

Greyhound

Update

A Newsletter From National Greyhound Adoption Program, Inc.

Summer 1996

THE BIGGEST, THE BEST GREYHOUND PICNIC IS COMING TO NGAP SEPTEMBER 21, 1996

This year we have more new contests planned. A greyhound kissing contest, musical chairs for greyhounds, and a greyhound obstacle course team relay. Also returning will be other favorites. This year's raffle is the biggest and best we've ever had. The prizes this year are not greyhound related. Therefore we should have a large number of people interested in purchasing raffle tickets.

Enclosed with your newsletter are 3 raffle books and an application for us to send you more if more are needed. Help support N.G.A.P. by coming to the picnic. Have a wonderful day, and maybe win the big prize.

1996 Picnic Tee Shirt Designed by Jennifer Weyland
(Front View)



Pennsylvania Greyhound License Plate It's Official, We're Over The Top

It's been a long haul, but we're finally there. National Greyhound Adoption Program will be the only greyhound adoption program in the country with its own official license plate. It's taken us close to two years to reach the 300 required by the state. For those who have already sent their applications in, you should receive your plate in about 5-6 weeks. So don't stop there, keep those applications coming.

PICNIC RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

Nonstop from Baltimore/Washington • 2 1/4 Hours



Grand
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Island



4 & 7 nights also available

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800-358-1900 - Cyndi Napolitan

Proud sponsor of the National Greyhound Adoption Program Picnic

Princess Vacations

The tour division of Princess Hotels International

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A Very Special Thank You: to Cyndi Napolitan of World Wide Travel, one of our adopters and Kelly Newhouse of Princess Vacations for their efforts in securing such a wonderful prize for this year's picnic raffle.

PICNIC REGISTRATION

Registration for this year's picnic is \$20.00. Everyone coming to the picnic will receive at the registration table the following items:

- 1.) Tote Bag imprinted with N.G.A.P.'s new logo
 - 2.) Frisbee compliments of Merck AgVet (Heartguard Plus)
 - 3.) Dog Christmas lights from Pro Plan
 - 4.) 2 bags of potato chips from Herr's
 - 5.) Bottle of Lean-ergizer diet pills (for people not greyhounds)
 - 6.) Coupon for a free official picnic photo
 - 7.) One paid raffle ticket
 - 8.) Vet-Kem Flea Egg Collar
- and some other things to be added later.

Aside from the good time you'll have, you will receive lots of good stuff.

Connecticut Governor Orders Investigation of State Gaming Official

Hartford: State Gaming Policy Board Chairman Francis J. Muska resigned when details of his association with A. Robert Zeff, owner of the Shoreline Star greyhound track in Bridgeport, were made public May 2 in the *Hartford Courant*.

The *Courant's* week-long investigative probe of the Muska-Zeff connection began after the April 24 policy board meeting when Muska, along with panel members Nelson Brown and Henrietta Mead, voted 3-1 to exempt Zeff from a state police investigation recommended by the state Division of Special Revenue. The board acted in Zeff's favor despite a warning from John Meskill, the division's executive director, that an exemption for Zeff would set a "dangerous precedent." The division works with the Gaming Policy Board to regulate gambling in the state.

Within hours of the meeting, Muska drove to the Shoreline Star, then to Zeff's Westport estate. Muska parked his Subaru station wagon in Zeff's driveway where it was photographed by Rick Hartford of *The Courant*, and then was driven to the airport by a member of Zeff's security staff in the company's black Jaguar. According to officials, Zeff met Muska at the airport and the two flew to Las Vegas together.

In his letter to Gov. John G. Rowland Muska said he resigned "based personal and family-related issues such as adverse media coverage." Muska acknowledged that he had met with Zeff in April. "In hindsight, it was not prudent," Muska said. State law prohibits unofficial contact between policy board members and the gaming industry officials they regulate.

Muska claimed that he was conducting a confidential investigation at his own expense into complaints received from an unidentified owner of a pari-mutuel facility. In support of his claims, Muska faxed to *The Courant* a copy of a letter he said he had sent to U.S. Attorney Christopher Droney containing allegations by Muska and Zeff that suggested corruption among the staff at the Division of Special Revenue.

Among the allegations cited were anti-trust violations and complicity on the part of regulators "to unfairly enforce" state laws relating to off-track betting. In his letter to Droney, Muska said the division "is pursuing a political vendetta to destroy my professional standing and have me removed from the board."

Droney said his office would conduct a preliminary review to determine if the allegations warranted investigation. Meskill said he would welcome an investigation of his agency. "These allegations are completely without merit," Meskill said, adding, "They come from a guy who is attempting to cloud the issues with regard to his own problems."

"I'm very disappointed in the actions of Mr. Muska over the last several days," Gov. Rowland said. "This has far-reaching ramifications: criminal, ethical, and in his actions as a state employee as well."

Rowland ordered the State Police Organized Crime Task Force to conduct a criminal investigation into the relationship between Muska and Zeff and their out-of-state travel.

The governor added that Muska's job as an administrator at Western Connecticut State University was in jeopardy and indicated investigators will be looking at his expense and telephone records there.

Nelson Brown, who has been appointed acting chairman of the policy board, said he was shocked to learn Muska had met with Zeff prior to the April meeting. Brown also said he has "complete confidence" in Meskill and the staff of the special revenue division.

Board member Mead said she did not know Muska would vote in Zeff's favor before the meeting. Mead defended her pro-Zeff vote, saying, "We in our role have talked very frequently about how it's our job to support the pari-mutuel's and that they're having trouble and how we should bend over backwards to make things easier for them."

Rowland has called upon the

Gaming Policy Board to reverse the unprecedented action it took exempting Zeff from a background investigation. "I requested the background investigation be done. I feel pretty confident that will happen," Rowland said. Both Brown and Mead said they will rethink their votes.

Zeff, who would be required to pay the considerable cost of the investigation, has argued for his exemption because he has held a gaming license in the state since 1976 when he opened his now-converted jai alai fronton. Zeff's attorneys contend that an investigation would be disruptive, redundant and said, "The cost of the kind of investigation proposed could and would easily amount to four or five hundred thousand dollars."

State regulations require owners of gambling facilities to undergo a background check. The special revenue division argued that the state had an obligation to trace the money used to finance the \$30 million dog track conversion "since conventional financing proved unobtainable." Zeff personally financed the Shoreline Star.

The policy board was scheduled to reconsider the vote at its May 22 meeting but under pressure from Zeff's attorneys conceded that Zeff did not receive adequate notice of the meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the policy board is June 26.

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"TANYA - A TURNING POINT"

I never met George Schierenbeck. We spoke on the phone several times. Those times had been very special for both of us. George first called about two years ago from Miami, Florida. He related to me the problem he was having in trying to catch a greyhound that was running loose somewhere within the Miami Airport Compound. The greyhound was so shy she would not allow anyone near her. George was leaving food and water daily, but could never get close because she would bolt away. We ultimately recommended they put drugs in the food under consultation with a vet. It worked and George got his greyhound. I was so impressed with his determination we sent him an adoption package, and as time passed gave some advice. George would occasionally call me at home to talk about his beloved Tanya. She was a very special part of his life.

George Schierenbeck recently died. He made special arrangements to be sure Tanya would be cared for. He also did something else very special. George left part of his estate to the National Greyhound Adoption Program so that we could continue to help other greyhounds.

A picture of George Schierenbeck will hang at our facility as a tribute to his devotion to Tanya and bequest to NGAP.

"POUNDS! POUNDS! POUNDS"

Take a close look. Can you see your greyhound's ribs? You should be able to see the outline of it's ribs or your greyhound is probably overweight. If your coming to the picnic everyone will receive a 2 cup measure, if your not coming go out and buy one. Controlling the volume of food you feed your greyhound is critical. When your greyhound leaves us to go to its adoptive home, we are feeding 4 cups of dry food daily and a small amount of canned food. N.G.A.P. director David Wolf currently feeds his 80 pound males only 3 cups a day, and they eat 1/2 regular food and 1/2 lite. Don't overfeed your greyhound. The amount of food you feed it is directly based on the amount of exercise it gets. More exercise, more food. Less exercise, less food.

"LIP LIFTING TIME"

Try saying that 5 times real fast. If you can say it five times real fast without making a mistake you don't have to lift your greyhound's lip to inspect its teeth. Assuming you fail, take a look at the canine and the back molars on each side. Usually what we see is ugly tartar build-up along the gum line. If it just stays there, it would not be such a big problem, but what it does is continue to build-up, pushing the gum line permanently back and also causing periodontal disease to develop. It will undermine the tooth's stability in the mouth. Sometimes the gums will become red and puffy and your greyhound can't even eat it's normal food. If you live close to N.G.A.P. you can either make arrangements for the caretaker to scale the canine and large molars if the tartar is not built up too much. If there is extra build-up, it will be necessary to have an ultrasonic dental cleaning done in the surgical unit. The cost of that is \$50.00. Your greyhound's oral hygiene is important for it's overall health. If you live too far away go to your vet. If you wait too long remember extractions are very expensive.

Message From Ohio Affiliate

We were very busy in 1995, but it's now 1996 and we're off and running again. Public awareness is still a big issue and we are working hard at letting people know about these wonderful creatures.

In April we were at Wildlife Gardens for an informational Greyhound Day and had a great turnout. On May 17th and 18th we had team greyhounds participating in a 24 hour relay. May 27th we did a Memorial Day parade that we also marched in last year and were asked back again this year. June 2nd another big parade and June 15th the Akron Zoo Run 'N' Dog Walk and in August the National Soap Box Derby Parade.

We've delivered two packages to two Senators for our pursuit of a Bill passage to BAN GREYHOUND RACING IN OHIO. Please write to help us to:

Governor George Voinovich
State of Ohio, Office of the Governor
30 Riffe Center - 77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43

THINK OF N.G.A.P. FOR CHRISTMAS

When you are at the picnic, you will find lots of new and neat greyhound items that will be appropriate as Christmas gifts. The ladies will have an opportunity to see all of our new jewelry, we have a new dynamite greyhound pin of a pewter lady with a gold greyhound behind it. Also we have winter jackets that have been tested by N.G.A.P. personnel last winter and look nice, feel good, and will keep you warm and also have the new N.G.A.P. logo over your heart. We have mixed sizes and the jackets are a slate color. Also new T-Shirts will be available. They are difficult to describe but truly attractive for the ladies.

NGAP Helps Local Humane Society

Last month many of you may have seen local TV stations requesting help for a humane society in Voorhees, New Jersey. Bert Adcox (and his wife Sandy), and Ed Zadorozny, both adopters and volunteers for us, drove our van truck over to the humane society with 6 pallets of canned and dry food, which would give the humane society the ability to feed their rescued animals for a long time to come.

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GENUARDI'S REGISTER TAPES

*Keep those register tapes coming!
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LEAVE YOUR DOG AT HOME!

Coming to the picnic? The picnic will be lots of fun for both greyhounds and our adopters. But there are some greyhounds who would be better left at home because they will not have fun. There are 2 categories under which it would not be appropriate to bring your greyhound. The first is that your greyhound is shy around people and other dogs and will be uncomfortable around the people and other greyhounds. The second is if it's aggressive, not to put your dog or other dogs at risk.

Please determine if your greyhound fits into either of these categories. This not an excuse to stay at home. You can still come and enjoy our picnic without your greyhound.

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SAVE A GREYHOUND FOR FREE!!! Attention!! Attention!! Attention!!

For all picnic participants, an event you'll not want to miss because it's for FREE!

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PETSMART REJECTS NGAP

Petsmart's Corporate Headquarters asked the National Greyhound Adoption Program submit information regarding the process we use to facilitate our adoptions. We submitted detailed information about how the procedures of adoption works. Petsmart ultimately has rejected N.G.A.P. from going to their stores to seek adoptions via meet & greet events. In speaking with corporate offices they ultimately feel that our fees are too high and even worse than that, they believe that because we sell things to adopters such as mattresses, cages and feeders, we are acting as a competitor of theirs. When hearing this, Executive Director David Wolf was outraged that they would take such a position - First in their response to their questions regarding fees. We believe each adopter gets more value per dollar from N.G.A.P. than any other program in the United States. We believe strongly in financial responsibility. Adopter's fees also support our ability to be greyhound advocates, to promote legislation to help greyhounds, and keep pressure on the industry to improve conditions. N.G.A.P. is certainly a national advocate leader.

For Petsmart to believe that we are actually in competition with them is both short sighted and ridiculous. The few things that they sell that we also sell, represents a small percentage of monies any adopter will ultimately spend per year. Petsmart is primarily a food supplier, WE DON'T SELL FOOD! Ultimately if Petsmart rejects NGAP, we must reject Petsmart.

DON'T BUY FROM PETSMART!

Olympic Athletes To Visit Picnic

The Olympics may be over and have left Atlanta, but our new administrative assistant, Rosa, is working to find Olympic athletes to join us for our picnic. We will hopefully arrange for these athletes to autograph NGAP Tee-shirts.

If we can squeeze out another newsletter before the picnic you will get a list of some of the athletes we expect to attend. The picnic will truly become an olympic event.

Crafts!

John and Amy Corrigan will have their craft booth set up at the picnic again this year. They have really done a great job in the past and the booth has been a big hit. If you have crafts you'd like to display and help NGAP at the same time this would be the perfect opportunity. Just call John and Amy as soon as possible at 610-367-9551.

Hair Loss At Picnic?



COS MED INC.



Cosmetic and Medical Solutions for Hair Loss
Chemotherapy Wigs - Transplantation - Hair Systems
Hormone and Aroma Therapies

For anyone interested in solutions to hair loss for you or anyone in your family (not your greyhound), be sure to stop by Lucy Roehm's table and learn what COS MED has to offer with the latest technology in hair replacement and restoration for both men, women and children. NGAP will receive a portion of all proceeds from the picnic.

DYAMITE!

N.G.A.P. has a terrific two-tone greyhound pin for the ladies. Its a gold greyhound with a sleek pewter lady over it. Will look good on just about anything you wish to wear. Available from the greyhound store for \$12.00 each plus \$3.00 UPS.

Men, its a dyamite gift for your wife! Keep it a secret and call us. Can be ordered by phone and it will be available at the picnic while they last.

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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 Rte 332 West through 6 traffic lights. At the 7th light turn left onto Tollgate Road. From there, follow the 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 Rte 332 West. Proceed through 6 traffic lights and turn onto Rte 413 South. Turn left at the 3rd street onto Tollgate Road. From there follow the directions from Tollgate Road.

From Valley Forge and Points West: Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike East to exit 28 (Phila. interchange). Take Rte 1 North past Neshaminy Mall and follow it towards Langhorne (left lanes). Take the exit for Rte 413 North (after Bellevue Ave. exit). Continue on Rte 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 from Tollgate Road.

From Northeast Philadelphia: Take Rte 1 North, pass the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Neshaminy Mall and follow Rte 1 towards Langhorne (left lanes). Take the exit for Rte 413 North (after Bellevue Ave. exit). Continue on Rte 413 for approximately 3 miles, past St. Mary's Hospital (on the right), and turn right onto Tollgate Road. From there, follow the directons 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!

PICNIC RAIN LOCATION

8701 Torresdale Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

(Large indoor location) 3 blocks from NGAP Headquarters. If raining saturday follow directions below:

Alternate Site Directions

From I-95 South: I-95 South get off at the Academy Ave. exit, quick right onto Torresdale exit, then right onto Torresdale past Supermarket parking lot, then left onto Pennypack Street. See NGAP sign for parking.

From I-95 North: I-95 North - get off at Academy Ave, left onto Linden Ave., left onto Torresdale Ave past super-market parking lot, then left onto Pennypack Street. See NGAP sign for parking.

All registrations must be received in the office later than Thursday, Sept. 19th. If your registration is not received by this date you will be requested to pay \$25.00 the day of the picnic. Any monies received after the picnic will be refunded to you.

Schedule Of Events

9:30 - 12:00	Registration
10:00 - 11:00	Nail Clipping & Tooth Inspection
10:00 - 2:00	License Plate sign-up
	Raffle Entries sign-up
10:00 - 11:00	Contests Sign-up
	Greyhound Store Open
10:30	Ginny Folkman Reading Twiggy Book - followed by book signing
	Volley Ball for those who want to play- (no greyhounds)
11:00	Play Dough Contest for Children of all ages
11:00 - 1:00	Individual Pictures
11:30	Musical Carpets for Greyhounds
12:00	Memorial March* followed by the Grand Picture
12:00 - 1:30	Eat-Up
1:00	Cake Auction
	Kissing Contest
	Obstacle Course Team Relay
1:45	Silent Auction closes (PICK UP YOUR WINNING ITEMS)
2:00	Raffle Drawing

*Memorial March is a time to re-dedicate ourselves to the greyhounds that still need rescue and adoption.

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

PET FRIENDLY HOTELS

For those people from out of town who wish hotel info:
RED ROOF INN - 3100 Lincoln Highway/U.S. 1, Trevoze, Pa. (I-276 (PA Turnpike), Exit 28 at U.S. 1 South and S.R. 132 (Street Road) - 2-People \$47.99, children under 18 free. When calling to make reservations refer to National Greyhound Adoption - Block #B185000161. Cutoff date for all reservations is September 10th. 1-800-874-9000 or (215) 244-9422.

RED ROOF INN - 3100 Cabot Boulevard, West, Langhorne, Pa.(I-95 to exit 29A/U.S. 1 to Oxford Valley exit. - 2-People \$81.99, children under 18 free. When calling to make reservations refer to National Greyhound Adoption - Block #165000239. Cutoff date for reservations is September 10th. - 1-800-874-9000 or ((215) 750-6200.