on January 26, 1996, due to severe kidney failure.

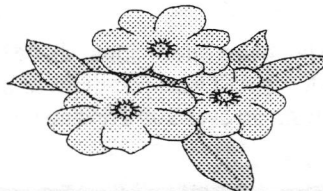


"My Jet" you'll never be forgotten!

"I'll Remember You"

By - Joseph Genco

They brought me up when I was young
to win them wealth and fame.
But when I lost a race or two they soon
forgot my name.
My life was full of loneliness, I'd spent
hours in my crate.
I had a few good friends, but losing
sealed their fate.
They walked them out, one by one, be-
cause losing was such a sin;
I watched their sad eyes, as they walked
by, never to see them again.
One day they walked me on the track, I
heard the starting gun.
I ran as fast as I could run, but another
dog had won.
They pulled me by my collar and
dragged me back inside.
They yelled and screamed and cursed
at me, even though I'd really tried.
Suddenly, it was over. The cheers had
finally died.
They came and got me late at night and
took me for a ride.
My face began to tremble, my heart
began to race.
I knew my turn had finally come.....
but then I saw your face.
I was so scared, I closed my eyes, I
thought this was the end.
I never dreamed that you had come
because you were my friend.
I know you really love me, I'm having
so much fun.
You feed me really well each day and
take me for a run.
And when I'm old and feeble, and must
be put to sleep, Don't be sad, and please
don't weep, because of you, my life was
sweet.
I'm going home to see my friends, those
that had a tragic end. And when you
see me coming in, and say to me
"Where have you been?" I'll turn and
say, "In heaven....It's true!" And I'll
remember you.....



"A Happy End"

The greatest thing I've ever known,
Someone came and took me home.
Away from the track; hope I'll never
go back!
Like a nightmare in my memory, my
future looked Black.
Then I was adopted and my life spared.
I thank God everyday that someone
cared;
'Cause this must be heaven, I'm a win-
ner this time.
Got a ball, a bone, and bed all mine.
And I'm crazy 'bout my family;
Devoted, you might say.
Like a shadow beside them, you can
bet I want to stay!
And I'm special too, they call me
"sweetheart," and they hug and kiss me
and tell me I'm smart.
Even dreams are peaceful now; not
stress nor strife.
And I run for fun, 'stead of running for
my life!

Lucky Dog

Someone's Sofa, USA

Pumphrey Dean

Poor Pumphrey, you twirl through the
air propelled by her jaws, and land at
my feet, a crippled acrobat. Your once
plump body, now emaciated and limp
from too many rough games.
Your white fur stained with defeat of
battles lost. I see you two have made
peace as you lie between her paws as
she sleeps.
Her favorite opponent and most forgiv-
ing friend.

By - Cathy Hansel

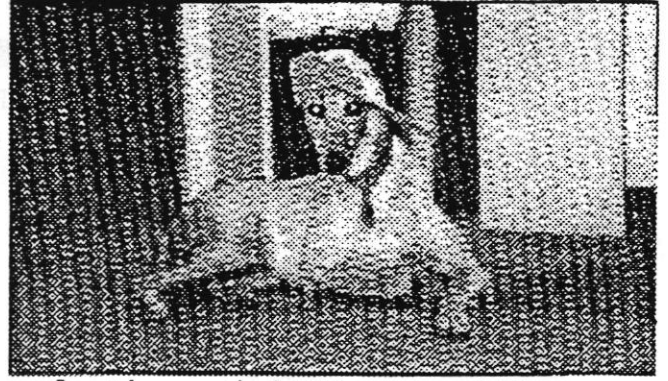
Haslett, Michigan



Willow #1686 & her pal Pumphrey

The Magic Touch

We recently received a copy of the newsletter put out by Mill Run, an assisted-living residence just outside Philadelphia. The cover story was about the "menagerie" at Mill Run and how the animals benefit the residents, and most of all it focused on Izzy, the greyhound adopted by Associate Administrator Cheri Newman. Izzy is greatly enjoying his new role and both residents and staff adore him. Cheri reports that Mill Run's parent company is so impressed with Izzy that they are looking into placing greyhounds in other residences that they operate. Izzy is not the first greyhound that we have placed in this type of environment, and we are sure he won't be the last! Thanks to Cheri and Mill Run for giving Izzy an opportunity to get so much love and give so much to others.



Izzy takes a rest in the living room at Mill Run.

The Greyhound

By: Ben Hendricks (14 yrs old)

*I use to love to run,
but now it's no fun.*

*For if I lose,
I lose not only the race but my life
too.*

*The men and women here are so
cruel and mean,
they're greedy and selfish with hearts
made of green.*

*I've seen many of my brothers and
sisters go,*

*Only because they were too slow.
I'm now getting old,
Soon ready to fold.*

*But wait what's this where are they
taking me?*

*Who is this? A group of three.
They pet me and kiss me down on one
knee.*

*I understand now this is a family.
Mine, all mine, my family.*

*I sleep all day in a queen size bed
while at night I'm fed and fed.*

*I live like an empress like my great
ancestors*

*I've forgotten all about the track and
the monsters.*

*And three times a week I get to run.
I love to run, I run for fun!*

Dedicated to:

Audre & Abby His Greyhounds

1995 Grand Picture Available

If you participated in 1995 picnic's Grand Picture, we have had them reproduced in color, and every person in the picture can be clearly identified. The picture measures 7.5" x 28", and the cost is \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling. It is also available framed and matted (15"x33") for pick-up only at NGAP Headquarters for \$50.00.

"Old Girl Needs A Home"

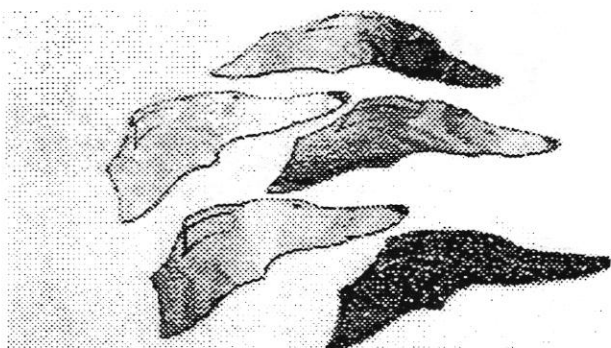
Approximately two years ago we received a call from Las Vegas, from a person who had found a greyhound locked in a garage and abandoned. He began feeding the greyhound and somehow came across our phone number. We of course made arrangements to bring her to Philadelphia, and found she was not in particularly good condition, but brought her back to good health. She was adopted, but the family that had her moved and could no longer keep her. That is why she was returned to us. She was born in July of 1986, making her 10 years old this July. Cleo is a white and brindle female with a wonderful disposition, in need of a home. She needs to get eye drops occasionally. She is a sweet girl and special financial arrangements will be made for her adoption. Of course, she will come with all updated shots and a new dental cleaning.

"GRASS, WEED, OR DIRT"

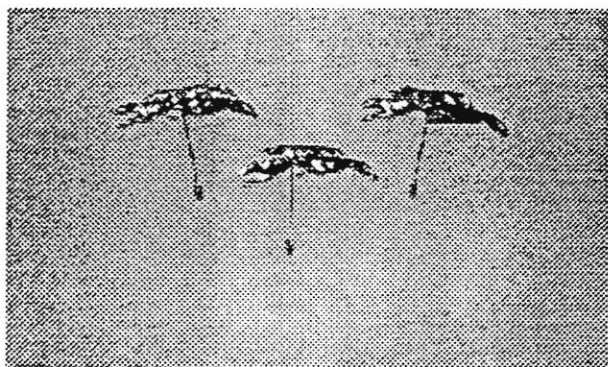
This time of year, as you look out the back door and survey your back yard, you may see a combination of chick weed, clover, dandelions, this year's crab grass has just begun to sprout and maybe some real grass is popping up in between. What to do if you would like to be able to keep your lawn relatively weed-free and not put your greyhound at risk from the chemicals necessary to make that happen? For the past several years, NGAP director David Wolf has used the segment approach. He previously had purchased about 100 feet of inexpensive 4 foot high wire fencing. He uses rebar stakes, also tomato stakes can be used, to segment off one partial area, does what fertilization is necessary, in some cases weed and feed, or any one of several other potential fertilizers. Basically, he fertilizes that area, keeping the fence up until we get at least two good rains, will then move it to another portion of the yard, and use the same procedure again. Depending on the size of your yard, you could even do half at one time. If you get an area that is muddy and needs to be sodded you can use the same mesh again. Ultimately, when you finish, the materials can be stored away until they are needed again. It will usually last for several years before it is too rusted to use again. We also find some colored rope to string midway through the fence so the dogs will see it and not run into it. Care should also be taken to fertilize when the wind is low, and not to fertilize nearby the area where you have fenced.

New Greyhound Store Items

Stained Glass Greyhound Head - Really neat. Hang in a window to catch the sun - Also makes a great gift - 11" long. \$15.00 plus \$4.00 Shipping & Handling.



Running Greyhounds Stickpin - Comes in both gold and silver. Excellent for jackets, blouses or sweaters. \$12.00

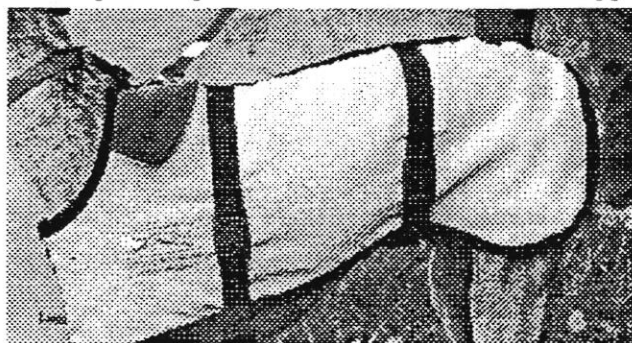


Helga's Ear & Neck Warmer - (For next winter)
It's what you need to compliment your winter coat. They make a huge difference in keeping your greyhound warm and they look so elegant. \$12.00

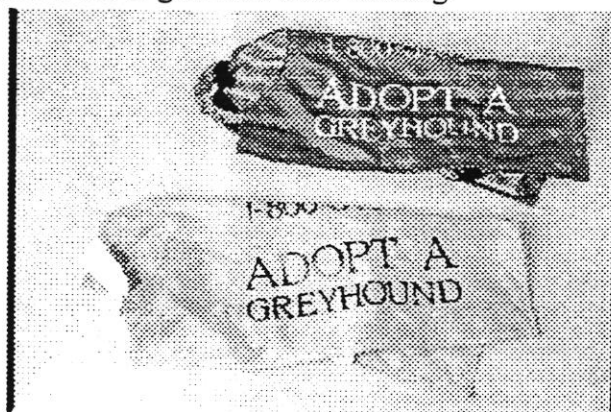


Helga's Summer Soaker (not shown) - Cross between the Adopt A Greyhound jacket and the winter coat only made of terry cloth. Just soak in cold water and your greyhound is ready for the hot weather. \$12.00 picked up at the kennel - \$15.00 shipped UPS.

NGAP's Own Winter Coat - Our winter coat is now manufactured exclusively for us. It has a variety of outer covers, including several denim colors with a polar fleece lining. It is highlighted by the embroidery of our new logo designed by Lori DeMartino. The embroidery is in two colors and makes for a classy outfit. \$40.00 picked up at the kennel or office - \$45.00 shipped.



Adopt A Greyhound Jackets (For your greyhound)
Special price \$15.00 - normally \$25.00 including U.P.S. It catches everyone's eye. Special price will be available until July 1st. then back to the regular price. Available in red or gold with white lettering.

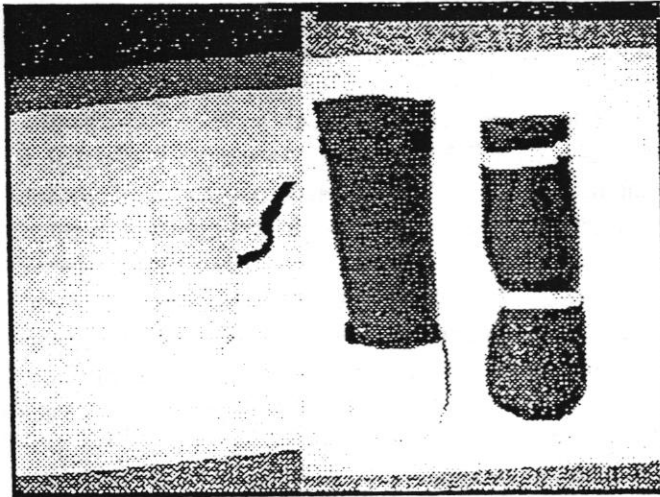


NGAP Frisbee- White with blue lettering with our new logo design. You and your greyhound can have lots of fun. \$1.00 picked up at kennel. \$2.00 shipped U.S. Mail

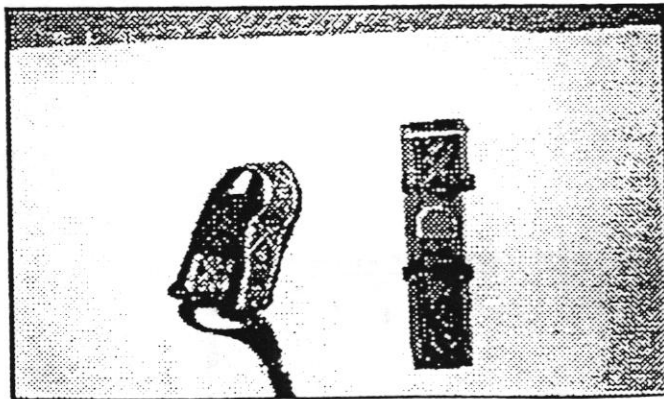


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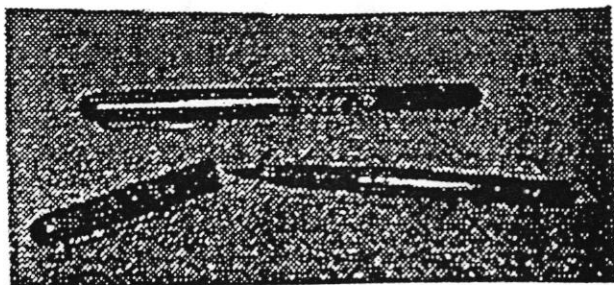
Protective Booties - just got longer. Our current bootie is about 6" long. The new styles are 10-14 inches long with additional velcro straps to keep them up. They are great for cut paws, or just cold or icy pavements.
 6" length - \$10.00 (set of 4), 10" length - \$10.00 (2), 14" length - \$12.00 (2).



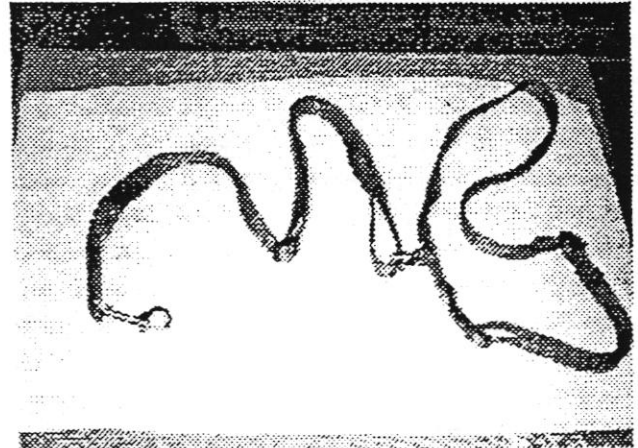
Embroidered Collar or Leash/Collar Set - An elegant accessory for any greyhound!
 \$15.00 picked up at kennel or \$19.00 shipped UPS.



Beautiful Greyhound Pen - Express yourself with the first greyhound pen. There are beautiful color pictures of greyhounds all over it. \$3.00 each (minimum order of 2 pens)



New Hands-Free Leash With Collar - can go around your waist or be used as a regular leash. Great for walking or jogging, attending shows, etc. Available in red or blue. \$20.00 picked up at kennel or \$24.00 shipped UPS.



New Tee-Shirts (3 different styles) - Get Carried Away, Run Don't Walk To Adopt A Greyhound and A Friend For Life. \$12.00 each (Note: photos are not professionally done and there are distortions in the photos that are not in the shirts)



Message From Virginia Beach Affiliate

1995 was a great fund raising year for us, but more important we adopted 38 greyhounds in the Hampton Roads area. We also reached out as far as Northern Virginia. In 1995 we raised \$12,500.00. Harriet Golombek's Meet and Greet Group held "Meet and Greets" 2 or 3 times a month at Pet Smart, Pet Warehouse and Care-A-Lot. Harriet Golombek and her group met their goal - getting the message out to the community about our great greyhounds. Three Cheers! We have expanded to three headed by Harriet, Jean and Jim Pletl, and Chart and Lynn Hartley with almost 50% participation from our adopters in this area. In addition, we have attended three events this year, K-9 Carnival, Pet Expo and a fund raiser for Virginia volunteer groups. We plan on attending Earth Day in Virginia Beach and the National Animal Awareness Week in Washington, D.C. and more !! The Virginia Beach adopters are a wonderful group of people who not only adopted a greyhound, but "their" cause.

Some adopters still fail to have an I.D. tag on their dog's collar with their name and address. We cannot stress the importance of having this information on your greyhound. We have also noticed other collars not recommended for greyhounds. Thin obedience collars can damage the greyhounds's neck and windpipe. Greyhounds can slip out of a regular collar. We also have heard of harrowing stories of greyhounds getting away, some accidentally, others deliberately turning their greyhounds loose in an unfenced area. **LOCK YOUR GATES!** (We will be selling Greyhound Warning Signs in the near future.) **NEVER** trust your greyhound off lead and unfenced. Once you get the message, it may be too late! You may think you have trained your greyhound to stay, but you can never change the instinct to chase. I know your greyhound is different! It seems senseless to save a greyhound then risk its life for your own pleasure. **A LOOSE GREYHOUND IS A DEAD GREYHOUND!!!!** There is now a local Greyhound Bulletin Board. To join, simply e-mail ngap@jericho.com with "subscribe" in the subject line. It's free and you will be sent to all postings.

Wouldn't you like to have a PA. license plate like this? Your application is enclosed.

