



Greyhound Tails

From the Ozarks

Greyhound Pets of America - Springfield, MO

www.gpamo.org

Fall 2010

texas roadhouse fundraiser

Gather up your friends, co-workers, family members, other dog lovers, etc. and join us for dinner at the Texas Roadhouse 10% Night, Thursday, Sept. 30 from 4 to 10 PM.

All you have to do is mention to your server you're with the Greyhound Group and we'll receive 10% of your FOOD purchase!

We can make pretty good money with this event if we get people to go!

They are located at the southeast corner of Campbell & the James River Freeway, 255 E. Monastery, Springfield, MO 65810



- We'll have a volunteer to help you and your hounds at the gate.
- Drinks will be provided!
- Be sure to bring your muzzle for your greyhound. Hounds can be off leash with a muzzle!
- Parking across the street!

18th annual greyhound gathering - chili feed fundraiser

It's time to start RSVPing for our Greyhound Gathering in Springfield, Sat. Oct. 9 at 4024 W. FR 148! The meal will be \$3 per person. Greyhounds will have real chicken livers from the Heritage Cafeteria! Greyt Silent Auctions and Guest Vendor M & M Designs from KC with greyhound collars, coats and more.

We Need.....

- 1) Volunteers to bring a side dish, dessert or chips to go with our chili.
- 2) We need a couple of people to stay to the end and help pick up, clean up and put things away.

Some Silent Auction items are: Boxes of 6 Frontline Plus 45-88 lbs., gift certificates to Petsmart, Fast Jack Greyhound Clothing, Greytwear Apparel, Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine, Ikea COOL raised dog feeder, Care of the Racing Greyhound Book, Dog Dental from Spring Valley Vet Hospital, Friends of the Family Private Cremation, Ozark Crest Boarding, Stained Glass Greyhound, Best Friends Animal Society book signed by John Garcia!, Sarah Snavelly Greyhound decorative tiles, Missing Link, Matching Collar & Lead, etc.

If your hound does not enjoy this kind of event or your hound is too old, you can come anyway! We need your help and support!

Let me know how many will attend!



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Can you believe it's already September? Wow! Fall and winter are shaping up to be a busy time for GPA – Springfield, MO.

We have the Springfield Park Board Dogfest Sept. 25 at Chesterfield Park on W. Republic Rd. and our Chili Feed Fundraiser Oct. 9 and we're making plans now for the Springfield Home Builder's Assn. Show Jan. 29-31, 2011 and our Wine Tasting Fundraiser Feb. 13, 2011.

Plus Vicki Phanco and I will be attending the 2011 GPA National Meeting in Orlando Jan. 14! I'm a national officer again, Nat. Corr. Sec., and Vicki is the GPA Nat. Treas. This will be held at the Ramada Orlando Celebration Resort and Convention Center. We'll also attend the 27th International Canine Sports Medicine Symposium Jan. 15-16, 2011 at the Sarasota Room in the Gaylord Palms Hotel. This event is all about greyhounds and you always learn something new! This also allows you to visit the North American Veterinary Conference exhibitor hall which is open Sun. Jan. 16. This is largest vet conference in the world so the exhibition hall is full of familiar vendors, full of new products and knowledgeable reps. If anyone else is interested in attending these events, please let me know.

GPA National will soon have a brand new website. It should be online by the end of October. It will have more bells and whistles. We're excited about this and can't wait to see it! That website is www.greyhoundpets.org.

I may be begging for a few extra foster homes this fall and winter. We expect track closings to continue and especially in Florida & Iowa. This creates a large number of greyhounds available for adoption and they will need places to go. I'll keep you all informed with any updates regarding more track closings.

We're almost through the 3rd quarter of 2010 and adoptions are happening but this year continues to be slower along with 2008 & 2009 compared to the 15 previous years! The economy continues to influence pet adoptions of all kinds. As of today 9-9-10, we're at 30 adoptions for the year. We also continue to usually have a senior greyhound available for adoption. There's nothing better than adopting a senior! Keep them in mind for their First forever home! Seniors are FREE to the right qualified home! Here's our latest senior Lupe.



More on the 3rd Annual GPA – Springfield, MO Wine Tasting Fundraiser.....

This year it will be held in the huge lobby of the NEW Southwest Missouri Humane Society building at 3161 W. Norton Rd., Springfield, MO 65803. Our event grew a little in 2010 so we expect the same in 2011. This will allow us to hold the event for everyone all at one time. We'll be able to accommodate 75 people instead of only 50 total and up to that many dogs as well. We're going to do this on a Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, 2011 from 2 to 4 PM. We'll have Greyt appetizers, yappetizers for the dogs and wine tasting and sparkling non-alcoholic beverages. We'll also have some extra raffles going on at the event that will only be for the people attending the event! This is absolutely the most fun event! Celebrate Valentine's Day with us and those you love the most!



our trip to belize

By Whistle Dixiedoo Dixon

It started on the 29th of May when we loaded two suitcases, a few household goods, two soft dog beds, dog food and treats (we have to have our pigs ears), two humans (know as Mom and Dad), myself (Dixie, or as I'm know professionally as Whistle Dixiedoo) and my sister Darla (just Darla) into our car and started a trip of a lifetime. Not sure what was ahead of us, we started on a long trip that took us through the states of Missouri, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and finally arriving in California, tired, but happy. We were willing to take on the trip of our lives and a major life change for all of us! We had never traveled so far with our "family" and many of our friends were not sure that we were not totally insane (not going to mention anyone, but you know who you are Aunt Carlene). Darla and I knew what we were doing and followed a routine we had made several times on our trips to see our many friends at various "show and tell dates", and play dates with the Mitchell boys in Springfield, Missouri. However, this would be a much longer trip and at times we could hardly understand the long ride with several stops in new and different territory. The first adjustment was to the different types of stopping places. Surely, the replacement of tall grass at home with the hot and sometimes rocky soil of the numerous stops for a rest seemed almost surreal! Do dogs and people really live in the hot and dusty state of Arizona? This was going to be a different experience for sure! Okay, we can do this "rest" stop thing and look at all the humans that wanted to pet us and say how beautiful we are and well behaved as well. Many people at our "stops" had never seen a greyhound before! Boy, were we proud. We stopped at some very nice hotels, with Darla and I having our own big bed to share. Sometimes I'd get to sleep with Mom, while Darla slept with dad. We tended to sleep where we wanted and Mom and Dad would adjust.

Wish Darla and I could say that this was all that was going to happen to us on this trip! After spending ten days in California with our relatives and a cat named Ernie Banks we had said to ourselves that this was really not such a bad trip after all! Boy, those people in Hollywood know how to live! We had a huge field in which to run and chase each other for hours on end. Hey, after being cooped up in a car for two and a half days what could be better than a place to run and play even if we had to put up with a cat named Ernie Banks, Go! Go Cubs!!!



We were just getting used to the California scene when we got the news that we were on our way to Belize in Central America. We are going where? Do they speak English and does this mean another three day ride in

the car? Well, yes, they do speak English in Belize and yes, it will be another long ride through a strange country call Mexico. Well, that is better than riding in the dark on a silly airplane not being able to see Mom and Dad. Mom told us that we couldn't take the airplane because it was too hot for us to travel that way. Seems they have restrictions as to the heat at the take-off and landing sites! Okay, we will ride then! Hey, we have Mom and Dad with us and it cannot be 100 degrees as it was in the western states we passed through! As we drove from California to Texas, we saw so many US Border patrol cars, that we finally stopped counting them. We were stopped three times, at check points along the way; all the military people thought we were pretty cool dogs.

We are on our way...back through the desert again (and the heat) toward Brownsville, Texas where Mom and Dad made a right turn and we found ourselves in Mexico! Well, almost, anyway. We



still had to go through customs and immigration in Mexico, which took about three hours. We made it and they even allowed us to follow Mom and Dad into the immigration and customs buildings, through all of the procedures to get us into Mexico as tourists! Boy, were the lines long so we finally just spread out on the floor where the tile was a lot cooler!

Back in the car and we were in Mexico for a three and a half days drive through a completely different country! Oh yes, we stopped and they had many great places for us to run and stretch our long legs. The county is different and we found it boring until we saw the east coast and the ocean. Now we have seen the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans! How many greyhounds can say that they have experienced that! We'd get up early, have breakfast, take a potty break and head out on the road. The roads in Mexico were very good; we only had two incidents that made Mom very mad. She was doing all the driving, as Dad had sprained his ankle in Brownsville, Texas the night before we crossed the border into Mexico. Darla had to go to the bathroom about 1:00AM and Dad took her out, but didn't take a flashlight and stepped in a hole and twisted his ankle (that's Dad). At the end of the first day of driving,

we got to Tampico, Mexico and we were looking for a place to stay for the night. As Mom turned a corner in the road a bunch of policemen stopped her. They didn't speak English and her Spanish is not that good. It seems they were trying to tell her she was speeding and that they wanted money. She paid them 2,000 pesos, which is about US\$158.00. Boy was she mad; she even yelled at them and called them crooks! We found a really nice place to stay, a brand new Holiday Inn and we had a nice night together. In the afternoon of the second day in Mexico, she was stopped again in Veracruz, Mexico; they said she made a wrong turn, which she didn't and it costs us 2,000 pesos again. We felt so sorry for her. The third day went without a hitch and we reached Chetumal,



Mexico that night. Most people in Mexico had never seen a greyhound before. They were really scared of us, until Mom and Dad said we were friendly. Most people in Mexico and Belize have dogs for protection, so seeing how big we were, they were hesitant about approaching us. But we won them over.

Finally, we made it to the Mexican/Belize border. We had to pay duty on our car, and pay for us to enter the country. It wasn't so bad, and we were finally heading toward our new home about 20 miles from the border. We got to our new home around 3:00PM, and haven't left. Mom and Dad have been doing work on the house: had the whole house painted on the inside, and are having a pool put in. We got our shipment about two weeks after we got here, so we have our nice big beds to sleep on, more pigs' ears and treats to eat, and our waterbed (really it's Mom's and Dad's but we take naps on it). We really like all the men who are working on the pool, they are nice to us. We go for a walk every evening. Have been to the ocean, it is really salty. Anyway, we are adjusting to the heat. We met another dog in the neighborhood, but he is scared of us, we'll win him over. We heard there is another family here that has a greyhound and we hope to meet him soon. We can't wait for the pool to get done so we can sit outside on the deck and watch Mom and Dad play in the pool.

Well, that is our story; we are all fine and enjoying life in Belize.



What's Required to Move Your Pet to Belize By Car?

For the "valid import permit", go on-line to Baha (Belize Agricultural Health Authority) www.baha.bz and get the forms to fill out for each animal. Fax the completed forms back and once they are approved you are notified. Then print off what you sent, just in-case Baha did not fax the forms to the Mexico/Belize border where you're entering. Then you have to pay \$50 for each animal and \$12.50 for the forms. The "valid rabies vaccination certificate" comes from your vet, and the "international veterinary certificate" your vet can get from your state government. The Dixons said "It was pretty easy. Even when we got to the border, we had no problem getting the greyhounds in. To get through Mexico we only needed the "valid rabies vaccination certificate" and the "international veterinary certificate". They never even asked to see them and we had to pay nothing for the greyhounds. They did go through the forms in Belize though, even making copies for their records."

Online Belize Government Information

Dogs and cats can be brought into Belize without quarantine. Owners must get a certificate from a veterinarian after an examination not more than 48 hours before to shipment stating that the animal is free from infectious diseases and has been vaccinated for rabies not less than one month and no more than six months before departure.

Bringing a pet into the country falls under live animal importation and is regulated by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA). Domestic pets are allowed to enter the country provided their owners have: a valid import permit, international veterinary certificate, a valid rabies vaccination certificate, and that their pets have been inspected by a quarantine officer. There is a US\$12.50 entry fee, plus a US\$12.50 fax fee.

To apply for an import permit, request an application form from the Permit Unit of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority, and then return the completed form to the same agency. The date of arrival must be specified. Approved permits will be faxed to the applicant at a cost of US\$12.50 to be paid at the point of entry on the day of arrival. If you don't follow this application process, you will be subject to a US \$100 violation fine in addition to the US \$12.50 entry fee.

2011 celebrating greyhounds calendar and desk calendar

The 2011 calendars have arrived. Orders may be placed online or by mail (details below). They will also be available at upcoming events. Don't miss out on these great calendars.

Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar

13 months of your favorite . . . greyhounds!! Every year CG Magazine puts out this fantastic calendar in support of The Greyhound Project, to help spread awareness of what wonderful pets Retired Racing Greyhounds are. \$12 plus \$5.00 dollars shipping.

Celebrating Greyhounds Desk Calendar
Compact: 5.5" X 8.5" Closed. 8.5" X 11"
Opened. Fifty-four weeks - Every week features different adopted Greyhounds from around the world in beautiful color. A listing of adoption, referral and support contacts for more than 300 groups. \$15 plus \$5.00 shipping.

Both calendars may be purchased for \$27 plus \$7 shipping. Shipping to US only.

Payment can be made to our PayPal account, agreyhound@mchsi.com or checks may be sent to GPA-Springfield, P O Box 3693, Springfield, MO 65808



annie a.k.a. boobers

Hi Alane and Debbie!

I can't tell you how much I am enjoying Annie being a part of our family! She has endeared herself to everyone she meets and is destined to be even more spoiled than Finn was.

I just finished a painting that has Annie in it and I thought you might like to see it. I am calling it "Greyhound Cottage". It will be donated to Spiva this week and will be up for auction/bidding Sept. 17. Every year they do a "Small Works" show in which artists donate a small piece of work then they are auctioned off with the proceeds going to Spiva. Bidding can be done at Spiva or on their website until October 29. If you want more information, just let me know.

I am proud of my latest piece and wanted to share it with you both since it has Annie in it.

Best regards!
Michele DeSutter



senior ruby

Senior Ruby was adopted this summer and here she is enjoying an outing on her houseboat.



solution to licking wounds

If your dog has a small wound and is licking it too much, put antiperspirant around it. It could be a dry or roll-on deodorant. Do not put on the sore or sutures but around it. It won't hurt them if they lick it but they won't lick it much because it dries out their mouth.

abe

Alane and Roland,
Here's a picture of Abe that I took one morning. It just wasn't quite time for him to get up yet.

He sleeps with me every night and he's better than some males I've slept with. He doesn't snore, doesn't steal the covers, and stays on his side of the bed, Most of the time.

Judy Davis



webb city farmers market breakfast fundraiser

Joplin Greyhound Volunteers made and donated \$185 to GPA - Springfield, MO by volunteering to make and serve breakfast at the Webb City Farmers Market on Sat. Aug. 21! The food is donated and the volunteers do the work and get to keep the profit! Thanks for doing this and goes to John and Julie Hartley, John and Sharon Keogh, Til Weitzel and Chuck & Debbie Grotheer.



making a difference for greyhounds

Caylee Williams of Nixa, MO decided she was going to make a difference for our greyhounds waiting for homes. Caylee emailed me and I emailed her back regarding our monetary needs. She went out on her own and raised \$19.50 for us! Caylee doesn't have a greyhound but Cares! Caylee and her mom came to our Show & Tell in August to give us her donation! Thanks Caylee!



keegan

Dear Alane,

I wanted to write to tell you that if you can remember back to 2002, I had adopted (through Greyhound Companions of Missouri in St. Louis), a beautiful red brindle greyhound by the name of Keegan. Attached is a picture of him from his more youthful days. Keegan had been rescued by your organization from RC Kennels in KS and he had suffered a broken right front leg. He was considered 'special needs' when I adopted him, but I can honestly say, he was never a 'special needs' kind of dog!! Through you and to Greyhound Companions of Missouri, Keegan came into my life in April 2002. He was special, but in the most wonderful way! Unfortunately, I am writing to let you know of Keegan's passing. He died on July 23, 2010. I had to make the most horrible decision to put him to sleep after he was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma, a cancer of the blood vessels. He was in poor health and his quality of life was decreasing quickly.

I wanted to write to say, Thank You, to you and your organization... For finding and rescuing Keegan out of a horrible situation. He had a broken right front leg, that had healed wrong. He had been boarded at RC Kennels for one year when you found him, by a family that had thought they could keep him. Keegan was my Best Buddy for many, many years, and is currently survived by two other dogs of mine, Stan, 12 years old, a white greyhound and Lucy, a 13 year old boxer. Of my little pack, Keegan was the most special. He was the smallest, but the loudest barker. He was the one who slept with me in my bed at night, and walked closest to me on our walks. He was my little shadow. I'm going to miss him.

Thank you and God Bless.
Lisa M. Unlu
Battle Creek, Michigan

