



On The Right Track

Greyhound Pets of America - Houston



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FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED!

The holidays are fast approaching. The Pet Hotel graciously gives us kennel space during the year; but during the busy holiday season, these kennels are needed for paying customers. So we must move the kennel dogs into foster homes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you can foster this holiday season, please contact Catherine by email at catherine@gpahouston.com.

HELP US THANK OUR VETS!

Each year, we deliver holiday baskets to our vets to thank them for their generous donation of time and expertise throughout the year.

If you would like to help, please send an email to Sharry at sharry@gpahouston.com. She can give you all the details on which clinics are available and what you'll need to do.

A Letter from the President . . .

It's been a year since we sent a newsletter to our members. As an organization, we have been very busy, and the newsletter usually ends up last on the list. We pledge to do better. You can help by sending us ideas and stories that you would like to see in the newsletter. We always love stories about greyhounds and how they live with your family. Tell us what you want in your newsletter!

Our 2006 Grey Spa and Annual Meeting was held on October 15, 2006, at the beautiful Parador. It rained and rained, but many of you braved the storms to attend. Volunteers were there to give those special greyhounds their spa treatment. We introduced a new T-shirt at the event, and many of you went home sporting the new Groovy Hound tee. This new design is now available at the kennel office and in our online gift shop. If you missed this event, please make plans to attend our 2006 Holiday Party, also held at the Parador, the date and time to be announced.

At the annual meeting, we elected a new Vice President, Catherine Coulter, for a three-year term. The "2006 Volunteer of the Year" award was presented to Lynn Hollingsworth for her many volunteer efforts. This year, we also presented our first annual Grey Heart award to Tim Heller for 10 years of volunteer service in many capacities, including but not limited to serving on the board of directors and as our local webmaster. The web site started in 1998 and has grown to be an important communication tool for us in educating the community on the joys of greyhound adoption. The website discussion board is a greyt place to show pictures, ask questions, and post stories about greyhounds. After the meeting, we held a raffle of greyt things donated by our members. We thank all of you for donating and buying raffle tickets. Our great chefs cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. It was a greyt day in spite of the weather, and I was happy to see so many members with their hounds.

This January, we will begin planning for a new year of events. If you have a suggestion for an event that you think would be a good place to showcase our hounds, please let us know. New venues always give us an opportunity to promote greyhound adoption. But, all events take many volunteers to be successful; this is where you can help. Every one of us can help promote greyhound adoption by volunteering at events and storefronts or just walking your dog out in the public! It always amazes me how little the public understands what a greyhound is really like. I always laugh at events when asked . . . "but aren't they really hyper?" . . . as our hounds are sacked out in the booth. We all have been asked the craziest questions because the public in general does not know much about greyhounds. We can clear up the myths and get out the true story about what greyt pets they are by showing off our hounds to the public!

Also, be sure to renew your membership for 2007. We want to hear from you and have up-to-date information on address and phone numbers. We sincerely hope that we don't have to call you about a lost greyhound, but it sure gets your hound home faster if we have current contact information.

Sharry MacLaren, President

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In a perfect world, we'd never need to have this information. But knowing where the nearest emergency clinic is could save your pet's life. Please post this information where all family members can see.

HOUSTON

Animal Emergency Care Clinic • 713-932-9589

8921 Katy Freeway

Weekdays: 6PM-7:30AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

Animal Emergency Clinic • 713-693-1100

1111 West Loop South

Weekdays: 6PM-7:30AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

Animal Emergency Clinic • 281-890-8875

18707 Tomball Parkway

Weekdays: 6PM-7:30AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

Animal Emergency Clinic Southeast • 713-941-8460

10331 Gulf Freeway

Weekdays: 6PM-8:00AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

Animal Emergency Center of W. Houston • 832-593-8387

Dr. Cindy McCauley, 4823 Highway 6 North

Weekdays: 6pm-7:30am • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

HUMBLE / CONROE / THE WOODLANDS

Animal Emergency Clinic Northwest • 281-446-4900

9617 Old 1960 Rd-Humble Westfield Road, Humble

Weekdays: 6PM-8:00AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

Animal Emergency Clinic • 936-539-3800

920 West Dallas Street, Conroe

Weekdays: 6PM-7:30AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

Animal Emergency & Urgent Care Center • 281-367-5444

27870 I-45 North, The Woodlands

Weekdays: 6pm-8:00am • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

LEAGUE CITY

Animal Emergency Clinic Northwest • 281-332-1678

1100 Gulf Freeway #104

Weekdays: 6PM-7:30AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

SUGAR LAND

Animal Emergency Clinic 59 SW • 281-340-8387

9920 Highway 90A, Suite 100C

Weekdays: 6PM-8:00AM • 24hours: Weekends and Holidays

GPA Houston's Regularly Scheduled Meet & Greets

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!

Date	Location	Time	Contact	Place
1st Sunday each month	Houston, TX	1 - 3 p.m.	janny@gpahouston.com	PETCO Hwy. 6 North @ FM 529
2nd Sunday each month	Webster, TX	1 - 3 p.m.	rose@gpahouston.com	PETSMART 1549 West Bay Area Blvd.
3rd Saturday each month	Houston, TX	1 - 3 p.m.	lynn@gpahouston.com	PETCO 2110 S. Shepherd near San Felipe
4th Sunday each month	Houston, TX	2 - 4 p.m.	tim@gpahouston.com	PETCO 12015 Northwest Freeway @ W. 43rd
Walk in the Park				
Last Sunday each month	Spring, TX	9 a.m. - ?	NOTE: Not held in July & August	Elizabeth Kaiser Meyer Park Stuebner-Airline @ Cypresswood
Monthly Board Meeting - Open to the Public				
2nd Thursday each month	TBD	6:45 p.m.	sharry@gpahouston.com	Email for directions.

Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location	Information
Holiday Gift Wrapping	TBA	Barnes & Noble: 1960	nicole@gpahouston.com
	11-24-06: 10 am - 10 pm 12-8-06: 6 pm - 10 pm 12-17-06: 11 am - 10 pm 12-24-06: 10 am - 6 pm	Barnes & Noble: West Oaks - Hwy. 6	laura@gpahouston.com
	10 am - 6 pm 11-24-06	Barnes & Noble: Bay Area Blvd. @ Gulf Freeway	eileenh@gpahouston.com
	1 pm - 10 pm 12-10-06	5 pm - 10 pm 12-20-06	Barnes & Noble: Voss and Westheimer
Holiday Open House	December 2006 Exact date & time to be announced	The Parador	catherine@gpahouston.com and Website
Solvang Greyhound Gathering	March 2007	Solvang, California	catherine@gpahouston.com
Greyt Golf Tournament	TBA	TBA	arden@gpahouston.com

**2005
Barnes & Noble
Gift-wrapping**



I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult Rita Rudner



**2006
St. Patrick's Day
Parade**



2005 Holiday Party



**Monthly
Dog Walk**



2006 International Festival

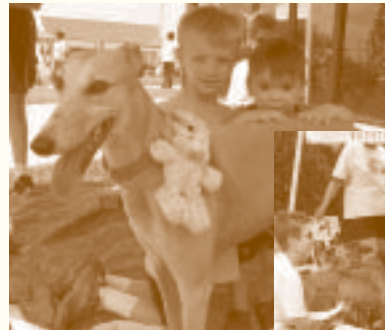
GPA Houston participates in many events throughout the year in an effort to raise public awareness about greyhound adoption. These events are a greyt way to meet new friends and socialize your hounds. Please check the website, www.gpahouston.org, for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

If you dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.
- Unknown

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like has never washed a dog Franklin P. Jones.



2006 Grey Spa & Merchandise Party



2006 Easter Festival



Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. - Roger Caras



2006 Down's Syndrome Picnic

Chiropractic Care for Your Pet by Robin Robinett, DVM

Chiropractic is a drug-free, healing science that restores and maintains proper biomechanics and function of the spine and nervous system. Veterinary chiropractic is a holistic approach that benefits the health and performance of your pet. It is used in conjunction with regular veterinary care.

A chiropractic adjustment is a physical manipulation by hand directed at a specific vertebral segment to correct subluxations. A chiropractic subluxation is a misalignment of adjoining vertebrae or joints resulting in neurological or biomechanical dysfunction. Subluxations are caused by trauma, stress, repetitive movements, and normal wear and tear over time.

How do you know if your pet could benefit from an adjustment? Did your greyhound ever race? Is your pet not as active as he used to be? Is your pet on medication for arthritis? Does your pet not want to go up or down the stairs? Not want to jump or get on the couch? Slow to get up after lying down or slow to lie down? All of these things are indications that your pet would benefit from a chiropractic treatment.

Chiropractic care is indicated for problems involving the nervous and musculoskeletal system. It can also be used as a preventive for health maintenance. Some conditions where chiropractic is helpful with treatment include: osteoarthritis, intervertebral disc disease, hip dysplasia, discospondylosis, lick granulomas, and performance problems.

How do you choose a veterinary chiropractor? An animal chiropractor should be a licensed veterinarian or chiropractor who has been trained in chiropractic care for animals and certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. In Texas, chiropractors working on animals need to be referred and supervised by a veterinarian. Chiropractic performed correctly can greatly improve the health of your pet but can be harmful and cause pain if not done correctly.

About the author: Graduated from Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in 1989. Certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association in 1996. Currently has a mobile veterinary chiropractic practice. In 2007 will open the Veterinary Chiropractic and Rehabilitation Clinic in south Houston, near the Beltway 8 and Highway 288 interchange.

HOUNDS AND THE HOLIDAYS!

Ready or not, holiday season 2006 is here. Notice the Christmas decorations already going up around town? Hard to think about, isn't it? But now, before the season gets too crazy, it's a perfect time to do just that – stop and think. Think about how to keep your hounds safe and happy during the rush that starts about now and finally ends with the new year.

Reach out and touch someone

Our greyhounds can be almost eerily sensitive to our moods, so if you're stressed, you can expect your dogs to be stressed, too. They can show stress in uncharacteristic "bad" behavior: accidents in the house, a sudden penchant for chewing and destroying your stuff, snarking and growling at each other . . . the list goes on. There's a great, win-win solution to this problem . . . spend a few extra moments each day stroking and petting your hounds. Studies have shown that petting animals can actually lower humans' blood pressure. If you can stop, sit down, take a few slow, deep breaths and gently stroke your hounds, all of you will feel better.

Do fence me in

Every year during the holidays, GPA gets an increased number of emergency calls reporting escaped hounds. In the rush of people coming and going, the chances for that one forgetful moment when the door is left open go way, way up. And face it – sometimes, even the best-intentioned visitors don't understand how unbelievably fast a greyhound can make its escape or how small a space a skinny hound can manage to squeeze through. Since you can't fix stupid, as the comedian says, you have to fix your hound's space instead. Even if you don't normally use baby gates, the holidays are the time for them. If you know there's going to be a lot of coming and going, (guests arriving, presents or food being unloaded, etc.), then set up a cozy room for your

grey away from the action and baby gate it until things settle down and the doors can be locked. And don't forget those outside fences! It's easy to be less diligent about outside gates and loose fence boards when you've already got too many holiday projects on your plate. Don't forget to check yard security regularly. It only takes a few seconds. That's a small price to pay to save a hound's life.

Feast or famine

Ah, yes, those incredible holiday snacks and meals! Even if your greyhounds aren't normally counter-surfers, the excitement and the amazing smells may just be too much temptation. Be extra diligent to keep sweets, cooked bones, and other inappropriate foods away from your hounds. And keep a close eye on guests (especially children) who might be tempted to treat your hounds with goodies. Remind them that diarrhea is, frequently, the consequence of messing with a grey's diet. Nothing can put a damper on a wonderful family dinner like a stinky pile of doggy accident on the Oriental rug. Be warned, and warn others. As a refresher, check out the owner's manual

in your adoption packet (also available on GPA's website under Resources) for a list called Foods to Avoid. And remember that many holiday plants, including mistletoe and poinsettias, are poisonous to dogs.

All in the family

Those of us who are blessed to have greyhounds in our lives have extra cause to celebrate during this season. Hounds are part of our families. We owe them the little bit of extra time and care that they need to be safe and healthy during the holidays. They make our lives richer, and they return our love and care with devotion beyond any price. That's the best gift of all.

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*On the lighter side . . .***You Know You Love Greyhounds When...***- Author Unknown*

You have a kiddie wading pool in the yard . . . but no small children.

You have baby gates permanently installed at strategic places around the house . . . but no babies.

The trash can is more or less permanently installed in the kitchen sink . . . to keep your greyhound out of it while you're at work.

You can't see out the passenger side of the windshield because there are nose prints all over the inside.

Poop has become a source of conversation for you and your significant other.

You refer to yourself as Mommy or Daddy.

Your greyhound sleeps with you. You go from a full size bed on a frame to a king size mattress on the floor so the arthritic seniors only have to take one step to get in bed with you and hope you don't get too arthritic to get in and out of the bed that's on the floor **or** . . .

Your greyhound is getting old and arthritic, so you go buy lumber and build her a small staircase so she can climb onto the bed by herself.

You have 32 different names for your greyhound. Most make no sense, but she understands.

Your greyhound eats cat poop, but you still let her kiss you (but not immediately afterward, of course).

You like people who like your greyhound. You despise people who don't.

You carry dog biscuits in your purse or pocket at all times.

You talk about your greyhound the way other people talk about their kid.

You sign and send birthday/anniversary/Christmas cards from your greyhound.

You put an extra blanket on the bed so your greyhound can be comfortable.

You'd rather stay home on Saturday night and cuddle your dog than go to the movies with your sweetie.

You go to the pet supply store every Saturday because it's one of the very few places that lets you bring your greyhound inside, and your dog loves to go with you.

You open your purse, and that big bunch of baggies you use for pick-ups pops out.

You get an extra-long hose on your shower-massage just so you can use it to wash your greyhound in the tub, without making the greyhound sit hip-deep in water.

You don't think it's the least bit strange to stand in the back yard yelling, "Debi, peel!" over and over again, while Debi tends to play and forget what she's out there for (but what your neighbors think of your behavior is yet another story).

You and the greyhound come down with something like flu on the same day. Your greyhound sees the vet while you settle for an over-the-counter remedy from the drugstore.

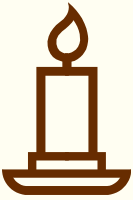
You purchase a new vehicle with greyhound comfort in mind, and your license plate or license plate frame mentions your greyhound.

Your vacation is planned with taking your greyhound in mind and you spend more time looking for pet friendly hotels than for what you are going to do and see.

Your idea of shopping is looking for collars, leads, toys, and beds for your greyhound.

You don't purchase jewelry unless it has a greyhound on it.

You know you love your greyhound and so does everyone else!



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 you face.*

Shiner	<i>The Anderson family</i>
Solomon	<i>GPA family</i>
Freeway	<i>The Pearlman family</i>
Heart	<i>The Jackson family</i>
Aidan	<i>The O'Loughlin family</i>
Cribbage	<i>The Shalett family</i>
ZZ	<i>GPA family</i>
Trina	<i>The Moffitt/Kellenben family</i>
Howard	<i>The Dockery family</i>
Whitney	<i>The Lee family</i>
Capri	<i>The Holdgraf family</i>
Boudin	<i>The Fajen family</i>
Mission	<i>The Schnitzler family</i>
Ben	<i>The Ebert family</i>
Cuzco	<i>The Allison family</i>
Pamela	<i>The Allison family</i>
Phyllis	<i>The Kowaleswski family</i>
Cayenne	<i>The McClung family</i>
Dasher	<i>The McClung family</i>
Sugar	<i>The Hinote family</i>
Ace	<i>The Swanson family</i>
Dolly	<i>The Robotshek family</i>
Star	<i>The Sullivan fanukt</i>
Cindy	<i>GPA family</i>
Tess	<i>The Fernald family</i>
Annie	<i>The Rennpage family</i>
Mike	<i>The Calder family</i>
Austin	<i>The Jackson family</i>
Ricky	<i>The Otto family</i>

John	<i>The Slanis family</i>
Mya	<i>The Hestor family</i>
Dutchess	<i>The Vasquez family</i>
Blaze	<i>The Hart family</i>
Brook	<i>The Church family</i>
Concho	<i>GPA family</i>
Cinnamon	<i>The Dunker/Solis family</i>
Gracie	<i>The Cook/White family</i>
Star	<i>The Torrance family</i>
Classy	<i>The Henson family</i>
Dharma	<i>The Blust family</i>
Shawn	<i>The Fidler family</i>
Bridie	<i>The Reid family</i>
Hank	<i>The Henley family</i>
Missy	<i>The Corrow family</i>
Jane	<i>The Kilcoyne family</i>
Nikiski	<i>The Harper family</i>
Jeannie	<i>The Kralovetz family</i>
Wildier	<i>The Rich family</i>
Tracy	<i>GPA family</i>
Red	<i>The Cameron family</i>
Tiger Joe	<i>The Bielek family</i>
Tony	<i>The Miller family</i>
Smokey	<i>GPA family</i>
Payment	<i>The Damico family</i>
Beau	<i>The Duncan family</i>
Violet	<i>The Van Greisman family</i>
Zoe	<i>The Fuller family</i>
Pittman	<i>The Kopesky family</i>

Spirit	<i>The O'Malley family</i>
Jennifer	<i>The Thode family</i>
Brandy	<i>The Read family</i>
Cuby	<i>The Read family</i>
Banana Boat	<i>The Ellsworth family</i>
Dusty	<i>The Slanis family</i>
Ginger	<i>The White family</i>
Bingo	<i>The Cox family</i>
Beverly	<i>The Holdgraf family</i>
Raven	<i>The Reideler family</i>
Buzz	<i>The Ellison family</i>
Fletch	<i>The Edgington family</i>
Natalie	<i>The Wade family</i>
Ally	<i>The Planting family</i>
Eli	<i>The Silata/Scott family</i>
Baron	<i>The Reckles family</i>
Maggie	<i>The Gloeckl family</i>
Shelly	<i>The Taylor family</i>
Emma	<i>The Foster family</i>
Questa	<i>The Haschke family</i>
Jesse	<i>The Duncan family</i>
Massy	<i>The Planting family</i>
Bonaire	<i>The Jackson family</i>
Levi	<i>The Scot family</i>
Oreo	<i>The Lestage family</i>
Buster	<i>The Tucker family</i>
Mecca	<i>The Staffa family</i>
Bearclaw	<i>The Brothers family</i>
Honey	<i>The Merada family</i>

“Just a Dog”

From time to time, people tell me, “lighten up, it’s just a dog,” or “that’s a lot of money for just a dog.” They don’t understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for “just a dog.”

Some of my proudest moments have come about with “just a dog.” Many hours have passed when my only company was “just a dog,” but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by “just a dog,” and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “just a dog” gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it’s “just a dog,” then you will probably understand phrases like “just a friend,” “just a sunrise,” or “just a promise.” “Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled

joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of “just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks, and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it’s not “just a dog” but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. “Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it’s not “just a dog” but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “just a man.” So the next time you hear the phrase “just a dog” . . . just smile, because they “just don’t understand.”

*When I die, let it be as a pet,
so someone will remember me.*
- A Greyhound’s Prayer

- Author Unknown

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. Belfort	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
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. Keith French	2211 FM 1960 E	Houston 77073	281.443.7297
VCA Ashford Veterinary Hospital	Dr. Trlisa	12633 Whittington	Houston 77077	281.497.3917
Longenbaugh Veterinary Hospital	Dr. Keadle	15703 E. Longenbaugh	Houston 77095	281.856.7023
Braescroft Animal Clinic	Dr. Lowenstein	9643 Hillcroft	Houston 77096	713.721.8081
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
Dowlen Rd. Vet Clinic	Dr. Kays	2396 Dowlen	Beaumont 77706	409.860.4386
Aggieland Animal Hospital	Drs. Herron & Hannes	13223 FM 2154	College Station 77845	979.690.7775

Annual Membership Drive Begins Now!

It's fall again, 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 your dues.

GPA Houston would like to give a greyt big "thank you" to

***Tom Hadden
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for his on-going donation of printing of our letterhead, envelopes, newsletter, and adoption brochures.

ADOPTIONS!

Our adoption committee works very hard all year long to find forever homes for the greyhounds in our care. This is not an easy job; it can be very frustrating.

Please support the committee whenever you can by volunteering in the office, transporting dogs to/from the vet, or fostering dogs under medical care.

And don't forget to check the website regularly to see which dogs have found their forever homes!

www.gpahouston.org



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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Veterinarian _____ Address _____

Please select level of membership:

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

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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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