



# PAWS & REFLECT

*Greyhound Pets of America Central Texas  
Monthly Newsletter*

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## ROUTINE 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  
1156 W. Cesar Chavez St.,  
behind the ball fields that front  
Chavez across from Town Lake.

**December Meeting  
Monday the 3rd**

## MEET-N-GREET'S

*Noon to 3pm unless noted*

### First Saturday

- Petco/Hancock Center

### First Sunday

- Petco/RR @  
FM 1325 & IH-35

### Second Saturday -

- Walmart will resume in Jan.

### Third Saturday

- Petco/ Brodie Lane  
11am-2pm

### Third Sunday

- Petco/ Lakeline

### Fourth Saturday

- Petco/ Arboretum

## HOLIDAY PRECAUTIONS

*Be ready if your pup gets a hold of  
a glass ornament during the holiday  
season.*

BEFORE the holiday go to a pharmacy & buy a box of cotton balls. **Be sure that you get COTTON balls...not the "cosmetic puffs" that are made from man-made fibers.** Also, buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream [also called light cream] and put it in the freezer or purchase some evaporated milk. Should your dog eat glass ornaments, defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog. Dogs under 10 lbs. should eat 2 balls which you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 lbs should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7. You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once. Dogs seem to really like these strange "treats" and eat them readily.

As the holidays descend upon us, there will be many cooks in the kitchen—but don't spoil your pet by giving him bread dough. According to Jill A. Richardson, DVM, of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC), when bread dough is ingested, an animal's body heat causes the dough to rise in the stomach. As alcohol is produced during the rising process, the dough expands. Pets who've eaten bread dough may experience abdominal pain, bloat, vomiting, disorientation and depression.

"We once had a case in which a Labrador retriever ate several rolls that the owner had placed on the oven to rise. The owner didn't think much of this, and was just upset

As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the tiniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but, in most cases, the dogs will be just fine.

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that the dog ate part of the holiday feast," Richardson recalls. "A few hours later, the owner noticed the dog looked very lethargic. He was resistant to move, uncoordinated and was retching."

As the symptoms increased, the owner brought him to an emergency clinic, which contacted the APCC. Unfortunately, the dog's stomach was so severely distended that the only option at the time was to surgically remove the dough; he was also treated for alcohol toxicosis, caused by the fermentation of the dough. The Labrador was kept at the clinic for the weekend and recovered completely.

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**Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of every month. If you would like to share your story with the membership please submit it to Diane.**

## PRECAUTIONS ... CONTINUED

Although he had ingested quite a bit of dough, an animal needs to eat only a small amount to cause a problem, because bread dough can rise many times its size. Please take care not to let Fluffy or Fido in the kitchen unsupervised when you're baking this holiday season—especially if you've got a professional chowhound who's always on the lookout for food.

In addition to offering information online at <http://www.napcc.aspc.org>, the APCC also runs an emergency hotline—1-888-4-ANI-HELP—that provides round-the-clock telephone assistance.

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## ADOPTIONS

10/18/01 – Cookie (Missy) Adopted by Robert, Ann and Lindsay Frazier and their 12 year old golden lab "Misty".

10/19/01 – Brit (Whodatbrit) Adopted by Martha Riekenberg and her 4 hounds, 4 cats and an Iguana.

10/28/01 – Cookie (River Stream) Adopted by Herb & Kacky Carey, their dalmation "Baxter" and greyhound "Patty".

11/02/01 – Rugby (Jett) Adopted by Marie Coco & Doug Bevins, their 12 year old greyhound "Joe", fox terrier "Maggie", 5 cats and an outside rabbit.

11/5/01 – Lobito (Lobo) Adopted by Dona & Ramin Ghadimi, their 4 greyhounds, "Sally", "Honey", "Darla", "Cassidy" and 2 parakeets.

11/8/01 – Lani Lou (Lani) Adopted by Martin Richards & Deborah Vessels, a jack russell terrier "Jack" & "Lace" a springer spaniel.

11/9/01 – Jack Adopted by Al Oviedo & Connie Hill Oviedo.

11/15/01 – Classie (River Class) Adopted by Joe, Colleen, Ashley, Stephanie and Jill.

11/16/01 – Daytona (Carver) Adopted by Donald, Paulette, Rella, Destany and Cheyenne. Collie "Dale" and Sheltie "Gordie".

11/16/01 – Cassie Adopted by Sean Donnell and Joel Walker, 2 miniature dachshunds "Ike" and "Tina".



Cookie (Missy) adopted by the Fraziers



# 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

**Murphy** - RFW/F 3 years old  
I am small and expect to be petted. I am shy at first and very routine oriented. I am also sweet and loving.

**Oreo** - Bdl&Wh/M 23 months old  
I am aloof at first and will come up for petting after I have gotten use to the new surroundings. I can be very loving.

**Jax** - Bk/M 3 years old  
I am an attention hound for sure! I am sweet and loving. I am playful especially when there is a ball around.

**Silver** - GreyBrown/F 2 years old  
I am a mix, but I think I'm a full greyhound. Very small, cute little girl. Needs a very dedicated firm handed guardian and loving home. Very friendly tail wagger.

**Max** - Bk&Tan/M 18 months old.  
Greyhound Saluki Mix. I'm young and will need a firm and loving hand. I like attention, toys, playing and love.

**Jester** - R Bdl/M 4 years old.  
My first home and guardians gave me up. I am head strong, but very loving. I need a firm hand and I am cat friendly.

**Allure** - Red/F 3 years old.  
I love to be loved, petted and made over. I like soft toys, like to run in the yard, preferably with another friend. I'm a sweet girl with lots of love to give, I just need a home of my own.

**Cheyenne** - Red/F 4 years old.  
I am a sweet girl that is shy at first meeting. I'm not real sure of new things but I do come around although I am cautious, loveable and sweet.

**Smokey** - Red/black overcoat/M 9 months old.  
Are you looking for a small sweet rather shy boy? I would love for you to look at me. I need my forever home.

**Queeny** - Dark Bdl/F 3 year old  
Come see this small, feisty, playful, loving and very cute little girl. A permanent home would be really nice.

**Nippy** - Red Bdl/M 4 year old  
I'm a quite boy that is on the shy side. It takes me a little while to warm up. I'm beginning to play and come up for loving pats.

**Darcy** - Red/F 1 year old  
I am very playful and very affectionate. Young but a real cute and neat girl.

## Senior Fosters are as relaxing as Autumn Colors.

**Jesse** - Blk/F 8 years old  
Calm and gentle, sweet older girl wants a loving home. I am cat friendly and I like soft toys.

**Cinnamon** - Red/F 10 years old  
My guardians gave me up because they couldn't stay together any longer. Now I need another forever home. I'm a good girl and I don't act 10. I am playful and give lots of love and attention.



Max is looking for a home.



Silver is looking for a home.



## HOLIDAY EVENTS

December 1, 2001 -

Georgetown Christmas Stroll, Georgetown Square from noon to 8pm. The greyhounds will be meeting at 3:30pm at the courthouse front doors. We will walk around the square and then catch the parade starting at 4:00pm.

December 15, 2001 -

Gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble, Sunset Valley Shopping Center, 5601 Brodie Lane, (512) 892-3493 from noon to 9:00pm. The greyhounds are welcome to come into the store. If you can wrap gifts or just want to come to show your hounds, please do so. If you would like more information please contact Diane at 345-0481 or gpage@austin.rr.com

December 16, 2001 -

The Annual GPA Christmas Party at The Ford's residence. If you would like to attend RSVP by calling 259-4048. Bring a dog toy for each person attending for a fun holiday game.

Dear GPACK

Yesterday, John and Beth Underwood brought the most wonderful dog to our house. His name is Chase and he is very well behaved. I had made the trip from San Angelo to Austin to be interviewed by a couple of black greys and Chase chose me right off.

The Underwoods came and brought Chase to us on Sunday, November 18. He will be two years old in one week. Our daughter Jennifer Harlow, has also adopted a grey through GPA. Her dog's new name is Nuala, and she is now almost 4. She is a champagne brindle, and one of the best advertisements for greys as pets. I have always loved my cats, and had no concept that a dog as big as Nuala (and Chase is even larger) could be a good house pet.

Chase was sad for a while after the Underwoods left him here but he decided quickly that there is going to be some merit to being an only dog. The cats and he are learning the parameters of acceptable behavior and hopefully the muzzle can come off soon.

This is a busy week for us. A new dog on Sunday, Jennifer, her dog and her cat coming at noon on Wednesday, and then my son and his fiance are coming around midnight on Wednesday. Full house, full week, many things to be thankful for... and right now the most impressive is an organization like gpa that finds and cares for and adopts out friends like Chase .

Thank you.

Ann and Forrest Harlow

## SENIOR GREYHOUNDS

It seems that as a group we spend more time talking about senior greyhounds. We need more homes for seniors and many of us share our homes with greys that have somehow become seniors when we weren't looking. It is clear that anyone opening their hearts to senior greyhounds will find their hearts filled to overflowing with the love these wonderful dogs give back.

As we deal with the changing needs of older greys, one of the things we must face is the time we will have to say goodbye to a special friend. I recently saw an episode of Emergency Vets on television that I thought had some great advice on the subject. The

specific situation involved a dog with an inoperable and advanced cancer. The dog was still happy and playful but there was no denying the inevitable. The dog's people were overcome and lost and wanted the vet to tell them "What do we do now?"

The advice from the vet was to go home and make a list of at least three things that gave quality of life to the dog. These could be anything such as running around the yard or chasing a ball or greeting the kids at the door after school....whatever things bring the joy of life to the dog. After making the list, the vet said, just enjoy the time left with your special companion. As the days go by pay atten-

tion to the list you made and as these joys disappear from the dog's life you will know it is time to say goodbye.

These are not the things that we want to think about, but I think this is wise advice for even those of us with perfectly healthy senior greys living with us. While they are healthy and everything is fine is the time we are most able to think clearly. During the emotional trauma of receiving bad news is when we are least equipped to do this duty we owe our canine companions.

Life is not made up of black and white, but lots and lots of greys!

**Written by Dennis Guerra**

## *Our Thoughts are with you...*

We have lost a number of our beloved pets in the last month.

Tom Heimann lost his whippet friend "Spiderman" 9/8/01

Sadie Pack lost her greyhound friend "Willie" 10/26/01.

Janet Stanish-Knue and husband Patrick lost their greyhound "India" 10/31/01.

Elizabeth Smith Lost her greyhound "Cord" 11/3/01.

Wendy Atkins lost her greyhound "Gemini" 11/5/01.

Shawn Becker lost her greyhound "Desi" 11/9/01.

Franklin Delano Dog joined Susan Voss and friends Monday 11/12/01 after entertaining earthy beings for what would have been thirteen years in January 2002. He will be missed, but always in our thoughts. Wendy Atkins

Speedy,  
With your Christmas appearances on Fox 7 you were even more famous than your sportscaster dad. We will miss your pirouettes in the morning to let us know it was time to get the newspaper, you were quite the queen on the throne we call a couch and when cheese or a chip was around, oh how those eyelashes could bat. We looked forward to your many crunchy faces when you greeted us at the door and knew that you must be smiling at us. Your sister Velcro was blamed for the occasional accident but we wonder if it really was you. We couldn't imagine a greyhound that didn't like to travel, what you would go through just to get that treat when we arrived home. The last month was difficult but the sound of a wind chime in the middle of a calm night gave us comfort that it was time.

Thank you for nine wonderful years when even through tough times you were constantly by our side, the object of our enduring love.

We miss you,  
Dave Cody, David Ray & Velcro  
November 15, 2001



Image courtesy of The Greyhound Gang



We have sad news to report. Our lovely brindle "Shadow had to be put to rest October 22, 2001. She had bone cancer and despite her gallant fight we knew, even with the strong pain pills, she was in more pain than we could bear. We could see it in her eyes. She was such a precious angel and we miss her more than words can say.

We had her for 4.5 years and she was 9.5 years old. We did have the option to cut off the leg, but we could not see a beautiful runner like her to be put to such shame. I pray we did the right thing and we are just lost without her more than words can say.

We feel her presence here every day and are just lost without her beautiful face. We are sure God is very pleased with her presence in his animal kingdom. She will make some angels shadow very happy to be with.

June and Norman Thode

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Letters will be printed on space available basis (300 word limit). Letters should be concise and not be simply a means of expressing personal belief.

We reserve the right to edit all letters for length, content, and potentially libelous statements. GPA/Central Texas reserves the right to reject publication of any letter for any reason.

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# GPA Central Texas

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