

Paws & Reflect

Greyhound Pets of America Central Texas Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

You and your guests are invited to attend GPA/Central Texas' monthly meetings at 7pm on the first Monday of each month. (If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting day, time and location will be announced.)

Meetings are held at the

Town Lake Animal Shelter

Davenport Bldg. 1

156 W. Cesar Chavez St.,
behind the ball fields that front Chavez
(formerly West First St.) across from
Town Lake.

*March Meeting
Monday the 5th*

Meet - n - Greets

Noon to 3pm unless noted

First Saturday

Petco/Hancock Center 12p-3p

First Sunday

Petco/RR@FM 1325 & IH-35
12p-3p

Second Saturday -

Walmart-RoundRock

12noon-3pm (*Weather permitting*)

Third Saturday

Petco/ Brodie Lane

(11a-2p inside)

Fourth Saturday

Gallery of Pets

Hwy 183 & Duval Road

Petco/Arboretum

Texas Independence Day Parade!! Friday, March 2nd

The greyhound float will be featured in the **Texas Independence Day Parade** on **Friday, March 2nd** driven by Bob Trapp!! The parade will start on the Congress Street bridge and proceed down Congress to the Capital. At the end of the parade there will be a barbecue!! Look for Bob on the Congress street bridge at 10am. We will all meet there. Drop your dog off and they try to park closer to the capital. There will be no way to transport you and your dog back to the start of the parade. Beth Underwood is making decorative bandanas for the dogs to wear. The cost of each is \$3 for the bandana. Contact Beth for a bandana for your dog, so she can plan to make it. Or if you have questions.

Show your GPA pride!! Come march in the parade!!
Meet at 10am - Congress Street Bridge

MIGHTY TEXAS DOG WALK 2001

Saturday, March 3, 2001 10:00 a.m.
Start & Finish at Austin High School

Registration on the day of the walk starts at 8:00am

Walk starts at 10am

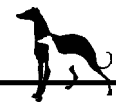
GPA will meet at 9am so we can all walk together.

Or contact GPA with questions!! Just note Greyhound Pets of America on your entry form. GPA had a great time doing this as a group the last two years. We had a great turn out and would like to participate as a group again this year. Registration for our members will only be \$10 a person/dog. Call Kathy Shallenberger or Beth Underwood if you have questions!! Let's set a record!! We need 5000 dogs to set a record!

Register online at www.servicedogs.org

Or Pick Up Entry forms @ Thundercloud Subs, RunTex (mail in)

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prairie/9217

Join our Email list

gpact-subscribe@egroups.com

or ask Bobbie Wier

Newsletter contributions welcome!

Call Kathy Shallenberger at

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Dear Readers-

When each of us adopt a greyhound, we do so going in knowing it is for life, either ours or the dogs. We know that by making this greyhound part of our family and life, we have given it or them and extension of their lives. We have kept one or more of these beautiful and wonderful dogs from being euthanized.

Our hopes are, that we have brought as much happiness and pleasure into their lives as they have to ours. We have filled an empty spot in our hearts and lives, but we have also filled the empty spot in theirs as well.

We want to do what is best for our new family member. As time goes on and the years pass, they will not always feel well, maybe we do not realize this because they can't tell us when they feel bad or where. So when we do realize something is wrong, sometimes their health is not good or may even be failing.

We love our greyhounds and we want to keep them with us as long as we can. We need to ask ourselves a question, are we doing this for them or for ourselves? So we must think about what we can give these wonderful animals. What gift can we give? That would be the gift of death, without suffering, without pain, this we owe them if we truly love them.

We all hope and wish for quality of life. We also want this for our pets. When their quality of life wanes, then it is up to us to love these pets enough to put an end to their pain and suffering. The pain we will feel for our loss of this family member, is not as great as the pain they may feel in their body and spirit.

We know that making the decision to end a loved pet suffering is so very hard because of the love we feel for this pet. Do not prolong life if the quality is no longer worth living. As difficult as it may be to make the decision to euthanize, we can always give extended life, love and comfort to another, as a true memorial to the one we have loved and lost. Because of the number of greyhounds always available, there is always another one to fill an empty spot in our hearts. We can never replace the one we have lost with a new one, but we can give the gift of life to another retired greyhound. Ask yourself, what is the most I can do to help a retired greyhound.

Submitted by Jon Underwood



Personals

Find a special four legged friend here!!

Key to Personals: M-male; F-female; R-red; Wh-white; Blk-black; Bu-blue; Fw-fawn; Harl-harlequin; Bdl-brindle; L-large, S-small; PCF-possible cat friendly, SDF-Small dog friendly

Casper-Fw/mix/M 2 years old -
I'm a big sweetie and I'll follow you anywhere!

Rooster - RdFw/M 4 years old
I don't crow like a rooster, but I'm up at dawn!! Possible kid and cat friendly.

Boomer - RdBdl/M 4 years old
I have a fun name and I'm a fun guy!! Call Boomer for a fun time!

Brindie - RdBdl/F 3 years old
I am a sweet, shy girl who love to snuggle. Call Brindie!

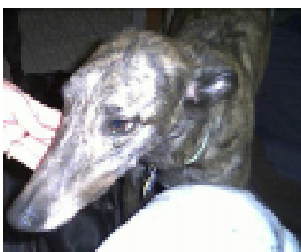
Austin - R&Wh/M
I'm named after the town I live in, but I am a laid back, kid friendly guy. Invite me over to hang out.

Butterfly - WhBdl/F 4 years old
I am a sweet little butterfly who is cat friendly. Call me to play in your yard.

Dallas - Black/M 3 1/2 years old
Yeeehaw!!! I would love to come to your house and I get along with small dogs, too! Call Dallas!!

Troy - RdBdl/M 3 years old
I am a bit shy, but I'd love a home of my own.

Lance - RdBdl/ 3 years old
Call Lance for a friendly brindle guy to hang out on the couch with,



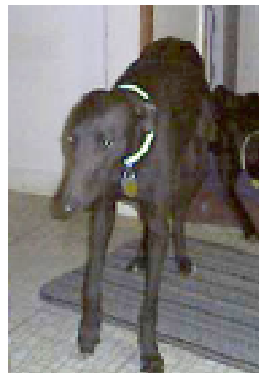
Ranger - Black/M 3 1/2 years old
Call me for some fun loving Road-Ranger adventures!!



Trolly - Black/F 4 1/2 years old
I am a sweet fun girl looking for my own couch!!

TarTar - WhBdl/F 6 years old
I am such a sweet and wonderful girl with an unusual name! I would love to come be your friend.

Jodie - Black/F 2 years old
I am a shy sweet lady. I'm nice and small and can curl up anywhere!!



Texas Star - Black/M 3 years old
Come let me be your Texas Star. I am a great guy and get along with small dogs!!

Yeller - Fawn/Mix/M
You can call me old Yeller, just don't call me late for dinner! I like little dogs too!

Senior Fosters are Spectacular!!!

Riva - Red/F 10 years old
I'm an older gal and I'm cat friendly. Call on Riva to come be your sweet greyhound pal.

Bob - RdBdl/M 10 years old
Bob's my name, and a friendly couch potato is my game. I get along with small dogs!! So call on Bob

Zeus - DkBdl/M 11 years old
Zeus is a older dog who would love to snuggle on the couch with you and your cats! Call me up for a sweet charmer to let in your life!

Lexus - Blk/F 8 years old
I am a friendly gal lookin for my own home. Call Lexus

NiPi - Blk/F 8 years old
I may be 8, but I am an outgoing, friendly girl!! Call NiPi for your next play mate!

Foster families are still needed for the recent dogs brought in. Foster families are still needed for our new greyhounds. Please call Jon Underwood if you can help. Our thanks to those of you that have already signed up. They just need some love and food, GPA takes care of any vet bills that may occur. Contact Jon 454-9062



Photo Contest Deadline Approaching!!

Get your photos in so that you and your greyhound snapshots can be a winner!! We had several entries but would like for all to participate!!

There are a few simple rules:

1. Contest is open to all current members.
2. You can send up to three pictures of your greys. Clearly mark on the back of the picture your name and all of the dogs names in the photo.
3. Your pictures will not be returned as all of them will be added to our GPA photo album.
4. Send in only regular sized photo's (no 5x7) and no professional pictures.

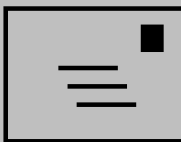
That's it for the rules. Our chapter will be awarding first, second and third place prizes, from gift certificates to greyhound statues. Drawing will be held at the April membership meeting where the winning photos will be displayed. Our judges are Marge and Kathy from Gallery of Pets. Decision of the judges is final, no bribes will be accepted.



Mail photos:

Bobbie Wier
505 Chisholm Valley Drive
Round Rock, Texas 78681-6609

Or drop them by Beth Underwood's house.
Don't procrastinate, send in those photos.



Adoptions

1/25/01 - **Violet** (EG Violet)
Adopted by Erica Hall and Felix the cat

2/2/01 - **Nikki Wings** (EG Angel Wings) Adopted by Ken, Pat & Jennifer Scheuer and their greyhound Gracie

2/2/01 - **Ethyl** (Foxyt Ethyl) Adopted by Mark and Gail Harshman and Rocky the Dachsund

2/11/01 - **Amber** (River Smile) Adopted by Steve, Tricia, Colt, and Dori Kaiser

2/15/01 - **Holly** (Amy) Adopted by Arden Rutta

2/15/01 - **Molly** (Bennie) Adopted by Stacy Paulson

2//15/01 - **Willie** (Ice House Teddy) Adopted by Sadie Pack, 2 Greyhounds and an Airdale

Letter from a former Foster

Dear Bobbie and Beth,

I just wanted to let you know how things are going. I like my new people a lot. They really like to play and we take walks. It took a little while for us to learn each others' schedules, but now Dad doesn't even need an alarm clock cause I make sure to nuzzle and lick his face right at 6. He'll never be late again. They must like me too, cause they built me my very own yard. I'm marked almost every spot so far, just a few more to go. I tell you what's a little strange though, Mom keeps wearing my toys on her feet and hiding them. I've managed to get a couple reclaimed. I'm a little lonely sometimes cause there's no other dogs, but it is nice to have so much space to myself. Sometimes the neighbor dog comes over and we race. I always win.

I do miss my other people. Please tell them for me. My Mom likes to cook for me just like my last people did. The cows are pretty interesting, but sometimes they sniff at me and it's kind of scary. Mom and Dad always protect me though. They don't like it when I water their Christmas tree though. I just thought I was helping. I also had to learn stairs, but now I'm a pro. I can take them fast or slow. My favorite part is right at the top, I hop the last 4 or 5 at a time. They're good at figuring out what I'm trying to say. I almost never have an accident. I like to run errands with Mom. She even took the seats in the minivan out so I could have more room. Thanks for letting me have these people. I'm very happy with them. It was cool to see my name in the last "Paws & Reflect" under "Adoptions".

Big wet nuzzle and face lick,

Bullet (considerately mailed by John & Holly Loughlin, Gatesville, TX)

Your letters.....



Bobby,

If Beep could talk she would tell you and all others what a wonderful life that she has. It is amazing that we have been with dogs for some say over 14 centuries. Greyhounds, have been bred to make money for others and with money comes greed. There is no thought to what happens to the dogs that they are finished with. I have been a dog owner and a dog lover all my life and I must say that for all the dogs that I have ever been around, Greyhounds are unique. A lot of dogs could live

on the street for a while and have seen all types large and small living on the street. It makes me want to cry when I see it. Greyhounds are one of the few that depend completely on humans for their every day existence. We have made dogs in some instances, just a thing. Things that can be exploited for what they can earn for some. Dogs are not things; they are living, breathing, caring, and loving beings that some exploit for our own gain. It is fortunate that here are people who care enough to rescue these special dogs and make

them part of our every day lives. The love that they give back is so special!! And to think that this love could go to waste due to the greed of a few is something that I will work to change the rest of my life. You and your husband were the first to give Beep the love that she never had seen, and I want the both of you to know that that love will not stop. She will be part of my wife's and my life till the day she crosses over to the next life.

Very Sincerely,
Billy, Janie, Beep, Chloe,
Reese, and Loki

My Forever Home

I was bred to run like the wind.....

I was bred to make someone money.....

I was to be tossed away like an old pair of shoes when they were no longer needed.....HOWEVER.....

Hi Mom and Dad! It has been a while since I have written and just wanted to catch you up to date on how things are going. I know that I have my forever home, but the both of you are still special in my heart. The both of you were the first ones to offer me love and kindness. I still want to give it back by letting you know how things are going. My trip through life is still an adventure as I am still getting settled in.

Hmmmmmmmm.... where do I start? I have never been happier with my new family. My new Mom and Dad still amaze me. They are the second ones in my life that have shown me love and kindness and I am still waiting to go to another home, but they assure me that this is it. They have done so many kind things, it is hard to start to tell you.

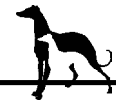
As you know I love soft things to lay on and the bed it the best, but my Mom started to think that I needed my own pillows. I let her know this when I started to steal her pillow from the bed and take it to my pile of blankets in my corner in the bedroom. Now I have two big ones all my own. The best thing though, is I now have a brother and sister. I have two new wiener dogs. The smallest is Chole who is a miniature that weighs less than 8 pounds and is black like me. She is the sweetest, and she has me in training. Training for what you ask? She is teaching me how to me a puppy. We even cuddle and sleep together. When the weather gets better and we can spend more time outside, I will train her how to run like a Greyhound, although with her small legs, it will be hard. My new Mom is going to make racing silks for the two of us. I do not know what my number will be, but Chole's will be 1/10 since she weighs one tenth my size.....ahhhhhh...life is good.

I have even learned the joys of ice cream and the best is the cheese that comes out of a can. My Dad used to put it in my bone for me, but one day he squirted some in my mouth and now I am hooked. In fact me and the wiener dogs get the treat about once a week. We get around him in a semi-circle....well, WOOHOO!!!

Well, I have rambled enough, as you can see I am doing fine. Life is so good, I try to return it with lot of licks and wags of the tail when I see my new Mom and Dad after they are gone for a while. Chole has taught me to run and jump like a puppy when I first seen them. She tells me that they will find hard to resist and she is right. So wise for one so young, she can teach me a lot. Till next time, I still love the both of you and my heart has a spot reserved just for you two.

Love and Licks, BEEP

Announcements.....



It is not too soon to start planning for the National Convention to be held in Atlanta Georgia this August 10 through 12. Reservations can be made by calling the Westin Atlanta North at 1-770-395-3900. Room rates are \$79.00 for a king or double and there will be a \$100.00 refundable pet deposit. There will be more information as it becomes available.



Keep those photos coming in for the Photo Contest. Deadline is March 15 and the winning photos will be displayed at the April membership meeting.



If you have any greyt ideas for a fundraiser this spring, we want to hear from you. Email ideas to racersaver@prodigy.net. We had a very successful "Christmas in October sale" and would like to have something in the spring.



Results:

Beth Underwood announced at the February membership meeting that last year we placed 94 greyhounds. This number far exceeded our expectations. Thanks to all you that made this happen.



Attention ALL ADOPTERS!!! WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION

If you have been sent BLUE SLIPS, for ownership transfers. If you still haven't sent them in, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. National Greyhound Association has asked all rescue and adoption groups to work with them in getting all adopted, retired greyhounds transferred. This is not something new our chapter is doing. It is a process that has been in effect for quite a few years. If you have an adopted greyhound that needs to be transferred, to you as owner, we can get this done for you. You may not think it is important to you, but it is important to GPA and the NGA. Call Beth Underwood at 454-9062 and she will help you get the correct information to get this complete. Thank you for your cooperation.

"The dog is a saint. He is straightforward and honest by nature. He knows by instinct when he is not wanted, lies quite still for hours when his master is hard at work. But when his master is sad and worried, he creeps up and lays his head on his lap. Don't worry. Never mind if they all abandon you. Let us go for a walk and forget all about it: " Axel Munthe




*GPA Calendars Make Great Easter presents!! We have a lot of calendars left. Contact Beth Underwood for your calendar today!! 454-9062
Calendars are \$10 each \$2 for mailing. Call Today!*


Announcements Continued.....





With Deepest Sympathy-




Sunday, February 11th. Today our group mourns the loss of one of the original members of GPA Austin and Central Texas. Doug Cook lost his battle with cancer today and crossed the bridge to be with greyhounds and friends that went before. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Marguaruite and his children. 

Sadle Pack lost her greyhound "Buddy" on 2/25/01 • Laureen Chernow and Wally Reeves sent a donation in the memory of Buddy Pack who owned Sadie Pack 

Karen & Phil Warren lost their greyhound "DeeDee" 1/20/01 

Lynn Jurenka lost her greyhound 'Sunny Lynn' January 2001 • Erin & Spencer sent a donation in memory of "Dr. Clayton McGran' & 'Sunny Lynn'" 

Mary Elizabeth Buck Vance lost her greyhound "Diana" February 2001 

Sarah Canright lost her greyhound "Chilli" in March 2000 

Monthly Meeting Monday, March 5th
Dr. Lisa Willis will speak at the March meeting. The main topic will be the care of your older greyhound. Please plan to attend.

Emergency Animal Hospital South has moved from Lamar at Westgate to Frontier Trail, which runs south off of Ben White Blvd., just east of Lamar. The new facility is actually across Frontier Trail from Harrell Funeral Home, and can also be reached by cutting through the Central Market/Westgate parking lot and driving behind Cavender's Boot City. Hours and phone number--899.0955--remain the same

Thanks,
Lauren Chernow

and the winners are.....

Ermine Smith won the racing greyhound statue we were raffling off. Congrats to Ermine

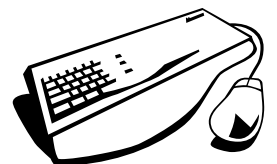


Diane Scheisser won the T-shirt Design Contest. The new shirts will be available soon for purchase. Way to go Diane!!



GPA-Central Texas New Web Site

Check out our new site at
www.gpacentraltexas.org



GPA Central Texas

ENCLOSED IS MY DONATION TO HELP WITH GREYHOUND EXPENSES
REMEMBER: IT'S TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

Name _____ Amt _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email _____

Do you want a receipt mailed to you? _____

Type of donation _____ Individual Membership _____ Family Membership
_____ Emergency Medical Expense Donation
_____ Regular Donation

Please mail donations to: GPA/Central Texas PO Box 40086 Georgetown, TX 78628

Annual Membership: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Adoption Fee of \$125 includes a one year individual membership in the chapter, including newsletter

DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE VERY MUCH APRECIATED!!

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