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I remember my first dealings with GPA. At the time, GPA had a chapter in the San Diego, California area called GPA-CA. My wife (Barb) had been considering a dog, we already had 2 cats at the time. We went to an event in Balboa Park, GPA-CA was there for a meet and greet. We watched the greyhounds, and wondered, could this be the dog for us? We lived in a condo at the time and figured it just wouldn't work! I went up to GPA-CA volunteers anyway to ask a few questions. When I was done, the volunteer asked if we would be interested! I stated, yes, but we live in a condo, just wouldn't work! The volunteer responded that it might work, with the right dog, and that they would do everything to match the right dog to our home!

We took the adoption application home and sat on it for 6 months before filling it out and sending it in!

A few days after sending in the application, a volunteer named Sue Cote called us to ask a few more questions and set up a home visit!

The home visit arrived! Sue was very knowledgeable and

brought one of her own greyhounds with her, Chase! During that visit, Sue noticed my nose twitching, and at that time she thought it proper to discuss with us about the minor gas problem! Boy was I relieved that she didn't think it was me, and that Sue knew that it was Chase!

A couple of days after the home visit, we got the call, "Come down to the kennel in the morning, we have a greyhound, Alina Maria for you to see!"

We couldn't sleep much that night, and when morning came, we zipped down to the kennel! We were shown Alina Maria, and fell in love with her. We were also shown a couple of other dogs, but we knew, and GPA-CA knew, that Alina was the girl for us!

We brought her home, changed her name to Anna Mari and were truly delighted with our new greyhound! It was from that point on, that I truly believed in the efforts of GPA and what it stands for!

We have some very wonderful traditions to maintain, and our mission is straight forward! The hard, dedicated work that GPA-CA did during that time in our first adoption is one that I still see across our country! You are

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performing a wonderful job, and who knows your next placement might just be to a future president of GPA!

Thank you to all who helped in GPA adopting or assisting in the adoption of 4,500 greyhounds in 2002, you all are to be commended for a job well done!

Keep up the good work, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Birmingham!

Rory



7 by 7 Update

Alane Shultz

Vice President GPA National

7X7 Committee

We have 3 new committee members since our last Communicate article. They are Katherine Roberts of GPA - Indianapolis, Heather Kulper with Puget Sound and Joan Parks of Emerald Pacific. We have a greyt group of people! Everyone's enthusiastic and positive! We had our first conference call in Sept. 2002 and we meet on a monthly basis. We're making progress. Adoptions are up for GPA in 2002 over 2001 and there are several new sub chapters. Our new GPA promotional poster should be available in May and the artwork will be available to all GPA chapters to use for other things as well. Brent Schlappy, GPA - Rocky Mtn., who is on our committee and his wife Judy will be attending Kanab 2003 and representing 7 X 7 there. We've identified several locations and areas throughout the country that we'd like to see greyhound adoption make a stronger presence. We have just started to get some newspaper display ads going in a few of these areas. These will be targeting people to step up and take the plunge into more adoption efforts in their community whether it is new Meet N Greets or committing to starting a sub chapter. We had an ad in the March 2003 Greyhound Review and are still working to get state greyhound associations to place this ad in their newsletters

and on their web sites. There are quite a few vets involved in greyhound adoption and we want to encourage more. We hope to attend and set a booth up at the International Sports Canine Symposium in Florida in Jan. and we are looking into advertising in the "Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Assn." We also want to urge all existing GPA groups to ask for assistance and advice for your program. There is always room for improvement and something new to try to increase adoptions. Get input from other successful GPA groups and utilize long time experienced placement people and officers. Email any of the national officers for help or direction. And also gain beneficial knowledge by planning to attend the national meeting in Birmingham. Don't miss out on any opportunities to communicate with trainers, owners and track management to become more directly involved in adoption efforts! We also have an incentive contest going for our committee members that is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2003 and ends Aug. 31, 2003. It's a little friendly competition to push them to make one more phone call or one more contact that will maybe lead to a new promotional event, a new Meet N Greet or a new volunteer that will make future blockbuster impact in their area or an area nearby. The winner will receive a gorgeously framed signed and numbered Lorena Pugh print "Greyhounds." We'll announce the winner at the national meeting!

The Starfish

As I walked along the seashore
This young boy greeted me.
He was tossing stranded starfish
Back to the deep blue sea.
I said "Tell me why you bother,
Why you waste your time this
way.

There's a million stranded
starfish
Does it matter, anyway?"

And he said, "It matters to this
one.

It deserves a chance to grow.

It matters to this one.

I can't save them all I know.

But it matters to this one,

I'll return it to the sea.

It matters to this one,

And it matters to me."

I walked into the shelter,
The greyhound greeted me.

I knew that he deserved a
chance,

The hope in his eyes I could
plainly see.

They said, "Tell me why you
bother,

Why you waste your time this
way.

He is only one of thousands,
Does it matter anyway?"

And I said, "It matters to this
one.

He deserves a chance to grow.

It matters to this one.

I can't save them all I know.

But it matters to this one,

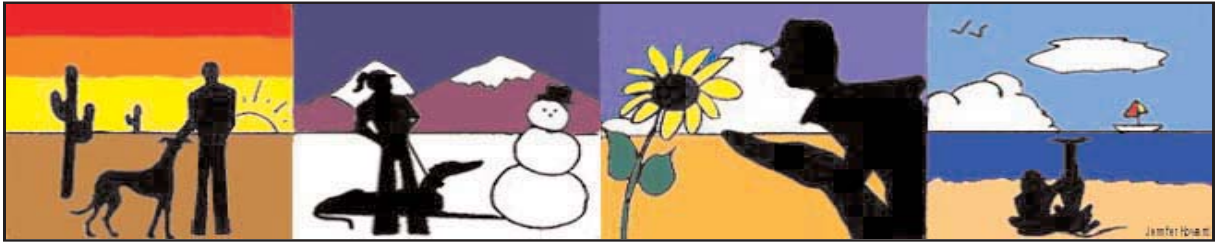
I'll help him be what he can be.

It matters to this one,

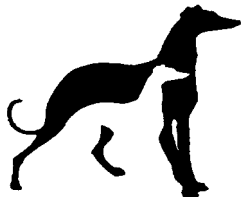
And it matters to me."



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7 x 7 Poster

Our 7 X 7 poster is ready for the printers and will be available to GPA chapters soon. We hope everyone can find a variety of places to display this poster to help promote greyhound adoption in your area. It was designed by Jen Howard and depicts the four geographic regions of the United States. Jen is a self taught wild life and pet artist living in Pennsylvania. She has many great designs depicting our beloved greyhounds and donated the artwork for our poster. If you would like to see more of her work, please visit her website at:

<http://members.tripod.com/~aikogrey/GreyhoundArt.html>
Keep watching for information on how you can get your 7x7 posters.



Welcome to Our New GPA Chapters and SubChapters

Ellen Schneiderman Sub Chapter Committee

I am happy to announce the addition of the following chapters and subchapters to our GPA family.

Chapters:

- GPA Emerald Coast
- GPA Indiana
- GPA Indianapolis
- GPA Michigan
- GPA Tennessee (Knoxville)
- GPA Oklahoma City

Sub chapters:

- GPA Steel City (Pittsburgh)
- GPA Ohio



If you don't tell, they'll never know!

Officers update: April 2, 2003

All,

On March 28, 29 and 30th, your officers attended the AGTOA (American Greyhound Track Operators Association) conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. During this conference, we were able to network with some industry folks, meet with some of the wonderful volunteers with GPA Southern Nevada and also present to the AGC council some funding requirements for 2004. I also participated in a greyhound welfare panel on Monday where I was able to present our program to the AGTOA audience.

Now for the really good news! As you all are aware, we started the 7x7 program last year and in order to continue on with this project, we must have funds. We presented to the AGC committee what we believed to be requirements for funding the 7x7 programs in 2004. I'm happy to announce that we were funded and more than requested! We presented the need for 37,000. I will be honest, I was really only expecting to receive 25,000. Well I guess we did a good enough job, and the AGC believes in what we all are doing. Drum roll please. The AGC has funded the 7x7 for 2004 with 40,000! That's right, I said 40,000.

Now, at this year's conference, I will give you the run down on what we requested and present to you a budget for 2004. Basically we will be working on the continuation of the 7x7, but also setting aside funds to work with current chapters and assist in promoting responsible greyhound adoptions. Along with creating new chapters, a mission of the 7x7 was to strengthen the foundation that we currently have, and many of the council members questioned me on this aspect during the weekend.

We the officers also realize that insurance has been a struggle this year and is something that needs to be addressed. I developed a contact at the conference that may be willing to work with all of us and either provides a national policy that covers all of us, or willing to work individually with you. In order to see what can be done, I need each of the chapters to send me a copy from your current insurance. The claim report should show what claims have been brought against your insurance policies in the last 5 years. I also need to know what you currently have, liability, auto and how much. Please send this information to me at:

Rory S. Goree'
7229 North 58th Drive
Glendale, AZ. 85301
Attn: Insurance committee.

Hopefully we can get something done where insurance will not be a yearly worry for any of us !

We also realize that another topic that needs to be addressed is an "injury fund". We all are aware that many bucks are spent each year fixing broken legs. We also realize that this is a cumbersome burden for our chapters, and that something must be done. I had hoped to accomplish more on this during the AGTOA conference, but due to circumstances that the industry feels it must spend money on kennel cough. Does this mean we will give up? No! We just have a minor bump in the road that we need to navigate and bring this goal to life. Your officers will keep diligently working on this until we have accomplished this goal: an injury fund that is self sustaining and provides funding for your chapters to assist in helping cover costs of these expensive operations that many of you encounter each year. I must admit, it was a pleasure to represent all of you, to the AGC, and AGTOA. Seeds have been planted; the years to come will be fruitful!

Rory
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Adoption Reports 2001 and 2002

CHAPTER	2002 DOGS PLACED 1st TIME	2002 OTHER AGENCIES	2002 TOTALS	2001 DOGS PLACED 1st TIME	2001 OTHER AGENCIES	2001 TOTALS
Northern Alabama	242	0	242	273	0	273
Arizona	72	33	105	96	0	96
CA-Orange County & Greater LA	163	8	171	221	0	221
Central FL	60	279	339	69	323	392
FL-Daytona Beach	40	234	274	31	0	31
FL-Southeast Coast	64	0	64	56	33	89
FL-Largo	179	0	179			
FL-Greater Orlando	204	226	430	233	236	469
FL-Emerald Coast	68	146	214	94	22	116
Atlanta SEGA	184	0	184	121	0	121
Indiana	108	0	108	104	0	104
Indianapolis, IN	152	0	152	151	0	151
Midwest Iowa	29	0	29	43	0	43
Kansas TLC	186	62	248	203	48	251
Southern Ohio Valley	34	0	34	25	0	25
Louisiana	120	0	120			
Maryland	101	0	101	141	0	141
Massachusetts	30	0	30	41	0	41
Michigan	45	0	45	63	0	63
Minnesota	70	0	70	90	0	90
Springfield MO	60	3	63	74	13	77
Rocky Mountain	35	0	35	47	0	47
Southern Nevada	28	0	28	16	0	16
Central New Hampshire	45		45			
Western New York	71	0	71	59	0	59
Wheeling Downs	31	8	39	41	66	107
Oklahoma	24	0	24			
Northwest	128	0	128	122	0	122
S.Carolina	43	0	43	63	0	63
Knoxville TN	50	0	50	28	0	28
Central Texas	91	0	91	95	0	95
Houston	192	0	192	213	0	213
San Antonio	50	0	50	81	0	81
Richmond VA	37	0	37	42	4	46
Northern VA	38	0	38	81	0	81
Emerald Pacific	29	0	29	24	3	27
Wisconsin	127	0	127	106	0	106
SUB CHAPTERS			0			
Greyhound Adoptions CA	102	0	102			
CenOK	56	0	56			
Steel City PA	12	0	12			
Nashville TN	53	0	53			
Puget Sound WA	21	0	21			
			0			
TOTALS	3474	999	4473	3147	748	3885

Treasurer's Report

Recently, our Treasurer received a letter in the mail from the IRS....is everyone quacking in their boots at the mere mention of those words? Here is what they had to say:

"We are pleased to tell you that as a result of our examination for the above period (s) we will continue to recognize your organization as tax-exempt.

We have indicated below whether there is a change in your liability for the unrelated business income tax as provided by sections 511 through 515 of the Internal Revenue Code.

[x] There is no change

Thank you for your cooperation"

Lee tells me this is very good news and I certainly believe him. Great job Lee! Many thanks to all the chapters that turned in their information in a timely manner. :-)

Lee would also like to announce that the totals are in for 2002. Adoptions are up 3% over last year which puts us on track for 7 X 7

Total Adoptions 3474

Muzzles

Looking for a good inexpensive source for ordering muzzles? A pole of members of the GPA National Email list produced the following results:

Birdwell Enterprises

\$6.25 each for any quantity.

1-800-204-0173

www.birdwellenterprises.com

Greyhound Colors in FL

1-800-366-7360

\$6.00

www.greyhoundcolors.com

Three New Grants Awarded

Voting has finished and the following groups have been awarded grants from GPA National.

GPA Atlanta

\$2000 for a generator for AC on a trailer

GPA-Orange County Greater Los Angeles

\$4800 to replace fencing in dog turn out area.

GPA Emerald Coast

\$5000 for their new van.

Congratulations to all of the grant recipients.

Lorena Pugh Print



Lorena Pugh has generously donated the above print to the 7x7 committee. You can view and purchase her artwork at the following address:

<http://www.muttart.com/pugh/pugh-profile.htm>



Camille Strickland, loading Darcy into her van to take her to her new home in Rolla, MO

The Unimaginable Part One

by Katie Traxel
GPA Wisconsin

Can you imagine the unimaginable? Can you contemplate giving up your dog? It seems unthinkable to many of us, even on those muddy feet-eat-the-garbage-shred-the-newspaper-naughty-dog days. Yet, GPA-Wisconsin, like every other adoption group, gets dogs returned every year. The irony is, the more successful an adoption group is in placing dogs, the longer the group is in existence, the greater the population of dogs that are potential returnees and the more dogs that are returned.

Dogs are returned for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, despite everyone's best efforts and intentions, it's a bad match; the wrong dog ends up in the wrong home and the dog comes back fairly soon after the adoption, usually within a month. These returns are uncommon, and are easy for an adoption group to deal with. The dog is in good health and acclimated to the kennel and can usually be placed there until a more fitting home is found.

Some returns are truly unavoidable, involving the death or disability of the adopter leaving the dog homeless. Divorces also take their toll on dogs, with neither of the couple having the commitment, desire or resources to keep the dogs. We've had so many dogs returned due to divorce that we jokingly considered adding

"married" as a reason to deny someone a dog.

The vast majority of our returns come back due to what we euphemistically call, "life-style change". This catchall phrase encompasses everything from new carpeting to new baby to new puppy. Sometimes the dog shows a new, undesirable behavior usually in reaction to a change in their life. It may be a move to a new house and the dog is confined to a new space and reacts by marking territory or getting anxious and chewing, howling, barking, eliminating inappropriately. Or there is a new baby and less time for the dog which may prompt these undesirable behaviors.

Sometimes the dog has a long-standing behavior that's suddenly unacceptable. New furniture means the couch is now off-limits when it's been a favorite bed for years. A habit considered cute, like pawing the owner's leg for attention, becomes undesirable when a small child is in the house. Sometimes the dog has a health problem, that once diagnosed and treated, causes the behavior to return to acceptable but we don't discover that until the dog is back with us.

GPA-Wisconsin usually doesn't hear about the problem until it's too late. The owners call when the problem has been going on for months, or the damage has escalated to the unacceptable level. Often they've had the dog 4 or 5 years and now they want the dog out of there NOW! When we try to analyze the situation, think like a dog, and help understand what has gone wrong, there is one

common theme; something drastic has changed in the dog's world, something that may seem insignificant to the owners, and there isn't the commitment, will or patience to help the dog adjust. It's gone too far.

What can you do to prevent this from happening to you? Ask yourself how committed you really are willing to be before you get a dog. Can you accept some urine-stained carpet or chewed furniture, especially in a new house? Are you contemplating adding children or others to your family and are you prepared for the dog to maintain his place in the house? Can you afford the vet bills to maintain the dog's health. Most of all, are you willing to be patient, committed for life, and loving with an imperfect creature? Are you willing to read the books, ask for the advice, and listen to the experienced adoption reps?

Do you have a problem dog now? Ask for help! Don't wait until the situation is intolerable to you before you call your adoption rep to dump your dog.

The Unimaginable Part 2

In the last section, I wrote about the events that lead up to someone deciding to return their greyhound. I'd now like to write briefly about the impact returns have on the dog and on the adoption group.

Like most animal adoption groups, GPA Wisconsin is always

inundated with dogs. With 2 tracks in the immediate area, and dogs failing to make the grade on a daily basis, the calls are constant. Even doing over 100 adoptions a year, we barely scratch the surface. There are always more dogs than there are homes for them. What that means is that all of our foster homes usually have foster dogs in them. Our rented kennel space is usually full to overflowing. As fast as dogs get adopted, new dogs come off the track to fill their spot.

Everyone returning a dog thinks there is a better home for them. And sometimes there is, if it's just a bad match. Sometimes however, the dog has developed bad habits that the returning family thinks can be solved by a different home. The dog that has growled at the children is always touted as "the perfect dog for an older couple who never has any children visit". Or the dog that has been allowed to pee all over the house until the new carpet comes is offered up as "a great dog for someone who is home all day".

In truth however, it's a pretty rare home that NEVER has children visit. And it's an even rarer home that has somebody home ALL day EVERY day. And where these perfect homes for problem dogs exist, they have long been filled with the last 2 or 3 or 20 problem dogs.

So when a dog is returned, there is no perfect spot waiting for it. Under the best of circumstances, maybe a foster home happens to be available, and that's always our first choice. It is traumatic enough for a dog to be removed from it's familiar home and family, and the transition can be a little less stressful if the dog can move right into another home. Yet, frequently that isn't an option, and then the dog has to go to the adoption kennel, to wait with the other dogs for space to open up.

Every returned dog takes a space that a dog coming off the track could have. Every family that returns a dog further stresses an already overloaded adoption

system. Every returned dog experiences confusion and distress. Perhaps it ultimately ends up in a better place, but the journey is painful.

What can be done to prevent returns? As I wrote last time, and it bears repeating: determine how committed are you to this life you're adopting. Can you accept the messes, the bills, the inconvenience? Are you prepared to help the dog adjust to children and other changes in your lifestyle? Are you prepared to train the dog and discipline the dog so it's a good canine citizen? If you, and your whole family, can't answer those questions with a resounding yes, perhaps you should reconsider your intention to adopt a dog. If you have a problem dog now, ask for help! Read a book, consult a trainer, call your adoption rep. You made a commitment to that dog, please keep it.

If you must return the dog, please be patient, give your adoption group time to make room for the dog.

In Memory of Suzy Waddell who crossed the Rainbow Bridge on April 14, 2003 at the age of 20.



Suzi Waddell, the 20+ year old greyhound, beloved Queen of Dewey, took her final rickshaw ride this morning. Her body failed, her spirit never did. Anyone who knew Suzi, if only for a moment at Dewey, or saw her ride by in her rickshaw, or

read one of Nancy's funny stories about her, couldn't help but be impressed by her zest for life. On one of her last outings at the park with our walking group, Suzi stood in the center of our greyhound pack as they ran around the playground enclosure. You could tell by the look in her eyes that she would have lead that pack at another time. As it was she just walked around a bit and watched...but

none ran into her...she was SUZI!!!!She never missed a trick and played the heartstrings of her guardians like a symphony, and those hearts are broken tonight. Please keep Dick and Nancy Waddell in your prayers...and Suzi...Well she is now racing the wind, enjoying the feel of the sunlight on her face and reaching out to all of us to remember the seniors available for adoption.... “

May is Adopt a Senior Month

The North American Greyhound Conference

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Location: Birmingham Alabama Hosted by GPA-Northern Alabama

Date: Friday September. 5 - Sunday September 7 in Birmingham, Alabama and hosted by GPA - Northern Alabama.

Meetings begin early Friday morning, September 5! See www.gpaconvention.org



The Best Western Rime Garden Inn and Suites will be the location. It is located at 5320 Beacon Drive a 10 minute drive from the airport and 5 minutes from the Greyhound Track. Greyhounds will not be allowed at this motel but other pet friendly motels are listed at Lodging on the web site link given above. RV Parks are listed there too. The Friday Night Wine and Cheese Reception will be at the Rime Garden Inn and sponsored by the Greyhound Project Inc.

Rooms are all suites and will be \$75 with 2 double beds or a king. Up to 4 people can stay per room for \$10 more per person. This includes breakfast also and serving starts at 6:30 am., 7 on Sat. & Sun.

This is near a mall and other restaurants as well. See www.bestwesternrime.com and call 1-888-828-1768 for reservations. Tell them it is for the GPA Meeting. If you fly, there will be plenty of people attending with cars and vans to transport everyone to the meetings. Rime Garden Inn also has airport shuttle service. Phyllis Farthing, in charge of group bookings at the Rime Garden Inn, can be contacted if you have any further questions.

The meetings, speakers, round table discussions and vendors will be held and located at the Birmingham Greyhound Track where we will have an entire floor to use. Greyhounds can attend the meetings.

This conference is OPEN to everyone that is interested in adopting all available greyhounds into responsible loving forever homes. Invited speakers are Lee Livinggood, author of Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies, local Birmingham orthopedic vet Dr. Paul Symms, Joan Belle Isle of the Greyhound Project Inc., Dr. Brad Fenwick, DVM of Kansas State University, Veterinary School, AGC Exec. Dir., Gary Guccione and Jacque Meyer, Exec. Dir. of the Birmingham Humane Society, speaking on "Communications Within Your Organization". The ASPCA National Shelter Outreach Program recommended her. Other Adoption Volunteer relevant topics of interest will be part of the program and meetings as well. The Awesome New 22 hole trailer purchased by GPA - Central, FL last fall and that GPA National helped purchase will be displayed at the meeting. This trailer hauls greys for Daytona too and delivers greys to over 40 adoption programs. There will be a wealth of information and experience there for you to absorb and prosper from. You must attend to participate and benefit from the knowledge there!

The cost to register for the meeting will be \$40 per person offered until August 1, 2003. Later registration will be \$47. This includes a banquet dinner on Sat. evening and snacks and drinks for breaks during the meetings. Paypal will be available to register online or the registration form can be printed out and mailed with a check or money order. Make these payable to GPA - N. AL, memo - National Meeting, and mail to Gail Hill, GPA - N AL, 954 Shady Grove Rd., Adamsville, AL 35005.

Silent Auction items to help with the meeting expenses and hopefully make a little profit can be mailed to Gail Hill, 954 Shady Grove Rd., Adamsville, AL 35005. Please include who donated the item. If you're a vendor donating items for this, please also include cards or brochures to be displayed with the item. That way attendees will have your contact information

There is NO VENDOR CHARGE. Vendors will be allowed at least two 8' tables and chairs for their use. There is 24 hr. security and also places available for you to lock up items at night if you wish.

Registration and more detailed information will soon be at www.greyhoundpets.org

For other questions you can call Gail Hill in Birmingham at 205-833-6654 or email her at gpabham@bellsouth.net

Information Coming: The Meeting Agenda, Order Information for A National Meeting T-Shirt and The Big National Raffle for an Awesome Framed Print. If your chapter needs financial assistance to send a representative for this meeting, please contact one of the national officers regarding this. Proxy Voting Ballots will be mailed in the Summer 2003 Communique

Almost Home For Hounds

Almost Home for Hounds (AHH) will be a dream come true for greyhounds whose racing careers have never started, or are over. This 5000 square foot facility will feature:

- Quick Fix Clinic
- Play Rooms
- Crate Room
- Laundry
- Feeding Facility
- Isolation Room
- Turnouts
- Garage & Storage
- Caretaker Studio



Dr. Heather Weir, a Colorado State University professor, has purchased, with the help of the Greyhound Gang, 80 acres in Nunn, Colorado. She will be the on-premise caretaker. For the past 3 years, she has retrieved over 500 greyhounds from farms, vetted and socialized them, and then transported them to adoption groups in the West. AHH will ensure more greyhounds have a safe haven before going into forever homes.

Our dream is a place where greyhounds can go for:

- vet care – fixing, dentals, ortho needs, bathing, defleaing, shots etc.
- socialization – housebreaking, house skills, socialization with other dogs and people etc.
- profiling – understanding each dogs particular personality and needs
- transportation – bringing dogs to adoption groups ready to go directly into homes

AHH means that adoption groups can do just that - screen adopters, and adopt. No more huge vet bills for dogs taken right from the track, less time spent on the road, less behavioral problems with dogs right off the tracks, and money in the bank from fundraising instead of deficits from vet bills.

Speaking of fundraising, we've got Weekly Auctions at www.AdoptGreyhounds.org. Were also writing grants, and hosting Greyhound Gathering – Kanab 2003. Every penny this year will go to making AHH a reality.

To journey through Almost Home for Hounds, and see what we can accomplish with your generosity, go to www.AdoptGreyhounds.org, then to Almost Home for Hounds. Each section is detailed with Purpose, Needs, and Donors. Were also continually updating it with new information.

Thanks so much for loving hounds.



Dr. Heather Weir

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact Information
May 9, 10,11	Greyhound Gathering	Kanab, Utah	www.greyhoundgang.org
June 13, 14	Abilene Greyhound Gathering	Abilene, Kansas	www.racethewind.org
June 20, 21, 22	Great Lakes Greyhound Gathering	Benton Harbor St. Joseph, MI	www.glgg.org
Sept 5, 6, 7	National Greyhound Adoption Conference	Birmingham, AL	www.greyhoundpets.org
Sept. 26-28	Prairie Beach Reunion	Des Moines, Iowa	www.heartlandgreyhoundadoption.org
Oct. 10,11, 12	Dewey Beach	Dewey Beach , DE	http://www.adopt-a-greyhound.org/dewey

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