



Greyhound Tails from the Ozarks

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The Greyhounds Need You!

Our volunteers are not just important to our organization – they ARE our organization! No matter what your skills are, we have something you could help with. All we need is dedication and commitment. If you are interested in participating in any of the events listed below, please contact Alane.

Foster a Greyhound

Provide a safe home for a dog during transition from track life to life as a pet. As a foster family, you would provide daily care for a dog, such as feeding, exercising, and teaching him/her about a home. Foster families also bring their dogs to meet-n-greet events, so prospective adopters can meet them. Foster dogs live with the foster home until they are placed.

Placement Committee

Our application process involves telephone screening, a home visit, a vet check and reference checks. Volunteers can help with all aspects of the application screening.

Fundraising

We raise funds for our group as well as other groups that are in dire need of funds. Raising funds allows us to provide the utmost care for our foster dogs. It also pays for our promotional items, medication, crates, collars and leads. Help us plan and implement fundraising events and donation drives.

Volunteer to head a committee of 2 or 3 people for one event a year.

Operational Support

Volunteers are needed to pickup donated items, assist in transporting dogs, walking foster dogs, and much, much more.

Follow Up

Adoption does not end our involvement with the dogs we place. We stay in touch with adopters to ensure happy endings for our dogs. Volunteers do routine check-ins and provide support and guidance to adopters by email and phone. Be a buddy to a new adopter by calling them once a week the first 4-6 weeks or as needed.

Can't commit to the time some of these abovementioned events may take? Here are some additional volunteer endeavors that take less time, but don't mean any less to the organization!

Take business cards and brochures with you wherever you go – its great to have them handy to pass out to a prospective adopter! If you need your own greyhound business card email Liz Ardell at rockchalkku@sbcglobal.net. Give her your name and your greyhounds' names. The card will have the GPA contact information on it.

Take your hound to Starbucks, Andy's, a local park (and be sure to have those brochures handy).

Donate some the following items to the GPA-Springfield, MO:

- Dog Biscuits*
- Rawhides or CET Chews*
- Frontline*
- Stuffed toys*
- Canned dog food*
- Gift card to office supply store*
- Postage stamps*
- Car tires for our Aerostar van*

Have your son/daughter take your greyhound to show and tell at school.

Have your vet place brochures in his/her office lobby or reception desk. Or place brochures in your office common area or breakroom.

Are you crafty? Make items for re-sale to help us raise money. Needlepoint, woodworking, crochet, etc. Greyhound related items sell the best but they do not have to be. We just need nicely crafted items to sell on ebay or to sell in a raffle.

We are needing a **Volunteer Coordinator**. This person would be a motivator!

- Recruit other volunteers for events (monthly meet-n-greets, Artsfest, Cider Days, HBA Home Show, etc).
- Contact new adopters and invite them to current events.
- Be the lead contact for our events and run the show!

Wanted

Manager of the Quarterly Newsletter

- Know or willing to learn Pagemaker 7.0
- Have a computer
- Be internet-saavy to find dog-related articles
- Time commitment – 8 hours every 3 months



Are you musical?

We are wanting to compose a radio jingle to play on local radio channels that would educate the public about retired racing greyhounds. It needs to be a 30 sec. spot.

Interested? Contact Alane.

Alane's Notes



Hi Everyone! I can't believe that the first six months of 2004 have flown by. And it has certainly gone by way too fast. And such is life. Our precious 11 1/2 year old boy Stilts had a mild mini stroke last night. Again I can't believe how fast the years have gone having him here. He feels fine but is a little off balance on his legs on his left side and his head tilts a little to the right. He's doing better this afternoon than this morning and I've been told he could almost be 100% within a few days or maybe longer if we're lucky. He just needs some help now going up and down 3 stairs. Our household is getting older, myself included! Roland can now order off the discounted senior breakfast menu at IHOP - he was 55 in May! There are some positives about aging!

I hope you have been able to listen in to the new GPA internet radio program Greyhounds Make Great Pets at www.voiceamerica.com on Fridays 1 p.m. CDT. GPA Nat. Pres. Rory Goree is hosting and he has a special guest each week for the one hour live broadcast. Hopefully there will be new adopters gained from listening to this. We hope to find sponsorship for this program to extend it beyond the 13 weeks that are set up now.

Adoptions have dropped off since Spring and who knows why. The June weather has certainly been pleasant. Maybe it's too pleasant and people have summer plans to focus on right now. The weather was perfect for our 12th Annual Reunion Picnic on June 5. If you didn't make it this year maybe the date will work out for you in 2005.

Liz Ardell and I will be attending the national meeting in Richmond, VA Sept. 16-19. See www.gpaconvention.org to read about the meeting being held at the Sheraton West there. Be sure to keep up with other GPA national news by visiting www.greyhoundpets.org and click on News for the latest National Newsletter, the Communique.

Enjoy your summer and we hope the volunteer article will inspire you for all the greyhounds needing help!



Summer 2004 Picnic - We raised \$3,612.00!!! A big thank you to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets as well as bidding in the silent auction, paying your entry fee and purchasing greyhound goodies at the store. We couldn't do this event without you!



The relaxed atmosphere at the picnic.

To Order 2004 Group Picnic Photos
8 X 10 Color
\$9.95 + \$1.50 mailing
Send order with payment to:
Bill Russell
26 Good Hope Rd.
Marshfield, MO 65706



Too many items to choose from at the greyhound store!



Saying good-bye to Daisy - she got adopted by Dave and Suzann Ellingsworth at the picnic!



Who's arriving now??



Stoney and Paula take a swim in the pool.

Oh My Aching Back

Dr. Julia Carter, DVM

While Greyhounds as a breed tend not to suffer from the arthritic degeneration of the hips which other large breed dogs are prone, they do appear to have a higher than average incidence of spondylosis deformans, or arthritis of the spine. In this condition, bony spurs called osteophytes form around the ends of vertebral segments, as if trying to bridge the disc space. This occurs particularly in the lumbar vertebrae (the lower back, behind the ribs).

This is due primarily to two factors. First, the segments of the spine associated with the ribs are supported by a connective tissue band that runs from the top of the rib on one side of the body to the top of the same rib on the other side. The band of connective tissue acts to stabilize that spinal segment and the associated intervertebral disc, making the thoracic spine much less susceptible to degeneration. Second, the lower back of Greyhounds is subject to tremendous strain in flexion and extension during racing, as the back arches and flexes to extend the length of the stride. This predisposes Greyhounds to premature degeneration of the discs between the vertebral space by trying to stabilize that space with new bone, creating osteophytes.

As a result, Greyhounds from middle to old age commonly have pain along their lower back, loss of muscle tone to the hind legs, and weakness or loss of neurologic function to the hind legs. The Greyhound's human companion may describe this as an unwillingness to go up or down stairs, get up on the couch, or jump into the car. Alternatively, wobbly hind legs, occasional stumbles and falls, particularly with the rear end going down, or scuffing and toe dragging of the hind feet are other manifestations of spondylosis.

Veterinarians diagnose spondylosis by outlining a history of hind limb disability, by physical exam of lower back pain, observing muscle wasting in the hind limbs, and by noting scuffed rear toenails and/or loss of the dog's knowledge of its hind feet and their position in space. This is called conscious proprioception. A simple test for this reflex is done by supporting the dog's weight while turning the first one, then the other hind foot over so the tops of the toes are in contact with the ground. Normally, dogs will immediately correct this abnormal stance.

Radiographs (x-ray images) of the spine are also critical to confirm spondylosis deformans, as well as

gauge its severity, and pinpoint, the vertebral segments that are involved. In severe cases, where there may be compression of the spinal cord or nerve roots by osteophytes, a myelogram may be recommended to isolate the area of compression. A myelogram is a radiograph taken after dye has been injected into the space around the spinal cord. Surgical decompression may be required to return nerve function to the hind limbs.

In most cases, treatment is a matter of adequate management of the individual greyhound's disability, as there is currently no way to reverse the effects of spondylosis deformans. Anti-inflammatory agents such as aspirin, Rimadyl, Etogesic and glucocorticoid steroids can offer significant pain relief and increased mobility to dogs with relatively mild degenerative changes. Nutraceuticals such as the chondroitin sulfates, glucosaminoglycans, oerna mussel, and shark cartilage can increase viscosity of the small amount of synovial fluid that exists within the intervertebral spaces, as well as increasing the health of cartilage covering each vertebral segment. This can slow the continued degeneration of the joint and give comfort and greater mobility to the dog, but oral forms of these compounds take a long time to achieve an effect – perhaps as long as six weeks or more. There is an injectable form of glucosaminoglycans called Adequan that takes effect more quickly and is widely used in performance horses.

In older dogs with significant loss of muscle mass in the hind limbs, and associated weakness and falling, anabolic steroids are sometimes used to help maintain muscle mass and strength. Anabolic steroids, however, can also increase the mass of the heart muscle, sometimes to the point of disease, and so must be used with care.

Finally, some dogs with spondylosis deformans achieve pain relief and increased mobility with the use of acupuncture. In my experience, the most improvement is seen in dogs with mild to moderate disability, while those individuals with severe muscle wasting or loss of nerve function to the hind limbs respond less dramatically.

Keep your greyhound on Glucosamine HCL. The best chance of seeing a change in your dog's arthritic condition is to give 1500 mg a day for at least two months. If after two months you see improvement, then go to a lesser dose of around 1000 mg. Watch the effect, and if he/she is doing well, then stay at that level.

A Tent's Time

by Fiona Moore www.truffy.com/fastdogs

Back in the days when I just had Jack and George I decided to go away camping with a friend. We practiced in the back yard first.

In view of what actually happened during our practice run, I felt a timetable approach was the best way to accurately convey the full joy of camping with greyhounds.

10:20pm We all head outside and I call the boys into the tent, which is filled with dog beds, blankets, plus my sleeping bag and pillow. Jack immediately discovers the previously unknown joy of silky sleeping bags and fluffy feather pillows, while George is just generally excited and hops about like a lunatic. Nigel (my ever patient husband who will NOT be joining us) zips up the outer door and heads back inside, while I shift Jack off my sleeping bag and pillow and enjoy being out in the cool.

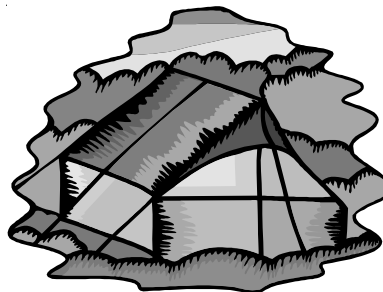
10:25pm George now decides that actually he isn't sure he really likes camping after all, and wants to go back in the house. Even though the tent door is shut he decides he will just push his way through. I tell him to lie down and he starts to panic and keeps leaning against the flimsy mesh door and whining.

10:30pm With constant fussing and reassurance I finally get George to lie down with his head in the very bottom corner of the tent, right by the door. He is now so worked up he proceeds to hyperventilate (very loudly). While I have been sorting out George, Jack has moved back onto my pillow and sleeping bag.

10:40pm We are finally all laying down (although George is hyperventilating noisily and laying across the bottom of the tent which means I have to lay diagonally) and I am feeling quite optimistic that we may actually quite enjoy camping.

1:00am I wake up convinced that the tent is about to be blown away as it is shaking so hard, only to discover that Jack is lying on his back dreaming, and his legs are hitting the sides of the tent. I poke him, and he rolls over and realizes he is no longer touching my pillow and sleeping bag, so comes and flops down right next to me. Within moments he is breathing heavily and fast asleep, and I have to push him back onto his own bed.

2:30am While having yet another violent running dream, Jack kicks George (who is still lying across the bottom of the tent by the door, but breathing normally now) who immediately jumps up and starts barking. Jack of course has no idea why George is suddenly barking at him, so he gets up and starts growling. I shout at both of them, and



while I am sorting out the tangle of sheet and sleeping bag round my feet, Jack goes and lays right across my pillow.

2:32am George is now quite enjoying camping again, and feels brave

enough to lie at the top of the tent which means he is conveniently placed to occasionally stretch out and poke me with his paw if he fancies a fuss. This seems to happen just as I am drifting off to sleep (more than once).

4:00am I wake up feeling cold and can't seem to find my sleeping bag. When I eventually sit up I discover Jack has taken it into the corner where he is very happily lying on it, curled up into a tiny little ball.

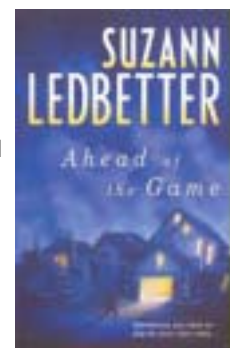
4:30am A hedgehog decides to snuffle noisily and slowly around the whole perimeter of our tent. Obviously the boys find this highly exciting and start to lap the tent and bounce up and down whining. Finally the hedgehog leaves but George is now REALLY enjoying camping and decides we should play a game which consists of him lying down calmly when I tell him, and then the moment I lie down he pounces on me. Eventually he decides the only place he could possibly sleep is across my legs, which is very uncomfortable, but I can't get him to move. I decide I preferred camping when George was hyperventilating at the bottom of the tent.

6:00am I wake up just before my alarm goes off so have time for a little cuddle with the boys. George rolls onto his back and waves all his legs in the air he likes camping so much. Jack and I crawl out of the tent, but George refuses to leave. He starts scratching all the bedding into a pile, and I have to go back into the tent and drag him to the house.

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Suzann Ledbetter's new novel, *Ahead of the Game*, focuses around Zoey Jones who adores her two adopted greyhounds, coincidentally named Bob and Fred.

In the novel, Suzann portrays Bob and Fred as their quirky, beloved selves wherever possible, in the hope that a reader (or a bunch of readers) would follow-up on their own to possibly adopt a retired racer. The back photo on the book should feature Suzann with both Bob and Fred (the same photo which was featured in the Springfield! Magazine article last fall and in February's 417 magazine.

Suzann will also be doing booksignings with the boys, in Springfield and St. Louis. Other locations are pending. We'll be sure to keep you posted on the when and wheres. A rubber stamp of a forefoot is being made so they can paw-tograph books. To find out more about our resident author and greyhound lover, please visit www.suzannedbetter.com





Mark Your Calendars



JULY

11 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Springfield, MO
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

11 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Joplin, MO
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

11 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Fayetteville, AR
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

AUGUST

8 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Springfield, MO
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

8 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petco, Fayetteville, AR
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

10 Tuesday

What: GPA Business Meeting
Where: Alane's House, Springfield, MO
When: 6:30pm

SEPTEMBER

12 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Springfield, MO
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

12 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Fayetteville, AR
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

17 - 19 Friday - Sunday

What: 2004 North American Greyhound Adoption Conference
Where: Richmond, VA

18 - 19 Saturday & Sunday

What: Cider Days
Where: Walnut Street, Springfield, MO
When: 10 AM - 5 PM

OCTOBER

8 - 11 Friday - Monday

What: Greyhounds Reach the Beach
Where: Dewey Beach, DE
When: various times and events

10 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Springfield, MO
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

10 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petco, Fayetteville, AR
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

12 Tuesday

What: GPA Business Meeting
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When: 6:30pm

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

November 14 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petsmart, Fayetteville, AR
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

December 11th

What: GPA-Springfield Christmas Party
Where: TBA
When: 6:30pm

December 12 Sunday

What: Meet and Greet
Where: Petco, Fayetteville, AR
When: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

December 14th

What: GPA Business Meeting
Where: Alane's House, Springfield, MO
When: 6:30pm



Christopher - adopted by Jeff and Donelle Fields



Kelly - The Bathing Beauty - recently adopted by Robin McKenna

Adoptions March 21 thru June 16

Jeremy & Jennifer Batson - G Man
Chuck & Debbie Grotheer - Keeper
Dave & Chelly Gilbert - Libby
Dave & Marschall Fansler - Korbin
Carol Horned - Robbie
Mike Mertz - Mert
Steve & Danita Rafferty - Kindall
Greyhound Companions - Robin
Dave & Suzann Ellingsworth - Daisy
Melton & Carlene Mitchell - Blink
Robin McKenna - Kelly



Pet Allergies - Nothing to Sneeze At



Once again, new flowers will burst into life, plants will thrive, and a sweet fragrance will fill the air. Ad so will the symptoms of seasonal allergies – for animals and humans alike.

Blooming plants, grasses and flowers can trigger allergic reactions, called atopy, in dogs and cats. Similar to hay fever, pets with such allergies typically have itchy skin and will scratch, bite or lick themselves constantly, often creating sores that become secondary infections.

Allergic reactions can be amplified by an unrecognized nutritional deficiency. Your pet's immune system must receive proper nourishment to do its job at peak efficiency. One of the best things you can do is feed your pet a premium high-quality pet food. This will always help keep your companion healthy and well balanced.

In milder cases, medications may be used to control itching. In more severe situations, skin testing can be performed to identify the specific substances to which your pet is allergic. Treatments for allergies may include immunotherapy, antihistamines, fatty acid supplements, soothing medicated shampoos and antibiotics for secondary bacterial infection. Corticosteroids, such as prednisone, are effective at reducing the symptoms of atopy, but they can have many serious side effects that limit their long-term use and should be administered cautiously.

Managing pet allergies takes some human patience. However, by combining different methods of therapy, paying attention to your pet's environment and observing your pet so that you can begin treatment as early as possible, you can make your pet feel his best.

Talk to your veterinarian if you think your pet may be suffering from seasonal allergies.

Shirley Gilbert who owns Keepers, a home decorating store, adopted Luca, a two-year old retired racing greyhound (adopted through GPA-KS - he's been through the prison program). Luca can usually be found at the store on South Glenstone. Two stores are located in Springfield, MO - 1448 S. Glenstone Avenue and 2764 S. Campbell.



Also, featured at Keepers on S. Glenstone is a greyhound print titled "Alicia Antoinette" by Belgium artist Jan Van Beers (1852-1927). This print was a Nancy Greer donation and Alane had it framed. 100% of the money made from the sale of the framed print will go to GPA-Springfield, MO.

This framed print is 36" wide and 42" high.

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Greyt Letters



Fayetteville News

We had buckets of rain this weekend (May 1 -2), but it didn't actually start raining until just as the Dogwood Walk ended, so that worked out except that it was miserably cold and windy. Regardless, there was a good turnout and our greyhounds drew a crowd to our booth especially since they were dressed up, compliments of Jo Diercoff, as a bride and groom, angel, and two with racing silks. We had 5 greys there, my three and Jo's two, and Odette Havel who has been great to help with Meet & Greets also braved the cold to help. All 5 greys walked together as a pack and everyone loved them. I also was interviewed for television about greyhound adoption, but don't know if it was aired or not.

Immediately after the Dogwood Walk, I took one grey to Petco, and Jo took her two to Petsmart for "Adoption Weekend". I did the same on Sunday at Petco and I have a new volunteer to help who oved here from Colorado who has a greyhound, and she covered Petsmart on Sunday. Needless to say, all the dogs and myself crashed on Sunday night, but it was fun.



Abigail is finally getting big enough to amuse Pokey!
The two of them could play together all day! Abby thinks Pokey is hysterical when she runs around in her crazy mode! Pokey thinks Abby is fun when she makes noises and throws her toys at Pokey!

They are quite a pair!

Allie Hillman



Connor was a greyhound that was running loose in the Pittsburg, KS area after the Camptown Racetrack closed in 2000. After being loose for eighteen months, he was caught. He was extremely shy and needed special attention. He was sent on a haul to the Greyhound Friends kennel in Boston, MA. He spent nine months there without gaining confidence, so Greyhound

Friends decided to place him in a home environment for a couple of weeks to acclimate him. Eleven months later he was adopted! Here is a letter from his new Mom.

I thought you'd be pleased to know that I've adopted the only perfect greyhound on the planet! I keep waiting for him to do something bad or stupid and it just doesn't happen. Connor's the easiest dog I've ever had. He's had a very full week between the move, the walks, the daycare, and the general socializing. The move went well, and on Monday we walked over to the daycare to introduce him to the whole gang.... all 20+ of them. He wasn't the least bit fazed by it. Yesterday, I met a friend for lunch, so daycare picked him up in the van at noon and I picked him up at daycare around 3:00. He was perfect. Today is the first and only day this week that I'm working. I left him at 6:00 AM and daycare picked him up at 11:00. I managed to wait until noon before I called to check on him...and yes, you guessed it...he's doing perfectly! He was napping with a corgi when I called. For the rest of the week, he'll just be hanging out with me and making visits to the daycare just to keep the experience fresh in his mind. We're having such a great time together. I've been so busy unpacking and running around that I fall asleep with him on his bed in front of the TV! We're both loving it.

Marsha



New Life for Angel Annie

by Annie (with a little typing help from Avery Sanger)

Hi! I'm Annie, an almost 8-year-old grey. My Mommy Nancy died this winter and I lost everything in my world that I was used to — my mom, my sibs, my home, my daily routine. I didn't know if I'd ever feel happy again or if I'd ever find a new home where I would fit in.

Then Anisa and Michelle took me to their busy home, first as a foster and then a family member. They had three greys already, so it was kind of like my old home. But there were more humans, other pets (birds, reptiles, etc.), and LOTS of activity. Anisa's mom, Avery, came over to visit and I got to know her. She kind of reminded me of my first mommy. I liked her right away and, the second time she came over, I walked right up to where she was sitting and planted a wet kiss on her nose! I sensed she liked me, too. Things began to change at Anisa's and Michelle's house, and it made me stressed out! I loved them and their greys, but I just couldn't settle down. I think I realized this wasn't going to be my forever home.



Then Avery asked to adopt me and she took me, and all my stuff, home with her. She has three other dogs, too, but none of them are greys. They

took a little getting used to! But I liked how it felt to be in Avery's home and I felt relaxed and happy. She seems to understand that I can be happy at her home and still feel sad and miss my first mommy at

times. Sometimes she just sits beside me and cries and hugs me when I am feeling really sad and she can tell. She said it's okay to miss Nancy and to always love her, but she hopes I'll come to love her, too. I already do!

Avery lets me sleep on the couches and chairs, and on her bed. I can even rearrange the pillow shams, as you can see in the picture of me and my new brothers. I'm getting to know the little guys, and they're growing on me. Nick, the black Chihuahua on the left, is the oldest, at 6 years, and he still thinks he's the alpha dog (Does he have a lot to learn! I'm a grey AND a female. He doesn't stand a chance.). The white dog in the middle is Ben, a 2-year-old Chi-Jack Russell mix. I love to chase him and torment him — and he seems to enjoy it! The red dog on the right is Joe, a 2-year-old terrier mix Anisa rescued that Avery fell in love with. He and I have a lot of fun and I get along with him best. Avery takes Joe and me for walks in the park and that's fun. We all also run around in Avery's big back yard, talking to the boxers next door or just running or sitting in the sun.

Oh, one more thing. Since Avery is Anisa's mom, I still get to see her and her grey, Clarence. That's neat. Clarence comes to stay at our house sometimes, too. And, just like my first mommy, Avery takes me to ArtsFest and the Petsmart Meet and Greet, so I can see lots of my old friends, both humans and greys, and make new ones. So even though a lot has changed in my life, a lot is the same. I'll never forget my first mommy, but I think she'd be happy to see where I am now, and know that I have my second forever home with Avery.

If you have a greyhound-related story to tell, please email it to Liz Ardell at rockchalkku@sbcglobal.net. A picture that can accompany the article would be grey! Please email digital photos to the above email or mail a hard copy of a photo to: Liz Ardell, 619 E. Kingsbury Street, Springfield, MO 65807

What Are They Saying???

If you've always suspected your dog is a brilliant conversationalist, you can now read Fido's slobbery lips with the Bow-Lingual, a \$210 canine interpreter from Takara (www.takara-usa.com). How's it work? A lightweight wireless microphone (attached to the dog's collar) analyzes his "voiceprint" when he barks. The info is then beamed to a hand-held receiver, which displays one of 200 phrases (You're not the boss of me!) and its corresponding emotion.

We tested the Bow-Lingual on Montana, a 12-year old Maltese poodle. Sure, the device seemed to work — when a dog strolled by, Montana's yelp was translated as "I don't like you either!" — but we have some pet peeves, such as random messages even though the dog didn't bark. And stock up on batteries because the Bow-Lingual eats them up like dog biscuits. But taking it for what it is — a high-tech mood ring for pets — the Bow-Lingual is fun and precise (well, as far as we can tell). Next up from Takara? The Meow-Lingual.

AARP May/June 2004

California Dreamin'

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My boy is a real sun puppy. He'd spend hours basking in the sun if I'd let him. Too much of a good thing can be dangerous. Use sunscreen on bare butts and bellies, tips of ears, and any scars or bare spots. Sunscreen made for infants works well. Be particularly careful with thin coated

dogs who are light in color – you may need to use sunscreen everywhere.

Pay close attention to your hound on warm summer days – particularly if the humidity is high. Heat injury can occur in as little as a few minutes.

Avoid heatstroke by providing shade, a constant supply of fresh water, and controlling the amount of time he's outside when the heat index is above 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Limit exercise on hot days and exercise only in the cool of the very early morning or very late evening. Be especially careful about heat exposure for dogs with darker coats.

Use cool coats and keep kiddie wading pools handy for summer picnics or outings. Add just enough water to the pool so your pal can enjoy himself but don't fill it so deep that the water should cover his head.

In sunnier climates or at high altitudes, consider sunglasses. Pannus has been associated with ultra violet exposure. And Greyhounds are among the breeds most at risk.

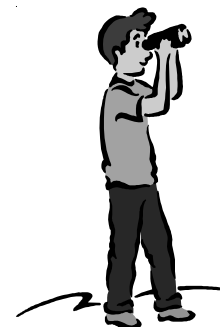


Go through your closets and drawers! We're always in need of items to re-sell at The Classy Rags Resale Shop in Bolivar! Just leave items on Alane's front porch. Please remember that everything needs to be cleaned and ready to display in the store!

SEARCH & RESCUE CREW

We have the following volunteers assigned to our search and rescue crew:

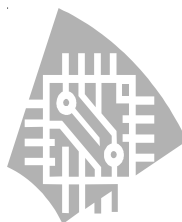
Liz & Dave Ardell - North Central Springfield
Anisa Dawn - NW Springfield
Alane Shultz - SE Springfield
Jonathan Sproule, Paula McVann and Patti Wingert - SW Springfield
Julie Payne - North Central Springfield
Kristin Paul - SSW Springfield



We could use more volunteers! Joplin, Nixa, Ozark, Branson, etc...Contact Alane if you're interested.

Microchipping Greyhounds

GPA-Springfield, MO will now be microchipping all recently retired greyhounds! This microchip will be inserted into the fatty tissue between the shoulder blades. If you would like to microchip your greyhounds, you can purchase a chip from GPA, Springfield for \$5.00 (through Spring Valley Vet Hospital). If your greyhound is scheduled for a routine dental or regular vaccination, you can get the microchip inserted for



\$5.00. If the microchip is the only procedure you are having completed for your greyhound, Spring Valley Vet will need to charge an office visit and the entire cost would be \$30.00. You can contact Spring Valley Veterinary Hospital at (417) 887-0898.

This 24PetWatch chip can be read by all scanners. It only takes a minute at the vet office to insert, and you'll have a lifetime of your mind at ease.