



Greyhound Pets of America

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GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA CREATES

POSITION TO HELP ELIMINATE GREYHOUND DEATHS NATIONWIDE

PHOENIX, AZ (MAY 28, 2002) – Greyhound Pets of America, America's largest greyhound adoption organization has developed a program that will end unnecessary greyhound deaths by the year 2007.

“The recent tragic events that unfolded in Alabama has shown that GPA as the largest adoption group in America has the responsibility to step up efforts and leadership in order to make sure that this type of horrendous event does not repeat” Pat Toman – President – Greyhound Pets of America

GPA has created a new position called “National Greyhound Coordinator”. This position will be filled by a volunteer. This person's responsibilities will be to work with trainers, owners and tracks who have tried to place dogs into local programs, but due to circumstances, the local program is unable to take these dogs. Once the National Greyhound Coordinator knows about the dogs, he or she will work on a National level to find groups that can take the greyhounds and also arrange for transportation of these dogs.

An 800 number will be in place shortly. The GREAT (The Greyhound Relocation Effort Assistance Team) line will monitored 7 days a week.

The first National Greyhound Coordinator is Rory S. Goree'. Rory lives in Phoenix, AZ with his wife Barbara and 8 greyhounds and 4 cats. Rory has been involved with greyhounds for 10 years as an adoption representative, foster home, and is currently President of Greyhound Pets of America – Arizona and is also our current National Vice President.



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GPA is proud to announce the Local Regional Coordinator(s) for the Florida Panhandle are: Renea Windley of Cantonment, Florida and Skip Bollens of Pensacola Florida.

Renea Windley is one of the founders of Emerald Coast Greyhound Adoption. Windley was President of ECGA when it became a GPA Chapter in 2000, currently Vice President. Competes with her greyhounds in agility and obedience and helps with problem behavior modification training.

Skip Bollens is a retired police officer with K-9 supervisor/handler/trainer experience; public relations and education. Bollens is the Training Director for GPA-ECGA for behavior modification. Active in Escambia search and rescue, he also competes in agility and obedience.

Windley and Bollens will be responsible for working with trainers, owners and tracks in the Florida Panhandle. They will also be working with greyhound adoption programs in the area, defining needs, working to meet financial requirements and coordinating greyhound movement on the local level.

Combined with the National Greyhound Coordinator, Regional representatives, and the GREAT phone line, **no one will have an excuse for not trying to get their unneeded greyhounds into an adoption program.**

The National Greyhound Coordinator and Regional Representative will ensure that every possible effort is made to find a loving caring home for each and every greyhound. The combined efforts of these two positions will also allow local adoption programs to concentrate on their jobs, the adoption of greyhounds.

These positions are part of our overall 7x7 program, which GPA has been working on for the past 6 months and has just recently put into place.



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CONTACTS:

For further information about the on the 7x7 program, GREAT line, and the two above mentioned positions and how it will eventually end what was recently discovered in Alabama, please contact GPA Vice President, Rory S. Goree' at 602-510-6951 or GPA President, Pat Toman at 503-363-4566.

If you are able to help funding this important 7x7 program, please send donations to:

GPA – Treasurer
6315 Greenvale Lane
Houston, Texas
77066

For adoption information, call 1-800-366-1472, or visit us on the web at www.greyhoundpets.org

GPA is a not-for profit organization, run by volunteers. Our mission is to find loving responsible homes for greyhounds that no longer qualify or are no longer needed by the racing industry. We maintain a neutral stance on the racing industry and concentrate our efforts on finding homes for these wonderful dogs.

Quick Facts about Greyhound Pets of America

- GPA has 42 chapters in 30 States that are staffed by 1,500+ volunteers
- GPA chapters placed 4,347 retired racing greyhounds into permanent homes in 2000.
- GPA's sole source of funding is donations, fund raisers and sponsorships with 100% of the proceeds directly benefiting greyhound adoption.
- GPA works with the racing industry to encourage its involvement with adoption efforts.