

# Greyhound



# Update

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Special Edition

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## Special Edition (Greyhounds Reach The Beach - Dewey 2000)

Dewey Beach is now the largest gathering of former greyhound racers in the world. To commemorate this wonderful gathering National Greyhound Adoption Program is publishing a special edition. This edition will include all of our usual items on health, activities, and expansion but will also include some of the fine small articles from previous newsletters.

## New Dental Procedure to Save Canines

### (Canine Teeth That Is)

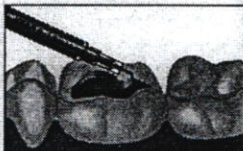
The National Greyhound Adoption Program began a new procedure in dentistry, although it is new to us, it's truly not new at all. Bonding of teeth is found at your dentist's office and it is a widely used procedure. Sometimes it is used instead of silver fillings. Because greyhounds are exposed to a high risk of bacteria in their food while they're racing, they often get Periodontal disease at a young age. In many cases the most appropriate approach is extraction, but in the case of canines we do our best to save them. Canines are the four large teeth in the front of the mouth two on the top and two on the bottom. The uppers usually show the worst exposure that can be as much as 3/8th of an inch. It is a rough surface that attracts tartar and bacteria and needs an aggressive approach rather than extraction. Canine roots are very deep making extractions more difficult than the other teeth.

The bonding procedure we'll use will smooth the exposed root surface by grinding it down slightly, etching it then applying a adhering agent and lastly the composite or bond itself. The bond or composite material is then Ultra Violet (UV) light cured. This information warrants front page attention because it is so important for your greyhounds well being if it needs the procedure. It is a procedure that can be found at a veterinarian dental specialist or in your dentist's office, the cost at National Greyhound Adoption Program will be much more reasonable than elsewhere.

A diagram showing this procedure is shown below. Take a look at your greyhounds teeth, pull up the lip, see if you have a candidate for bonding.

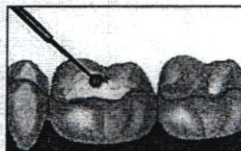
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plus



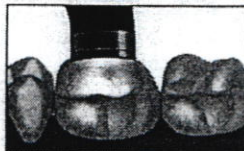
Etch\* enamel and dentin for 15 seconds.

Rinse and  
lightly dry.  
Do not  
desiccate.



Apply OptiBond Solo Plus\*\* for 15 seconds  
using light brushing motion.

Air thin  
for  
3 seconds.



Light cure for 30 seconds.



Place composite and light cure.

Now, close your eyes  
and envision these  
teeth as greyhound  
teeth and assume we  
are working around  
the area of the gum  
line.

\*Caution: Contains phosphoric acid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and soft tissue. In case of contact with skin or eyes,  
Rinse immediately with water, get medical attention for eyes. Do not take internally.

\*\*Caution: Avoid contact with skin, eyes and soft tissue. Wash skin with water after contact. Material may cause dermatitis.

**We submitted this article to Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine but it didn't fit their format requirements, it belongs in our newsletter anyway.**

## **Hypothyroidism In Greyhounds**

There has been considerable discussion regarding greyhounds and Hypothyroidism. We have been dealing with greyhounds considered to be Hypothyroid for about seven years. It is widely believed that greyhounds are predisposed to show lower than normal thyroid levels. That may be true but it's more important than the test number is to us, to determine if a greyhound has clinical signs of Hypothyroidism. Many feel that the most significant sign is bald hindquarters. To us that is probably one of the least important criteria to determine if the medication is necessary although supplements will help grow hair. It like Rogaine, if you stop the hair will go away. Much more important is something still not taught at veterinary universities. To us it is a critical concern more than the T-4 result. If a greyhound is shy, has low self esteem, does not do well with strangers, is afraid of thunderstorms, and doesn't like to go to "Meet & Greets", those are the important signs of Hypothyroidism to National Greyhound Adoption Program. The use of thyroid supplementation will have a significant impact on their well being. We first learned about the use of Soloxine in July of 1994, from Judy Stewart an adopter from the state of Washington. She informed us that her dog was now handling thunderstorms better. Her dog was also very shy she believed her dog was doing much better since being on thyroid supplementation. As the director of the National Greyhound Adoption Program this revelation was the most important find of the year. In 1995 we began T-4 tests on every greyhound we adopted since that time we have done 2,500 T-4 tests. We have done other thyroid tests but still rely on the T-4 as our basic test.

I believe we have learned a great deal about thyroid supplementation. We now know how well it will work, and at what dose will work. We are comfortable with the use of only a T-4, but don't rely on it solely to determine Thyroid supplementation. For us the most important determination is the clinical need for the thyroid boost. It is my opinion that most veterinarians see a normal range thyroid

level even if it's on the low end of normal they will be satisfied, we are not! Those greyhounds showing clinical signs as mentioned above are given .6, .7, or .8 Soloxine twice a day. We try to achieve thyroid levels at the top of the scale or slightly above. We know that greyhounds will respond best when their thyroid level is between 3.5 and 4.5. The normal range commonly used by Antech Diagnostic is 1-4. When supplementation is removed their levels drop down and they regress to their previous behavior. Thyroid supplementation as in people is forever.

I believe shyness and separation anxiety are our greatest concerns as an adoption program. The use of Soloxine to improve confidence and behavior is overwhelmingly important with all of the greyhounds we medicate. With the use of Soloxine we have had only a handful of greyhounds that have had an adverse reaction according to the adopter. The reverse of Hypothyroidism is Hyperthyroidism. A hyperthyroid greyhound will become aggressive. We have never seen it ourselves in the past six years that we have been using Soloxine. Hypothyroidism and separation anxiety may often go hand in hand. For several years we have used Soloxine and Amitriptyline they work well together. Soloxine and Amitriptyline is a long-term solution. The Amitriptyline is used in higher doses initially and then reduced hopefully to zero, while the Soloxine is continued. Amitriptyline is not a quick fix it works but you need to be patience. More recently we began using NutriCalm, for anxiety. We also believe the use of Soloxine and NutriCalm is appropriate. NutriCalm is what we call a quick fix and for anticipated anxiety it is the only quick we have seen in ten years of adoption. If your greyhound has clinical signs of Hypothyroidism, if the tail is between the legs most of the time it is appropriate to add Soloxine to it's daily diet. We do not recommend generic substitutes.

## **The Quick Fix - NutriCalm - For Anxiety**

**A new product has crossed our paths that has shown extraordinary benefits!**

A few months ago we read an advertisement in Veterinary Products Magazine about *NutriCalm* for dogs. We have never been able to find a "magic bullet" and this appears to fit that category based on our initial results. About 5% of greyhounds have separation anxiety and for the most part we don't find out about that problem until they have been adopted and are away from the other greyhounds in the kennel. But there are several greyhounds that we have had in the past at our facility that will display anxiety. This usually manifests itself either by heavy breathing or in most cases the dog will simply destroy and chew up the carpet that they sleep on. With little or no effort a greyhound can manage to shred a carpet a day. We have tried *NutriCalm* for the dogs that fit this category and have seen an immediate response. The dog is calm, it does not destroy it's carpet, and does not seem to be lethargic.

We will continue to use *NutriCalm* extensively especially for it's use as a **quick fix** for the dog when there is an approaching thunderstorm, when the dog doesn't do well riding in the car, or you can administer the medication about an hour before you are leaving for a few hours.

**One capsule provides the following ingredients:**

L-Tryptophan (free form amino acid)-----	150mg
Valerian Root Extract (valerian officinalis)-----	50mg
Ashwaganda Extract (withania somniferum)-----	50mg
Catnip Extract (nepeta cati)-----	50mg
Kava Kava ( piper methisticum)-----	50mg
(Standardized 29-30% kavalactones)	
Calcium (aspartate)-----	30mg
Magnesium (aspartate)-----	30mg

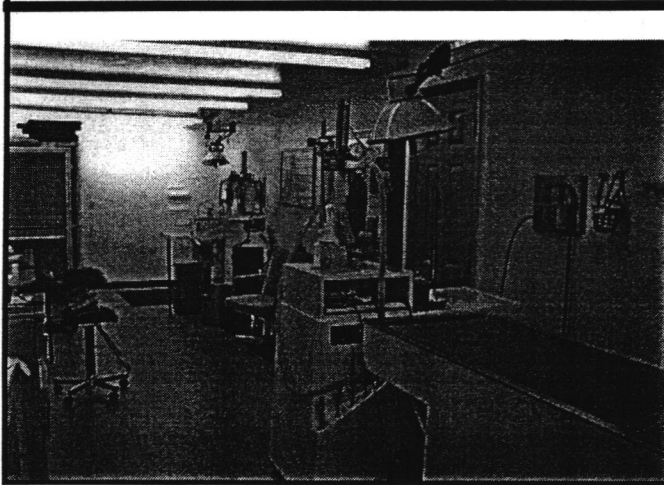
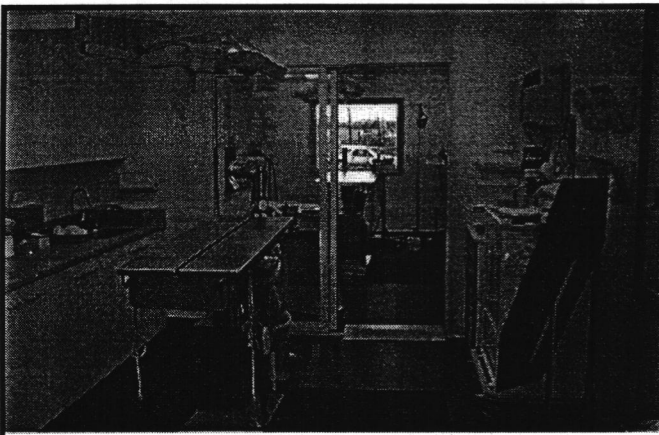
The manufacturer's contact information is:

Rx Vitamins Inc.  
Larchmont, NY 10538  
(914) 834-1804

*NutriCalm* is available at National Greyhound Adoption Program for \$25.00

## New Surgical Unit A Big Hit

It took two years to complete but in June 2000 we were up and running. The new facility features two larger surgical suites and an expanded area for dentistry. We have two prep tables with state of the art cleaning and polishing equipment. With the help of Mark & Susan Bozek, his company, The Folke Peterson Foundation and donations from so many others, we have realized a dream. Not that our four year old previous facility was bad, but this is great. We now do x-rays and CBC chemistry in house. Dr's. Bakul and Sangita Patel, have fine tuned they're skills and offer a high degree of expertise. Probably no one does more dental procedures on greyhounds than NGAP and we are very proud of that. We welcome visitors and new patients.



### Genuardi's and Acme Register Tapes

You have been doing a fantastic job by sending in your Genuardi's and Acme register tapes. All proceeds help our greyhounds. Please keep them coming!

## DONATING BLOOD

Recently in each of the newsletters, we asked adopters to bring in greyhounds to become blood donors. Blood donors help save the lives of other greyhounds. As we become more sophisticated in the operation of our surgical facility, the use of blood becomes even more important. Many veterinary clinics don't do blood transfusion work particularly due to the expense to the client as well as the lack of skills, our situation is different. When we need blood it's because a greyhound is hemorrhaging and needs life saving help. Many greyhounds will not qualify but it is important that you know that your greyhound may have a potential bleeding problem. This year we have begun a research program that has never been done before on greyhounds. We will test greyhounds for Von Willebrands disease, in humans known as Hemophilia, A.C.T. Test (activated clotting time), and Bocol Mucosal clotting, which is when blood is drawn from the gum to check clotting time. Thus far the testing would indicate that most Greyhounds are below normal on the Von Willebrands test, and as high as 50% of greyhounds may be carrying Von Willebrands disease. If you bring your Greyhound in to be a blood donor; we would ask you to do it 3 to 4 times a year. If your greyhound passes the A.C.T. Test, we will do the other tests for free and pass this information back to you. Giving blood will not hurt your greyhound, at the same time you will get a free nail clipping and ear cleaning. You will be here less than 1 hour from beginning to end.

*Because we feel it's appropriate, this article will appear in every newsletter.*

### "The Gift Of Life, The Gift Of Death"

Each of us can truly say we've adopted a greyhound and we've extended to that greyhound the "gift of life." Surely if it had not been adopted it would have been euthanized in one way or another. We hopefully have brought much pleasure to it's life, as it has to ours. But the time will come when it will not feel well but it won't be able to tell you and by the time we realize it, it's health is failing. We love our greyhounds dearly but we must consider giving them one final gift. That is the gift of death - without undue pain, without any suffering - we can bestow them this final gift. Quality of life is something we all desire for ourselves and our pets. When we lose that quality of life, when there is not a light at the end of the tunnel, when the hope of extended life is more to put off the pain that we would feel at our greyhound's loss, then it is time for the gift of death. As difficult as it is if we truly love our greyhound we don't wish for them to suffer. It is always a difficult choice. Try not to prolong life if the quality of life is not worth living. As difficult as it may seem when you are facing the need to euthanize your greyhound you can always give another "gift of life" as a true memorial to the greyhound you lost.

**Submitted to Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine, but has not been published.**

## **Greyhounds As Blood Donors**

The spring issue of Celebrating Greyhounds had an article about Hemopet, a colony of 150 greyhounds as blood donors. I have not seen the facility, but reliable informants have told me that the dogs are housed inside and relieve themselves inside their cages. The cages are then hosed down to keep them clean and they get occasional walks. This is not considered an appropriate environment for a greyhound ultimately intended to be adopted in my eyes. We have had a few greyhounds adopted to veterinarians as pets first and second as potential blood donors. We don't even blood type the dogs before they go to the veterinarians to see if their blood type is universal. I can't believe these greyhounds are sleeping on nice soft beds opposed to concrete slabs. What concerns me specifically is that a greyhound is used as a blood donor simply because it will stand there and permit you to draw it's blood. We at National Greyhound Adoption Program see over 1,000 greyhounds each year under surgical conditions. We have great concerns about potential hemorrhaging and go to great lengths to screen greyhounds that may be potential bleeders. We probably do more spays on greyhounds than anyone in the country, we do about 300 per year. Females are at a greater risk than males. We try to determine how high their risk is for surgery. Over the last year and a half the greyhounds that have the longest coagulation times had their blood sent off for Von Willebrands tests. Earlier this year we began doing research on greyhound blood as it relates to coagulation. We test every greyhound both male and female. We do the following tests: Von Willebrands, ACT, Bocol Mucosal, platelet count and glass slide coagulation by sight. We didn't start until March of this year but thus far we have done over 150 Von Willebrands tests as well as the others. The raw results thus far indicate that **seventy-five percent** of the greyhounds are Von Willebrands positive and probably fifty percent are carriers of Von Willebrands factor. Most greyhounds have low platelet counts.

The above point of telling you this, is that based on information, why would you use greyhound's blood at all? If it's solely for replacement of lost blood, other than the fact it's a universal blood type, it is substantially inferior to most other mixed breed canines. Why would you use inferior blood, selling it and representing it as a first rate blood product? We know veterinarians use greyhounds as blood donors. We know that greyhounds will stand there and allow us to draw their blood, which is usually DEA 1.1 negative. What makes me angry is when someone says they have a colony of greyhounds, as blood donors is good. I can't see where this isn't exploitation just like racing. I would cringe at the thought of Hemopet having 300 greyhounds. Those greyhounds deserve better, most should be in wonderful homes enriching lives of their adopters as well as their own. The spin on this article in the summer edition of Celebrating Greyhounds makes it sound so rosy, **I don't buy it!**

### **4,700 And Still Counting!**

Our adoption listing looks like a telephone book, every six months Vivian Holloway, NGAP staff member does the print out of all of the adopters since early 1990. With the help of Sue Moser, we have had to upgrade our database to handle the growing list. We can call up information by sex, color, zip codes and so many other ways. Thanks to Viv and Sue for helping us keep up to date.

## **Sadly, A New Record At National Greyhound Adoption Program**

In addition to helping greyhound critters we also help little greyhound critters, meaning Italian greyhounds. Over the past ten and half years we have taken in an average of one Italian greyhound a year, almost with the exception of Dudley quickly grabbed by volunteer kennel driver Ed, all of the others have spent time at the director David Wolf's residence. Many have gone to new homes and few have stayed, Tiny Puppy, Tally Ho, and Rascal who still reside at the Wolf home. When the Wolfs' move into their new home the greyhounds will have their own conservatory/sunroom in addition to the rest of the house, now back to our story. We received a call from a friend who knew someone who had four Italian greyhounds to give up, because they didn't have the time to care for them. Two of them are presumed to be 2 years old, the others between 5 and 6 years old. When we went to pick them up it was apparent that beyond food, water, and being let out they had hardly been touched in at least a year. It was a challenge just to get them in the car. While this is being written they are coming around, we see a massive improvement in their temperament. Since they were difficult to handle I couldn't check their mouths initially. When we did what a shock! Their teeth were in atrocious condition. Fawny the older female Italian greyhound, and the older male went to surgery on August 23, 2000. Silver the largest of the two males was already neutered. Silver had twenty-seven extractions. The biggest surgery was yet to come, when Dr. Sangita Patel opened the mouth of the older female two of the teeth came out. Ultimately forty teeth were extracted, setting an all time record. She was also spayed and a growth was removed at the same time. When the other IG's were done the total extraction count was 123. Would you believe it the next morning Fawny was eating out of Barbara Davidoff a kennel staff member's hand. The second day after surgery she was like a whole new dog. It is such a shame that people take in wonderful creatures and treat them poorly. The person who owned the Italian greyhounds called and said that they were in so much debt that they couldn't pay to make these dogs ready for adoption, but would agree to take them back.

**Not a chance!**

### **New Boarding Facility Open**

We missed the July 4th rush, but shortly afterwards we were up and running. Everything inside is new. Oversized cages are a big plus. With this new boarding facility we don't have to over load the kennels designated solely for adoption dogs. **Bring your greyhounds to board. We know greyhounds!** We clip nails, clean ears and do dental touch ups where necessary. We of course can update shots and do other procedures while visiting.

## Oldies But Goodies & Male Sale

Every newsletter will include a list of greyhounds that have been here too long or have been returned after many devoted years in someone's home. Hopefully adopters will respond and get our wonderful greyhounds out! Older greyhounds adopted to families only require a donation. Males on the list are not old and will be adopted for only the cost of the adoption \$160.00. The sterilization fee will be waived.

### Old Guys & Gals!

**Ellie**- Medium Fawn female born November 1991. Returned because she couldn't handle thunderstorms well, she suffers from separation anxiety. In a home with another greyhound as a security blanket and some Amitriptyline and NutriCalm she should be fine. She is good with cats.

**Uncle**- Large Brindle male Born August 1994. No Cats! Very strong, listens well, great one on one, Alpha male, not to be left alone with other dogs!

**Benny**- Brindle Male born April 1995. No Cats! Well behaved, quiet, smiles, playful, bit a child.

**Atlantic** - Medium Black Male born February 1991. Good with cats, opens gates, loves other dogs, very loving, had a house breaking problem.

**Chip** - Medium White & Black Male born July 1994. No cats! Alpha male, No small dogs or small children! Has been fine with kennel kids, returned because of divorce.

**Balto** - White & Red Male born July 1994. No cats! Playful, friendly, short tail, snaps around small children, not completely housebroken

### Male Sale

**Stew**- Large Black Male born September 1997. No cats! Quiet, loves attention, can be very protective.

**Walker** - Large Brindle Male born May 1998. No cats! Very active needs discipline.

**Jim** - Large Red Male born March 1996. Beautiful. No cats! Calm, playful, well behaved, perceived as not being good with small children or infants, not a return.

**Fester**- Large Black Male born December 1996. No cats! Playful, easily excited

**Hurricane**- Large Brindle Male born March 1996. No cats! Can be aggressive with other dogs, not shy, and very friendly.

**Boss** - Large Red Brindle Male born March 1998. No cats! Noise shy and vocal, friendly not generally shy.

## Internet or Ebay Person Needed

National Greyhound Adoption Program now has so many neat items that we need to market in a better way. We should be able to market our statues and many other items in many different formats. We need someone to come in and give us a hand. You can be that someone!

Call NGAP director David Wolf, and we'll try to work it out.

215-331-7918

## Car Donations Rolling In

It's been about a year since we began accepting car donations. We advertise each week in the Philadelphia Inquirer and we now receive about 10 cars each week. It's taken a while to work out the wrinkles and slowly but surely we're finely tuning the process. By the end of 2000 you'll see a sign, "National Greyhound Adoption Program Used Cars", when we are an official PA car dealer. If you donate your car you can receive a tax deduction from your income tax. **SORRY NO JUNKERS.**

### VOLUNTEER CAR HELPERS NEEDED!!!!!!!

When cars come in we need help cleaning them up and sometimes a little mechanical work or changing a battery. We offer flexible hours for volunteers.

### Virginia Beach Picnic & Fundraiser To Support Our Philadelphia Kennel!!

This year Philadelphia rescued not only greyhounds from Florida, New Hampshire and Wisconsin. They also rescued eight from a research lab in Michigan, five starving greyhounds were flown from Oklahoma to Philly.....One greyhound was found in a dumpster with her legs bound!

Many greyhounds are brought in that need medical attention and orthopedic work. No greyhound is turned away. They will be given all the medical care necessary for adoption.

Since David Wolf started the program in 1989 NGAP has placed over 4700 greyhounds and is doing blood studies on greyhounds. NGAP's expertise in dentistry is expanding and will soon include "bonding".

Endless hours and days of hard work from employees and volunteers provide a safe haven for all greyhounds, including old unwanted ones... I could go on! I feel as greyhounds lovers we should be proud of these achievements.

To keep this effort up we have pledged our fund raising money to our Philadelphia kennel.

Virginia Beach Picnic & Fund-raiser

Sunday - October 15, 2000

Rain Date - Sunday - November 5, 2000

Red Wing Park

Virginia Beach, VA

11:30 - 3:30

For additional information please contact Sam & Gay Latimer at 757-486-7956

This is one of the biggest events held by our Virginia Affiliates. It is extremely well planned and organized. If you can, please try to attend. There are games, contests, they have a silent auction and raffle prizes.

## “Take Your Dog To The Game Day”

Here's a really neat idea for publicity to raise interest in adopting greyhounds! Atlantic City has a semi-professional baseball team called the Surf. They're always having promotions to increase attendance and promote interest in the team. One such promotion was the recent "Take Your Dog To The Game" day, Sunday, August 27th. For the 2nd year, the dogs from National Greyhound Adoption Program were honored by the Surf organization, and allowed to take the field for the opening ceremonies with the starting line-up! It was soooo cool! Each player was escorted to his position on the field by kids from the "Field of Dreams" program and a greyhound, dressed in their Adopt-A-Greyhound jackets. They stood out there, so proud and well behaved, while the National Anthem was sung. The Sandcastle Stadium is an especially picturesque setting, overlooking the skyline of Atlantic City and Ventnor Bay, so it was a beautiful sight. If you are lucky enough to have a Semi-Pro team in your area, approach them with the idea. You can always cite the "Dog Days of Summer" promotion at the Surf.

P.S. Yes, the dogs were well behaved except for a certain black boy named after a candy bar, who peed on a players foot. As usual, I pretended I didn't know him.....

Respectfully submitted by:

Merci Riccardi, Hershey, Reeses & Kisses, "The Twitch Kids"

## “Moody Goes To Visit”

Hi Friends,

Moody wanted me to write and tell you about the trip we took to the nursing home on September 19th. It was a dreary, rainy day so we thought we'd take a trip to our local nursing home. The activities director greeted us at the front door and took us around the facility to visit as many people as possible. As it turns out, it was a great day for us to visit because a picnic had to be cancelled that day due to the rainy weather. We made so many people smile. We also did a lot of talking about what wonderful family members greyhounds make. The staff and residents couldn't stop thanking us for visiting them. We were asked to become volunteers and visit on a regular basis. Moody was just wonderful. She walked right up to people and said hello, and was very patient as the residents and staff petted her. I was so proud of her. We thought you might enjoy hearing about how Moody made so many people smile. Keep up the great work!

Dawn & Moody King (Adoption #4168)

## In Memory of Timer

A very nice quote from Pam DeZolt & Tom Hanrahan who lost their greyhound Timer in February of this year, that tells the whole story about greyhounds.

*"He taught us so much!" "I thought when we adopted him that we were doing some great thing." "Funny, it turned out that he was the one who did great things for us."*

## Trivia On Greyhounds

-Greyhounds are the **ONLY** canine mentioned in the Bible by James. (King James version, Proverbs 30:29-31)

-Greyhounds are the oldest, purebred dog, dating back to the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. Paintings inside the tomb of the great Pyramids depicted greyhounds.

-A law passed during the reign of King Canute stated "No mean person may keep any Greyhounds." The law also stated that the destruction of a Greyhound should carry the same capital punishment as the murder of a man.

-In England at one time, it was forbidden for 'commoners' to even own a greyhound.

-Our American General Custer was a big greyhound fancier.

-President Abraham Lincoln had a greyhound on his family coat-of-arms.

-In 1804, Australia issued a proclamation ordering the destruction of all dogs, **EXCEPT** greyhounds and sheepdogs.

-The mythical Greek Goddess Diana is usually pictured with a greyhound at her side.

-There is an Irish greyhound named Master McGrath, who has been memorialized in poetry and song for his winning the English Waterloo Cup race.

-John Barrymore, the famous actor, always kept his house full of greyhound pets.

-Bo Derek, the actress best known from the movies "10" and "Tarzan", owns several retired racing greyhounds, and is a great advocate of promoting greyhounds as pets.

-For many, many years the American make of car the Lincoln had a greyhound as its hood ornament.

-Greyhounds are the fastest breed of dog, reaching top speeds of 40 miles per hour!

-Greyhounds can see **CLEARLY** for a distance of a half-mile.

-Many people who are allergic to dogs are **NOT** allergic to greyhounds, due to their short, sleek coat and skin type, which has more oil to it, thus less dandruff.

-Greyhounds are **NOT** guard dogs. Being bred specifically to be even-tempered and good natured, they are inherently well socialized. For this reason they **LOVE** everyone.

-A retired racing greyhound will return the love and affection you give him by 110%. Few things in life are quite as satisfying as adopting one.

## “2001” CALENDAR

The "2001" Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar is now available through our Greyhound Store. There are more pictures than ever before. Get your copy today! \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling.



## “Star, Vavoom’s Legacy”

It was starting off to be another hot, quiet day in Virginia Beach and I thought before the phone started ringing, I would get a little work done around the house. After ten years in the greyhound adoption business, I could almost sense by the ring that this was trouble. And trouble it was, big time. Two of our earliest adopters, Phyllis & Gene Moor, had just been told their beloved 9 year old greyhound had not come out of anesthesia properly and died despite the frantic efforts of the devastated vet and staff. It was sudden heart failure. The Moors, to understate the fact, were shattered. Vavoom was their silver brindle baby, one of those rare character greyhounds. Full of spunk and derring-do, she would sing and roo on cue and loved to wear funny hats and show off on walks. At our annual picnic, she could not resist placing her front feet in the water buckets and posing for pictures.

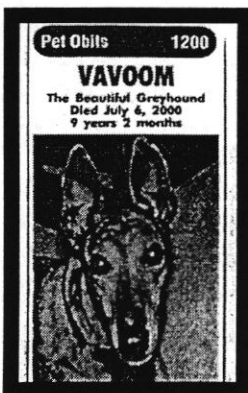
The Moors showed up at the door that afternoon and wanted to donate all her possessions to the program and were adamant, they did not want another dog. We refused to unload the car, invited them in and we all shed our tears. We talked about the heartbreak we suffered when our girl Reiko died and how having our two other greyhounds helped us heal. After awhile, we convinced them to adopt another greyhound. We pointed out that it was too hot to fly dogs and that David Wolf had a full kennel. Greyhounds were dying somewhere because we weren’t moving dogs quickly enough. They wanted to go to Philly and bring back a dog, but their van was in the shop and they were caring for their aged father that weekend.

After they left, we hatched a plan to surprise them. Sam would drive to Philly and pick up a dog and return Sunday. He drove up on Saturday arriving to find David in surgery assisting the vets with neutering, teeth cleaning, and even extractions, as a number of old dogs had been rescued with bad mouth infections from rotten teeth. His description of surgery will not be detailed here except to say that he found it to be physically demanding, interesting and shall we say messy. He then worked with the kennel profilers and they mutually selected Star, a tiny, shy, 2-year old fawn girl who the kennel folks believed would fare better in an adult setting. Perfect fit! After conning David out of dinner, Sam turned in, arose bright and early and cruised back to the Beach.

We pulled off the big shocker. On pretence of having them sign some papers, we headed to their house with Star. Upon arrival, we coaxed them to the car on the ruse we were in a hurry and out hopped Star. Surprise!!! The look on their faces was priceless. It not only was fun but also lifted our mutual spirits and put yet another greyhound in a wonderful, loving home. The Moors have a lot of love to share, and what a better candidate to share that love with than with another greyhound!

Times like these make the hours of volunteering very meaningful and rewarding.

Gay Latimer (NGAP Virginia Affiliate)



### Greyhound’s Prayer

“When I die let it be as someone’s pet, so I will be remembered.”

Submitted By:  
Gene & Phyllis Moor

## A Tribute To Sherman

In our last newsletter there was an article titled “A Tank Story”. This article referred to a greyhound named Sherman who through all types of adversity finally found a good home with someone who loved him. We are sorry to report that after 2 short years Sherman has passed on. The tribute below was given to Sherman’s loving owner, Helga Weinstein by one of her neighbors.

*Dear Sherman is gone now, it’s taken it’s toll  
Your very small family just isn’t whole  
Feelings of great loss and sadness and pain  
The routine has changed and it’s just not the same  
But he had to be thinking, since the day he met you  
“I’ve found someone to love me and I love her too”  
A tough life before, still a last happy time  
He’ll always remember that you were so kind  
You’ll see him, sweet Sherman way up in the sky  
A gentle greyhound angel with wings by his side.*

## Taffy and Aspen

Hello NGAP:

We enjoy reading the newsletter. And our greyhounds.....well! Both Taffy & Aspen have been with us just about a year, now. They are wonderful pets, and they continue to develop and reveal more and more personality all the time. Each has her own opinions and tastes. They make us laugh every day.

They get a lot of comments when we walk them or take them to the pet food store, and we tout NGAP whenever we get a chance. You did a beautiful job of matching our furkids to us and to each other. Taffy was very anxious and lonely when we got her, and she did not open up and bond to us until she got her own greyhound - Aspen. Our veterinarian comments every time he sees them what beautiful dogs they are and how well cared for compared to other dogs and even other greyhounds he sees.

We have cats, four now, and have never had a problem with Taffy or Aspen, who have accepted them as inferior members of the pack (smile).

Thanks so much! We love our hounds. Our only regret is that we did not do this sooner!

Dave & Kathy O’Neill - Grand Blanc, MI

## Volunteering My Time!

Taking care of rescue dogs is something I do best I know this because I’ve surely passed the test. The dogs I’ve bathed, the food I’ve fed and all to watch these love starved dogs frolicking in the run. My kids, I’ve neglected, but I tell them everyday that I love them very much. New dogs come and go, I know they understand this, I see in their eyes, the love that I have given them comes shining back on me. Some people think I am crazy, others think I am great, but few understand what is really at stake. If I can love and help a dog to find a better life, my own life is much richer. I look forward to each day. So now you know my secret, it’s there for all to see. The love I give, the life I save, I do it all for me.

“ Anonymous”

## Health Check

Some areas to look at today while you are reading this:

### **#1: Your Greyhounds Teeth**

Lift up your greyhound's lip and look at it's teeth. Are they gray around the canines and molars? Its time for scaling. If the gums are red, its time for some Antirobe antibiotics. Go to the vet or call the NGAP office and set up an appointment. Of course we are the best and inexpensive as well.

### **#2: Overweight Greyhounds**

If you can't see your greyhound's ribs, your dog is probably overweight. You have to cut down on the amount of food you feed it, as well as change to a light food diet. Of course more exercise will help also. Overweight greyhounds are not healthy.

### **#3: Check For Growths**

As your greyhound gets older, it may be getting growths on it's body. It's time to let your fingers do the walking. Check your dogs body and coat, if you find anything take your dog to the vet to get checked.

### **#4: Clean Ears**

Once a month check you greyhounds ears, clean them with Hydrogen Peroxide, Q-tips, and cotton balls. Get into the ear canal to really clean your greyhounds ears. Be careful and you won't hurt your greyhound. If you don't get into the canal often, you will miss much of the dirt.

**A Healthy Greyhound Is A Happy Greyhound!**

## PA License Plates

We now have over 700 license plates in Pennsylvania. Switch to a greyhound license plate for only \$20.00 call the office for a application. We also have a sample plate which is exactly like the real thing put it on the front of your car or hang it on the wall. Sample plate available for \$10.00 plus shipping & handling.

## Abolish Greyhound Racing In Massachusetts!

We need your help, there is still time to support Grey 2K to outlaw greyhound racing. Polls taken by Grey 2K, indicate that the message is out and we will win if the referendum gets out, but we need your support to do it. Either send money to the address below or send money to NGAP and we will match funds up to an additional \$2,000.00. NGAP has already sent matching funds in the amount of \$602.00.

**Grey 2K Campaign To Ban Dog Racing  
P.O. Box 1606  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130**

## Volunteers Needed!

Every nonprofit organization is only as good as the volunteers that support it. NGAP does lots of different things that need support. Many adopters and non adopters dedicate hours to helping the greyhounds. But we could always use more, volunteers in advertising, walking the dogs, working on the internet selling things to help us make money, and helping out at the kennel. Some people spend endless time helping, Gail, Courtney, & Tony Tereszczuk, come in almost every Sunday starting in the early morning hours until most of the Sunday chores are finished. Gail Morris makes sure that people are greyhound worthy by spending hours upon hours on the phone checking references. Merci Riccardi from New Jersey is whipping her local adopters in shape to do more. Everyone can help a little in one way or another.

### **Kennel Help Needed**

No one realizes just how much effort is needed to run our kennel. We put in 200 man hours a week for the care of our greyhounds. We have paid personnel, but we can always use a helping hand, literally seven days a week. The kennel hours are 6:00AM - 11:00AM, 1:30PM - 5:30PM, & 8:30PM - 10:00PM. See if you can fit one or more shifts into your schedule to help make our greyhounds more comfortable.

## COVER UP! ITS WINTERTIME

Have you laid down on the floor next to your greyhound recently? Chances are there will be a little draft, even in the bedroom. At director David Wolf's home there are always 3 or 4 greyhounds laying on mattresses around the bed, but its cool down there so we had blankets made, and each night when we tuck in, we tuck them in. Usually they stay covered all night. As greyhounds get older they can develop arthritis just like us, so grab an old quilt, cut and sew it, and now you have a blanket for your greyhound!

**E-MAIL - In every newsletter, there is a blurb regarding e-mail. There are many of you out there who have problems or very important questions regarding your greyhound who are still using the e-mail method to get your message across. This is definitely not the way. If you want and need an answer, pick up the phone and call. Your message may not be read for several days and then it might be too late!**



# CNN To Air Major Greyhound Rescue Piece

On Sunday October 15, 2000 at 9:00 PM CNN and Time News report will air. CNN really worked hard to get a great story. They were out to see Sally Allen to pick up a group of greyhounds from Minnesota. They interviewed the USDA and Wisconsin Gaming Commission as well as all of the participants. We are all excited to see this piece, tune in!

## Philadelphia Eagles Scout Accused Of Selling Greyhounds For Research

(As published in Greyhound Update-Spring 2000)

This story was published in our last newsletter, but since it is still an important topic, we are revisiting that story. It is important that the Wisconsin Gaming Commission and the United States Department of Agriculture take this case seriously. You can help us do that, below this article are the list of addresses.

We recently learned that Philadelphia Eagles talent scout Dan Shonka of Cedar Rapids, Iowa is under investigation by the United States Department of Agriculture(USDA) and the Wisconsin Gaming Commission. Allegedly he accepts greyhounds from kennel operators for the purpose of adoption then sells them for up to \$400.00 each for medical research. In prior investigations it has always been found that greyhounds sold for research that the owners never gave permission for that to happen. Mr. Shonka is also a Class B dealer, (licensed by the USDA) acquires animals and sells them for research, but they don't breed animals for the purpose of research. Much of the responsibility for the abuse of the animals that go into research can be laid at the door step of the USDA. Whatever they do, they do it ever so slowly. They rarely have significant penalties and they live in a world of there own. Accepting constructive suggestions from the outside community is not something they readily accept. Our dealing with the USDA, finds them inept and uncaring. It would appear in this particular case, that Mr. Shonka used his credentials as a Philadelphia Eagles scout to help him gain credibility and access to our greyhounds. You might be interested in dropping a note to the Eagles, USDA, Wisconsin Gaming Commission.

United States Department of Agriculture  
Deputy Administrator for Animal Care Dr. William DeHaven  
4700 River Road - Unit 97  
Riverdale, MD 20737

Wisconsin Gaming Commission  
Deputy administrator Ray Totempa  
150 East Glman Street - Suite 1000  
Madison, WI 53708

U. S. Secretary of Agriculture  
Dan Glickman  
1400 Independence Ave. South West  
Room 200 A  
Washington, D.C. 20250

The more letters those three people receive regarding this situation the better the chance to throw the book at Daniel Shonka. A few years ago David Gibby of Pensicola, Florida tried to get away with felony animal abuse in the horrible death of "He's My Denny". We and thousands of others across the nation had him convicted and he served time. Lets do the same with Shonka.

## State Of Virginia #2

Through the efforts of Sam & Gay Latimer, NGAP's Virginia affiliate, Virginia is now the second state to have their own Greyhound License Plate. Virginia was the second state to ban dog racing and now the second to have a auto license tag dedicated to promoting greyhound adoption. In Virginia you just need to apply at your local DMV. A special thank you goes out to Johnny Blackwell and Delegate Alan Diamonstein for submitting and backing the tag for approval.

## Greyhound Store to Have New Hours

The Greyhound Store has usually only been open when we are specifically doing adoptions or a special event, picnic, Christmas Sale or Spring Sale. Of course you can always order anything through the office. For a trial period Jane & Mike Armento have agreed to be the store keepers. We will be open every 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:00AM to 1:00PM, beginning the third Saturday of October. Jane and Mike have assured us that the store will be fully stocked with every item NGAP has to offer. There are more and more items available for people and greyhounds, special gifts for friends, and even special items for yourself. We know we have the best prices around and a wide array of greyhound items.

Come join us October 21, 2000 @ 10:00AM, hope to see you

## Christmas Sale

This year the Christmas sale will be bigger and better then ever before. We are highlighting our wonderful statues, plus lots of other different never available before items. New fancy collars, embroidered sweatshirts, sterling silver pins, umbrellas, weathervanes, and beautiful greyhound prints. Don't forget our new sexy underwear, camisoles and panties for the ladies and briefs for the gents, and the list goes on and on! For every sale of \$100.00 or more we will give away two cases of Hill's Pet Nutrition Health Blend, a \$40.00 value!

### Christmas Store Hours

Friday - December 15, 2000	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday - December 16, 2000	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday - December 17, 2000	11:00 am - 1:00 pm

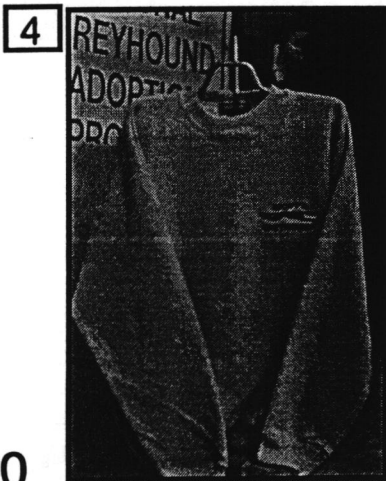
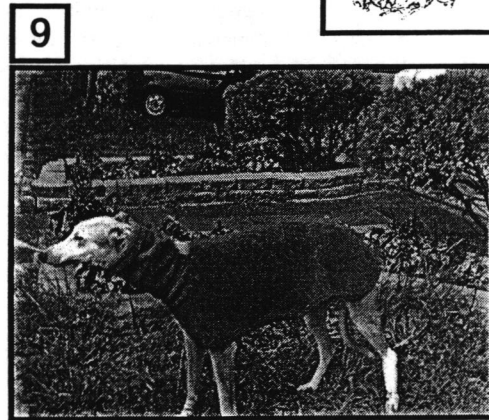
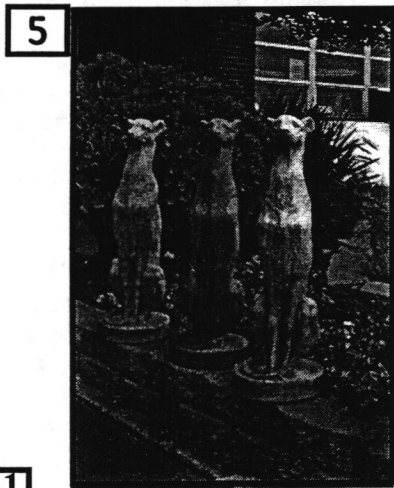
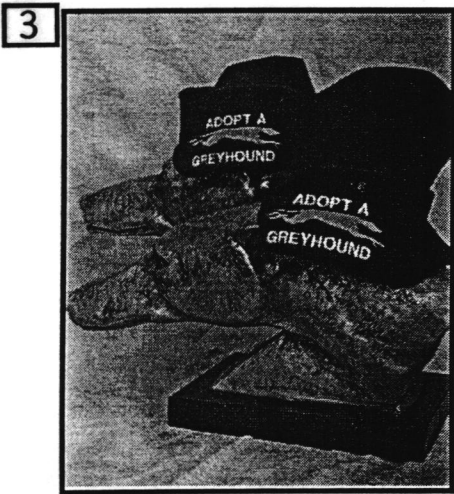
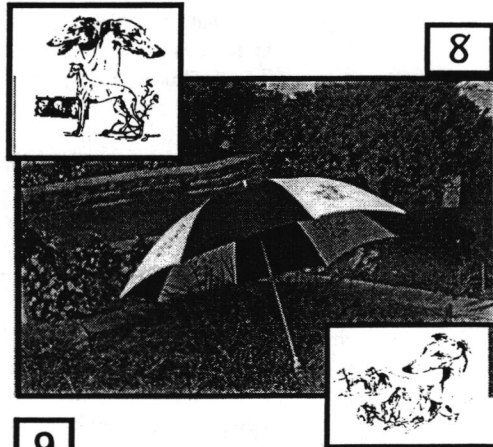
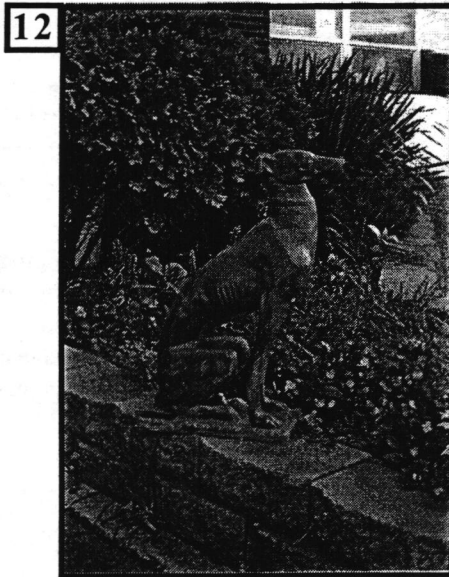
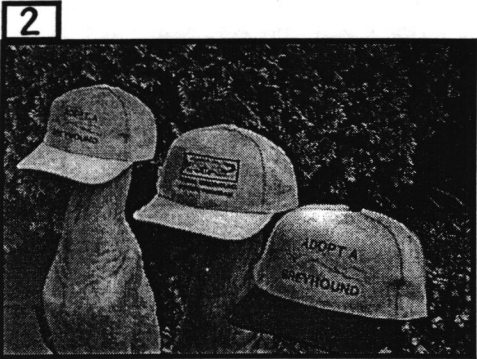
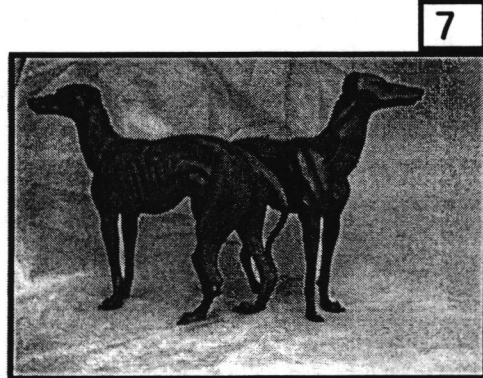
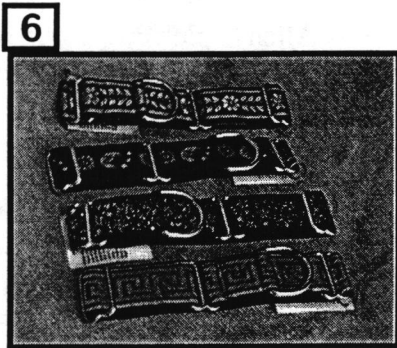
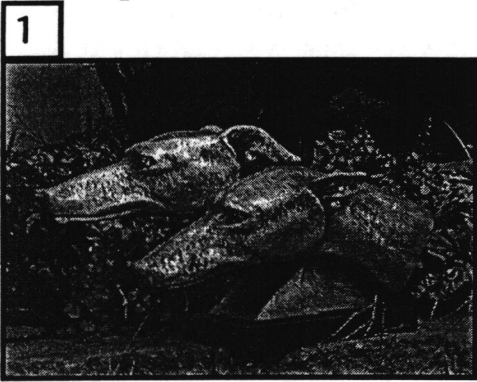
Don't forget winter is coming, buy a winter coat.

## Christmas Givings!

Christmas is just around the corner. There are lots of charities that ask for a donation around the holidays. We ask you to remember us, we give to the greyhounds 365 a day.

# National Greyhound Adoption Program Store

See the page opposite this page for the description of each item along with prices.



# Great Christmas Specials!

These items are pictured opposite this page. Match the number with the picture.

- 1- Greyhound Bust - Measures 10''H by 14''W, available in three different finishes in gypsum. Approximate weight 35lbs. This is a stunning piece for the living room. Seen elsewhere for \$500.00 Priced here \$100.00.
- 2- Adopt A Greyhound Baseball Hat - Embroidered hat top quality. \$10.00
- 3- Knitted Hat - Sitting on greyhound bust available in different colors. \$7.00
- 4- Adopt a Greyhound Embroidered Sweats - M,L, and XL - \$20.00 ea. For sizes XXL and XXXL add \$5.00
- 5- Greyhound Statue - Three beautiful finishes, stands 31'' tall. Available for in the house in gypsum for \$110.00 and for outside in concrete for \$120.00
- 6- Fancy Collars - A fine array that start at \$15.00.
- 7- Greyhound Statue - These greyhounds' are a single piece, 14''L by 12''H available in antique bronze \$60.00.
- 8- Greyhound Umbrella - available in two different prints, \$20.00 each.
- 9- Polar Fleece Winter Coat with/ Neck Warmer \$20.00. No one can beat it!
- 10- Greyhound Weathervane - Available in two styles- for on the house or garden pole style that includes a five foot shaft \$30.00 each. Anemometer (measures wind velocity) add \$10.00
- 11- Lying Greyhound - 8'' wide x 24'' long x 12'' high - Available in two finishes - Antique Bronze and Antique Silver - \$90.00
- 12- Small Sitting Greyhound - 15'' high - Available in two finishes - Antique Bronze and Antique Silver - \$85.00

Special packaging & shipping available for all statues. Add \$15.00 for the protective packaging plus UPS charges. They are also available for pickup at our office.

<b>Greyhound Head &amp; Neck Warmer</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Greyhound Winter Coats</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Summer Soakers</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Greyhound Stuffed Toy(with squeaky)</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Greyhound On Board Sign (For your car)</b>	<b>3.00</b>
<b>Greyhound Sign ( I can make it to the fence in 3 seconds. Can you?)</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>License Plate Frames</b>	<b>6.00</b>
<b>New! - Notecards (Greyhound Mom &amp; her 9 puppies)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Greyhound Calendar ( Year 2000)</b>	<b>7.00</b>
<b>Cookie Cutters</b>	<b>4.00</b>
<b>10'' Greyhound Decal ( For car windows or sliding glass doors)</b>	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Twiggy &amp; Snowflake Books</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Ratzo Book</b>	<b>12.50</b>
<b>Greyhound Video ( A Walt Disney Production)</b>	<b>12.50</b>
<b>6'' Bronze Greyhound Bust</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>9'' Bronze Greyhound Bust</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Greyhound Stones</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Tee Shirts</b>	<b>5.00 - 15.00</b>
<b>Jewelry</b>	<b>10.00 - 60.00</b>

**AND LOTS MORE!**

## Greyhound Video Available

Several years ago Disney produced a movie about a greyhound. This is a wonderful story, enjoyable for both children and adults. Available at the Greyhound Store for \$10.00 plus shipping & handling.

## Greyhounds And Dental Care

Dental care is the most important health issue a greyhound has and the only issue that an adopter has almost full control over. Greyhounds come to our facility between 2½ - 4 years old. When we see them in surgery we can get a close up view of the condition of the teeth. Even the youngest need their teeth cleaned. Most greyhounds age 2½ and older show signs of periodontal disease. Often those signs are small ones, other times we see significant root exposure. Greyhounds of course have been eating high bacteria food (raw 4-D meat) most of their lives. Each day some of that 4-D meat will lie between the gum, tooth and lip; bacteria created will begin the formation of tartar. Once tartar is formed it's like a weed, it spreads. The problem is that it spreads upward as well as downward and tartar pushes back the dog's gum lining, the result is root exposure. Ultimately a large molar that has a V shaped root, you will be able to put a pencil point between the two roots. This opens the door to bacteria going into your greyhound's body 24 hours a day. By the way, you don't have to wait for it to get that bad to have adverse health effects. This affects the heart, liver and kidneys. Slowly but surely it's killing your greyhound. Most of the greyhounds we see with bad teeth are those adopted by adopters that choose to do nothing or almost nothing about the care of their greyhound's mouth or they rely on their veterinarian. Brushing teeth once a week has almost no benefits, think about once a day. We suggest to adopters once a month to pull their greyhound's lip up and inspect the canines in the front and molars in the back. A greyhound's teeth are supposed to be white. If you see brown, tan, yellow, or green you are seeing tartar. A few greyhounds may have grey shading or staining on their teeth; this may be a permanent condition. In the earliest stages unless you're looking closely, you may miss it. Sometimes it's just a thin brown line against the gum. Take my word, if you do nothing, slowly but surely tartar will encapsulate many of your greyhound's teeth. When was the last time you went to your veterinary clinic for shots and they cared to check your greyhound's mouth without you having to ask. Too often it gets to the point where you walk into the room where your greyhound is sleeping, and the odor hits you as you walk in the doorway. That didn't happen over night. It is a slow process, day after day its slowly getting worse. Tartar can become very thick. We have seen tartar over 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch in thickness. Clinically we often see Gingivitis or inflamed and swollen gums. This condition can be treated with antibiotics but will reoccur if your greyhound's teeth are not property treated.

How to deal with this problem, truly there are many answers. Brushing everyday is usually the most effective method, more than once a day you get a star on your grave marker. If you brush after the evening meal less food remains in your dog's mouth overnight. Sometimes a crunchy snack prior to brushing will do some of the cleaning work. If you have never cleaned your greyhound's teeth you may want to start with a finger brush. They are available at most pet stores or even your veterinarian. Get canine tooth paste, human toothpaste is not good for them. They usually like the flavor, this makes doing it easier. The more you do it, the easier it becomes. If you do well with a finger brush move on to a soft bristles brush also available at pet stores. Don't use a stiff bristle brush it will tear the gums up. If you don't brush daily try starting with a greyhound with clean teeth and once or twice a week use a Plaque Whacker. Plaque Whacker is a brush handle without bristles on the end; instead there is an abrasive surface that looks like an S.O.S. pad but a small one. If you use a Plaque Whacker on the canines and molars, you can keep 80% of tartar away. We sell them as well as some veterinarians. That does not mean your greyhound shouldn't have his teeth cleaned.

At least once a year teeth should be cleaned professionally, with some dogs every three months it is necessary. Your greyhound will most likely keep most of its teeth if you are diligent about the care of its mouth. At National Greyhound Adoption Program we will take in 600 boarders each year, in addition to the 500 plus we adopt. Each of the boarders visit our surgical rooms for ear cleaning and nail clipping. We will also check dogs teeth and most of them get what we call a "touch up". A "touch up" is best described as someone holding a greyhound down on a prep table while a technician ultrasonically cleans and polishes the greyhound's teeth. Polishing is very important it will hold back tartar accumulation much longer than just cleaning ultrasonically. It will make the surface of the tooth much smoother therefore there is less chance for tartar to take hold. Once greyhounds have root exposure, that exposure is a rough surface. Even polishing doesn't take away that roughness. Since we don't administer Anesthesia unless our vets are on site we will sometimes hand scale greyhounds that won't permit ultrasonic, but will allow hand scaling. Hand scaling is actually more difficult than the ultrasonic method. An experienced technician should only do it, since the chance of tearing the gum lining is always there. Hand scaling is not nearly as good as the ultrasonic method. The "touch up" procedure with ultrasonic is not quite as good as a cleaning with anesthesia, but it only costs \$35.00 and we do a pretty good job. At least 75% of greyhounds will permit us to use this method of cleaning, and behave well enough to do a good procedure. Those greyhounds that do not permit a non-anesthetic procedure but don't need extractions other than possible incisors will get a Domitor/Anesedin procedure. Domitor given IV will put a greyhound to sleep but not a deep sleep. The dog's heart rate will be reduced as a result of a Domitor. We have a significant time frame to do the procedure while the dog is sleeping and breathing naturally. This time allows us to cut nails way back to accommodate adopters who are negligent at nail clipping. When the procedure is complete Anesedin is administered either by IV or intramuscularly. A greyhound is then set on a mat on the floor and usually within 3-4 minutes will stand and be ready to go home. We charge \$65.00 for that procedure. We have done this Domitor/ Anesedin procedure over 400 times since late 1998 without any problems or reactions. We consider it low risk and their adopter can wait and take their greyhound home. General Anesthesia is used routinely when multiple extractions are necessary. We do not consider general anesthesia a high risk since we do 1,000 procedures under general anesthesia each year. Before administering anesthesia all dogs are given Rimadyl. It is not uncommon to see a 5-7 year old greyhound needing 10-15 extractions. Even when we extract over 10 teeth most dogs will eat the next meal offered. Swelling is rare but if it occurs the dog are treated with Prednosone. Multiple extractions over 10 will stay over night at no additional cost. We of course monitor temperature and administer antibiotics and Rimadyl post op. The most extractions ever done at one time was 38, that procedure was done on two greyhounds, both are fine and their recovery was normal. Both have healthy mouths and don't have bacteria going into their bloodstream every minute of everyday. A greyhound's canine teeth are generally treated differently then the rest of the teeth in a greyhound's mouth. We often see canines with extreme root exposure, the exposed surface has no enamel you might describe it as coarse sand paper finish even when cleaned it will attract tartar and bacteria in a week or two. Canines have a deep root and even though there is extreme exposure care must be taken while extracting to a sure that the jaw itself is not fractured. We recently began bonding root-exposed canines. Bonding is a procedure in most human dental offices to correct a wide variety of dental problems. When we do bonding we clean and polish the tooth we use a burr or grinding wheel to smooth the exposed area. The area is then treated with a gel that etches the tooth. After that treatment a bonding adhesive is applied then Ultra Violet (UV)

light cured. We then apply a bond or composite material, which is properly shaped and light cured. We believe this will now create smoothness similar to enamel and the canine will not be a receiver of tartar and bacteria. It should also eliminate swelling and gingivitis. Very few vets do this procedure normally you would need to go to a veterinarian dental specialist.

Most adopters when told that their greyhound needs multiple number of extractions done, will go into what I call "sticker shock", that number is too overwhelming for them. How will the dog tolerate so much pain? How will the dog be able to eat? The answer to those questions is quite easy and logical. A greyhound is not a wolf, it does not live in the wild, it doesn't have to catch its food and rip it apart. Its food is placed under its nose fully balanced for good nutrition. Most greyhounds do not chew their food they just gobble it down, the dog doesn't need teeth to gobble food down. The primary reason a greyhound needs to chew is when snacks are given. Why do we give snacks? To keep its teeth clean. No teeth, hence no need to give snacks, look at all the money you will save. Why do greyhounds need teeth at all? We know it will help keep their tongue in their mouth; some greyhounds without teeth can still keep their tongue in their mouth. All in all your greyhound will be much healthier if its mouth is healthy with or without teeth. One of my own greyhounds would never let us brush or clean his teeth so we always had to knock him down to do any work. My wife was surprised when I brought home a white tooth with black roots. Even if you clean a root-exposed tooth, leaving it leaves problems behind. If your veterinarian does not do a lot of extraction work and does not deal with oral hygiene the way we just described, it's time to find a veterinarian that will. Don't expect our pricing schedule from your veterinarian we are not profit driven. There are no excuses for putting off extractions, if an older greyhound is returned to us we will see it in surgery often the same day, so we can relieve the terrible fowl condition in its mouth. Old age has never caused us not to do dental work under general anesthesia. Last year someone sent us a 5-year-old greyhound from Florida, they proudly told us their vet cleaned its teeth. When we brought her in to be spayed, it was quite a laugh. Yes, the teeth were cleaned, yes they were white and yes we extracted 38 of them, her recovery was normal. Now they sit in a tiny clear jar, next to other jars with dirty, grungy, extractions. Those 38 teeth would not have stayed white for very long, and they would make the dog's mouth fowl again.

Every adoption program can get an ultrasonic dental machine for under \$1,000.00 and do the same procedure. We would be happy to show them how the procedure is done and how easy it is to keep a greyhounds mouth in good health. Finally try to compare your greyhound's mouth with your own. I personally have my teeth professionally cleaned 4 times a year. I brush daily, and floss and still it is an uphill battle to keep the status quo. Would you not clean your own teeth, not go to the dentist. Treat your greyhound the same way.

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## Annual Membership Registration

As our program gets larger, so does our mailing list and cost of preparation for mailings. Many of our adopters donate on an annual basis and have been subsidizing the mailing for adopters who have never donated. We must have subscribers to the newsletter on an annual basis in order to guarantee at least three newsletters per year. If you wish to continue receiving our newsletters you must subscribe NOW! Keep Up With The Greyhound Happenings!!

Subscriber Annual - \$15.00\_\_

Benefactor Annual - \$100.00\_\_

Sponsor Annual - \$25.00\_\_

Donor Annual - \$50.00\_\_

Life Member & Benefactor - \$1000.00\_\_

We Need Volunteers! If you would like to help in any of the below listed categories, please so indicate.

Transportation of dogs (vet, airport etc.)\_\_

Fund Raising \_\_

Walking the Dogs at the Kennel\_\_

Other\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City/State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with check made payable to N.G.A.P. to the above address. We also accept all major credit cards. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date\_\_\_\_\_

## Dewey Dental Contest

NGAP will have on display most but not all of the extractions over the last 6 months. It's a 'Guess How Many Contest'. The winner will have their choice of any NGAP Greyhound Statue.

\$1.00 per guess

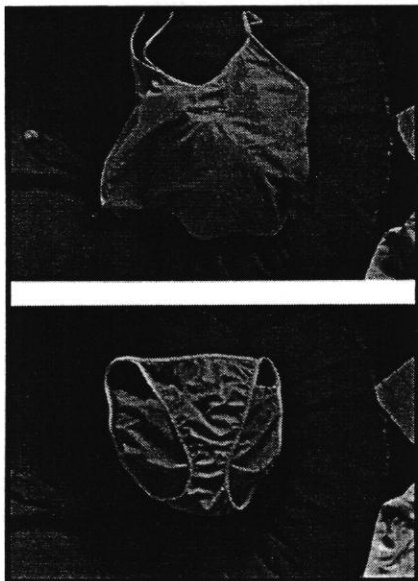
The same contest will be held at the Christmas Sale, with more teeth of course.

## NGAP Greyhound Statues

Our statues have been carefully crafted from original bronze pieces. Each piece is individually finished. It is important to know that if you bump these pieces that you may damage the finish which is gymsum. All of our statues have been carefully packaged to make sure they are not damaged when you receive it. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT RETURNS!**

## NGAP Embroidered Under Clothing

Only at National Greyhound Adoption Store!



**Get Really Close To A Greyhound!**



**Don't Forget To Stock Up On 2001 Calendars!**

Only \$7.00 at Dewey Beach and the Christmas Sale. All other times \$10.00 plus shipping

**“THE END”**



## Addition To Newsletter

Unfortunately much of the newsletter didn't get out before "Greyhounds Reach The Beach 2000", so we are including a small critique of the event.

### Greyhound Reach The Beach 2000 Dewey Beach, Delaware

This is unquestionably the largest greyhound event in the world. It is spectacular, from our view point. The most incredible part of Dewey is how the dogs act so normally in such large numbers. If you walk the beach at 8:30AM you see a back drop of sand, the ocean and greyhounds as far as the eye can see. It is truly moving and inspiring.

We only had to treat one greyhound injury, and that was because a German Shepherd bit a greyhound's tail, fortunately it wasn't a bad injury. If you want greyhound stuff, this is the place to go. There were at least 70 vendors selling greyhound wares. Of course we were the only one with greyhound underwear! We sold over 110 greyhound beds at \$30.00 each and we probably sold more of our light weight coats at \$20.00 each. The light weight coat normally sells for \$25.00 but this was a special Dewey price. It will be available for \$20.00 during our Christmas sale. If you think you would like to attend next year it is held every Columbus weekend. You will want to get a reservation now. Because most places in Dewey are already booked. You could also stay in Rehoboth which is the next town down the road. If you come Saturday just for the day, there are educational seminars, and plenty of greyhound stuff to buy. If you want to be inspired come to Dewey 2001.

## Greyhound Exercise

One Dewey greyhound died. The dog died because the owner let the dog run lose in an enclosed area with lots of other greyhounds. This dog was a couch potato, no longer in racing condition, this was to much exertion. This is a warning. Greyhounds no longer in racing condition shouldn't be able to wildly run with other greyhounds. The results can be disastrous. We would hope that they don't have this event or play area next year. Let your greyhound run at home in a controlled area, so they won't over do it and they'll be fine. National Greyhound Adoption Program is not fond of coursing. It is an activity for the fit, it can be dangerous. Why put your greyhound at risk.

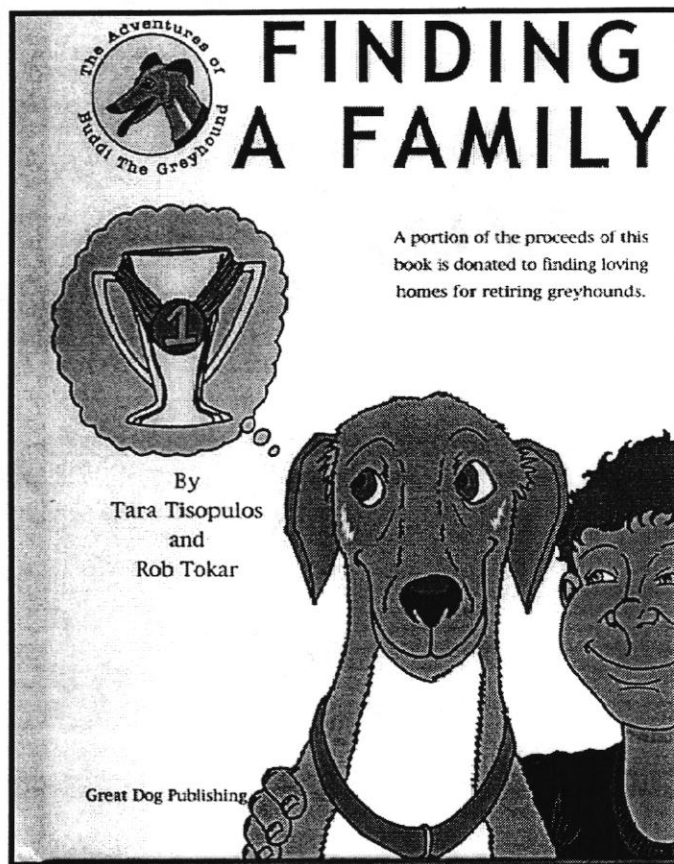
## Caught In The Net

Many adopters may not realize that NGAP's safe haven stretches across the United States. We of course take in greyhounds regularly from Florida, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and other large rescue scenarios. But if a single greyhound is out there and needs help to survive we will always be there. In the last week we have brought in three greyhounds from Minneapolis St. Paul, three greyhounds from St. Louis, and two puppies one who had a badly injured leg and on October 11, 2000 we had a greyhound flown in from Oklahoma. When we find someone willing to help save a greyhound we often go above and beyond to do it, and when a local program doesn't help we try to be there. At this point we have flown over 2,500 greyhounds since 1990. With your support we can continue this extraordinary effort.

## FINDING A FAMILY

(A Childrens Book)

Finding A Family is a book that was recently published for children. This book is about Buddi finding a new home. It's doesn't talk about the down side to greyhound racing. Your children will love to hear this story over and over. Available for \$15.00 plus shipping and handling.



## New Store Items A Big Hit At Dewey

Just before we went to Dewey we made up new embroidered items, and of course they were moderately priced. We now have long sleeve denim shirts with the adopt-A-greyhound. They come in small-extra large for only \$20.00. The same logo embroidered on a baseball cap for \$10.00. And sweat shirts are \$20.00. They come in ash (grey), blue, and maroon. they are available at the Christmas sale, "The Greyhound Store" and the of course over the phone.

## Decals, Decals, Decals!!!!

Everyone likes decals! We have had a small decal available, but we've made a giant step to large beautiful ones. This is perfect for the side of your car, sliding glass door, or where ever else you see fit. Most are sold as a set one for each side of your car. Also we will have large and small greyhound magnets available for the first time at the Virginia Beach Picnic, and then at "The Greyhound Store" and Christmas sale. At this printing of our newsletter we are still waiting for the best prices available.

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