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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA/CENTRAL TEXAS



Buy fund-raising raffle tickets and help GPA/CT coffers

Buy your tickets now to help raise funds for GPA/CT and for a chance to win this beautiful greyhound statue. (The ceramic statue measures 22.75" wide x 11" high and is valued at \$150.) Tickets are \$2 each or \$6 for 10 tickets and can be purchased at any Meet & Greet, or by mailing a check to Bobbie Wier, 505 Chisholm Valley Dr., Round Rock, TX 78681-6609. Proceeds from this raffle will benefit the general fund of GPA/CT.

Foster family relief requested

GPA/CT is in need of current foster and former foster families who would be willing to provide respite care for a foster dog while the dog's current foster family goes on vacation, makes a business trip, etc.

Anyone willing to volunteer for respite care should contact Sally McIntosh at 512/301-8236 or ghoundsally@earthlink.net if you're willing to help with this effort.

June guest speaker focuses on emergency response for pets

Our beloved pets may suffer a serious health event or accident at any time. Would you know what to do in such a situation? Cheryl Chance of CPR for Pets and People will address the GPA/CT monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, June 7, in the Davenport Building at Town Lake Animal Center.

Since there is no 911 system for common emergencies for pets and domesticated animals, you may be the first or only person able to provide care in such a situation. Attending this meeting will help you be better able to respond should an emergency arise.

Using a question and answer format, Cheryl will discuss CPR for cats and dogs, stopping severe bleeding, assisting a choking animal, immobilizing broken bones and injuries, detecting serious illness, avoiding and treating heat stroke, and helping an animal that has been hit by a car.

For more information, see www.cprforpetsandpeople.com.

KEY TO PERSONALS

R	red
W	white
BLK	black
BLU	blue
FW	fawn
HARL	harlequin
BDL	brindle
M	male
F	female
y	years
mo	months
CF	cat friendly
PCF	possibly cat friendly
NCF	not cat friendly
SDF	small dog friendly
NDF	not small dog friendly

Personals

BARNEY

W,R/M/2.5y/PCF

What a cute boy! Could easily be trained to live with cats. Growly at first with other dogs, but adjusts well. He's learning to play with stuffed toys. Very eager to please. A real sweetheart.

HOLLY

W,BDL/F/9y/CF/SDF

A perfect lady. Gets along well with cats and other dogs. Likes to run, but mostly wants a soft bed and a warm blankie. No known health issues.

CHAMP II

BDL/M/15m

Champ II is looking for a very special home. (Learn more about Champ II in the article on the following page.)

ZEUS

BDL,W/M/3y/NCF/NDF

Very friendly, handsome boy, recently rescued, who is learning what it is like to have friends and play, as well as have a human to scratch his ears and lean against. Loves stretching out on his dog bed for some much-needed rest. Currently learning manners related to living in a house. Probably prefers medium- to large-size dogs rather than small dogs and cats.

BETTY

W,BLK/F/NCF/NDF

Total love bug! Loves to play, give kisses, and lie on anything soft. Does stairs well. Not a good companion for cats or small dogs. Probably happiest in a home with one other dog.

SHELLY

R/F/4.5y

Delicate little lady who loves affection. A companion dog or someone at home to keep her company would be the perfect home for this well-mannered girl.

DINK

BLK/F/5y/NCF/NDF

Very active and confident. Not good with cats or small dogs. Loves toys that make a noise!

EDEN

R/F/5y

A little bit shy, but very lovable. Just needs someone to give her affection.

WILMA

BLK/F/3y/CF/SDF

Very outgoing, friendly girl who smiles a lot. Loves to play with squeaky toys. OK with cats and small dogs.

HONEY COMB

R/F/2y/NCF

This little lady is very shy and needs a human with patience and love to bring her out. Not cat friendly.

CROOK

BDL/M/8y

This senior gentleman is looking for a very special home in which to retire. His last humans gave him up and GPA is determined to find a loving, forever home for him.

TULLY

W,BLK/M/18m

A bundle of energy, hoping to find a seriously committed human to help him through his teenager phase. He is receiving training and will prove to be an affectionate, loving treasure for the right person. He would almost rather play ball than eat!

FLITE

FW/F/7y/CF

Newest GPA foster dog. Found after the Austin-area storms on April 5.

BREEZY

FW/M/6y/NCF/NDF

Affectionate older boy who loves his humans and his stuffed toys. Gets along well with the greys in his foster home. Not interested in sleeping on your furniture!

Spotlight on a Special Dog: Champ II

Champ II is a very special dog in need of a very special adopter. His ideal home would have a human with high energy and a commitment to maintaining the training that has gone into helping him mature. It should not be a home with any children or small animals and probably no more than one other dog. In exchange, the adopter will have a beautiful young, healthy puppy (15 months old) who loves to play and snuggle.

Champ II got a very rough start in life. His mother chewed up one of his feet and there is some indication it still causes him pain. He is on a moderate medication for that and is going to be fitted with a "boot" to protect him when he runs around outside. (His current foster mom says he loves to run around and to play.) His first human adopter was unable to provide him with a home as she lived in an apartment, so Champ II stayed with her brother, who kept him chained outside. For a short time he stayed with a friend of his human's, but that didn't work out so well either. He received no veterinary care and no heartworm prevention, but luckily suffered no long-term consequences from this failure to provide care.

So Champ II was surrendered to GPA/CT, with the idea that he would be reclaimed when his human finished school. She did finish school but did not reclaim him. He spent some months in a foster home with a lot of other dogs. He did not get along well with the other dogs, often barking and starting fights.



Champ II is a very special dog looking for a very special home.

That's when Lynnne Goodman, a local trainer working on her angel's wings, volunteered to keep Champ II and see if he could be rehabilitated. He has been with Lynnne for more than four months now and she believes he is ready to begin to look for his forever home. Lynnne says he requires a firm hand and consistency, but that he has learned to get along well with her dogs and with her discipline.

If you're looking for a stereotypical laid-back couch-potato greyhound, Champ II is NOT the dog for you. However, if you're brave enough to accept a challenge, wanting to contribute to the molding of a dog that will be loyal to you forever, please give us a call and ask for more information about Champ II. GPA/CT Placement Coordinator Sally McIntosh is waiting for your call at 512/301-8236.

DOGGIE DREAMSICLES

Ingredients:

- 1 cup yogurt
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup all-natural apple sauce

Instructions:

- In a large mixing bowl, combine the yogurt, peanut butter, and apple sauce.
- Mix well to combine thoroughly.
- Spoon mixture into the compartments of two ice cube trays and freeze.
- Don't forget to let your dog lick the bowl!

—Yummy for Dogs
www.yummyfordogs.org



A hearty thanks to Angela Smith for all her hard work making the "Adopt Me!" bandanas for the GPA/CT foster dogs. If your foster dog doesn't have one of these sporty accessories, please pick one up at any Meet & Greet.

Breezy (left) sports one of Angela's handmade "Adopt Me!" bandanas at the May 16 Petco-Lakeline Meet & Greet.

FOSTERING 101 »»»

In this edition of our newsletter, I'd like to shift gears just a bit and have one of our newest members voice her opinions about fostering greyhounds for GPA/CT. She is our current executive secretary, Ms. Lana Henley. She, CiCi, Faye, Grappa, Chaos, Scraps, and Gary are valued members of our organization. For those who are wondering, Chaos and Scraps are cats. Gary, then, would be the man of the house. They belong to a large and distinguished part of our organization — the "failed" Fostering 101 family. To put it quite simply, the foster dog checked in, but it never checked out. We lose more foster homes that way! Enough of the silliness, here's what she has to say concerning her fostering experience.

—Bob Trapp,
Foster Coordinator

Foster Home of the Month: Lana Henley

I fell in love with a greyhound on the seawall in Galveston on January 1, 2000. A woman was walking a large white grey, and I watched as various people stopped her to pet the dog. I didn't want to intrude, but as she turned and walked back my direction I couldn't help but ask if I might talk to her about her dog. She was very kind and seemed to enjoy telling someone about the plight of ex-racers and the joys of greyhound ownership.

I was hooked. We had our first grey, CiCi, by May 2002. She was a "come back," but she had been returned to find her real forever home (ours!). We adopted our second girl in June 2003. Faye was picked up by Town Lake Animal Shelter and was the skinniest dog I'd ever seen, but she took to CiCi and me right away and came home with us the next day.

I'd always wanted to be part of the foster program because I understood the need the chapter has for foster homes. Our chapter is truly unique in that we invest time and money to get to know the dog in order to place him/her in the best possible home. To do that the chapter needs LOTS of foster families to act as liaisons between the dog's former life and his future life. After much discussion, Gary and I decided that our house was NOT the proper foster environment. We have a 3-1/2 year old granddaughter and two indoor cats. Need I say more? Of course, we would not put our granddaughter into any unsafe environment.

Then Grappa came along in January 2004. Then-President Bob Trapp called me to ask if I'd follow up on an email he'd gotten from a family needing to return their grey. I called them and spent some time with the owner gathering information about their situation. Grappa was in a home with two children and two cats and had shown absolutely no aggression toward them, so I felt that I could bring him into our home as a foster. The circumstances under which he was being housed were deplorable, so Bob, Gary and I got him the very next day and brought him to our house. From the start he was a perfect gentleman, kind to my two girl greys, the cats and my granddaughter.



I had very mixed emotions about fostering. I "mother" my dogs and spare no time or expense in creating a family environment for them. I knew I'd do the same for any foster and that I'd have to try with all my will not to get attached. The key was getting him adopted right away before I had time to fall in love. I took him to Meet & Greets where he attracted lots of attention but no adopters. He opened up to me right away, and after three months of loving him I was hooked and flunked "Fostering 101."

Putting him in a kennel environment rather than in my home would have been the worst possible thing for Grappa. He'd been kept in a crate almost 20 hours a day and was exhibiting extreme behavior problems. A kennel environment would have only continued or intensified his problems, and his tremendous personality and capacity for love would never have revealed itself. A home environment with lots of attention and social interaction with humans and other animals is what he craved.

Fostering is not for the faint of heart, but it is one of the most fulfilling and heart-warming jobs in GPA/CT. These dogs need a home where they'll be given a chance to bloom, where they can rest and eat and play in a safe and loving environment so they can be correctly and thoroughly evaluated in an effort to place them in their new home. If you're not afraid of losing your heart to one grey after another as you create a better life for them, then step up and foster. Maybe you'll do a better job than I did!

— Lana Henley

Adoptions

DATE	FOSTER NAME (RACING NAME) [NEW NAME]	ADOPTED BY
May 6	Fudge [Suzi]	Michael and Linda James, and greyhound Toby
May 12	Honey Bear	Garry and Betsy Moore, and beagle Penny
May 13	Marty Moose (Mo Soxy) [Happiness]	Darryl and Amerette Capparelli

2004 Greyhound Jamboree in the works

GPA/CT's largest and most successful fundraiser — the Greyhound Jamboree — is coming to San Gabriel Park in Georgetown, Texas, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, October 23, 2004. Planning is underway to make this Jamboree the best yet.

This year's Jamboree will see the return of Speed Alley, doggie daycare, and a fantastic silent auction. New attractions will include a photo booth, doggie fortune teller/paw reader, and the doggie kissing booth featuring our more affectionate hounds. Naturally there will be

plenty of food and drinks for humans, and water stations for the hounds.

As with any project this large, the Jamboree's ultimate success will depend on the help of GPA/CT volunteers. Michele Truhlik is the volunteer recruiter and coordinator for the Jamboree, so don't hesitate to let her

Save the date!
Saturday, October 23

know if you want to help. Michele can be reached by phone at 512/528-9998 or by email at mtruhlik@pobox.com. Details are forthcoming, so watch the GPA/CT newsletter and Web site for updates.

Join GPA/CT at Texas Hill Country Railfair in Burnet

The Texas Hill Country Railfair & Festival will be held at the Burnet Community Center, 401 E. Jackson St., on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27. GPA/CT will have a vendor booth and we'd like to have a bunch of greyhounds join us to show the humans what great companions they make. This is an excellent opportunity to do some fund raising and also raise public awareness of our dogs.

The Texas Hill Country Railfair & Festival is a project of the Austin Steam Train Association and the Burnet Chamber of Commerce. Fair hours are Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, children under 10 are free with each adult admission.

In addition to showing off our hounds, the Railfair is a train show that features everything from model trains to real trains, including railroadiana and model railroad vendors, operating model railroad layouts, a railroad memorabilia museum, displays of rail cars and equipment, historical and preservation exhibits, train rides twice daily on the Bertram Local, and free railroad motorcar rides.

Train ride tickets are sold separately from admission tickets. Directions and more information can be found at www.austinsteamtrain.org/rf2004/railfair.html.

PEANUT BUTTER POWER BITES

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup wheat germ
- 1 cup peanut butter
- Egg replacer equivalent to 1 egg
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup water

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine flour and wheat germ.
- Add peanut butter, egg replacer, oil and water and mix thoroughly.
- If mixture becomes too stiff to stir, knead the dough until smooth, adding a tablespoon of water if needed.
- Roll to 1/4 inch thickness.
- Cut into desired shapes.
- Bake for 30-35 minutes, being careful not to over cook.

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»» If you can't join GPA/CT at The Texas Hill Country Railfair & Festival in Burnet on Saturday, June 26, consider showing off your greyhound at Salado Dog Daze. Sponsored by the Salado Business Association, Salado Dog Daze is held at historic Pace Park on the banks of Salado Creek. The event starts at 9 a.m. and admission is free. For more information, visit www.salado.com/dog_daze.html.

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dseago@mac.com.

Advertisements in Paws & Reflect are accepted. Please contact Donna Seago at
dseago@mac.com for ad rates. GPA/CT reserves the right to reject any advertisement.

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GPA Internet Radio Show Debuts in June

Greyhound Pets of America's new Internet radio show, "Greyhounds make great pets," debuts on VoiceAmerica.com at 2 p.m. Eastern (1 p.m. Central) on Friday, June 18. A new show will be broadcast every Friday thereafter for 13 weeks.

Kari Morrison Young, co-director of Arizona Adopt A Greyhound, and Rory S. Goreé, president of Greyhound Pets of America, serve as the show's hosts. The June 18 show will feature Lee Livingood, author of *Running with the Big Dogs* and *Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies*. Lee will discuss what to look for in an obedience instructor or behaviorist and summer safety tips for your dogs.

The June 25 show will feature Cynthia Branigan, author of *Adopting the Racing Greyhound*, *The Reign of the Greyhound*, and editor of *Living with a Greyhound*.

Future shows will feature Anne Finch from Greyhounds in Need (UK) and Cindy Victor, author of *Leo: A Greyhound's Tale*, and offer listeners the opportunity to call in and talk about their greyhounds and their rescue organizations.

Listeners are encouraged to submit questions in advance by sending email messages to radio@greyhoundpets.org. The subject line must be "Greyhound Internet Radio Show." Include the following in the text of your email message:

- your name
- the name(s) of your greyhound(s)
- where you got your greyhound
- your question or comment
- who you want to answer your question or receive your comment

You may also participate in the show by calling 888/335-5204. Email suggestions for subjects you would like to hear discussed during the show's 13-week trial run to radio@greyhoundpets.org.

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GPA/CT Events Calendar: June 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 Memorial Day	1	2	3	4	5 Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Central (Hancock Center)
6 Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Round Rock	7 Membership meeting, 7 pm, Davenport Bldg., Town Lake Animal Center	8 Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm, La Madeleine (35th & Lamar)	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 "Greyhounds make great pets," 1 pm, VoiceAmerica.com	19 Meet & Greet, 11am-2pm, Petco-South (Brodie Lane)/ Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Temple
20 Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Lakeline	21	22	23	24	25 "Greyhounds make great pets," 1 pm, VoiceAmerica.com	26 Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-North (Arboretum)/ Texas Hill Country Railfair & Festival, 9am-5pm, Burnet
27 Texas Hill Country Railfair & Festival, 10am-4pm, Burnet	28	29	30	1	2	3

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Austin-area dog-friendly establishments

Mesa Hills Cafe

3435 Greystone, Austin
"My Dog & Me Happy Hours"
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30, Saturdays 3:30-5:30
Free treats for all dogs.

Hanover's

108 E. Main St., Pflugerville
"Dog Day Afternoon"
Every Sunday at 2:00 pm

Jo's Coffee Shop

1300 S. Congress Ave., Austin
Dogs are always welcome!

North by Northwest

10010 N. Capital of Texas Hwy., Austin
Dogs are welcome on all outdoor patios.

The Ginger Man

304 W. 4th St., Austin
Dogs welcome on the patio before 9 pm.

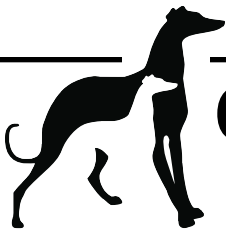
Before visiting an establishment, please contact them and verify that they are still dog-friendly, as policies and management change frequently.



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