



Greyhound Tails from the Ozarks

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GPA-Springfield, MO's Spanish Sister Chapter for the Galgos in Cordoba, Spain

GPA-Springfield, MO has "adopted" a sister chapter in Cordoba, Spain. This shelter rescues and re-homes galgos. The galgo español is a sight hound of ancient origins, a very near relative of the greyhound (the galgo inglés). The pure galgo can be short or longhaired, the latter being the preferred type at breed shows. We will periodically ship boxes of used items, such as, used coats, collars, and leashes, as well as new items, such as topical antibiotic ointments. If you would like to donate items, please review page 3, for an entire listing of items that the shelter needs.

The dog is bred for its athleticism, stamina and ease of handling and is widely used throughout internal Spain by hunters, called galgueros, for coursing the hare with betting. The conditions under which they are reared and live are as harsh and as punishing as the bitter winters and scorching summers, which they must endure. They mostly live chained up outside on hillsides, or in cellars hidden from thieves who steal them for sparring at dogfights. The hunting season lasts from September to January at which time they are got rid of in the quickest

way so as not to cost their owners one penny more than is necessary, whilst ironically, new pups are bred for the following year. It was the custom, probably for centuries, for galgueros to hang their galgos, sometimes in the most brutal way to augment their owner's machismo. Due to ours and others' protests since 1995 when these atrocities first came to light, the hangings have diminished and are replaced now by massive abandonment of many thousands of these lovely dogs throughout Spain, many of them young. Most end up in hideous municipal 'perreras' (dog pounds), crammed together in freezing conditions where food and water are not on offer to those condemned eventually to be put down.



Greyhounds In Need

As a UK charity, Greyhounds in Need first became aware of the unfortunate lives of galgos in 1996, following on our concern since 1991 for the Irish greyhounds exported then to the dog tracks at Barcelona, Valencia and Mallorca. Sadly the situation of the galgos had not been addressed by welfare associations. Until that time, much of their lives as hunting dogs and then their fates in the woods having been well hidden in the countryside of internal Spain. A few worthy souls, like Bartolome Ramirez Castro (the Shelter Director at our Spanish Sister Chapter) did care as best they could for large numbers of them, but there was no future for those rescues until recent years. Drawing the public eye, with the use of the media and the internet, to the plight of these lovely creatures, and having already opened up pathways, particularly in Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and the UK to the greyhounds, meant that an increasing number of galgos have found salvation and welcoming open arms abroad with families, often with multiple sighthounds! The network has increased nowadays involving France, Holland, Austria, the USA and to a lesser extent Scandinavia.

We all feel much love and pity for these animals, but we know we are only applying first aid to a situation, the root of which should be seriously addressed by Spain herself. Many Spanish volunteers and welfare groups now play an important part in the primary rescue of these dogs, but they suffer frustration and despair at the lack of authoritative back up, and penal justice

following their denunciations and efforts against deliberate cruelty to galgos.

As the hosting, the knowledge and the love of these galgos spread throughout the world, so also do the negative aspects of galgo existence in Spain. In these days of electronic mail where in a few seconds, a mass grave or a galgo hanging from a tree can reach the living rooms of millions of indignant dog lovers throughout the world, there must come a time when Spain can no longer plead ignorance nor make excuses for not being able to control the production of thousands of unwanted galgos nor the cruel practices used to cull them.

There is now enormous back up from abroad but only pressure on the authorities from Spanish people themselves can exert zero tolerance of such acts of wantonness and cruelty.

Meanwhile, we with our greyhound rescue programmes, do our best, but the opportunities, after exporting thousands and thousands of galgos to homes abroad over the last 6 years, are diminishing as northern Europe is becoming saturated with Spanish greyhounds and galgos! So far I have mentioned nothing of the massive amount of donated funding which has to be raised daily in all our countries with publicity, the media and public relations work in order to carry out the costly rescue and rehabilitation of these animals.

Alane's Notes



Another year has come and gone and 2003 certainly has some memorable moments. My least favorite moment was an emergency call on Dec. 18 telling me that our GPA Executive Secretary and friend Nancy Greer had suddenly passed away. This was due to flu complications! Many of us had seen her 5 days earlier and she was fine. I called many volunteers with this sad news and they came forward to help and take in her four greyhounds. This also came at a time I was in the middle of making a form to put into this newsletter for adopters that would like to become Benefactors to GPA - Springfield, MO.

After 12 years of doing adoptions, we have many more donations now than the first few years we were around. This also brought me to the conclusion that we needed to seek long term financial commitments to sustain this organization's greyhound adoption efforts. I have also concluded if you don't ask people to leave GPA - Spfd. MO in their wills or as beneficiaries of their life insurance, etc. and remind them occasionally, then they don't remember you in their last wishes! Everyone has their priorities, but I feel others beside myself are willing and wanting to see that our organization is here for greyhounds in the future. Hence we've developed a form for your use regarding these sensitive decisions. Please take the time to look over our donation form. (See page 6) Please feel free to ask me questions or I'll be happy to refer you to our attorney that is a Will and Trust expert. He has provided GPA - Spfd. MO with pro bono services. *Also, remember... these wishes can be changed throughout your lifetime and are not set in stone!*

If you do not become a benefactor for GPA - Springfield, MO, please specify in your will to leave at least several hundred dollars per each of your greyhounds in the event of your death or buy a small life insurance policy making GPA - Springfield, MO the beneficiary to provide for the care and re-placement of your greyhounds. If you have a plan for your greyhound in the event that you die to live with a sister or parent, please let us know that also.

The 2nd most memorable event of the year to me ended on a much more positive note! On June 2, 2003, Bill Surles, Bob Eaden, Ron Anderson and myself drove to Paragould, AR (about 4 hours away) and Truly Rescued six 4-year old starving, full of worms, neglected, abandoned, sweet and loving greyhounds that also turned out to all be heartworm positive! What a sad sight they were! Lori ended up having 7 greyhound puppies that were all adopted. All six adult greyhounds survived their heartworm treatments and other health issues and all are now adopted into Loving Forever homes except for Lance. Lance had more obstacles to overcome and took a little longer to get his health back. He's now ready and waiting for his new home. These greyhounds truly survived hell on earth! And if you ever got to really know any of these greyhounds, you'd know how much they appreciate their rescue and help we've given them. It has been the most rewarding experience to help these guys. I'm glad we were here for them. I wish we could have found them sooner!

Our mission of responsibly helping as many greyhounds as we can affected all our other achievements for the year. Ebay fundraisers have been tremendous! Thanks to Paula, Patti, Sherry and Carla and many others for donating items for Ebays and for being the high bidder! The picnic was the best ever! Borders Show & Tells began this year and provide us with a whole new group of people to market greyhounds to. We've helped Greyhound Support of KC send 665+ greyhounds to other adoption groups around the country. Our reps in surrounding communities and towns have developed several adoptions and provide information for their locales. Our reps are a grey asset and truly make a huge difference! We had a greyt Christmas Party!

2003 greyhound activity speaks for itself. We had 39 first time greyhound adoptions, sent 7 to other groups, found homes for 8 stray greyhounds, found 6 seniors their first time Forever homes (greyhounds age 8 and up) and had 11 returns from our adoptions. One of these was a senior and had been in a home for 9 years. In 11+ years of adoptions we had more returns this year than any other. Many were due to family divorces. We had 5 returns in 2003 due to death of the owner.

Make it a priority and a resolution for 2004 to provide for your greyhounds in the event of your untimely death! And please consider making GPA -Springfield, MO a Benefactor to secure the future, growth and prosperity of GPA - Springfield, MO!



Go through your closets and drawers! We're always in need of items to re-sell at Lynette Copeland's Classy Rags Resale Shop in Bolivar! Just leave items on Alane's front porch.

Do we have your email address?

If you have been receiving our announcements through email then we have your address, if not, then please use the e-mail below and we can add you to the list!



GPA-SpfdMO-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Items in Need for our Sister Chapter

- Suggested items helpful for the work in Spain.
- Items in bold may be the easiest items for you to find!

COLLARS and LEADS – Basic, new or second hand, for kenneling or transportation - these do not have to be martingale/greyhound collars, they can be belt and loop collars. How about some of those fancy collars that have loose threads or broken ribbons?

MUZZLES – Moderately used in Spain, new or second-hand, clean and intact

ANTIPARASITICS – Flea/tick preventative and treatment, Frontline, Drontal Plus. If you could write the correct dosage (in metric), method of application and warnings in Spanish, that would save accidents and would be much appreciated.

ANTIBIOTICS – oral and parenteral. Moderately helpful, though we prefer to commend them into the hands of vets.

ANTIBIOTICS – topical creams and powders etc. Very useful. These creams or ointments can be purchased at the Deals Store or Dollar General very inexpensively!

ALLOPURINOL (XYLORIC ACID) TABLETS – Used widely for long-term treatment of Leishmania.

Fluids are not practical for sending. Sorry.

CELEBRATING GREYHOUND – calendars, Diaries, Magazines, always very welcome and useful for resale by all.

If you have any of the above items, please drop them off at Alane's (or mail them to Alane at PO Box 3693, Springfield, MO 65808). We will ship items once we have enough for a moderate shipment.



Chefs for Pets

TIME magazine, October 6, 2003

You know you've made your kibbles too small when the dog snorts into its bowl and sends its dinner flying. That's one of the lessons food technicians at the Iams pet-food company, outside Dayton, Ohio, learned early on. After 57 years in the business, they're still learning.

In the fiercely competitive pet-food industry, inventing a hit product takes a lot of trial and error – not to mention plenty of pooch and feline focus groups. One thing the Iams scientist know is that dogs and cats rarely order from the same menu. Cats like foods acidic and prefer a sort of glassy texture. Dogs won't go near such froufrou fare, preferring things sweet and salty and enjoying both rough and creamy textures.

The question of kibble dimensions goes beyond the matter of size. Dogs prefer their kibbles amorphously shaped and dense. Iams once tried square kibbles, but they hurt the animals' mouths. Cats like their kibbles thinner and don't mind if the shapes are better defined.

Nutrition is an even greater challenge. The best source of fiber for pets appears to be beet pulp, a conclusion Iams reached by measuring everything that went into — and, significantly, came out of — test animals. Older animals need added nutrients, such as fats and proteins, they have trouble making on their own.

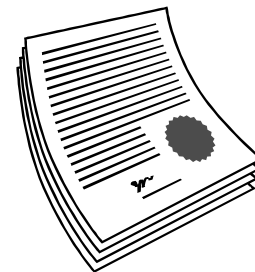
Taste-tasting all these foods is a tricky business. Most dogs and cats – for reasons known only to them – prefer to eat from bowls placed on one side of their face or the other. An animal that appears not to like a food might simply be a righty being fed from the left. Some studies take place in people's homes, where pets and their owners are watched at mealtime. Humans, Iams has found, like to see dogs wag their tails while they're eating. "Then we know," says Diane Hiramawa, Iams' chief of Research and Development., "when the dog sees the product, that tail better be wagging." Iams may not know why animals eat the chow, but it knows who buys it.

Leave a Lasting Legacy

Your legacy will make a lasting difference for many greyhounds waiting for their Forever homes.

Donating to GPA - Springfield, MO will build long-term stability and secure the future for the organization. Donating to GPA - Springfield, MO will provide an extra stream of income to meet the increasing demands for rescue and care of retired greyhounds. We invite you to invest in tomorrow by joining us in our efforts to save and enrich the lives of greyhounds and ourselves. We will be here for your greyhounds if needed and for the others that need our help and support.

GPA - Springfield, MO is an all volunteer, non-paid, not for profit 501 (c)(3) organization that is dedicated to helping as many greyhounds as we can responsibly find loving responsible Forever homes. A benefactor of GPA - Springfield, MO is anyone who informs the organization in writing that he or she has made provisions in his or her will, or other estate plan, naming GPA - Springfield, MO as a beneficiary; or anyone who makes an outright gift of \$500 or more to the organization.



Funding is needed for veterinary repair of broken hocks and legs, telephone bills, transportation of greyhounds to other adoption programs, gasoline, dog food, office supplies, van maintenance, promotional materials, continuing education and training of leaders, etc.

The GPA - Springfield, MO officers appreciate information about commitments from which it will benefit in the future. We recognize the highly personal nature of these commitments. Unless we receive other directions from you, Benefactor recognition will be sent to you with your permission to publish your name as a Benefactor in our newsletter so that your example may inspire others.

Please see page 6 for a Benefactor Gift Commitment form.

Giving the Gift of Life Insurance

by David L. Yaktine, CLU, ChFC Northwestern Mutual Financial Network (reprinted with his permission)

Charitable organizations, and those who support these organizations, are becoming aware that the government may not continue its current level of support, and that the burden of support is being shifted to the private sector. The charitably-inclined individual's support helps to maintain a consistent cash flow to carry out both day-to-day commitments and long-term goals.

Many individuals have expressed a special interest in the future welfare of different charities. Often, the reason for this special interest is personal, but individual reasons range from heartfelt concern over an organization's financial well being to a conviction that support of a charity can make a difference. On the other hand, some people hesitate to contribute because they assume the amount they can afford to give might not be significant enough to make much of a difference. This concern is unfounded; most representatives of charitable organizations would agree that even the most humble gift is appreciated and provides help. The hope that the gift will accomplish as much as possible, however, is not unfounded. This is why the gift of life insurance can be so effective.

The gift of life insurance is a practical and affordable way to make charitable contributions. Donors need not be wealthy to make a significant and meaningful gift. Typically, a donor applies for a permanent life insurance policy on his or her own life and names the charity both owner and beneficiary of the policy. Since the charity is the owner, the donor's annual gift of the premium payment is tax-deductible.

Throughout the donor's lifetime, the charity will have access to the cash value of the donated life insurance policy. If the donor needs to discontinue contributions at some point, any accumulated policy values can still provide a worthwhile gift. Additionally, a policy benefit is available that can prevent the plan from lapsing in the event of the donor's total disability.

Under the current law, the charity receives the proceeds on a tax-free basis upon the donor's death, or when the policy matures, whichever comes first. Furthermore, no complex probate procedures will be required to settle the claim, and the donor's estate will not owe gift or estate taxes on the amount of the claim.

The gift of life insurance can be a "win-win" proposal for both the donor and the charity. Through the charitable gift of life insurance, even modest annual gifts can have a meaningful and substantial impact. Donors can affect good works beyond their own lifetime and contribute to society in a more powerful way.

Adoptions September 30 thru December 31

Paul & Rosalee Hawkins - Emily
 Mark & Kelly Miller - Okie Doc
 Joann Raef - Sundowner
 Davie & Terry Baker - Oscar and Soapy
 JT & Tara Taylor - Ace
 Stan & Rhonda Patterson - Della
 Bob & Niel Eaden - Nibby
 Lowell & Kristin Galindo - Mick
 Wayne & Sandi Hanna - Lamar
 Don & Bonnie Bailey - Cassy



George & Veronica Dempsey - Rhonda
 Dawn Foxall - Barbie
 Walter & Cheri Henry - Elvira
 Charles & Debby Grotheer - Morgan
 Kevin & Paula McVann - Carter
 Linda Folkert - Breea
 Jack & Kim Morelock - Romeo
 Greyhound Adoption of Eastern Michigan - Snow



Mark Your Calendars



| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sunday, January 11 | 1pm - 3pm | Show and Tell | Petsmart Springfield, MO |
| Sunday, January 25 | 1:30pm - 5pm | Annual Meeting | Library Center S. Campbell, Springfield |
| Sunday, February 1 | 1pm - 3pm | Show and Tell | Petsmart Joplin, MO |
| Friday - Sunday, February 6 - 8 | various times | HBA Home Show | Jordan Valley Pk Expo Ctr Springfield, MO |
| Saturday, February 14 | scheduled times not yet determined | Borders Benefit Days | Borders Books and Music Springfield, MO |
| Sunday, March 14 | 1 pm - 3pm | Show and Tell | Petsmart Springfield, MO |
| Sunday, April 11 | 1 pm - 3pm | Show and Tell | Petsmart Springfield, MO |
| Thursday - Saturday April 29 - May 1 | Various times | Greyhound Gathering | Kanab, UT |
| Saturday and Sunday, May 1 - 2 | 10am - 5pm | ArtsFest | Walnut Street Springfield, MO |
| Sunday, May 9 | 1 pm - 3 pm | Show and Tell | Petsmart Springfield, MO |
| Saturday, June 5 | 3:30pm - 7:30pm | Annual Picnic | Alane's House Springfield, MO |
| Thursday - Saturday June 10 - 12 | Various times | Midwest Greyhound Gathering | Abilene, KS |
| Friday - Sunday September 17 - 19 | Various times | 2004 N. American Greyhound Adoption Conference | Sheraton Hotel Richmond, VA |
| Anytime | Everyday | Spring Cleaning - donate items for Lynette Copeland's ReSale Shop | Drop off spring/ summer clothes & housewares - front porch of Alane's |

BENEFACTOR GIFT COMMITMENT

I expect my gift will amount to \$ _____.

My Benefactor commitment to Greyhound Pets of America - Springfield, MO:

_____ Will/or Bequest _____ Name of Attorney

_____ Outright Gift _____ Other

I designate that the spending portion of my gift will be applied:

_____ at the discretion of GPA – Springfield, MO OR

Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Full Name Printed: _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Greyt Letters



We always enjoy receiving letters (especially those with pictures too!). Please send us a letter or email with an update about your greyhound(s).

Dear Alane --

I'm approaching 10 years old, starting to get grey in my muzzle and have a little hip pain after I run a little. Old man (The Boss) says I'm getting old. He should talk...I haven't seen him move more quickly than me in years. Also he's inclined to sleep late if I let him get away with it. But its easy to wake him up - just jump on him! Usually we get up at 8AM, go for a walk and while he's making his breakfast, I get some dry biscuits from him. He just caught on that I always take the first biscuit and eat it on his bed...that is so he can say he has a dog who prefers her breakfast in bed.

We'll get to Texas shortly after the holidays, to see his two youngsters and seven grandkids. The younger grandkids are often here in the Summer.

I like all of them as they like to scratch me and take me for walks. They are all pretty good at letting me act as I wish.

Only thing I don't like is that one family's golden retriever who will no longer play with me as I knock him down on a run. However, I'd really like to play with cat.

Have a fun holiday, Dusty

P.S. - Dusty is the most observant dog I've ever had although you wouldn't expect it with her independent approach to everything. Fun to have around since I'm never certain what she'll pull next. - Grant

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Nipper and I just read the newsletter and though that we should send you a letter and let you know how we are doing. We go to the walking track at least two times a week. Nipper has a certain spot that he has to check out every time we walk by! He meets lots of other dogs and gets lots of attention from other people too! Things are going better with Rose. Nipper isn't quite as scared as he used to be, and Rose doesn't hiss as often either - so we are coming along well there.

Nipper really likes going to play with his friend Shelby. They love to run in the back yard together. It isn't so fun when Shelby lays under the deck, then Nipper can't get to her and he tells her how unfair she is! But it's a game to her so she enjoys it. She has also taught him how to put his front paws on the lawn chair and he can then see in the kitchen window. Its cute to see them both there!

Nipper is also more comfortable with the people I work with. We have to go to work early so he can get his hugs before I go to work. He also gets to sit in on the staff meetings too! He thinks that is pretty special. He minds very well and we get lots of compliments about well behaved he is. Thank you for that! There is one thing that he does when we are at his friend's house. If we are in the computer room he lays on the futon sofa in that room. He has never tried to lay on any other furniture, but every time we go in that room he jumps up on the futon and makes himself comfortable. I didn't know if you had something like that at your house that he was allowed on? But that just strikes me as odd, why is that the only furniture he lays on? Otherwise we are doing great! We brush our teeth every night, too!

Nipper is such a joy to have, I couldn't imagine how I ever went without him! He love to play and is so affectionate.

He wants me to send you his love! I'd get a paw print but he is sleeping and having a good dream too. His legs are moving and his muscles are twitching. He dreams a lot now. We should have more pictures this weekend. We put them on a CD so we could email them to you and put them on the website.

Best wishes,
Christine and Nipper



Show and Tell at Petco in Cape Girardeau, MO. Keep up the greyt work everybody!



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The Purina and Wal-Mart "Very Best Pet Network Program" has assigned the Super Wal-Mart in Nixa, MO to us. The Pet Department will post photos of our available greyhounds waiting to be adopted and our contact information.

Alane will be attending the International Canine Sports Symposium in Orlando, Florida on January 17 - 18. She'll be there to promote the GPA 7x7 Project and encourage more veterinarians to become involved in greyhound adoption. Kate Bressler and Ann Peterson of Greyhound Support in Kansas City will be going as well and we'll be meeting other adoption group leaders from around the U.S. Over 10,000 veterinarians and vet techs from around the world attend this conference.

Greyhounds Reach the Beach—Dewey 2003

by Paula McVann



Well, this was the year to "do Dewey". My friend Ann Waitley and I decided the thing to do was to DRIVE there....that way we could take our dogs, and Stoney really really wanted to go! So we loaded up, Ann took Cutie Pie, her pretty little black girl, and Stoney insisted that he be the one to go with me, and off

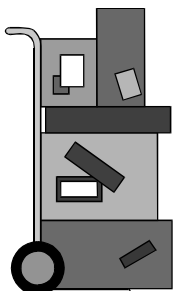
we went. One memorable thing about Dewey...it is a REALLY long drive. We drove all day, stopped, slept, got up the next morning, and drove all day again, finally arriving in Dewey Beach at about 4 in the afternoon. First thing we did was take the dogs to the beach. Stoney thought the beach was great...he had no trouble getting in the water and playing....and it was warm enough that it was fun for both of us.

Dewey Beach is a quiet little town on the Atlantic Ocean. It's probably filled with tourists throughout the summer, but in October, it's filled with greyhounds! Everywhere you look, there are greyhounds.

They are welcome at most of the motels and are allowed in most of the restaurants that have outdoor seating of any kind. Every morning, there is a walk on the beach, which this year pretty much didn't happen, as the earlier hurricane made the beach nonexistent. But people gathered on the streets, and there was much socializing and sniffing. The days are filled with activities, seminars, an art show, fun runs for the dogs, including Sit and Visit for the senior hounds, and much shopping in the two large vendor tents. You can learn about greyhound health issues,



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GPA-Springfield recently mailed 80 pounds of Adams Flea Shampoos, collars and topical creams/ointments to our Spanish Sister Chapter for the Galgos in Cordoba, Spain.

If you're interested in sending items that our sister chapter needs, please review page 3 for an entire listing of their needs.

“Home is where the Hound is”

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW*****

SPRINGFIELD HOME BUILDERS ASSN. 2004 SHOW at the New Springfield Exposition Center, Downtown on St. Louis Street in Springfield, MO

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - 8

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR “HOME IS WHERE THE HOUND IS” BOOTH.

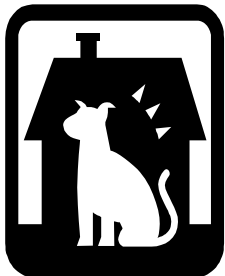
The home show has 15,000 people attending and we have a booth at no charge thanks to the Springfield HBA. We will provide you with couches and dog beds in our booth. It will have a living room setting, just like at home. We need to schedule 2 or 3 people and 2 or 3 greyhounds per session:

Friday: 10am to 1, 1 to 4 and 4 to 7pm

Saturday: 9am to 12:30, 12:30 to 3:45 and 3:45 to 7 pm

Sunday: 11am to 2pm and 2 to 5pm

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT! THIS WILL BE OUR LARGEST GREYHOUND PROMOTIONAL EVENT OF THE YEAR! HELP US FIND MORE GREYT HOMES FOR GREYHOUNDS WAITING FOR HOMES! Please call or email me asap if you can volunteer for this greyt opportunity!



Interested in Fostering a Recently Retired Greyhound?

We've recently lost a couple of foster homes due to them failing Fostering 101 (They adopted their fosters.) That is wonderful and greyt, but we need to recruit a couple of new foster homes. If you've been thinking about doing this or would like more information, please let me know. Our Foster Manual is in the files section on this Yahoo Site! Please contact Alane if you're interested.

Think about it!

It's very rewarding to help a new greyhound find his forever home.

Our Latest Raffle

A custom made wood screen/room divider that is greyhound decoupage will be on display at the HBA Home Show. We will be selling raffle tickets for it in February & March!



\$6 for 5 or \$1 ea.

This has at least a \$200 value. Thanks to Alpine Wood Products for making and donating the screen and Paul Skidmore for painting the base color and Sherry Cramer for the decoupage work.

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 ● *Greyhounds Reach the Beach—Dewey 2005*
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● temperament testing, feeding raw diets, the prison
 ● program, and many other things. There's a
 ● greyhound fashion show, and an ice cream social,
 ● with yogurt for the puppies. There is also a Beer and
 ● Biscuit Ball, and a memorial service for missing
 ● friends, and a special Blessing of the Hounds.
 ● Sunday, there is
 ● a special
 ● brunch, and this
 ● year Kate
 ● Bressler and
 ● Ann Peterson of
 ● Greyhound
 ● Support in
 ● Kansas City
 ● were among the
 ● honorees.



● I missed many
 ● of the activities as I also went to a greyhound
 ● wedding, so to speak, when two friends of mine got
 ● married with their 8 dogs as attendants. Mostly
 ● Dewey weekend is a marvelous celebration of
 ● everything greyhound. The people are all really
 ● friendly, the dogs are welcome everywhere, and you
 ● can wander about town, shopping with the vendors in
 ● their motel rooms, or at the two huge vendor tents, or
 ● stop in one of the restaurants and eat with your dogs
 ● beside you. It's hard to really explain Dewey...I think
 ● everyone should try to go at least once, either with or
 ● without your hounds. It's just an amazing time, and
 ● at least for me, it was so very remarkable to see
 ● hundreds and hundreds of greyhounds, everywhere
 ● you look....greyhounds. I can't wait for next year!