



# On The Right Track

Greyhound Pets of America - Houston



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**Disaster Relief:** Go to [www.petfinder.com/disaster/](http://www.petfinder.com/disaster/) for information on what's being done to help survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita find their pets. At this site, you will also find information on donations and aid.

**GPA National News:** "Greyhounds Make Great Pets" October 7th show "Live from the Rusty Rudder at Dewey Beach" is now available in archive.

Catch the show every Friday at 3:00 p.m. on [www.voiceofamerica.com](http://www.voiceofamerica.com).

See GPA President Rory Goree's blog at [www.greyhoundpets.org](http://www.greyhoundpets.org).

### **New Newsletter Editor**

We are happy to introduce Barbara Winters, GPA Houston's newsletter editor. Barbara, her husband Warren, and their daughter Leslie are long-time greyhound owners and joined the GPA family with the adoption of Knight and, most recently, Dancer. They have two wonderful mixed breeds who welcomed the greyhounds into their home (as long as they don't get on the bed!).

### *A Letter from the President . . .*

#### Watching for Tick-Borne Diseases

My subject for this letter is to inform and raise awareness of tick-borne disease such as Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis which are both common in Greyhounds. Even if you have never seen ticks on your Greyhound, the exposure could have happened before you adopted. I have found the following information to be reliable and very helpful.

Some of the symptoms are weakness, cough, labored breathing, fatigue, pneumonia, intermittent fever, arthritis, muscle wasting, discharge from nose or eye, depression, weight loss, anorexia, disorientation, seizures, neck or back pain, bleeding tendencies, pallor due to anemia, retinal hemorrhages, bleeding into the skin, rash, nose bleeds, spontaneous bleeding, abdominal tenderness, swelling of the legs, or swollen lymph nodes.

As you read this list, you can understand why many veterinarians don't think of tick-borne disease first. The Houston area is not considered a problem tick area, and many vets don't think about this disease for Greyhounds. They should, and it's up to you to be sure that your vet will consider this possibility if your Greyhound exhibits any of these symptoms. The retired racer may have raced in a state or area where ticks are very prevalent.

Ehrlichiosis is known to be prevalent in racing Greyhounds. There is no question among veterinarians who have dealt with this disease that it must be taken seriously and treated aggressively. Testing is simple and definitive; a positive titer at any level needs to be treated. Very good results can be obtained with a readily available, inexpensive treatment - a 6-to-9 week course of Doxycycline at the correct dosage.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, another rickettsial disease, is known to be endemic on the East Coast as well as in its namesake states; however, confirmed cases have been found in racing Greyhounds in Texas.

Enrichia Platys, a less severe disease, is thought to accompany Ehrlichia Canis often. Cases of Babesia Gibsoni have been identified in the pet population in Southern California. Because these diseases display similar symptoms to Enrichiosis and Babesiosis, owners should also be aware of their existence when presented with an ailing Greyhound.

Your vet can draw blood and send it to ProtaTek Labs for testing at any time. Here is their information:

ProtaTek Reference Laboratory  
574 East Alamo Street, Suite 90  
Chandler, AZ 85225  
Tel: 480.545.8499 • Fax: 480.545.8409

To make things even more complicated, results can come back negative; yet, still the Greyhound may have one of the tick-borne diseases that doesn't appear on the test panel. Treating with Doxycycline at the correct dosage and for the prescribed time have been very successful. It is important to note that, even though vets may want to treat at a lower dosage, the most beneficial dosage of Doxycycline is 10 mg per kilogram of body weight. Be proactive in your Greyhound's health; do not accept a dosage lower than this amount.

Here are two websites where you can get additional information on tick-borne diseases:

[www.greyhealth.com](http://www.greyhealth.com) (also gives excellent protocol for blood work)  
[www.geocities.com/bo\\_freddy/tick\\_fever.com](http://www.geocities.com/bo_freddy/tick_fever.com)

GPA is considering a group testing at one of our fun events. Each owner would pay for the tests, and GPA would send the blood samples off for testing. Let us know if you would be interested.

In closing, if you have questions, please contact GPA. We will give you the latest information we have.

Hug those hounds . . . it's better than an apple a day!

*Sharry MacLaren, President*

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**AREA COORDINATORS**

We have broken down the Houston Metropolitan area into sections to facilitate handling storefronts and other local events. Each area has a "coordinator" who is in charge of events/news in that part of town.

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### ***GPA Houston's Regularly Scheduled Meet & Greets***

Date	Location	Time	Contact	Place
1st Sunday each month	Houston, TX	1 - 3 p.m.	janny@gpahouston.org	PETCO Hwy. 6 North @ FM 529
1st Sunday each month	The Woodlands, TX	1 - 3 p.m.	kristi@gpahouston.org	PETSMART I-45, south of 242
<b>Temporarily Suspended</b>	Houston, TX	11 - 1 p.m.	lisa@gpahouston.org	PETSMART 5415 West Loop South
<b>Temporarily Suspended</b>	Webster, TX	2 - 4 p.m.	rose@gpahouston.org	PETSMART 1549 West Bay Area Blvd.
<b>Temporarily Suspended</b>	Beaumont, TX	1 - 3 p.m.	Available	PETSMART 6430 Eastex Freeway
3rd Saturday each month	Houston, TX	1 - 3 p.m.	lynn@gpahouston.org	PETCO 2110 S. Shepherd near San Felipe
3rd Sunday each month	Houston, TX	2 - 4 p.m.	marti@gpahouston.org	PETSMART Willowchase, FM 249
4th Sunday each month	Houston, TX	2 - 4 p.m.	tim@gpahouston.org	PETCO 12015 Northwest Freeway @ W. 43rd
Last Sunday each month	Spring, TX	9 a.m. - ? Walk in the Park	NOTE: Too hot for months of July & August	Elizabeth Kaiser Meyer Park Stuebner-Airline @ Cypresswood
2nd Thursday each month	TBD	6:45 p.m.	catherine@gpahouston.org	Monthly Board Meeting

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**REMINDER:**

*Storefronts are very important in planting the seeds for future adoptions.*

*They are also a great chance to meet new friends for yourself and your Greyhound!*

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### ***Calendar of Events***

Event	Date	Location	Information
<b>Holiday Gift Wrapping</b>	Dates to be Announced	Barnes & Nobles: Exact locations to be announced closer to the holidays	Check the Bulletin Board and Website for updates
<b>Holiday Open House</b>	December 11, 2005 Time to be announced	The Parador	catherine@gpahouston.org and Website
<b>Solvang Greyhound Gathering</b>	February 2006	Solvang, California	catherine@gpahouston.org

## ***A Gus Tale . . . as told by Diana Fadrique***

Tonight, after you tuck your kids in bed, take your Greyhound for his last walk of the day, and then lock up your house for the night . . . look around you and think how horrible you would feel if suddenly your sweet baby Grey bolted out the door, and you could not find him. You would alert all of your friends and neighbors, as well as GPA, and pray that one of these people could help you find your baby. He has a collar and tag, so you know that he can be identified.

That is the way it is supposed to work. However, for some Greyhounds, that is not the case. There is no loving family, no soft couch to sleep on during the day, and no bag of yummys waiting for them when they give you (their Mommy) that sweet irresistible look. You know the look I mean . . . the one where they cock their heads ever so slightly and look at you with those big brown eyes.

You see, there are Greyhounds out there that have been abandoned, and they don't know what it is like to be wanted and loved. This is Gus' story, and I will keep it short and to the point. But, at the end of this story, I hope that you, the reader, will come away knowing that you can make a difference in a greyhound's life in more ways than just adopting. You can help bring these sweet babies in out of the cold.

I found out about Gus on December 4, 2004. A woman in San Augustine, Texas, had seen a Greyhound running loose for about two months. She posted a note of Greytalk.com in their Amber Alert message board which is dedicated to lost or abandoned Greyhounds. The woman who reported the Greyhound said that he was very thin, running scared, but staying in the area. "There is no Animal Control officer in the area", she said. "If the police are brought in, they'll probably just shoot him because of his condition."

As soon as I could go, a friend and I drove the four hours from Houston to San Augustine to try to find and rescue this Greyhound. Little did we know what a quest we had before us in bringing him back to Houston where GPA could find him a home.

We found him all right . . . a big, beautiful boy, white with light brindle patches around his ears. The first time we saw him, he looked about 30 pounds or more underweight. He also had a broken right hock. He had a rope tied around his neck, but no collar or tags. We couldn't determine through information threads if he had raced or not. We didn't know much except that he was not wanted. He had no history; and, if we didn't capture him soon, he might have no future.

"Gus", as I named him, was a spook. There was no way we were going to catch him using traditional methods. We tried just sitting down and ignoring him, but he did not come to investigate. After four hours sitting in a field, all I had was a cold, sore bottom and Katie, my Greyhound, was less than thrilled. After five trips to San Augustine, we met some of the residents. They placed a wonderful article in the local newspaper. More importantly, residents were informed of Gus' plight, so they would stop shooting at him when he came onto their property.

With their help, we began to track his activities. We were also able to get them to call us with "Gus sightings."

For four months, we knew where Gus was, but we could not gain his trust. We left food for him, and he did put on about twenty pounds. We gave him worm medication and vitamins to get him healthy enough to help mend his hock. Even if it took months, Katie and I were committed to bringing Gus to our GPA in Houston for care. We knew a foster family would start him on his way to his "forever home."

*(Note: Diana Fadrique has been helping evacuees from New Orleans. The second part of the Gus story will continue in the next issue.)*

## **2005 International Festival**

The Greyhounds made their fourth annual appearance at the Houston International Festival and were, once again, a star attraction. Our booth was in a fantastic location in the Incredible India section under sheltering trees on the main walkway through the festival. After last year's unfortunate move to Reliant Park, the festival returned to downtown, and the crowds were back in full force.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who talked themselves hoarse to the several thousand people who stopped by to pet the dogs, ask questions, and take a brochure. Several newly adopted hounds made their first appearances at a major event and handled the whole show like veterans.

The weather was perfect, cool and sunny, and everyone had a wonderful time. Next year, the spotlight country is Jamaica, and we're already planning how to decorate the booth with a Caribbean motif!

## **Faith Lutheran Church Easter Festival**

GPA Houston was asked to participate this past spring in the Faith Lutheran Church Easter Festival. The turnout was better than expected. The weather could not have been better with the sun shining and a cool breeze toward the end of the day. We had fourteen dogs and their owners in our booth.

Thank you to all who came out to spread the word about Greyhounds: Anna with Tiger; Laura with Ritzy and Infantry; Peggy with Pebbles; Tim with Mattie; Pam and Lindsey with Stella and Rebel; Diana with Belle, Beau, Dusty, and Mandy; Cindy with Joe; and Janny with Sweetpea, Tootsie, and Buffy.

The festival had approximately 3,500 people in attendance, and they gave lots of pets to the hounds. We even had several people who became interested in adopting after interacting with our wonderful hounds. Speaking of them, they behaved very well with all involved, especially the children. The hounds had on their donation jackets and collected \$120! All in all, it was a greyt success. Hopefully, we will be invited back next year.

## 2ND ANNUAL "GREYT" GOLF TOURNAMENT

Cypress Lakes Golf Club was our host this year for GPA Houston's 2nd Annual Greyt Golf Tournament, held on Sunday, April 17, 2005. The golfing gods were definitely with us; the weather was absolutely beautiful as we set up in a large open-air pavilion. We had two fewer teams than last year, but this year's golfers were just as enthusiastic. Every player was completely exhausted as he/she came off the 18th hole and couldn't wait to sit down and relax. Jeff Tucker was again our emcee, and he entertained the crowd during the trophy presentations, door prize awards, and raffle drawings. Everyone walked away tired but satisfied that the tournament was well worth the time and effort. Our Kennel Building Fund is now \$9,000 richer thanks to all the players, members, and volunteers (dogs included, of course!) who helped make this tournament a greyt success.

### *Congratulations to all the winners!*

**1st Place Team:** Donna Holley, Colby Stone, Kevin Koll, Saad Skarya  
**2nd Place Team:** George Beutell, David Hord, Karen Bond, Peter Graham  
**3rd Place Team:** Kevin Corkery, Greg Germany, Tom Corkery, Tom Dugan  
**Longest Drive (female):** Eva Lee • **Longest Drive (male):** Kevin Koll  
**Closest to the Pin:** Roger Epperson • **Putting Contest:** Roger Epperson

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## ARIZONA ARTIST BEFRIENDS GPA HOUSTON!

Through a local supporter and quite by accident, GPA Houston has found a new friend in Kelli Swan, artist and owner of Cygnet Graphics in Sedona, Arizona. Kelli is a world-renown artist who specializes in monochromatic media; her detailed pencil drawings have won many awards and have been published on magazine covers, special event program covers, and in a variety of publications. Many of her original works reside in collections in Germany, The United Arab Emirates, and the United States.

Using a variety of pencils, Kelli creates depth and movement through a wide range of grayscale tone and rendering techniques. Beginning with extensive research into her subject(s), she creates rough sketches, refines these sketches into a final line composition, and then renders the composition into its final form. One single large pencil drawing can require 100 hours or more to complete.

Kelli on her medium: "I am fascinated by the simplicity of a pencil. It is one of the most basic of tools, and yet it can be used to create images of great complexity and depth. To take that which is simple and basic and to create with it something moving and inspiring is a personally enriching experience."

While Kelli is most well known for her specialty themes in equine sporting and canine artwork, she has a special passion for the Greyhound. In her own words, "You can't beat Greyhounds for inspiring art subjects. Their sleek lines, muscular builds, and expressive faces are an artist's dream. It seems no matter what pose they choose, the comical or the stoic, it's an expression of elegance. I have to say . . . I LOVE to draw Greyhounds!"

What started as a simple, online Christmas gift order has evolved into a personal relationship between this Arizona artist and GPA Houston. Ironically, Kelli had been looking for a Greyhound adoption group to support . . . our timing could not have been better! We are now Kelli's adopted adoption group! In the first three months of this relationship, she has shown us her support by:

**Kelli Swan  
Cygnet Graphics**



**260 Concho Drive  
Sedona, AZ 86351**

**928.284.4191**

**www.pencilplace.com  
kelli@pencilplace.com**

- donating two signed, matted, and framed Greyhound prints for raffle in our 2005 Greyt Golf Tournament,

- donating the framed original art of her "Lean on Me" drawing for our use as an auction item in a future fundraising event. This original drawing was displayed by GPA Houston when our Greys starred in the 2005 Houston Ballet production of Carmen,

- allowing us to offer on our online gift shop (at [www.gpahouston.org](http://www.gpahouston.org)) her collection of Greyhound prints in both black & white and hand-tinted; all signed, numbered, and matted. All proceeds from these online sales go directly to benefit the greys of GPA Houston, and

- (*drum roll, please!*) creating an original drawing (yes, one of the 100+ hour kind!) exclusively for GPA Houston titled "Space Cadets" and using our own Greys as inspiration! Kelli has donated this original drawing plus signed & numbered prints for resale in our gift shop.

We at GPA Houston (humans and Greys alike) are honored to have such a talented and passionate supporter.

Look for her work on our website at [www.gpahouston.org](http://www.gpahouston.org). Go to the Art & Sculpture section of our online gift shop. You will be amazed at the detail of her work and Kelli's ability to capture the personality of this special breed with a tool as simple as a pencil. Her prints are also available at the Kennel Office.

To see all of Kelli's designs (even though we're partial to the Greyhound ones), please visit her website at [www.pencilplace.com](http://www.pencilplace.com).

Kelli, from all of us in Houston, a big, Texas "THANK YOU" for your support of GPA Houston.

*Contributed by Arden Tucker*

### MERCHANDISE SALES EXCEED 2005 BUDGET EXPECTATIONS!

The Merchandise Committee is pleased to announce that merchandise sales through September 30, 2005, have exceeded our projected budget for all of 2005!

Our online gift shop at [www.gpahouston.org](http://www.gpahouston.org) has been in operation for less than two years. In that time, we have averaged 15+ orders per month and have shipped our merchandise to points all over the United States and Canada. We have even had merchandise inquiries from Europe!

In June, we introduced our new t-shirt with art designed by a local 16-year-old artist. This fall, we debuted a new embroidery design at the Dewey Beach Greyhound Gathering. For the 2005 Holiday season, we will offer for sale the first in a series of dated porcelain ornaments.

If you haven't visited our gift shop lately, you're missing out on many new items for sale . . . from European style automobile emblems to the famous "Gus" mouse pads to Canine Lullaby CDs, we offer Greyhound merchandise for all tastes and budgets!

Many thanks to all who have supported our greys by purchasing online, at the Kennel office, and at events. Without your support, we would not have such success. If anyone has any ideas for new merchandise, please email us at [giftshop@gpahouston.org](mailto:giftshop@gpahouston.org).

Remember, every time you shop, all proceeds go directly to benefit our greys awaiting their forever homes.

### More Gus . . .

An online auction was held for Gus (and all our Special Needs Hounds, he's willing to share!) July 6 - 15, 2005. There were over 100 items up for bid, including some of our own GPA Houston merchandise.

Everyone, people and Greys, had a great time bringing in bids on the wonderful items donated by our supporters, items such as fancy collars, posters, clothing, biscuits, and much more.

The grand total raised by this auction was \$3,267.00!

Gus personally sends his thanks to everyone who participated. Even then, before finding his forever home in Pennsylvania, Gus knew that GPA Houston supporters were very special people.

*On the lighter side . . .***The Dangers of Laminate Flooring**

The carpet in our bedroom was shot. Even though the wood look was not part of our house, I'd decided to put laminate wood flooring down in the bedroom. It was between that and laying tile. Since tile was cold to the feet, and it was not in my interest to put down something that would give my wife cold feet really early in the morning, I chose the laminate flooring. Unfortunately, unlike a lot of products, laminate flooring does not come with a warning label. After the many problems I've encountered with it, I think it should. Here are the things they don't tell you about laminate wood floors and how they relate to your pets.

First and foremost, 33% of all dogs develop DHD. DHD (which stands for Dorothy Hamil Disorder) occurred with one of my three dogs, hence allowing me to arrive at the scientific number of 33% of dogs are affected. I chose to round down because I didn't want to get a bunch of emails about 1/3 of a percent of a dog if I included the 1/3 of a percent.

The disease begins thus: For some reason, Kia thinks she is standing in the middle of an ice rink every time she is on the wood floor. She'll stand up, then just run in place (much like Scooby Doo when he's trying to escape from ghosts). The legs will flail, a running motion is attained, but there is no forward progress. Eventually, a forward motion is established slowly, not unlike a train pulling tons of heavy boxcars. Unfortunately, the forward motion builds, so by the time the DHD-affected dog reaches the doorway, there is no way to stop, and then a loud bashing sound is heard as the dog skids willy-nilly into the bedroom door. This skidding normally leads to another side effect, which is wife waking from a dead sleep and yelling.

The second side effect is the dreaded CTS. That's right . . . Clicky Toenail Syndrome. Clicky Toenail Syndrome only seems to happen roughly an hour before your alarm clock is scheduled to go off. The offending CTS-affected dog starts a slow pace around the bed, clicking as she goes. The clicking builds slowly. Generally, the clicking will wake up a second dog who, in turn, also gets Clicky Toenail Syndrome. The third dog wakes, and then there are harmony parts in the CTS song. Depending on how many dogs you own, there is a possibility of this building into a Clicky Toenail orchestra.

As soon as you move even any eyelid, your Awake Facial Licking (AFL) begins, and you have to get up and feed the dogs to get them to lay back down. When you get up, 33% of your dogs will burst into DHD disorder, run into the bedroom door, and make the wife yell.

The third side effect is Help Me Out or HMO. HMO happens in the middle of the night when one of the dogs want to get up on the bed, but they can no longer jump up there because the floor is too slippery. Usually, the dog will stand on two legs, with the other two resting on the side of the bed. Then, they will stare at you while you sleep. You will get this eerie feeling, even as you sleep, that someone is staring at you until finally you wake up and see it is the dog. You then help her up, and dog number two comes over for help as well. As you help up dog number two, dog number one lays on your pillow. While you try to get dog number one to move, dog number two lays in the bedclothes which are not on you anymore, blocking you from recovering even the slightest corner of the covers. Then everyone falls fast asleep . . . except you.

The final side effect is lack of sleep because you just lay there and think up all the bad side effects that have occurred every since you installed the stupid wood floor.

***'Clicky Toenail Syndrome' only seems to happen roughly an hour before your alarm clock is scheduled to go off.***

*Greyt Storles . . .***SEVEN IS NUMBER 1!**

This year's **winner of the Greyhound Pet of the Year** contest was announced at the National Adoption Conference In Tampa, Florida.

And the winner is -- *drum roll, please* -- our very own Seven, a beautiful red fawn boy adopted by Felicia and Christopher Case six months ago. There were hundreds and hundreds of entries from all over the country, but Felicia's story about Seven put him over the top.

Seven (formerly Scooby Do Shoes) is the Case's first Greyhound and is as sweet and good as he is beautiful. He has already been a foster brother (though at first somewhat reluctantly) to young Nick during the July 4th foster period and did such a fine job that Nick was adopted the Saturday all the dogs came back to the kennel. Seven didn't seem terribly heart-broken to see him go, unlike Felicia who had a hard time going through first-foster withdrawal.

Seven will be featured on a poster promoting Greyhound Adoption that will be sent all over the country. As soon as we get the poster, we'll feature it on the website (with Felicia's story) for everyone to admire.

We couldn't be prouder of Seven and his family!

**Go to [www.gpahouston.org](http://www.gpahouston.org) to see which dogs have found their forever homes!**

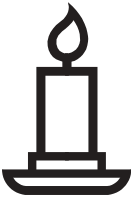
**HOPE GETS ADOPTED!**

Hope, our special needs dog who had been in our program since April 13, 2005, has finally found a loving forever home. She was adopted by a special family with children.

She came to us from a previous owner who could no longer care for her. She had had several serious injuries and required extensive surgery on her right front leg.

Recovery and rehabilitation have taken time, but she's a gamer and is ready for her new family. This special family also adopted Rambler the following weekend so Hope could have a playmate!

We wish them all the best! This is why we work so hard at what we do . . . the rewards are never-ending.



*At the bridge . . .*

*Our deepest sympathies to those families whose greyhounds have recently crossed the bridge.  
May your memories of them bring a smile to your face.*



<b>Blue Bell</b>	<i>The Taylors</i>	<b>Mail Man</b>	<i>The Lees</i>	<b>Lucky Lady</b>	<i>The Palazzolas</i>
<b>Harley</b>	<i>The Deveaus</i>	<b>Moe Money</b>	<i>The De Los Santos</i>	<b>Downy</b>	<i>The Hughes</i>
<b>Sequoia</b>	<i>The Huhns</i>	<b>Heckels</b>	<i>The Clarks</i>	<b>December</b>	<i>The McClungs</i>
<b>Zoe</b>	<i>The Konkels</i>	<b>Brandy</b>	<i>The Swifts</i>	<b>Sasha</b>	<i>The Troianos</i>
<b>Stonecrab</b>	<i>The Simkins</i>	<b>Starla</b>	<i>The Fitzpatricks</i>	<b>Tally</b>	<i>The Longs</i>
<b>Lenore</b>	<i>The Glasgows</i>	<b>Hardy</b>	<i>The Dockerys</i>	<b>Dena</b>	<i>The GPA family</i>
<b>Duchess</b>	<i>The Whitakers</i>	<b>Uro</b>	<i>The Grays</i>	<b>Chula</b>	<i>The Keslers</i>
<b>Fonzie</b>	<i>The Dixons</i>	<b>Babyface</b>	<i>The Ziggs</i>	<b>Oreo</b>	<i>The Salmons</i>
<b>Sophie</b>	<i>The GPA family</i>	<b>Prince</b>	<i>The Coes</i>	<b>Bobby</b>	<i>The Campbells</i>
<b>Twiggy</b>	<i>The Wilsons</i>	<b>Clarabelle</b>	<i>The Manuels</i>	<b>Penny</b>	<i>The Silverados</i>
<b>Brian</b>	<i>The Wilsons</i>	<b>Max</b>	<i>The Lums</i>	<b>Regalo</b>	<i>The Lemmels</i>
<b>Queenie</b>	<i>The Harts</i>	<b>Meridy</b>	<i>The McBaths</i>	<b>Savvy</b>	<i>The Ewells</i>
<b>Forest Gump</b>	<i>The Jones</i>	<b>Tasha</b>	<i>The Swansons</i>	<b>Devotion</b>	<i>The Yoders</i>
<b>Molly</b>	<i>The Wehrmans</i>	<b>Lady</b>	<i>The Duffys</i>	<b>Apache</b>	<i>The Ospinas</i>
<b>Samiri</b>	<i>The Malones</i>	<b>Mac</b>	<i>The Holleys</i>	<b>Buddy</b>	<i>The Brooks</i>
<b>Legman</b>	<i>The Sonyes</i>	<b>Courting</b>	<i>The Kords</i>	<b>Brochure</b>	<i>The Mouras</i>
<b>Ticket</b>	<i>The Wallaces</i>	<b>Murray</b>	<i>The Ballingers</i>	<b>Avenger</b>	<i>The Szyzkowskis</i>
<b>Jett</b>	<i>The Phillips</i>	<b>Beau</b>	<i>The Ballingers</i>	<b>Prophet</b>	<i>The Grinsbergs</i>
<b>Ruby</b>	<i>The Rodriguezs</i>	<b>Zoe</b>	<i>The Marshalls</i>	<b>Snax</b>	<i>The Van Cleaves</i>
<b>Chamois</b>	<i>The Woolstons</i>	<b>Gent</b>	<i>The Chesterfields</i>	<b>Valentin</b>	<i>The Ordunas</i>
<b>Cindi</b>	<i>The Millers</i>	<b>Joey</b>	<i>The Whites</i>	<b>Delta</b>	<i>The Silverados</i>
<b>Abby</b>	<i>The Silvis</i>	<b>Amber</b>	<i>The Grinbergs</i>	<b>Hannah</b>	<i>The Whites</i>
<b>Lemon</b>	<i>The Parkers</i>	<b>Sugar Bear</b>	<i>The Szyzkowskis</i>	<b>Destiny</b>	<i>The Wades</i>
<b>Strawboss</b>	<i>The Pringles</i>	<b>Jasper</b>	<i>The Butlers</i>	<b>Renegade</b>	<i>The Goodfellows</i>
<b>Jet</b>	<i>The Hunleys</i>	<b>Buffy</b>	<i>The Plantings</i>		

**GREYT GREYHOUND GATHERINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR** submitted by Lynn Hollingsworth

One of the benefits of having a Greyhound is that, generally speaking, they enjoy car rides. Most love to go somewhere; and, as a result, they make great traveling companions. Because of their calm and polite nature, they are welcome in places such as hotels which do not accept other breeds of dogs.

Have you ever wondered if there was a way to combine your love of greyhounds with your love of traveling? You can!

Fortunately, we have numerous Greyhound Gatherings in the United States, in places that also are great travel destinations. One such gathering is **THE SOLVANG GREYHOUND FEST** in Solvang, California.

The Solvang Fest (held in February) was born from the desire of "West Coasters" to enjoy a gathering in 2005. Claudia Presto of the Greyhound Gang had decided not to hold the Kanab Gathering in 2005, and many West Coast Greyhound owners wanted some kind of spring gathering. Many also found it prohibitive to travel to the East Coast or the Midwest gatherings and wanted something closer to home.

2005 was the first year for The Solvang Fest, and it was a great success . . . attracting Greyhounds and their people for shopping, visiting, and enjoying the Danish-influenced architecture and atmosphere of Solvang.

Activities included auctions, various speakers, the Solvang Streak (where retired hounds demonstrated how fast they were in a timed straight run), a Blessing of the Hounds, several walks around the village of Solvang, and a pizza dinner. Other area attractions included winery tours, the gorgeous rolling hill country, and lots of Danish history. There was also easy access to the scenic Highway 101 drive.

Proceeds from the Fest benefited the Greyt Legs Fund - a 501(c)(3) non-profit support group to aid adoption groups with veterinarian bills for broken legs.

Plans are underway, at this time, for the 2006 Solvang Greyhound Fest. For more information, see their website at [www.solvanggreyhoundfest.org](http://www.solvanggreyhoundfest.org).

## Greyhound Vet Network



*GPA Houston would like to acknowledge the generous support of the following clinics that continue to provide medical care to our greyhounds!!!*



CLINIC NAME	VET NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, ZIP	PHONE
Bissonnet / Southampton	Dr. Tippit	2028 Bissonnet	Houston 77005	713.520.8743
Sunset Blvd. Animal Clinic	Dr. Young	2525 Sunset Blvd.	Houston 77005	713.526.5881
Rice Village	Dr. Wilkie	2348 Rice Blvd.	Houston 77005	713.527.0489
Village Vet Clinic	Drs. Miller & Davis	8785 Gaylord	Houston 77024	713.468.7955
Memorial 610 Animal Hospital	Dr. Snell	910 Antoine	Houston 77024	713.668.0387
Memorial Town and Country	Dr. Brasher	12661 Memorial Drive	Houston 77024	713.464.7686
Southside Place Animal Clinic	Dr. Frei	6902 Stella Link	Houston 77025	713.349.0718
Meyerland Animal Hospital	Dr. Werner	4995 W. Bellfort	Houston 77035	713.723.8612
Fairbanks Animal Clinic	Dr. Reiger	7151 Fairbanks-N Houston	Houston 77040	713.937.7274
Voss Road Animal Hospital	Drs. Tharpe, Hayes, & Glass	2215 S. Voss Road	Houston 77057	713.782.1500
Bay Glen Animal Hospital	Drs. Lisk & Janney	1616 Clear Lake City Blvd.	Houston 77062	281.480.8800
TLC Animal Hospital	Drs. Kucker & Richardson	14870 Space Center Blvd.	Houston 77062	281.282.9944
Tanglewilde Animal Hospital	Dr. Stiles	2717 Rockyridge	Houston 77063	713.783.4044
Animal Medical Center	Dr. Johnson	11100 Cypress-N Houston	Houston 77065	281.469.1171
Northwest Animal Clinic	Dr. Huckabee	3031 FM 1960 W	Houston 77068	281.444.1084
FM 1960 Animal Hospital	Drs. McLaughton & Simpson	13221 Cutten Road	Houston 77069	281.444.4170
Countryside Animal Hospital	Dr. French	2211 FM 1960 E	Houston 77073	281.443.7297
Copperfield Animal Clinic	Dr. Hoppes	15606 Ridge Park Drive	Houston 77095	281.859.4430
Longenbaugh Veterinary Hospital	Dr. Keadle	15703 E. Longenbaugh	Houston 77095	281.856.7023
King's Crossing Animal Hospital	Dr. Blessman	3425 W. Lake Houston Pkwy.	Kingwood 77339	281.360.5550
Atascazoo Animal Hospital	Dr. Bolleter	5910 FM 1960 E #5	Humble 77338	281.852.8398
Aldine Westfield Animal Hospital	Drs. Fourie & Collier	21727 Aldine Westfield Rd.	Humble 77338	281.443.3133
Porter Animal Hospital	Dr. Elmer	23545 FM 1314	Porter 77365	281.354.8099
Veterinary Medical Center of Spring	Drs. Green & Dunn	17740 Kuykendahl	Spring 77379	281.353.5700
Stuebner-Airline Vet Clinic	Dr. Heimlich	16116 Stuebner-Airline #7	Spring 77379	281.376.2505
Enchanted Oaks	Dr. McCall	153 Cypresswood Drive	Spring 77388	281.350.3730
Telge Road Vet Clinic	Dr. Battistini	11430 Telge Road	Cypress 77429	281.955.9797
Paws, Claws, and All	Dr. Cunningham	2499 Cartwright Road	Missouri City 77459	281.261.7953
Brazos Bend Animal Hospital	Dr. Ross	721 FM 359	Richmond 77469	281.342.1117
Animal Hospital Highway 6	Dr. Hauke	3429 Highway 6	Sugar Land 77478	281.980.8387
Bay Creek Animal Clinic	Drs. Hoffman & Mogas	1236 Main	League City 77573	281.332.3051
Aggieland Animal Hospital	Drs. Herron & Hannes	13223 FM 2154	College Station 77845	979.690.7775

***Greyhounds have a way of bringing people together . . . and nobody knows that better than Andrea Berger and Kenny Freedman. Before tying the knot this September, Andrea and Kenny hosted a GPA Houston Garage Sale at Kenny's house before its demolition to make room for their new home together.***

*August 19, 2005 might have been one of the hottest days this year, but that didn't put a damper on the volunteer spirit. Many thanks to Andrea and Kenny and everyone who donated, hauled, priced, and peddled goods in the extreme heat, including (but not limited to) Catherine Coulter, Julie & Dale Fitzpatrick, Arden & Jeff Tucker, Barbara Winters, and Diana Ballard. Their hard work netted \$2,022.23 for our general operating fund! Greyt Job!*

## ***Annual Membership Drive Begins Now!***

***It's October and that means it's time for your annual membership renewal in our greyt organization. The renewal form is in this issue - please be sure to complete it now and return it to us with your membership dues!***

Renewing your membership is one of the most important things you can do for the dogs - your own and the ones in our kennel or who are waiting to come into our program.

For the dogs kenneled now and during the next year, your membership fees help provide food, medical costs, salaries for our wonderful Kennelmaster, Robbie Cochran, and his assistant, Juvenal Ayala, and all other expenses associated with running the kennel.

Adoption fees cover only a part of our costs. While the veterinary community has been extremely generous in donating spays, neuters, and dentals, the amount of donated vet visits has been falling for the past two years. We expect that trend to continue. Routine spays and neuters are only a portion of our total veterinary bills. Vaccinations, blood tests, tick panels, worm medication, thyroid tests, minor illnesses requiring treatment and medication, vetwraps, emergency care for injuries . . . the list goes on and on.

Very large medical expenses like surgeries for broken legs are considered special needs and are posted on the website. But the day-to-day expenses are not covered by these special needs funds.

### **Why is it important to your own dogs to renew your membership?**

The volunteers on our adoption committee are available seven days a week to help with any problems, whether behavioral, medical, or even finding a dogsitter. If we don't know the answers, we usually know someone who does.

Our answering service takes calls around the clock . . . seven days a week. If your dogs gets out, we are there to help. If you aren't home and your dog is found, we will pick up the dog and keep him safe until we can contact you. We care about your Greyhound as much as you do.

Best of all, your \$25 membership (and, of course, any additional contributions!) are tax-deductible. Take the time right now to fill out your membership form and send it in with your dues.

Thanks for supporting the Houston chapter of Greyhound Pets of America. We are the best chapter in the United States because of you!



**2006 Annual Membership Form**

Greyhound Pets of America - Houston

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own a greyhound? YES NO If yes:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Age Tag No. Adopted From?

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Name Age Tag No. Adopted From?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Age Tag No. Adopted From?

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select level of membership:**

\$25 Member \$50-\$75 Supporting \$75-\$199 Benefactor \$200-\$999 Angel \$1,000 Saint

**Payment Method:**

Check VISA MasterCard

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help the Greyhounds by: (please circle all that apply)

Volunteering  
at the Kennel

Being a holiday or  
as-needed foster home

Transporting greyhounds  
to the vet

Participating in  
events in your area

Other: Please list any other skills (professional or hobbies) that you would be willing to share with GPA Houston:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please apply this donation to:

The Building Fund

Special Needs / Emergency

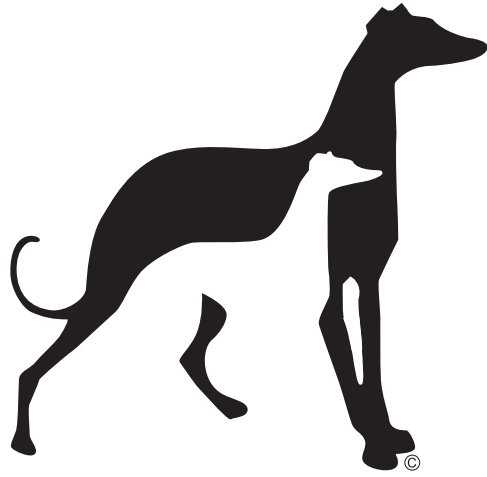
Food for the Greyhounds

Operating Expenses Fund

My employer offers matching funds. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

GPA Houston would like to acknowledge members who donate to our organization on our website and in our newsletter.  
Do we have permission to list your name? YES NO

**THE GREYHOUNDS APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU!**



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