



The Home Stretch

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Upcoming Events

Minnesota State Fair: Saturday, August 30th, St. Paul. Shifts are 7:30-11:30, 11:30-3:30, & 3:30-8. To volunteer, please contact Jen Jett at wynthier@comcast.net.

Minnesota Renaissance Festival: Saturday & Sunday, September 6th & 7th, Shakopee. Shifts are from 9—1, 12—4, & 3—7 & costumes are required, but some are provided by the festival! To volunteer for Ren Fest, please contact Teri Petrin, xracing-greys@msn.com.

WoofStock: Saturday, September 13th.

3rd Annual Art & Craft Sale: Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. at The Warren in Minneapolis.

GreyFest 2008: Thanks to all for another GREYT one!

Barb Gates Schaben, GreyFest Coordinator

I owe many, many thanks to each of the board members for their hard work, to the volunteers for making the day easier, to the boy scouts who ran their tails off, and to all the attendees for being there to help support a cause we all love.

GreyFest 2008 was everything I hoped it would be – we couldn't have ordered up better weather or better people or animals with which to spend the day. The generosity and support was overwhelming and heart-warming - from donating raffle items to donating time to being a good sport when your dog licked peanut butter off of your face – every one of you contributed and I thank you for that.

GreyFest truly is a special event and is a really fun day, but it's also a fundraiser to help the hounds we hold so close to our hearts.

I am proud to be part of an organization that works so hard and has fun doing it. Thank you all!

GreyFest 2008: Another successful get together!

Lisa Quast, GF Raffle Coordinator

GreyFest continues to be a truly special event that is as fun as it is successful. It gives us the chance spend the day together as an organization, seeing familiar faces (and noses!), participating in the many events, and having a great time supporting greyhound rescue.

This year we had a special group of guest volunteers from Boy Scout Troop #268 helping us throughout the day. They arrived early in the morning to help with set-up tasks and worked diligently all day, doing everything from judging the contests, to selling food in the concession stand. Their hard work and dedication were very much appreciated!

I want to extend a sincere "Thank You" to all those who generously donate their time, talents, and finances by volunteering for the event or donating items or funds for the raffle, as well as everyone who attended the event. It's the members, volunteers and donors who



Saber shows off his sparkling teeth, "See, my parents brush my teeth!"
Picture courtesy of Lori & Chuck Bragg.

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GPA—Minnesota's

Mission Statement

Greyhound Pets of America—Minnesota is the Minnesota chapter of a national non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to finding loving, responsible homes for retired racing greyhounds and also younger greyhounds that haven't been successful at the various tracks throughout the country. We also take great pride in educating the public that retired racers make excellent, loving pets.

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GreyFest 2008—List of raffle donors

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make GreyFest a successful, and allow the event to be an annual highlight on the GPA calendar.

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Minnesota Dance Theater

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News from the Board: GPA Cookbook—We need your recipes!

Lisa Quast

Calling all cooks and bakers, and haute cuisine makers! Do you have a few favorite recipes that you couldn't live without? Did your great-grandmother hand down her famous fudge recipe and you want to publish it for all to enjoy? Now is your chance to have those tasty recipes featured in our very first **GPA-MN fundraiser cookbook!** We are looking for all types of recipes: Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Breads, Main Dishes, Sides, Desserts, Drinks, Cookies, Candies... you name it! We will also have a special "Doggie Gourmet" section to cater to our four-legged friends.

We would like to include as many recipes as possible from GPA members, family, friends, etc., so get the word out to anyone who you think might be willing to contribute to our cookbook. We want to pack this book full of delicious and beloved recipes, so pull out your favorites and send them our way! You may submit as many recipes as you wish and we will publish as many as possible based on the number of recipes we receive, and how much space we have available for each section.

In order to have the cookbooks ready in time to debut at the GPA-MN Fall Arts & Crafts Fair, **the deadline for submitting recipes is August 15th**. Recipes should be typed or clearly handwritten or photo-copied. Please include the following information with each recipe:

- Recipe Title
- Yield (number of servings)
- Submitted By
- Hound Names (if applicable)
- Ingredients
- Instructions

We may also be able to include some pictures of hounds in the book, so if you have one picture that you would like to have included, please send the picture along with your recipes.

eMail (**Preferred Submission Method**): GPA-Recipes@hotmail.com

Or send via US Mail:

GPA Recipes
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If you have any questions about this project, or if you would like to lend a helping hand, please contact Lisa Quast at lquast@memsi.com or 612.743.8968.

GreyFest 2008: Thank you vendors!

Susan Spiller & Kari Keller, GreyFest Vendor Coordinators

Thank you to all the vendors at 2008 Greyfest. You helped to make Greyfest a huge success. Your products and services are top notch and I hope you all had a fun and successful day. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Thank you too for your very generous donations to the raffle prizes. I do hope you will all consider participating again next year.

Thank you for your continued support!

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The board wants to be accessible to the chapter members. Please contact us with concerns, questions, suggestions, or to get involved. Below are the email addresses for all the board members and the committee each is chairing. If interested in getting involved with a specific committee, contact that board member directly. More information will be published about the various committees.

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The Home Stretch

Meet & Greet 411

Sylvia Kresal, Meet & Greet Coordinator

A word about Meet and Greets and their wonderful hosts: There is a Meet and Greet almost every weekend somewhere for people to attend. You can find out about them by going to the GPA website or checking the calendar in the newsletter. Here are the stores that have Meet and Greets and their hosts:

- Burnsville Petco - Chris
- Duluth Petco - Kelsey
- Eden Prairie Petco - Bob and Nancy
- Fridley Petco - Jen and Brian
- Highland Park Petco - Aimee
- Mankato Pet Expo - Bryan and Nancy
- Richfield Petco - Neil and Sylvia
- St. Cloud Petco - Kate and Pat
- Urbanimal on Lyndale Avenue - Mark, Christine, Barb, and Steve
- St. Paul Urbanimal/Dog Days on Grand Avenue - Leah and Jeremy
- Woodbury Petco - Pat and Denise

Meet & Greet: Mankato Celebrates 10 Years!

Sylvia Kresal, Meet & Greet Coordinator

Long ago in a city far, far away, Nancy and Bryan Rittenhouse who at that time recently adopted their first greyhound, Rusty, were asked if they would consider doing a Meet & Greet in Mankato. At that time, it was being done primarily by volunteers from the Twin Cities area. As of June, GPA – MN has been hosting M&Gs at Pet Expo in Mankato for an amazing 10 years!

In that time period we missed one M&G to attend a family wedding, but thanks to our co-helpers Chuck and Sheila Wick, they filled in for us. Chuck and Sheila and along with Jude Edling and their greyhounds are the core attendees, with Dean and Sue Ehlers and Chelsea Kocina with their greyhounds also coming.

We usually have about ten greyhounds for people to see. I call them the "sampler platter." We give out an average of 10 to 12 brochures to interested parties; we unsure who becomes an adopter until they come with their newly adopted greyhound and all smiles. That is the payoff, I guess, seeing a new greyhound going to its new home.

Our host store Pet Expo and the staff are really good to us, and all the new cashiers always know we are there the third Sunday of every month. I think our consistency and reliability has made our M&G so successful. People always know when to stop by and they do. We have one little old lady that stops every month to get her greyhound fix; where she lives dogs are not allowed. We enjoy doing the M&G, trying to help people get a greyhound, fielding questions, and just showing off our hounds. Of course the greys enjoy the company of their four-footed friends other greyhounds. It's a good afternoon.



Bryan & Nancy with Smash, Dynamite, Theresa, EZ and Kodi

Kindergartners at the Blake School Help the Hounds!

Luana Ball, Secretary

GPA-MN had the honor of receiving 15 hand-tied fleece blankies tied with tender loving care by the little hands of about 19 kindergartners and several 5th grade buddies at the Blake School in Hopkins. Each class within the school does service projects throughout the year with an all school day devoted to service projects called Legacy Day in the spring. Last spring some of the projects included tying fleece blankets for an orphanage in Kenya and packing food for Feed My Starving Children. The kindergarten class also collected shoes for this same orphanage as well as raised enough 'change' by doing jobs at home to buy



Working hard for the hounds!

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Hound Health—Hypothyroidism

Susan Spiller

The thyroid gland is one of the seven major glands that make up the endocrine system. Endocrine glands produce hormones that are transported by the blood system to all parts of the body. These hormones regulate many of the body's processes, such as reproduction, growth and metabolism. The thyroid consists of two lobes and is situated in the neck on either side of the windpipe. Thyroid hormones regulate the body's metabolic rate which involves the digestive, circulatory and nervous systems. It therefore becomes obvious that a disorder for the thyroid gland can produce many different clinical signs. Hypothyroidism is one of the most over-diagnosed conditions in veterinary medicine and is a scapegoat for conditions as diverse as lethargy, and hyperactivity, shyness and aggression. The difficulty in diagnosing hypothyroidism in greyhounds is twofold:



1. There are inherent imperfections in measuring the T4 (thyroxin) levels.
2. Normal Greyhound T4's are lower than those in the general canine population.

The diagnosis of hypothyroidism should be based on the correlation of abnormally low thyroid function tests combined with a clinical history compatible with hypothyroidism. "Low" T4's in the absence of clinical signs are useless and many a greyhound winds up on unnecessary lifelong medication.

Symptoms: Hypothyroidism can produce a large variety of symptoms but the classic signs are:

1. Lethargy
2. Weight Gain
3. Hair loss with excessive shedding, dryness and retarded hair regrowth
4. Intolerance to cold
5. Fertility problems in females
6. Wheezing (reverse sneezing, gagging, etc.)

Treatment: If hypothyroidism is diagnosed your hound should be rested and treated daily with thyroid hormone supplements. The drug is relatively inexpensive and generally well tolerated. Additionally, it is recommended that you supplement your hound with Vitamin A daily until the clinical signs resolve.

Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring — it was peace.

— Milan Kundera

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Good Searching!

Many members of GPA having been using GoodSearch.com to navigate the internet. How do we know? GoodSearch sent GPA a check for \$89.31!

GoodSearch is a "search engine which donates 50 percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users" according to the websites. It is as good as Yahoo because it is powered by Yahoo! The money comes not from the users or organizations but the advertisers.

GoodSearch estimates that each search generates \$0.01 for the charities. They estimate an organization with 100 supporters doing two searches will generate \$730 for the organization. The good news is there is no cap on the amount of money generated for the charity.

GPA-MN is already registered on GoodSearch so all we have to do is continue to use it! They have several recommendations on how to spread the word.

1. Email friends and family—let them know about GoodSearch and how they can help GPA—MN.
2. Add the GoodSearch logo to your website, blog, or profile.
3. Make GoodSearch your homepage on your computers at home and at work (if possible).
4. Use My Space or Facebook—you can support GoodSearch there too.

Need more information, go to GoodSearch.com. Want to help GPA—MN, start using GoodSearch today!

April, May, & June Adoptions:

- Lori Anderson **Kandy**
- Kari & Joel Lenz **Rocket**
- Robin Berry & Denise
- Tabet **Smooth**
- Lori & Chuck Bragg
- Saber**
- Susan Moerer & Dana
- Kromer **Linda**
- Luann Watson **Katie**
- Jessi & Matt King-
- Markham **PoPo**
- Dawn & Rick Conlin
- Taurus**
- Joanne & Tim Dunnigan
- Jack**
- Wendy Glade **Robin**
- Kay Bortem **Johnny**
- Amy Ulwelling & Ronald
- Alger **Colter**
- Rebecca Bohr & Matt
- Langerak **Finn**
- Sandy Jammer **Kaya**
- Millie & Bob Glenn **Ruby**
- Kate Murphy **George**

August 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GASSY Walks are every Sunday—weather permitting. Meet at 2 PM at the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet.					1	2
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M&Gs St. Paul Urbanimals 11—2						M&Gs St. Cloud 12-2 Eden Prairie 12-2
GASSY Walk 2 PM						
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M&Gs Duluth 11-2						M&Gs Fridley 11-1
GASSY Walk 2 PM						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
M&Gs Pet Expo Mankato 1-4						M&Gs Woodbury 11-1
GASSY Walk 2 PM						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
M&Gs Mpls. Urbanimal 11-2						STATE FAIR 7:30 a.m.—8 p.m.
GASSY Walk 2 PM						
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GASSY Walk 2 PM						M&Gs Highland 11-1

September 2008



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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GASSY Walks are every Sunday—weather permitting. Meet at 2 PM at the Rose Garden at Lake Harriet

Labor Day!

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GASSY Walk 2 PM

M&Gs
St. Cloud 12-2
Eden Prairie 12-2

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Duluth 11-2

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Fridley 11-1
Highland 11-1

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M&Gs
Pet Expo Mankato 1-4

M&Gs
Woodbury 11-1

GASSY Walk 2 PM

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M&Gs
Mpls. Urbanimal 11-2

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GASSY Walk 2 PM

April & May

GOTCHA Days:

Apr. 2 Sam Fox & Sean Melville—**Cicada**

Apr. 7: Kay Hunt—**Ella**

Apr. 7: Charles Biros & James Dargontina

—**Zach**

Apr. 12: Jessi & Matt

King-Markham—**Willie**

Apr. 15: Bobi Jo Schaar & Adam LeSarge—**Jake**

Apr. 17: Collette &

Stephen Pacholl—**Lucy**

Apr. 24: Barb & Steve

Gates Schaben—**Ryder**

Apr. 26: Lori Anderson—**Lou Lou**

Apr. 26: Chris King—

Mulesey

May. 15: Robin Berry & Denis Tabet—**Stella**

May. 19: Tammy Jo DeFeyer—**Griff**

May. 20: Emily & Brett

Berg—**Oscar**

May. 23: Diane Hagen &

Al Fiene—**Digger**

May. 25: Haley Seaberg & Jim VeiBout—**Dori**

Greyhounds Go PINK!

Kari Keller

Breast cancer touches so many people and so many lives each year. Many families are forever changed because of this horrid disease: either from the loss of a loved one or through the success and strength of a survivor.

Who Can Think Pink? YOU!!!!

By purchasing a shirt from Paws4aCause, you are helping breast cancer fighters and survivors all over. All proceeds will be donated to an event such as the Susan G Koman Breast Cancer Walk or Relay for Life. So not only are you getting a very cute shirt, it's for a very greyt cause. To order www.paws4acause.info.

Greyhound Radio

Greyhound owners love to talk about their hounds. And other people's hounds. And how greyt greyhounds are. We do it in the HomeStretch, on our e-mail list and in personal conversation amongst ourselves. As if that's not enough for you... there's also a web radio show dedicated to greyhounds!

Greyhounds Make Great Pets is "the radio show for greyhound lovers and their friends." Hosted by GPA National President Rory Goree, it is a platform to educate the public about adoption, obedience and training, as well the history of greyhounds and the racing industry. Their goal is to provide weekly topics that will help adoption volunteers place hounds in happy and well-matched forever homes.

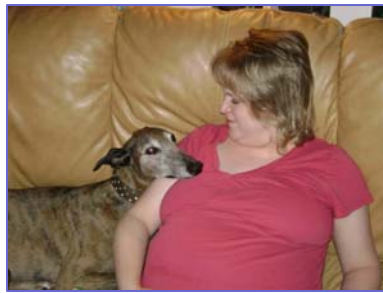
Have something you're interested in hearing about? Their show depends on listener interaction, so if you've got questions you'd like answered or have topic/show ideas let them know!

For more information, or to listen to this popular show, please go to <http://www.greyhoundsmakegreatpets.org>

June's Hound of the Month: Zeke

Colleen Coleman

Zeke came to us in October 2006 and is now 7 1/2 years old. Shortly after adopting Zeke, he had an incident that caused him to have partial paralysis in his back leg. Despite his limp, Zeke is a very sweet boy who loves his family, loves to cuddle, loves to play and most of all, loves his treats and naps. He is always the first to greet you at the door and although he's leery of strangers, he will carefully sneak up for a hello sniff.



Zeke's a momma's boy!

When Zeke is in the room, always remember the saying, 'move your feet, lose you seat'. He will steal your seat at any chance he gets. We love our Zeker Boy with all of our hearts.



July's Hound of the Month: Blew

Robin Krautbauer

Blew is a 10.5 year old blue boy who has been a part of the Krautbauer Clan since he was two years old. He has a very wonderful disposition and has served as my helper in the past when I needed to hold on to something to get up and down. He is my own personal therapy dog. Blew has become a good friend to my 16 month old grandson, Keegan. He is very calm with Keegan when he is around.

As the other hounds take off when Keegan gets near, Blew stands very still to so he can pet him 'nice'. When we go camping and go on hikes, Blew is my companion hiker and is very patient with me when I am trying to take photos, or just can't keep up with everyone else. He has never been through obedience classes himself, but has quietly sat by the wayside while our other greyhounds have gone through their training. Blew is very eager to please and has just never seemed to need obedience training. He bows on command as well as sits, drops, stays, heels, and comes. He is such a sweetheart with children, cats, and the other dogs who have graced our home, of which have numbered quite a few at times. Blew first came to our home in the midst of 8 other greyhounds, 3 cats, and a bird. He did quite well with all of them and also helped many of the foster greyhounds



Blew takes a dip at the Lake!

that came after him as well as the new ones that have become part of our life since. He also welcomes Ruby over, our grand greyhound, and is happy to add one more anything, anytime. He does have problems with thunderstorms and after trying many things, he has relaxed the most during a storm while wearing his thunder cape, which has his name embroidered on it now. While he has his storm cape on we all call him Super Blew but truth be told he is super all of the time!



3rd Annual Art & Craft Sale

Susan Spiller, Art & Craft Sale Coordinator

I just got the date approved and the Warren booked for our 3rd Annual Art and Craft Sale. This year it will be held on November 15th from 10am - 3pm. and again it will be held at The Warren in North Minneapolis.

We will again be looking for donated pieces of art work or craft to sell at the Sale. All of the proceeds will go to help find more forever homes for more loving greyhounds. We will accept any kind of art or craft - made by you,

family members, friends, maybe you have some art or craft at home that you would like to donate, start looking around, creating, and collecting for our Annual Sale. You can take your art/craft works to any of the Meet & Greets, or we will do "pick up" runs as we get closer to the Sale date. A few ideas: paintings, prints, drawings, jewelry, pottery, candles, soaps, knitted wear, hound coats, note cards, stained glass, quilting, purses, - whatever you can dream up or find.

Also at the 3rd Annual... we will be selling our new GPA-MN cook books - full of human and hound recipes submitted by our members, family and friends.

Mark the 15th of November on your calendars and get your creativity going.

Meet Wrangler—A Heal a Hound Success Story

John Quast

Wrangler came to GPA the way all hounds do, after several hours in a van or trailer with the rest of the dogs in a haul. We knew when he was on his way in that he had a broken leg. When he arrived, the leg was soft wrapped and while he limped, he was willing to put weight on it. This was a hopeful sign. We got him home and tried to make him as comfortable as possible. This was hard as he is clearly a very energetic boy, and he wanted to explore the house, play with our dogs, do some more exploring, meet the neighbor dog, and everything else that a greyhound in a new environment wants to do. Since we didn't know the condition of his leg, we wanted to keep him off of it as much as possible. Fortunately, he seems to enjoy having a space of his own like a kennel, and he soon settled in. We took him to Blaine Area Pet Hospital for his typical vetting appointment and for X-Rays. Dr. Epping examined the X-Rays and referred us to the Midwest Veterinary Center next door for a consultation. Once there, Dr. Caywood explained that Wrangler had a comminuted central tarsal bone fracture. Essentially, one of the bones in the joint at the top of his foot had been shattered. If left untreated, the fracture would cause him pain whenever he walked for the rest of his life, the chips could come loose and cause other damage, and the damaged state of the joint would likely cause significant arthritis at an early age, causing him additional pain and possibly rendering the joint immobile. Clearly, this is no way for a young greyhound to live out his retirement! After consultation with the board, it was decided that Wrangler would be the latest beneficiary of the "Heal a Hound" fund, and surgery was scheduled for the next day. The surgery was a success; two small screws were used to hold the pieces together and a metal plate was grafted onto the bone to provide structural support for the leg. We brought Wrangler home the next day and he quickly began the rehabilitation process.

Wrangler is an absolute joy to have as a foster. He gets along extremely well with other dogs, including both of our hounds and the neighbor's Golden Retriever. He is very energetic; probably more so than he normally would be because of his mandatory kennel time to keep him from over working his leg during the healing process. His buoyant spirit has helped him



Wrangler relaxes and recovers after surgery.

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GPA-MN Resources

As an organization, we take great pride in giving our members access to information open forums where they can ask questions, make comments and just talk about greyhounds.



GPA—MN's Email list

To subscribe to the GPA-MN E-Mail Correspondence List and automatically receive a digital copy of the Home Stretch go to:

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GPA—MN's Home Stretch

To request a digital copy of the newsletter *only* that you can read on your computer screen or print to read later go to:

http://gpa-mn.org/mailman/listinfo/gpa-mn-newsletter_gpa-mn.org

To request that a paper copy of the newsletter be mailed to your home please send your name and address to info@gpa-mn.org or leave this information on the GPA-MN phone line which is 763-785-4000.



GPA—MN's Website

Visit our website to learn about special events, volunteer opportunities, greyhounds available for adoption and helpful links.

www.gpa-mn.org

PETFINDER.COM

Petfinder.com is where we keep information and pictures of all our greyhounds that are currently available for adoption. If you are interested in adopting another hound, or know someone who might be, have them check it out. Just visit www.petfinder.com and under the breed category, select greyhound. Easy as that!

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Happy Birthday Greta! Kevin Kocur

Here's a shot of Greta in her favorite eating position. She thinks that because the food goes uphill, the body has to work harder to digest it--thus allowing for incredible weight savings!



She also agrees that she should be the July hound since her birthday is the 4th of July! Although, she would like to add, this really isn't a big reason for everyone to celebrate. I mean, c'mon people--it's just a birthday! And all those loud fireworks...they're not really necessary. Yeah, it would be nice if people would just stop that.



Greta's secret to keeping her svelte shape!

GREYHOUNDS!

By Mackenzie Bielmeier

Goofy
Radiant
Eager
Youthful
Handsome
Outstanding
Unique
Nosy
Dashing
Smart

Wrangler's Story

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along in his rehabilitation; if we want him to walk around the yard for 10 minutes to work on strengthening his leg we have to drag him in at 10 minutes because he just wants to keep going! Wrangler loves attention and is very affectionate. He gets so excited when we come to let him out of the X-Pen we set up for him in our living room that we have to calm him down or he will jump up, injured leg and all, to greet us. The only things Wrangler doesn't seem to like so far are the cold compresses that we had to apply to keep swelling down and the E-Collar that he has to wear to keep him from chewing the stitches. Once he gets rid of those two things home life will suit him just fine! Wrangler will be ready to go to his forever home sometime in August after most of his rehabilitation is complete. I know he will make someone a perfect "fast friend" and will leave a greyhound shaped hole in his foster parents' hearts.

Wrangler is the latest beneficiary of your generous donations to the GPA-MN "Heal a Hound" fund. Thanks to your support, GPA is able to take in dogs like Wrangler that require special medical care before going to their forever home. Wrangler thanks you!



This x-ray shows the shattered bones of Wrangler's right ankle joint (left side of the picture). At the right side of the picture, you can see the bones in the left leg joint are well-defined, but the shattered bones of the right leg joint (near the arrow) are blurry and scattered.

Kindergartners helping the hounds

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two cows and food for the cows through the Heifer Intl' program.

Last winter I received a phone call from Lisa Wright, one of the room representatives at Blake, and she shared the following: "I've always liked the idea that the students think about others who may need their help throughout the year. So, as the room representative this year I was looking for more service projects, especially one that was easy enough for the kindergarten students (as well as fitting into their busy scheduled day). Our teacher was very open to new ideas and doing more service projects. I thought the blankets were a good (and easy :-)) idea and was thinking what type of organization could use them. I am the one who happens to be the HUGE dog fan...so I did a little web search and found your group. It was a perfect match, plus we could do smaller blankets than the 'human' size - meaning the kids could actually finish them, with their attention span and limited time. Plus I remember meeting a few greyhounds last summer at the downtown Hopkins festival."

Lisa delivered 15 adorable "dog-themed" hand-tied fleece blankets and asked that GPA-MN use them however we could. These blankies have raised funds to further our mission to find loving forever homes for retired racers and they have been given to foster hounds that have needed a little extra cushioning in their beds.



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Kindergartners

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GPA-MN sends a big thank you to each of the students at the Blake School who devoted their time and energy to help support our organization and the retired racers looking for homes as well as the teachers and room representatives who are providing these young people with some very valuable lessons about helping others. Our hats off to you!



PETCO's Spring-a-Pet sends GPA a check!

Sylvia Kresal, Meet & Greet Coordinator

GPA-MN received checks totaling \$3,959. That was raised across six different PETCOs as a result of their Spring-A-Pet Fundraiser held this past spring! This is wonderful! I wanted to let you all know about it so that the next time you go into a PETCO you could say "thank you" to the staff or the manager. I know the folks at the Richfield PETCO will be getting a big thank you from me as well as some cookies. A big thank you also goes to the Meet & Greet hosts who help to raise awareness of greyhounds at their monthly Meet & Greets! Thank you to the volunteers who attend these M&Gs and help promote greyhound adoption. And another thanks you to all who shop at PETCO. So a lot of "THANK YOU"s all around!

Bigger & better State Fair presence!

Jen Jett, State Fair Coordinator

Excellent news! This year the Pet Building has received more space, and they are passing that along to participants. We will have TWO benches inside the Pet Building to decorate and man on Saturday, August 30th. More information is coming, but if you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen Jett at wynthier@comcast.net or at 763-784-9328.

If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans.

— James Herriot

In Memoriam

Waiting at the Bridge

Myst—Cindy Hunt & Deb Nelson

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If you have a hound that has crossed The Bridge, please call (763-784-9328) or email (wynthier@comcast.net) Jen Jett if you would like your hound remembered *In Memoriam*.

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PETCO stores in Minnesota have supported our organization in "EVERY" way possible. Their help financially through their various fundraising efforts has been invaluable to our organization.

GPA-MN would like to thank both the PETCO Foundation, and the dedicated men and women of the local PETCO stores who go the extra mile and help us in finding loving homes for retired racers.



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