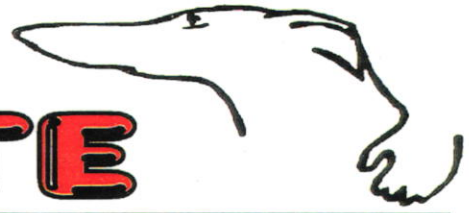


GREYHOUND UPDATE



A Newsletter From The National Greyhound Adoption Program
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Still The Cutting Edge

In the year 2001 NGAP continued to extend itself and do things that no one else has done. Our clinic and surgical facility continued to make giant strides as we learn how to keep greyhounds healthy throughout their lives. We now commonly see greyhounds between 10 and 15 years old that other veterinary facilities are afraid to touch. They often stumble in but generally leave with a spring in their step and a glint in their eye. Much of that has to do with dentistry and the NGAP approach to dental care. Put simply, if we can't fix it by cleaning and bonding we extract it. Greyhounds do fine without teeth and they are much healthier without badly infected root exposed teeth. The swelling leaves their gums and they always feel better fast. The results of multiple extractions show us such immediate response that we continue to be amazed ourselves.

The surgical facility has additional new equipment to make our tasks easier. This year in addition to our CBC Analyzer, we will have in-house chemistry so there will be no waiting for diagnostic results. When NGAP began doing surgery on greyhounds over five years ago fully 100% of the work we did was for greyhounds we prepared for adoption. Now 50% of our time is spent in the care of adopted greyhounds. We have had people drive for many hours so that their greyhounds could be seen by NGAP. We're very proud of that and we're very proud of the level of care that we give to every greyhound that visits our facility. This year a new research study will begin having to do with thyroid supplementation and coagulation. It will be done with a veterinary university and we are all excited about the potential results.

Things have changed at the kennel facility as well, there is more paving to make parking easier, the main exercise or turn-out area now has one continuous pad appropriately sloped with excellent drainage. The front kennel now not only has a new concrete pad with excellent drainage but it is heated to alleviate winter and snow issues. We expect to give the entire facility a fresh coat of paint this year.

NGAP continues to be a strong advocate of greyhounds and is continuously involved in rescue and legislative issues throughout the year. We now have seven full size billboards in the greater Philadelphia area that seeks adoption as well as car donation. A new color copier was used for the first time for the newsletter and it can fully illustrate and enhance our message.

National Greyhound Adoption Program Recognized By The North American Veterinary Conference

Since 1991 NGAP has attended the largest veterinarian conference in the United States. The purpose of attending this large conference is to continually disseminate information about greyhound adoption and also solicit donations from the large corporate entities in the vendor area. This has always been a worthwhile conference for us to attend. This year conference Director Dr. Colin Burrows has agreed to have NGAP Director David Wolf speak for an hour and a half regarding the medical issues we see. NGAP now sees more greyhounds for medical treatment than any other facility in the United States. We have amassed a wide range of experience regarding greyhound care. This is one of the best opportunities to pass this information on to practicing veterinarians.

Our Own "2003 NGAP Calendar"

Send in your BEST photo's. Winners will be selected by our photo committee. Winners will receive a t-shirt printed with the selected calendar photo.

North American Veterinary Conference 2002

Each year since the mid 80's the NAVC is held in Orlando Florida. It is a time for those skilled veterinarians in different fields to pass on advanced education to veterinarians that attend from around the country. It is a time when vendors who sell veterinary products from surgical instruments to vaccines can show their wares. It is now the largest veterinary conference in the United States. This year there were probably over 14,000 veterinarians, veterinary technicians and exhibitors in attendance. For the first time ever there was a specific session on greyhound health issues as part of the conference. The speaker like many others submitted a three page manuscript to be published in the proceedings manual for all those in attendance to take home and read as summary of the lecture.

Another unusual part of the lecture of one hour and forty-five minutes is that it was given by a non-veterinarian. David Wolf, Director of National Greyhound Adoption Program spoke and was well received by veterinarians. NGAP now does more surgery on greyhounds than probably any other facility in the United States and it was appropriate that David Wolf who has been dealing with greyhound health issues since 1990 was the speaker. The primary subjects under discussion were coagulation, pain modification, thyroid supplementation, anesthesia, dentistry, nail clipping, separation anxiety, epilepsy and literally anything else that vets asked about. It was noteworthy that greyhound health issues have finally become a part of a conference of this magnitude.

Copies of NGAP Director, David Wolf's manuscript can be found on their website at www.ngap.org

Can You Top This?

It would appear that as bad as the conditions are in greyhound racing, things seem to get worse. In mid October we received a shipment of greyhounds from Fort Myers Florida. We don't seem to have good luck when the greyhounds come from Fort Myers. NGAP Director David Wolf arrived as the truck was leaving after dropping off 16 greyhounds. The driver was in a hurry, even after 25 hours on the road, refused to let the remaining greyhounds off-load to relieve themselves and drink. Some were going on to Massachusetts, still a long way off. I noted that all of the vents were open. It was a cold morning and I wondered why. Had they been open since they left Florida, even in the cold of the evening hours? After taking a quick look at the dogs in the yards, I saw one black male off by himself lying in the corner. This was not normal. We immediately brought him back into surgery. The whole back of his body was colored in bloody feces. He could barely walk. You could see hematomas on the surface of his skin indicating internal bleeding. We immediately started I. V. fluids, without immediate intervention we knew he would die and even with it, his condition was so poor that we could not be sure what his chances were.

The doctors arrived and it was immediately determined he would receive a transfusion. Bobbie Gunning brought in Alonzio who has been used in the past to save other greyhounds. In the meantime our patient named Bear continued to throw up and on few occasions actually threw up roundworms. I have never seen this before happen to a greyhound. When we initially started to work on him it took about 15 minutes of wiping him down with warm wet towels to clean him up. Bear received 4000 liters of fluids that day and 2000 the next. By day three, Bear began eating, slowly regaining his strength and wagging his tail. He has made a full recovery.

Bear was not the only dog we had to treat that day. Six greyhounds were put on I. V. fluids – all 16 were dehydrated. Chester, another big black beautiful male, although he was not as sick as Bear, took longer to recoup. He is now doing well. You wonder what would have happened if those dogs went somewhere else. We wonder how poorly they were treated before they were put on the truck to come to Philadelphia. We wonder why the USDA continues to turn its back on animals that so definitively need regulation as they are transported.

PASSING THE WORD ALONG

Over the last several years our surgical facility and clinic has grown substantially and we now spend at least as much time caring for greyhounds that have already been adopted as well as those greyhounds in need of adoption. We do more anesthesia than any other facility in the United States. We unquestionably do more dentistry on greyhounds than anywhere in the United States. We will be expanding the hours that the doctors will be available. If you have come to our facility and are happy with it tell other greyhound adopters even if they are from other greyhound programs. We are certainly more economical than any other facility because our primary motive is to give good care and develop good techniques for those greyhounds that visit us. If your greyhound needs to stay with us a day or so after surgery there is no charge. We of course see other breeds as well, especially in the area of dentistry. It is usually worth the extra time it takes to come to us many times over.

"Jewel"

Jewel arrived from Hollywood Florida with 15 other greyhounds approximately December 17, 2001. She was a pretty brindle female, she had big a smile, she was born July 1999. She seemed to be doing fine but when she entered surgery for spaying we noticed swollen glands and unusually large red rings around her nipples. Her coagulation or clotting time was not very good and we subsequently did not spay her.

A few days after that the doctors and NGAP Director David Wolf left to attend the North American Veterinarian Conference in Orlando Florida. When we arrived we received a call from Philadelphia that Jewel was ill and was taken to an outside veterinarian for care. We cannot complain about the care she was given in our absence. When we returned she was still ill, not eating well and had swollen glands. We did extensive diagnostic testing and she was given a blood transfusion. Additionally, a few days later she was given I.V. fluids and she seemed to perk up a bit. But two days later it was apparent that she would not survive and she was quietly put to sleep at our facility. She is not the first greyhound to get sick after a long trip from Florida, nor will she be the last. We pride ourselves on being able to bring those dogs that arrive ill back to good health and go to great lengths to do that.

Jewel, not 2 ½ years old was caught up in an industry that does not care about its canine athletes. They don't care once they stop winning how many they kill. They don't care to ensure that every greyhound is adopted and they rarely give them satisfactory medical treatment. We are now trying to get the State of Florida to pass humane treatment legislation, adoption legislation and legislation that will close Florida's "kill tracks". We have been trying to do this every legislative session since 1992, but the legislators of Florida don't care about Jewel either. They care about jobs, mostly their own! They care about Florida's slumping economy, but they just don't care to make those canine athletes running for their lives in their state just a little bit better. We will remind them about Jewel.

Epilepsy In Greyhounds

Epilepsy in greyhounds is a factor we need to deal with. I cannot estimate what percentage of greyhounds will become epileptic, but I believe it is probably at least 1 %. Most of the greyhounds when they come to us are not epileptic, although on a few rare occasions, greyhounds shortly after their arrival have begun having seizures. Can it be stressed induced after a hard trip up? I don't know. Although we do basic bloodwork after an initial seizure on a new or already adopted greyhound, bloodwork has never turned up any indication of anything else and the majority of those dogs having seizures are epileptic. Most of them have responded well to Phenobarbital treatment, some are on Phenobarbital and Potassium Bromide in combination. We have one adopter with three epileptic greyhounds.

There seems to be no particular age when the epilepsy begins. Greyhounds as young as three years old have gotten it and some after six years old have gotten it. My son has a 95 lb. eleven year old greyhound that is on 1.5 grams b.i.d. and rarely has seizures and the seizures that he does have are relatively mild. I personally believe after an initial exam to supply an adopter with a small number of Phenobarbital tablets to be available on the next occurrence. If your greyhound is epileptic let us know.

Only A Phone Call Away

We're often notified after the fact when one of our greyhounds was just put to sleep. A recent call from an adopter under those circumstances leads to this article.

She had just put her greyhound to sleep, it was bleeding from the rectum. Her Veterinarian said, her dogs platelets count was unusually low and she didn't know if a transfusion would help. It's easy for us to second guess a veterinarian, but we do know that we see healthy greyhounds with horribly low platelet counts. We do know that more often than not transfusions save lives and we do in-house transfusions on a routine basis at a nominal cost. We do know we could have offered some suggestions on appropriate treatment if called.

Adopters whether they be NGAP or not can always call for free advice whether they like it or not. Advice is based on 13 years of adoption and medical experience and the fact that we now see more greyhounds in surgery and treatment than anywhere in the United States. To be honest our advice most often is to treat what you see and if the greyhound is going to get better the treatment will make it better. Spending thousands of dollars on diagnostic work will only sometimes tell you why your greyhound is dying and it will sometimes not even do that.

It is my belief that veterinarians should immediately give treatment based on what they see and if diagnostic work is being done, don't wait for it to come in before treatment begins. We have seen times when the results of the diagnostic work came in and the greyhound was already better or already dead. We will be happy to advise you based on our experience whether you take that advice or not is up to you.

Oh, If We Only Had An Orthopedic Surgeon!

About three years ago we invested in all the equipment to do in-house orthopedic surgery. Dr. Spencer Johnston, a teaching surgeon at Virginia Technical Veterinarian School drove to Philadelphia and performed our first orthopedic surgery. Since that time we have only performed one additional surgery in-house and have occasionally used out-sourced orthopedic surgeons. Anyone who has used an orthopedic surgeon knows this is very expensive. Even as a non-profit with substantial discounts it is very expensive.

We recently brought in a young greyhound named Elsie who at a very young age injured her wrist and her leg was no longer straight. She and Waltz went to Veterinarian Specialties in Langhorne for surgery. Both surgeries went well but Waltz had a tumor on her leg where she was getting a crus ligament repaired. It turns out that the tumor was malignant and her long-term prognosis was not good. We had one option if we wanted to save her and that was to amputate her rear leg. Although we have amputated front legs before this was our first experience with rear leg amputation. Surgery went well. Waltz had one very bad night and we will now adjust our pain modification protocol so that this will never happen again.

Dr's. Patel came especially on a Thursday to perform her surgery, by the end of Friday she was able to stand on her feet. By Saturday when we changed the dressing we noted how well Waltz was doing. On Sunday you could see her rolled over on her back with her three remaining legs spread apart. Her recovery has been incredible. We did give her a transfusion on Friday and we're sure it helped. We are not sure what her long-term prognosis will be but if you look at her today you would never know we amputated her leg less than a week ago. Our prayers go out to Waltz.

"Waltz"

Waltz arrived from Ocala Florida, September 1, 2001. She was spayed September 11, 2001. While she was there we noticed she was limping. The normal treatment for inflammation did not work. X-rays were done and we believed she needed crus ligament surgery. When the surgery was done on October 10, 2001 the doctor found a growth in the leg. It was biopsied and found to be a cancerous tumor. So now after spending \$1,200.00 to repair the leg we had to amputate it. The amputation was done by our doctors shortly after it was discovered she had cancer. Since then she has recovered extremely well.

She lived with our caretakers for a time and then Jackie and Gary Dornhoefer offered to foster her in early April 2002. It took but a few days and our foster agreement was thrown out. The Dornhoefers are keeping her! We saw her recently showing off at a pet show in Atlantic City. Thus far Waltz's prognosis is excellent thanks to the Dornhoefers. She has the good life - even if she only has three legs. (See photo)



Test Your Greyhound Knowledge How much do you know about all things Greyhound? Take this quiz and find out!

1. Why were Greyhounds introduced into America?
2. How many states have made Greyhound racing legal? Can you name them?
3. What organization has copyrights to the slogan "Go Greyhound?"
4. What one-time french perfume bottle manufacturer went on to make hood mascots which included a greyhound?
5. What mythological Goddess is often pictured with greyhounds by her side?
6. What proverb of the King James Bible mentions a greyhound? Can you quote the proverb?
7. The Tucson Greyhound Park's grading system classification is A, B, C, D, and M. What does "M" stand for and what does it mean?
8. What English author from the 1300's mentions greyhounds in his most famous piece of literature?
9. What is the word for Greyhound in French?
10. What year was the trademark Greyhound hood ornament added to the Ford Lincoln?
11. If a greyhound runs at an average rate of 47 m.p.h., how long will it take him or her to run 329 miles?


(Answers on page 7)





“SANTA MAKES A BIG HIT AT CHRISTMAS SALE”


Santa (A.K.A. Dick Behringer) visited the NGAP kennel Christmas sale for the first time and was a big hit. About 35 adopters along with their greyhounds had their photo taken with Santa. Gail, Tony and Courtney Tereszczuk brought all of their greyhounds for a big Santa photo.

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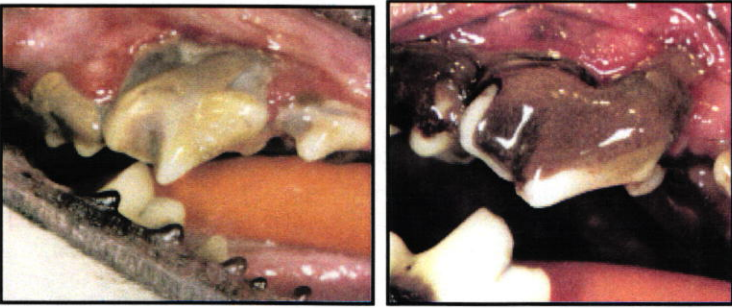
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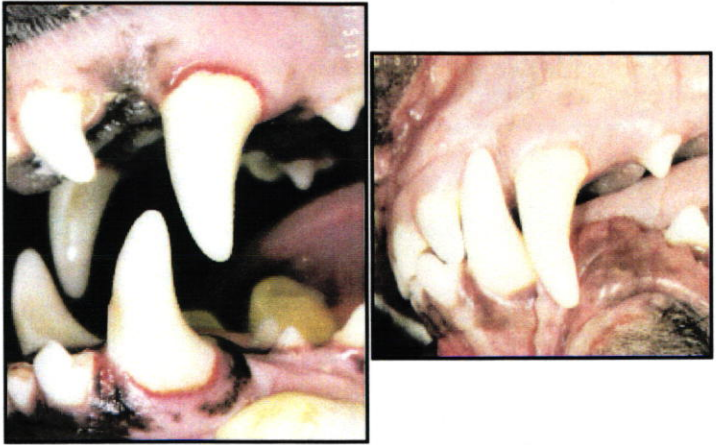
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This flyer was distributed to every Florida Legislator This Past Legislative Session

Does Your Greyhounds Teeth Look Like This?



Come To NGAP And They'll Look Like This!



We need volunteers to break down flea product packages for shipments to Spain. Call the office if you can help!

Relying On The "L"

Many people have either a medical or behavior problem with their greyhound and they immediately go on the internet and seek advice from other adopters. Most of the time they accept this advice from people that have one, two, three, four or maybe even five greyhounds. Often their advice is limited to their experience with those greyhounds in their home.

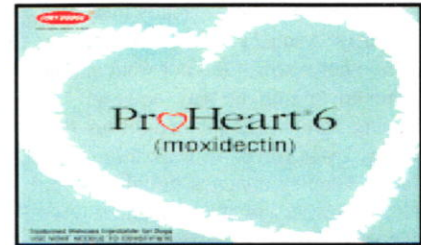
I remember a few years back someone being critical of our use of thyroid supplements because in their belief it had adversely affected the health of their greyhound. They were so off base it was really a shame. But other people may have taken that advice based on limited knowledge. If you plan to get advice on behavior or health issues, get it from someone who has been around a long time and deals with behavior and health issues on hundreds or thousands of greyhounds. That advice may be tempered by the statement that it usually works on most greyhounds but there are always exceptions to the rule.

Lyme Disease & Deer Ticks

Last year I attended a seminar about lyme disease and I came away with the feeling that not only is lyme disease here to stay but it will continue to become a larger problem each year. Since I personally handle so many greyhounds and now live in a home that adjoins a wooded area, not only do my pets get lymevax shots but I do also (of course not the same shot). Although the shot for lyme disease is not 100% we have not seen any health related problems from giving it and we have given lyme shots to all our greyhounds for the past three years. It is now up to you to follow up with booster shots annually. You can certainly get them from NGAP of any veterinary facility.

In Case You Haven't Noticed

There is a new product on the market to deal with heartworm. It's quick, it's simple and it's once every 6 months. Fort Dodge Animal Health a company that has been a strong supporter of NGAP has come out with an injection heartworm medication. You need to use it once every 6 months and you don't have to deal with either pills or topical applications. It's quick and easy but it must be administered by a veterinarian. It does not deal with other parasites either internal or external, so you would need to still purchase a product for fleas and ticks as well as preventive medication for roundworm and hookworm.



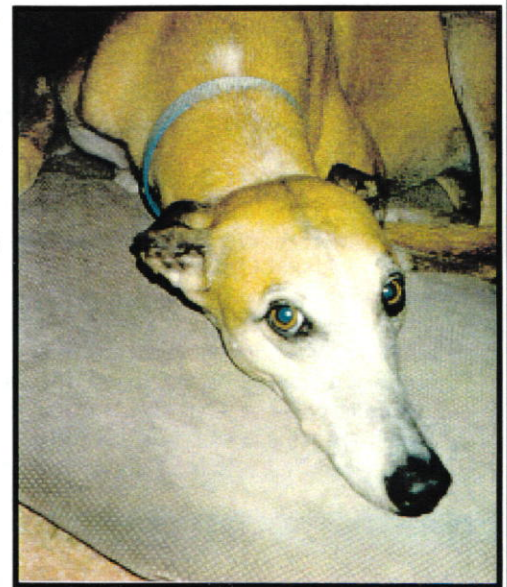
Memories

Most people do not know we were once known as **DVRRGA** or Delaware Valley Retired Racing Greyhound Association. That was our original moniker. Adopters would meet us at the Philadelphia International Airport or in some cases we would ship a greyhound to another airport and we would not be there at all. No neutering, no dental work, no shots, no nothing! Just a wonderful greyhound.

I was reminded of our humble beginnings when we received a donation from Jeffrey and Kimberly Zagiell, adoption #45 formerly known as **Dare To Lead**, she was 18 months old on December 22, 1990 from Hollywood Florida to Philadelphia. Her health certificate was signed by (my now good friend) Dr. Peter Fernandes. It was so good to hear from the Zagiell's and it was so good to hear that **Socks** is still well and it was so good to remember back.



Socks "1991"



Socks "2001"

Moving? Got A New Area Code, New Phone Number? Has your name changed? Don't Forget to call or write with the information. If your dog is lost, we can't help without good information on file!

MERCI & THE TWITCH KIDS

Being very active volunteers for the National Greyhound Adoption Program, Sue, Pam, Iris & I have many occasions to walk through the kennel to see who's new, who's old, who's coming in, and who's going out to their new home. It was always me who admonished, "don't catch one's eye-you'll be doomed!"

It had been 6 months since I lost my Black Labradors, "my girls", and I was quite content being alone with my only greyhound, my big bad boy, my Hershey Bar. He was quite a handful and I just wasn't ready for another greyhound. Plus, I had just been promoted at work and had a really demanding job. Also, we were starting up Adoption Days in the Spring where we live in South Jersey and we were really busy planning our 1st Annual Greyhound Picnic, etc. etc. In other words, I did not want another greyhound, "uh-uh, no way, no how!!!"

Having brought Hershey up for his shots one day, I was forced to walk through the kennel. Keeping my eyes straight ahead, I trudged through and almost made it when, WHAM!, there I was looking into the biggest, brownest, saddest eyes belonging to the most forlorn little face I had every seen! They reeled me right in! I noticed the date of arrival on the crate. It was 2 months earlier - how come??

Okay, so I disobeyed my own orders. I spent that night tossing and turning and drowning in those eyes. The phone calls were inevitable. First, I called Sue, my "greyhound anonymous" person, who could always be counted on to render the sanest opinion. I call her my "voice of reason". She was, as ever, a big help. Her solution was to offer to drive up with me to pick him up! No help there.... The call to NGAP was worse. I was told he had come up from Florida having severe epileptic seizures, several each day, despite increasing doses of Phenobarbital. Our veterinarians felt it was just a matter of regulating his dosage, adjusting his medications and moving him out of a stressful situation into a stable, secure environment. This all translated into a home....

Since I'm a Pharmacist and my Hershey is an epileptic who had been on Phenobarbital for nearly 2 years at that point, I felt I was qualified to provide that home. Seizures don't scare me, although you never get used to them. It's the thing that they come with no warning! I am also well aware of the importance of adhering to a strict schedule when it comes to medication. Our director, David Wolf, has always said there's a home for every greyhound, and I also believe that!

But I'm sure Reeses, actually "Reeses Peanut Butter Pup", would have had a tough time finding someone willing to put up with the "shake, rattle & roll" stuff and the dosing schedule. But for anyone considering a hard-to-adopt dog, please don't be scared to take on the challenge! I can't begin to tell you how rewarding it's been! We increased his Phenobarb to 120 mg twice a day, added Potassium Bromide drops twice a day, and after a T-4 test, added Soloxine to the regimen. The incidence of seizures decreased from 2 to 3 a week, sometimes 2 a day, down to a mild "spell" every few weeks. At one point he went 5 months without a major incident!

And can I tell you how he learned to play with his fuzzies, flinging them through the air and pouncing gleefully on them! He runs with Hershey in the yard, nipping and yipping all the time! He's a little bit clumsy and a lot goofy, by oh, those eyes! How they've changed since I first fell into them! No more sadness, no more unhappiness, no more bad memories - just a lot love, and oh so happy! So to those of you who still have only one greyhound, I say "go for it"! We all want the perfect dog, the perfect child, the perfect life, but sometimes it just doesn't work out that way. I haven't regretted my decision for even one moment, but no, I don't want a third greyhound - I will not walk through the kennel, uh-uh, not me, no way, no how!

P.S. Okay, so it's a year later and I have my third GREYHOUND! Her name is Princess Hershey Kisses (notice a theme here?), she's a 5-year old red brindle, like Reeses, missing a toe and is a little gimpy. She beats up on her brothers and absolutely rules the roost! Her tail hasn't stopped wagging since the day I got her! Oh, yes, she's also epileptic..... Most people don't realize that these epis are basically as healthy as the rest, and with the proper care and correct medicine, they can lead a long and happy life giving years of pleasure to those of us lucky enough to adopt them! And isn't it cute how I can now sign my name, "Merci & the Twitch Kids"? As for me, I'm staying away from the kennel - no more, uh-uh, not me, no way, no how.....The End.....

Has your name, address, phone number or area code changed? Don't miss out on greyhound news because we don't have up-to-date information!

Taking Your Dog On Vacation Will It Be Fun Or A Nightmare?

Taking your dog with you wherever you go can be a wonderful experience for you and your dog. It can also be life threatening or even worse. Before you walk out the door good identification on your greyhound is your first line of defense. Keeping in mind that if you go on vacation, your address may be different, so either a separate tag with a cell number or a VoiceTags (which NGAP sells) is important. VoiceTags are written up separately in the newsletter.

Making sure that NGAP has your current address is certainly important and taking great care to be sure that where your dog is on the loose is well contained. We receive numerous calls each year about greyhounds that are lost and found by others but have poor identification. Be careful we want your greyhound to come home with you safe and sound.

Free At Last

Racing days are over
Thought the pain would go away
But soon I learned a different fate
Was headed straight my way.

He reached his hands into my cage
and pushed me out once more
I glanced at all my weary friends
As he lead me out the door.

It hurts to walk; it hurts to stand
Been through all I can endure
But all my pains are nothing that
Somebody's love could cure.

I'm pushed against a concrete wall
And know I've failed the test
He said I wasn't fast enough
And reached into his vest.

I close my eyes and cower
As I shake, my senses dull
Then I feel the barrel of a gun
Against my skull.

Isn't there a better way
to entertain a crowd?
But my thoughts are interrupted
By a noise so hard and loud.

I'm just another failure
Racing to my final day
And sometime all the winners
Will lose a race someday.

They call it an "exciting sport"
They say that it's humane
But a sport that always end in death
To me, is not a game.

Submitted By: Lynn Kargol

Answers To Test Your Greyhound Knowledge (from page 3)

- 1- Greyhounds were introduced into America to help farmers control jackrabbit population. (add 5 points for a correct answer)
- 2- Seventeen states have made greyhound racing legal - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Nevada and South Dakota do not offer live greyhound racing, but allow wagering on simulcasts. (AGC) (If you guessed the number of states is 17, add 10 points. Add an additional 2 points for every state you named correctly.)
- 3-The organization that has copyrights to the slogan "Go Greyhound" is Greyhound Lines, Inc. In 1930 the company formerly known as Motor Transit officially became Greyhound Corporation with the "running dog" as its trademark. In 1999, the company was purchased by Laidlaw Inc., a Canadian based corporation. (Add 10 points to a correct answer)
4. The one time french perfume bottle manufacturer that went on to make hood mascots which included a Greyhound was - Rene Lalique, who manufactured a greyhound hood mascot from 1928-1939. According to Tony Wraight of Finesse-Fine-Art, it was not used specifically for any car, but just as an accessory. It's original cost was around £5 (about \$7.00), and he has just sold one for £3500 (about \$7,000) at major USA auction. (add 20 points for a correct answer)
- 5.The mythological Goddess usually pictured with a Greyhound at her side is - the Greek Goddess Artemis, known to the Romans as Diana. She is know as the Greek Goddess of the Hunt, and is the daughter of Zeus and Leto and twin sister to Apollo. (add 10 points for a correct answer of Diana. Add another 15 points for a correct answer of Artemis)
6. A Greyhound is mentioned in Proverbs 30:29 - 31, King James Version of the Bible - "There be three things which go well, yea, which are comely in going; A lion, which is strongest among beasts and turneth not away for any; A greyhound; A he-goat also." (add 10 points for correctly answering the Proverb number, add another 15 points if you can quote the proverb without looking it up)
7. The Tucson Greyhound Park grading system classifies "M" as maiden, it means - that a greyhound has not won any official race at a pari-mutuel facility supervised by a regulatory agency. (add 5 points if you answered that "M" stands for Maiden and another 5 if you knew what it means)
8. The English author from the 1300's who mentions greyhound in his famous piece of literature is Geoffrey Chaucer in the Canterbury Tales. In the prologue describing the Monk, Chaucer writes: "Therefore he was a prickasour aright. Greyhounds he had as swift fowl in flight of pricking and of hunting for the hare was all his lust, for no cost would he spare." (189-192) (add 10 [points if you answered Chaucer correctly, add another 5 points for knowing that it was in The Canterbury Tales).
9. Greyhound in French is - Levrier (add 10 points if you answered correctly)
- 10.The greyhound hood ornament was added to the Lincoln in 1925 - The design was selected by Edsel Ford, and produced by the Gorham Silver Company. (add 10 points if you answered correctly)
- 11.If a greyhound runs at an average rate of 47 m.p.h., it will take 7 hours to run 329 miles (don't try this with your Grey!) (add 10 points if you answered correctly)

Scoring

If you score is 0-63: You are definitely on your way to becoming a true greyhound wizard! Adopting a greyhound would add to your store of knowledge about this lovable creature. If your score is 64-126, you are obviously well acquainted with the greyhound and you know a lot about them, but adopting a (another) grey will help complete your lessons. If your score is 127-189, you are a true greyhound genius and your vast store of knowledge could be put to good use by adopting a greyhound or two.

The Winner - By Debra Raskin

A life at least beyond my crate
the turn out pen and starting gate.
No muzzle strapped around my head
a smile for you I wear instead.

The endless days of sleep and rest
required of me to pass each test.
To run the fastest, be the best
while making money for all the rest.

Pulling tendons, muscle tears,
Breaking bones,
its tough out there!

Another senseless victory
for one of you, but not for me.
Around we race and always end,
back in our crates and turn out pens.

But now I am romping in the sun
at my own pace and just for fun.
And in my eyes the love you see
comes from the very soul of me.

Its by your side I'll always be,
so thank you friend for choosing me.

Weekend Coffee & Cake Sponsorship

Every Saturday and Sunday we always have a good number of volunteers to walk our greyhounds, weather permitting of course. We have some regulars that come every weekend, without naming names we wish to thank them for their weekly efforts. We think of greyhound walking as good for the greyhounds and good for the walkers as well. NGAP director, David Wolf thought it might be nice to reward walkers with coffee and cake and juice for these weekly events. We have gotten some initial support from WAWA and Entenmanns and hope to get other company support going forward. If you would like to sponsor coffee and cake and juice for our weekend walkers the cost should be around \$15.00 a weekend and we will make up a notice noting that you are the weekly sponsor. If you wish to make a donation for this purpose specify "weekly walkers treat" on your check. Still make check payable National Greyhound Adoption Program. Thank you.

Winners of the "2001" Raffle In Virginia Beach

1st Prize - Teresa Tatem of Va Beach
\$500.00

2nd Prize - Linda Church of Va. Beach
\$300.00

3rd Prize - Clarence Miller of Elmira, NY
\$100.00 Gift Certificate (Circuit City)

4th Prize - Joe Duffee of Va. Beach
Turner Statue

5th Prize - Wayne Champigny of Va Beach
Gold Chain

6th Prize - Kevin Kellman of Va Beach
Gold Bracelet

7th Prize - S. Hunter of Va Beach
Hotel weekend for two
Congratulations to all of the prize winners. Once again our affiliates, Sam & Gay Latimer and all their volunteers have done a fantastic job in organizing and planning their annual picnic. All proceeds benefit our greyhounds!

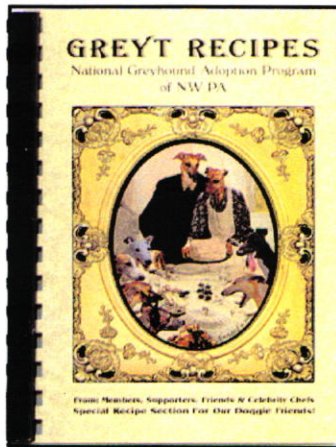
NEW STUFF AT NGAP



Decorative Greyhound Box - A classy additions to your home. 11-1/2" long, 6-1/2" wide, 7-1/2" high - \$60.00 plus \$7.50 shipping & handling.



VoiceTag - Te only re-recordable ID Tag. Record up-to-date info that would benefit your pet if it were lost. \$25.00 plus \$3.95 shipping & handling.



Greyt Recipes Cookbook - Both people and doggie recipes. Also includes recipes from a number of famous celebrities. Produced by Ruth Sprague, NGAP's affiliate in Erie, PA. \$12.00 plus \$2.95 shipping and handling.



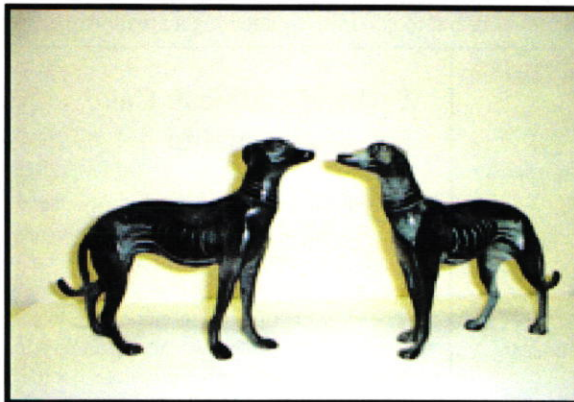
New Greyhound Statue - 30" high - Looks like Bronze! \$100.00 plus \$25.00 shipping and handling.



New Embroidered Design Sweatshirt In many different colors. It has become our best seller. Med-XL \$25.00 XXL-\$30.00 plus shipping



Coming Soon!
Greyhound Hood Ornament
Let us know if you would be interested in buying this item.



Solid Bronze Statue Closeout!
Stands 5 1/4" Tall
\$15.00 each plus shipping

Also Coming Soon!
Greyhound Soap

Our Beds Are Better Than Ever! All new fabric! Round or Rectangle \$33.00 Plus Shipping

PRESS RELEASE

Spanish Greyhounds Fly 3000 Miles To A Safe Place And A Real Home!

On April 16, 2002, two galgos (Spanish greyhounds) will complete their journey from Medina del Campo, Spain to their interim destination – National Greyhound Adoption Program. These two galgos are coming from Scooby Refuge, a rescue facility in Spain, that presently have over 450 galgos awaiting rescue. Galgos are used for hunting in Spain and at the end of each hunting season the Spanish people in the countryside in a long standing tradition would simply destroy their canine hunters. It is a barbaric tradition because most of the dogs are hung by the neck. There are many photographs of large groups of greyhounds hanging in wooded areas.

Ever so slowly the Spanish government is beginning to respond to the outcries from across the world of this inhumane barbaric execution. Galgos are very similar to greyhounds, most of them look exactly the same except the way they carry their ears. A few will have long fuzzy coats incased in the same body style.

This flight marks the first time galgos have actually arrived at Philadelphia International Airport. National Greyhound Adoption Program had brought ten galgos in last year having to go to JFK in New York to retrieve them. These two galgos are being brought in by two ladies Linda Pioggia and Mary Alice Class who have spent the last week working at the rescue facility in Spain. They are stopping here on their way home to Albany, New York.

This is a touching story. Your heart goes out to these needy canines when you see the picture of how they are housed, in cramped quarters, unmuzzled, all looking for a home. If you wish to cover this story please contact David Wolf, Executive Director National Greyhound Adoption Program at 215-331-7918 or cell #215-768-4023 or e-mail - ngap@ix.netcom.com

Flight information:

Date – Arrive Tuesday April 16, 2002

Time – 4:15 PM

USAIR Flight #11 Terminal A – dogs will be brought in to the passenger passenger area of the terminal.

From Philadelphia International Airport they will be at the National Greyhound Adoption Program Kennel located at 4800 Wingate Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19137.

P.S. The galgos both about 2 years old are named Liberty and Chance. Refer to previous submission.

*** This is a copy of the press release that went out to the news media last month.
See photo on page 10.**



Picture taken at Galgo refuge in Spain.
One picture is worth a thousand words!

Shame On You!

University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School – Dean Allan Kelly.

We don't consider ourselves a fledgling organization. We believe that we are innovative in what we do and always look to work with others as we look ahead. The University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School appears to have no interest in us whatsoever and have no interest in reaching out in any way, shape or form. We recently called once again, to see if they were interested in supporting our orthopedic surgery or working with us in the thyroid study. Common courtesy would have gotten us at least a call from a receptionist, saying thank you we're not interested. The University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School failed even in that regard. **SHAME ON YOU!**

Governor Jane Swift of Massachusetts - signed into law additional concessions to greyhound racing. Last year the electorate in Massachusetts almost ended greyhound racing, only 51% of Massachusetts' voters supported its continuation. Grey2K the fledgling organization that worked to outlaw greyhound racing was up against an industry that spent millions to influence Massachusetts' voters. The governor believes 8,000 people have employment opportunities in greyhound racing. Why don't they get real jobs! **SHAME ON YOU GOVERNOR SWIFT!**

Cynthia Branigan – has once again made our Shame On You List. She has edited a new book called Living With A Greyhound. For this Shame On You I will solely mention chapter 2 – Understanding Racing Dogs. If you would read this you would never believe that the greyhounds we receive are the same greyhounds that are written about in this chapter. If these greyhounds are so well taken care of, why do they come to us with fleas and ticks and worms and injuries? I will quote from one paragraph. “In some cases a greyhound may need rehoming (adoption) because he is not good enough to race.” Every greyhound needs rehoming, not some. The use of the word retirement is incorrect, former racing greyhounds would be more appropriate. Retirement is for the old like myself not for the young. For putting your name on this misleading information, **SHAME ON YOU!**

National Greyhound Association – to understand this shame on you, a little background is needed. There are now people all over the United States who are willing to help older greyhounds that have been used for breeding, whether they be males or females. They want to give them a few good years on the sofa. Each year the NGA holds an auction, where they auction off mostly young dogs going into racing. But some owners will try to get every last penny out of their greyhound and auction a 7 year old, 8 year old, 9 year old or even a 10 year old brood bitch. Cynthia Cash of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, greyhound advocate extraordinaire found one old girl that was about to be auctioned off. She contacted the owner and had him agree that if she was not sold for at least \$1,000.00, he would give her up for adoption. Money was found to transport her and Nittany Greyhounds agreed to take her in. Then someone got on the Greyhound “L” and convinced the owner that anti-racing groups would be involved and even the name Cindy Napolitan came up as a possible informant. The owner pulled the plug on the deal. This old girl – her fate is now unknown. It's a shame politics would get involved in saving this old brood. **SHAME ON YOU NATIONAL GREYHOUND ASSOCIATION!**

Our Own 2003 NGAP Calendar

Send in your VERY BEST photos's. All calendar pictures will be selected by our photo committee. Fill out the form included in this newsletter and submit it with your best pictures. All winners will receive a t-shirt printed with the winning photograph. Please note all forms along with photographs are to be mailed to our Virginia Beach affiliate.



Keep The Register Tapes Coming!

If you're interested in greyhound news from other parts of the country and around the world subscribe to:

Greyhound Network News

P. O. Box 44272

Phoenix, Arizona 85064-4271

Calendar Photo

Submit your calendar photos with this form. If you wish your photos returned to you, include a self - addressed - stamped envelope. Entries must be received by July 15, 2002. Send us your very best photographs. Try to include at least 3 selections. Make sure your name, address and dogs name is written on the back of each photo. Complete the form below making sure you supply us with all requested information that may apply to you. Send all photos along with this form to:

NGAP 2003 Calendar
Gay Latimer
636 Piney Point Road
Virginia Beach, Va 23452

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(Day)(____) _____ (Evening)(____) _____

E-mail address _____

Greyhound's Name _____ Adoption # _____

Age _____ Color _____ Date acquired _____

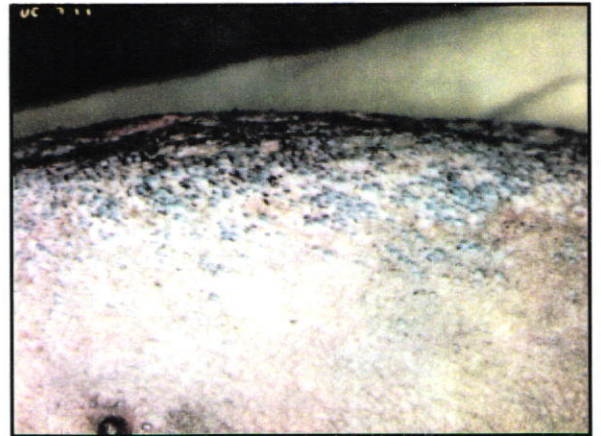
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Innovative, Creative, State Of The Art, Cosmetic - All Of Those

NGAP does a surgical procedure on some of our greyhounds that probably no one else in the world does (what else is new?). Some greyhounds come to us with a skin condition on their stomach that looks like the surface of Mars. (See photo) We believe it occurs from sleeping on dirty, crummy, soiled surfaces in cages over a long period of time and is almost an irreversible condition with a possibility of infection recurring at any time. The best way sometimes to get rid of a problem is simply to take it away. In our case we cut it away. We take this badly distressed epidermis and remove it and bring the good skin together and the bad skin goes in a jar. We only do this to greyhounds that absolutely need it. Connie was one of them and you can see the results.



Before



On operating table after the epidermis is removed



After

USE NGAP For Your Vet Services! We're Cheaper & Better!!

Clinic & Kennel Location:
4800 Wingate Street
Philadelphia, PA 19136

Dentistry - \$75.00
Extractions (Normal) \$10.00 each
Dental Bonding \$10-\$20 per tooth
(Not done at other clinics) We do more dentistry on greyhounds annually than anywhere in the United States!

Extreme Nail Cutback \$12.00
Shots Combo \$40.00
(Dhlpp, Corona, Kennel Cough, Rabies & Lyme Boosters)

Clinic Hours

Usually Tuesday & Fridays

Call the office (215-331-7918) to schedule an appointment - Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. If you get our voicemail, please leave a message and someone will return your call.

We are presently taking a survey regarding possible Saturday hours for the clinic. If we get a good response we will certainly consider having clinic hours on Saturdays.

***We now do in house CBC and Chemistry for immediate analysis.**

The Ultimate Memorial

Many Philadelphia adopters knew Dan Callahan and his love for his greyhounds. Dan first adopted a greyhound from us in 1995 by the name of TAZ and currently has a greyhound by the name of BOYD at home with his family.

Dan at age 53 passed away recently and his family knowing his love for greyhounds had donations sent to NGAP in lieu of flowers or any other token of condolence. Then Dan's family made "The Ultimate Memorial" to Dan, having asked NGAP that his ashes be spread onto our kennel grounds so that Dan would always be a part of NGAP and our greyhounds. When you visit NGAP you will know that a little bit of Dan Callahan will remain with us forever.



"Taz" in 1995

Boarding At NGAP

Going away? Bring your greyhound to board with us. We know greyhounds! Everything is new! Oversize cages are a big plus. With our boarding facility we don't have to over load the kennels designated solely for adoption dogs. We clip nails, clean ears and do dental touch-ups where necessary. We can, of course, update shots and do other procedures while your greyhound is visiting.

Toastie Toes

Some of our greyhounds will really be lucky this winter while some parts of our kennel compound will be covered with snow. The front part of our kennel area has a heat system in the yard area with 1,000 feet of heated tubing under a new graded concrete pad. I can remember walking down the ramp into snow 30" high with only the smallest channel cut so the dogs could relieve themselves. Now our front kennel dogs won't have to put on booties to keep their feet warm.



This is the exercise area near the first kennel as it appeared in 1990.



“1990” - An overview: All of the trees is where the kennel now stands.



“2002” - Ramp leading from the kennel in the exercise area.



Exercise area as it looks now.

Thyroid Supplementation - Is More Better?

National Greyhound Adoption Program and David Wolf have long been proponents of the use of thyroid supplementation for greyhounds with low self-esteem, who do not interact well with visitors, are afraid of thunderstorms and other conditions which make them appear to be fearful much of the time. We have been recommending thyroid supplementation in what would be considered higher than normal doses for many years. We have found low dose thyroid supplementation to have little or no impact on this condition. We have recommended .6, .7, or .8 mg given twice a day. Most veterinarians wouldn't recommend a dose this high. Everyone must realize that **most** greyhounds are clinically **hypothyroid** with most thyroid levels either subnormal or in the low-normal range. Normal range for a T-4 test is 1 to 4. Most greyhounds will have levels under 1 and if they're in the normal range we never see levels as high as 2.

We recently responded to an ANTECH newsletter (ANTECH is the largest diagnostic company in the United States), inferring that we were overdosing our greyhounds and Dr. Jean Dodds of California, the editor of the ANTECH newsletter, believed the current philosophies dictate a lower dosing protocol. You should now have some background for the case study we are currently involved in.

On April 1, 2002 we received a greyhound from Melbourne Florida, his name was "Without You". The girls at the kennel didn't like that name and changed it to Spooky for obvious reasons. Spooky was extremely shy and if you would open his cage door he would literally hug the back wall. He was afraid of everything. A week and a half later with no intervention, his behavior had not changed and we began thyroid supplementation of .8 Soloxine two times a day. His thyroid level was initially .3, he was on .8 Soloxine for approximately 10 days, his thyroid level came up to 2.2, still not where we would like to see it for a dog that is on thyroid supplementation. We have found that greyhounds are getting the best improvement when thyroid levels are at the top of the range - that being close to 4. After 10 days we began giving him a thyroid supplementation of 1.5 Soloxine, two times a day. Almost immediately we saw a dramatic improvement in Spooky's behavior. Now when you come to his cage he will come to the front and greet you. I personally had him out in one of the long runs a few days ago and after a few minutes he came to me when called. A fearful dog will never do this. The response to the medication in very high doses is truly amazing. Dogs that are overdosed may become hyperthyroid. They may become hyper and even aggressive. Spooky has shown no signs of hyperthyroidism.

Dr. Dodds in her letter to me would not call Spooky's condition being hypothyroid, so we have renamed it DAVID WOLF SYNDROME. Perhaps Spooky now needs a new name? Touche Dr. Dodds!



"Spooky"

Since Spooky is a test case, we are slowly reducing his thyroid level and are already seeing him regress. Keep in mind, thyroid supplement affects every greyhound differently and a few may not tolerate such a high dose.

Isn't It Time For Your Second Greyhound?

TIRED OF YOUR BANK?

If you have a **Commerce Bank** near you and you switch any accounts to them and you signify that you are an **NGAP** member and give them our **AFFINITY** account number, **Commerce Bank** will donate money to us based on your account balances. We never receive any account information, only money. This includes checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, CD's and IRA's. Our **AFFINITY** account number is **#89**. Call our office for more information or forms to open an account.

Thank you for supporting National Greyhound Adoption Program.

Earn Money For Your Organization

The More Members Who Open Accounts at Commerce Bank, The More Money Your Organization Receives

Commerce Bank's new Affinity Banking Program makes it easy to raise money for your organization.

Your organization gets extra money... and your members get a bank that has earned a reputation as "America's Most Convenient Bank." It does not cost your organization or your members anything to be part of the program - it actually pays you to belong!

America's Most Convenient Bank

In addition to raising money for your organization, the Affinity Banking Program will introduce your members to a bank that is dedicated to providing its customers with superior customer service and the most affordable, convenient banking services around.

- FREE Checking*
- Seven-Day Branch Banking
- Online Banking/Trading
- 24-hour Bank-by-Phone

*First year FREE. See only \$100 minimum balance.

We're certain your organization and your members will be pleased with all that Commerce has to offer.



NATIONAL GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM

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E-Mail - ngap@ix.netcom.com - Website - www.ngap.org

Kennel - 4800 Wingate Street
Philadelphia, PA 19136
(215) 331-3625

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 two newsletters per year. If you wish to continue receiving our newsletters you must subscribe NOW! Keep Up With The Greyhound Happenings!!

Subscriber Annual - \$25.00__

Sponsor Annual - \$50.00__

Donor Annual - \$75.00__

Benefactor Annual - \$100.00__

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__

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.

CreditCard #_____ Exp.Date_____

A FORMULA THAT WORKS

Greyhounds that are brought to us for dental work, after the dentistry is completed we suggest daily brushing to keep your greyhound's mouth healthy. Most people just don't have the time for that. For those of you that don't have the time for daily brushing we suggest the following:

Twice weekly use **PROVSEAL** in their mouth. **PROVSEAL** is a waxy-like substance that you rub over the teeth and gum lining. It basically makes the teeth slippery. Bacteria cannot hold on. In addition, add **Oxyfresh** to their water. The **Oxyfresh** will lower the bacteria level in their mouth. Also helping to eliminate the build up of plaque and tartar.

Both of these products are available at NGAP. **PROVSEAL** comes in a kit form that you apply with your finger it costs \$20.00 and will last for a considerable period of time depending on how much you use. With **Oxyfresh** you simply use one teaspoon per one quart of water. It cost \$13.00 per 16-oz. bottle. Certainly cheaper than you can get it anywhere else.

PLEASE NOTE: Your dog's teeth must be clean for this product to properly work.



ProVseal Kit



Oxyfresh

REACH THE BEACH 2001/2002

Each year more and more people make their way to Dewey Beach Delaware, Columbus Day weekend for what is now probably the largest greyhound event in the world. More than 2000 greyhounds attended last years weekend 10/05/01 to 10/08/01. Most of the scheduled events are held Saturday and Sunday with lectures on Saturday and a gala Sunday brunch with a featured speaker and then shopping at what is referred to as under the tent - shop till you drop! In addition to tent shopping most vendors set up in their hotel/motel rooms or rented houses. NGAP rented a house on the main drag and had banner sales. We will be there again for 2002 at 17B McKinley Street as our home base but will not be selling from there. NGAP Director, David Wolf spoke Saturday on greyhound health issues. There were many other speakers on a number of subjects.

There of course are more greyhounds than there are people. It is not uncommon to see 2 people and 5 greyhounds. This event is truly for greyhound lovers. It's greatest redeeming quality is to watch thousands of greyhounds in the morning walking the beach as far as the eye can see. You will see every color, every size and even 3 legged greyhounds or some in a wagon that cannot quite make the walk themselves.

Dewey Beach is an inspiring event. Each year the attendance gets larger and larger. Each year people come greater distances to enjoy and participate in this meeting of survivors. Probably at this time of the year, most of the rooms are already filled in Dewey and adjoining Rehobeth. Attendees make their reservations a year ahead of time. That includes NGAP. This year's event will be held 10/11/02 to 10/13/02. We hope to see you there. For more information check their web-site, www.adopt-a-greyhound.org/dewey/

Those In The Know All Agree

Since National Greyhound Adoption Program does so much dentistry we either are talking to or reading writings of those people in the know. By that I mean doctors that are Veterinary Dental Specialists and those companies selling products to Veterinarians that are dental related. They and I unequivocally believe that most Veterinarians don't pay enough attention to your greyhound's mouth. Of course this is not an exclusive greyhound thing. As a general rule they don't seem to be interested in cats, dogs and the appropriate treatment of their teeth and gums. Here at NGAP the opposite occurs. We are passionate about the care of your greyhound's mouth and continuing to determine the steps necessary to keep it healthy. We continue to use innovative approaches to keep your greyhound's mouth and body healthy. You don't have to take my word for it, just ask all the people in the know.

NGAP's Oldies But Goodies

Girls

Susie - Fawn - Large - 12 years old

No Cats - deaf, very sweet, loves everyone, can be very playful, great with other dogs.

Bessie - Brindle - Small - 12^{1/2} years old

Good with cats, dogs and kids. Very sweet and loving old girl.

Georgia - Fawn Brindle - Medium size - 8 years old

No Cats - not good with kids, small dog friendly (NOT big dog friendly) friendly and very playful.

Anna - Brindle - Small - years old

No Cats - very quiet and laid back. Had lyme disease, going blind in one eye - good with other dogs.

Boys

Chevelle - Black with white feet - extra large - 5 years old

No Cats - No kids - aggressive needs to be the only dog

Cruzin - Fawn - Large - 9 years old

No Cats - No kids - sweet lovable and affectionate, gets along great with other greyhounds.

Joey - Fawn - Large - 7 years old

No Cats - good with kids, great with other greyhounds - very lovable.

Mix Breeds

Chester - Airdale Mix - 5 years old - Male - No small kids - nice, laid back, very sweet.

Hobo - Lab Mix - 3 year old Male - needs an active home - very smart - great with kids and other dogs.

Chunks - Bulldog Mix - 3 year old Female - very sweet and loyal - stays by your side - very gently - loves everyone.

Thanks For The Blankies

Many adopters have responded to our request to send in cage size blankets for greyhounds. Although we won't separately list those that have sent blankets, you know who you are and our greyhounds deeply appreciate your donation. All of our greyhounds sleep on carpeting but having a small blanket or quilt that they can fuss with and make their own little bed makes it so much better. Keep the blankets coming!

More New NGAP Stuff

Hot New Items!!



NEWS FLASH!!
Greenies Are Back!
"Large Greenies"
 Package of 8 - \$16.00
 (including shipping)

Greyhound Candles - Stands 9 1/2" Tall

Comes in 5 greyt colors (white, fawn, black, grey & scarlet)
 20 hours burning time - \$12.00 plus shipping
 Will be shipped in a beautiful gift box.



Close-up of Embroidery

Same embroidery available on
 Baseball Caps - \$8.00 - Special



Limited Quantity Special

This is a branded Chaps 100% cotton Ralph Lauren shirt. Colors-Khaki, Maroon, White, Dk. Blue, Black & Green. Sizes Med - XXL. Limited sizes & colors. ONLY 75 pcs. Labeled at \$39.50 - our price with greyhound embroidery \$20.00 - plus shipping.

Embroidered Baseball Caps

Adopt A Greyhound or fancy new embroidery - Special \$8.00 each

This poster is available - measures 11" X 17". To be placed in Pet Stores, Veterinary Clinics or wherever. We think it's a good way to promote greyhound adoption. They are **FREE!** as long as they are properly placed. Call the office and give us your mailing information.

MAKE A FRIEND FOR LIFE...
ADOPT A GREYHOUND

For Additional Information Contact:
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 (215) 331-7918 - (215) 331-1947 - Fax
 Visit our website - www.ngap.org

Chemicals On Your Lawn

If you want a nice lawn, you usually have to fertilize it, if you wish to get rid of pests you have to use a spray. Can it be done safely? The key element is segregating the lawn. Invest in a low cost plastic or metal fence. Only do one section at a time. When you do each section it is important to wait at least two good rain falls in the area where the dogs can't go before switching to another area. Try not to spray or fertilize up to the fenced area, stay five feet back. Don't fertilize or spay when it's windy! Following this procedure you can either do half of your lawn or depending on the layout of your lawn, break it down in separate applications. The fence that you purchase this year, can be used for many years

WOW!

Big Changes At NGAP

Recently our caretakers left our employment and we once again went in and looked at the living quarters to clean them up and make them liveable again. The area where the caretakers live and the original kennel, were purchased from the Limerick Nuclear Plant for \$100.00. It was in four sections and had to be transported one section at a time. When it was sandwiched together we ended up with a former office trailer that we had an architect redesign as our kennel. Through a stroke of luck if you want to call it that, while under construction there was an electrical fire and the insurance proceeds paid for almost all of the alterations. This was our original kennel with 18 cages and now 16 and living quarters for our live-in caretakers. We are going to wipe it off the face of the earth and replace it with new living quarters. State of the art double-wide mobile home and even better than that, Wolf Investment is donating the use of 7,400 square feet of industrial space adjoining the kennel compound which will be converted into a state of the art kennel facility. It will be an exciting few months at the NGAP kennel. Your donations will enable us to finance less of this giant project.

Because we feel it is 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 have 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 as 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 you realize it, it's health is failing. We love our greyhounds dearly but we must consider giving them one final gift. This is the "gift of death" - without undue pain, without any suffering, we can bestow them with 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 greyhounds 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 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.

Flea Halt Going To Spain Again

A few years ago we received a large donation of Flea Halt from Farnam Pet Products. Flea Halt is the same product as Bio-Spot which you will find in most pet stores. Last year we found the niche needed for the Flea Halt which kills both fleas and ticks and with the help of donations of money to pay for the transportation, forty-six boxes of broken down displays of Flea Halt totaling over 80,000 doses were shipped to two different groups to help greyhounds, galgos, and other canines in Spain. The rescue people in Spain have been thrilled with this product and tell us it has helped immensely. If you would like to make a donation specifically for shipping, it would be greatly appreciated.

P.S. Thanks to those volunteers, especially Eileen Saks, that have come in to help break the product down. We still need more volunteers.

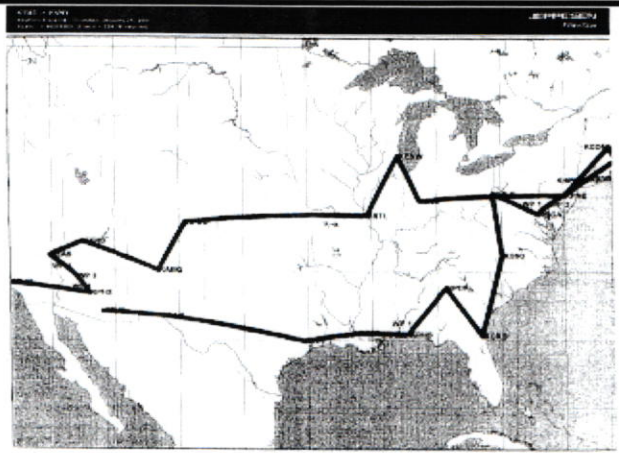
**Don't Forget To Mail
Those Calendar Photos
As Soon As Possible
Deadline is July 15th!**

NGAP ONCE AGAIN INVOLVED IN FLORIDA POLITICS

This year's session of the Florida State Legislature was as tumultuous as ever. In terms of greyhounds, NGAP was involved in an effort to defeat a move to permit slot machines on a county by county basis to be determined by each county. The petitioner had several hundred thousand signatures so the question would be placed on the Florida ballot. The legality of the petition was questioned by the State Attorney General, the coalition of greyhound advocates, that NGAP contributed to and another greyhound adoption group. Ultimately the Florida Supreme Court threw out the petition as unconstitutional. We won that battle. In the legislature, Senator Debbie Wasserman-Schultz introduced the same language she did last year and then pulled it. Between last year and this year we suggested verbiage that would certainly do the greyhounds more good, but she chose not to change the wording at all. The legislature ultimately passed the legislation, which included increasing pots at card tables at the tracks. True it is the first greyhound adoption bill ever in Florida. Thus far it has not been submitted to the Governor for signature and there is no guarantee that he will sign it because of the card room language. Once again Florida has failed terribly to take a truly positive progressive step in the treatment of their greyhounds that they have benefited from in tax revenues for over seventy-five years.

Great Greyhound Goodwill Air Tour

In June 2002, just next month, Maggie McCurry, pilot and the Wings For Greyhounds plane expect to leave Tucson Airport on the first leg of the coast to coast greyhound rescue tour that will cover 20 states, 24 cities, 10 race tracks and 13 adoption programs. NGAP will be one of the recipients of greyhounds on this tour. We hope to have a huge welcome for Maggie at the Northeast Philadelphia Airport, which will hopefully include dinner with some of our adopters and a tour of our facility. Plans are not one hundred percent finalized at this point. Anyone interested in participating should contact the NGAP office and we will then send you all the final information. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have 100 greyhounds meet Maggie at the Northeast Airport? Let us know.



Pennsylvania Citizens Against Greyhound Racing

P.C.A.G.R. unveil anti-racing legislation on Tuesday April 23, 2002. Representative Charles McIlhinney of Bucks County, formerly Doylestown introduced legislation in HB1341 that would outlaw greyhound racing in the Keystone State. At a press conference held in the Rotunda in the State Capitol, Rep. McIlhinney read the legislation that would permanently outlaw greyhound racing. There are currently 40 co-sponsors to the bill and Senator Stewart Greenleaf has introduced a companion bill, SB1381. It currently has 8 so-sponsors.

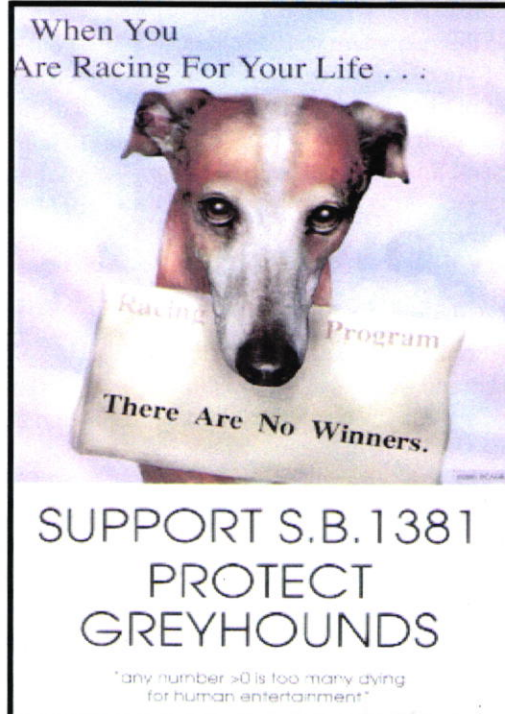
Speaking at the news conference were representatives from three Pennsylvania advocacy animal groups and Ellie Scuirba of P.C.A.G.R. and David Wolf, Director of NGAP. We fully support this legislation and ask you to contact your local State Representative to voice your support. Although the bill currently does not include banning simulcasting, this is a very important issue and ask you to encourage your local legislature and help amend it to outlaw simulcasting as well.

For further information you can contact P.C.A.G.R. at 63 East State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901, 215-340-7658, FAX 215-340-9566 or e-mail pcagr@hotmail.com. They have put together a spectacular poster, a copy of which is shown.



2nd Annual Bowling Party

Pictured are some of the South Jersey NGAP bowlers. It has been so successful that Tom DuBois and his group have decided to rename the event "The South Jersey Great Greyhound Bowl". This year their donations quadrupled from last year. A special "thank you" to Tom and everyone who worked with him to make this event such a success.



Snowman standing in front of Rep. McIlhinney looking very regal. A true spokesman for the cause.