

## 2004 Greyhound Jamboree is here! Are you ready for it?

Do you have your calendars marked for the 2004 Greyhound Jamboree? GPA-Central Texas needs your help to make the 2004 Greyhound Jamboree a "greyt" success! There are a myriad of ways where you can make a contribution. Read on!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As with any project this large, the Jamboree's ultimate success will depend on the help of volunteers. Please consider volunteering for at least one two-hour shift at the Jamboree. GPA-CT will even foot the bill for doggie day care while you volunteer!

Volunteer opportunities are available in all areas — set-up and tear-down, entrance table, volunteer check-in table, food and beverage sales, Jamboree T-shirt sales, contest table, doggie day care, raffle/silent auction tables, consignment sales booth, Speed Alley, dunk tank, kids' booth, doggie paw reader, doggie kissing booth, tattoo parlor, and photo booth.

Greyhound volunteers are also needed to work at the doggie kissing booth during the Jamboree. If your hound is people-friendly and likes to freely share kisses, please sign up for a volunteer slot in the doggie kissing booth. Your hound will enjoy it!



**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 23, 2004**  
**San Gabriel Park**  
**Georgetown, Texas**

Michele Truhlik is the volunteer coordinator for the Jamboree, so please let her know how you want to help. Michele can be reached by phone at 512/528-9998 or by email at <mtruhlik@pobox.com>.

### THINGS TO DO

The 2004 Greyhound Jamboree offers something for

everyone. Events and activities include:

- Speed Alley — See just how fast greyhounds can run!
- Raffle prizes, big and small
- Photo booth
- Doggie paw reader
- Doggie kissing booth — featuring GPA-CT's more affectionate hounds
- Contests for hounds — costume contest, longest/shortest tail, longest/shortest ears, baldest butt, tallest/shortest dog (height), longest/shortest dog (length), deepest chest, smallest waist
- Games — stupid pet tricks, find your twin, oldest dog, weenie bob, longest distance traveled
- Microchipping — affordable, permanent ID for dogs
- Greyhound merchandise — for humans and hounds alike
- Food and beverages for humans; water stations for hounds

## October guest speaker from APD's Canine Unit

Jimmy Davenport, a 10-1/2 year veteran of the Austin Police Department's Canine Unit, along with his patrol dog Ammo, will address the GPA-CT monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, in the Davenport Building at Town Lake Animal Center.

Officer Davenport will give a presentation on how the dogs in the APD canine unit are selected and trained, what kind of things they do on the job, and what life is like both on patrol and at home.

There will also be some great demonstrations showcasing Ammo's ability and agility.

Don't miss this very informative presentation.

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## 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

## BULLET

BLK/M/7y

Bullet is a sweet dog who loves to be loved. He is content to run around the yard (especially if you can hang out in the yard with him), then he's set to lay around! Small child friendly, but not small dog or cat tested.

## CARAMEL

FW,W/F

Caramel is very loving, enjoys humans and gets along well with other dogs. She will do just about anything for a treat! Sustained an injury to her right rear foot – walks and runs fine on it but sometimes favors it.

## CHAMP II

BDL/M/3y

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.

## DINK

BLK/F/5y/NCF/NDF

Curious, playful and extremely loving, Dink has a quirky and charming personality. Shows alpha tendencies, but has mellowed some and enjoys being one of the pack. A high prey drive makes her not cat or small dog friendly.

## EDEN

R/F/5y

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

## GRAYSON

BDL/M/3y/NCF/NDF

Grayson is an energetic yet loving dog that has stolen his foster parents' hearts. He is a highly intelligent dog who recently earned his AKC "Canine Good Citizen" certification. Grayson plays hard, but appropriately, with the other greyhounds in his foster home. He rarely gets on the furniture and only jumps in bed to briefly snuggle, then goes back to his own bed to sleep! He hasn't been cat or small dog tested, but shows a high prey drive with squirrels, lizards, squeaky toys, etc. Grayson needs a special forever home with interactive humans (but no small children) who will continue his training.

## HONEYCOMB

R/F/3y/NCF

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

## JACKIE BROWN EYE

W,R/F/2y

Jackie is a sweet, attentive, beautiful white girl with a brown patch around her eye and well-defined muscular body. She is only two years old, so she is always on the move — playing with toys, following you from room to room, or wandering around in the yard. Because of her activity level, she is not recommended for smaller children. Jackie is new to home life, doesn't get on the furniture and has been very well behaved in the house. She is restricted to one room in her foster home when her foster humans are not home, and she doesn't seem to mind. She is very food motivated, so training her should be easy. She is currently working on her manners and learning to sit. Unknown whether she is cat, small dog, or child friendly, or how she does alone without other dogs, but she gets along fine with the older greyhounds in her foster home.

## LONNIE

R/M/5y

What a sweet boy he is! Just waiting for the right family to give him a soft bed and lots of love. Cats and small dogs? Unknown. Plays well with others, loves toys, likes to run in the yard.

## PRANCER

BLK/M/7y

Prancer is a playful male who was returned because his owners were moving. He is jet black with four white socks and a white-tipped tail. He really loves to run! He has not been in foster care long enough to verify if he is cat, small dog or child friendly, but he came from a home with grade school children and a dachshund.

## SHELLY

R/F/6y

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.

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# Personals *(continued)*

## SLATER

BLK/M/2y/CF/SDF

Slater is a big, lovable boy with very, very long legs and a long, sleek body. He is cat and small dog friendly. He is affectionate (liking nothing better than to lay his head on your shoulder while he's getting a back rub), and smiles a lot. He's also very energetic and loves to chase tennis balls and frisbees. (Sometimes he actually brings them back!) He does well with other dogs but would thrive as an only dog. He makes a great jogging partner, keeping his ears perked up the entire way. He doesn't appear to be thunder- or firework-phobic and is housetrained. All-in-all, Slater is a happy dog that would make a wonderful addition to a family.



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thank them all year long  
by utilizing their services  
and purchasing their  
products when you can.*

# Jamboree planning *(continued from page 1)*

- Dunk tank
- Local vendors — Paul's Pet Food Delivery Express, Lee Mannix Center for Canine Behavior, Skinny Blue Dog and others to be confirmed soon! Check the Web site for a list of vendors as they are confirmed.

## "BIG" RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!

Buy your "big" raffle tickets soon for a chance to win one of two terrific prizes an Apple 10GB iPod (\$299 MSRP) or a Casio hand-held color TV (\$149 MSRP). A \$5 donation buys one ticket and two chances to win!

"Big" raffle tickets can be purchased at all upcoming GPA-CT Meet & Greets and events [including the Groovy Dog Bakery Fundraiser (Sept. 11) and Texas Home & Garden Show (Sept. 24-26)], or from any GPA-CT board member.

If you would like to help sell "big" raffle tickets to your friends, family, co-workers, strangers on the street, etc., please send an email to <events@gpacentraltexas.org>.

Complete "big" raffle rules can be found at [www.gpacentraltexas.org](http://www.gpacentraltexas.org).

## "SMALL" RAFFLE ITEM DONATIONS NEEDED

Donated items are needed for the Jamboree raffles. Items that are not dog-related are especially in need.

If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please email Shari Gray at <gpacentraltexas@yahoo.com> with a description of the item, who donated the item, and their contact information (for thank-you letters, etc.).

Also let Shari know if you have contacted a vendor about donating an item so that those efforts are not duplicated.

## MEMORIAL AUCTION TABLE

A new addition this year is the memorial auction table. If you have a special greyhound you would like remembered, please consider donating an item for this special auction. You may bring your donation to the October membership meeting or any Meet & Greet. Please make sure your name and address, as well as the name of the greyhound being remembered, is included with the item.

## WATER STATION SPONSORSHIPS

Water station sponsorships are available at the 2004 Greyhound Jamboree. Dog water stations will be placed prominently throughout San Gabriel Park and include an 18x24 sign displaying business name, logo and phone number, or individual name (and greyhound's name, if desired).

Business sponsorships are \$100 per water station; individual sponsorships are \$50. (If you would like your logo to appear on the sign, please contact <donna@gpacentraltexas.org> for information on the appropriate file format.)

If you sponsored a water station at the 2002 Jamboree, GPA-CT still has your sign and can offer you a reduced sponsorship rate of \$75 for businesses and \$30 for individuals.

To sponsor a water station, please contact Bobbie Wier at <racersaver@prodigy.net>.

## CENTERFOLD PHOTO CONTEST

Is your greyhound a natural centerfold? (You know what we're talking about!) If so, enter your dog in the Centerfold Photo Contest. Entries will be displayed at the Jamboree and judged by humans in attendance. (Entries will be judged on the "pose," not the quality of the photograph.)

To enter, send an entry fee of \$2 and your 5x7 photograph (prints only; no email attachments, please) to Greyhound Centerfold Contest, c/o Donna Seago, 1802 Pompton Dr., Austin TX 78757-8326. Please include your name and your greyhound's name, address, phone number, and email address on the back of the photo. (Please make checks payable to GPA-CT.) Entries must be received by October 7.

## PLANNING HELP WELCOME

If you are interested in attending a Jamboree planning meeting, we would welcome you with open arms! Contact Bobbie Wier at 255-1163 or <racersaver@prodigy.net> for details about upcoming meetings.

# Adoptions

DATE	FOSTER NAME (RACING NAME) [NEW NAME]	ADOPTED BY
August 31	.....Callie.....	Jon and Vicky Stephens, greyhound Burt, and lab, Scout
Sept. 10	.....Snowball .....	Tammy, Nathan, Justin, and Sarah Healey
Sept. 11	.....Gracie (Kindall Lee) .....	Tom and Mary Anne Dunlap



## In Memoriam

Callie (September 20) — beloved greyhound of Jon & Vicky Stephens

### Paws Across the Pond update

## Sewing gang still busy, holiday collection planned

The amazing GPA/CT sewing gang has stitched almost 30 waterproof coats, with a few more still in process, to send to the galgos in Spain in early October. Along with half a dozen gently used, donated coats, they will keep Nuria Blanco de Andres' rescued sweeties warm this winter. Twenty collars, several leads, and a couple of tote bags will also make their way across the pond. Thanks so much to the sewing circle, who made it possible.

At this year's Winter Howliday get-together (GPA/CT's usual meeting time and place, 7 p.m. on December 6 at Town Lake Animal Center), we'll not only enjoy holiday goodies and dog talk but also collect small gifts for the galgos and for our own GPA/CT foster families. Bring a greenie, a tube of Frontline or Advantage, a squeaky toy, a Zoom Groom, a belly band, box of biscuits, or some other item that will be appreciated by a hound still searching for a forever home, whether here or on the other side of the Atlantic!



*Rex Seago models an Amigos de los Galgos hat sent to GPA-CT by Nuria Blancos de Andres of Spain*

### Antifreeze safety update

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is currently unaware of any well-controlled published scientific research demonstrating that dogs can be consistently protected from poisoning through the addition of denatonium benzoate as a bittering agent added to antifreeze.

It is crucial that pet owners not be given a false sense of security when using antifreeze with a bittering agent. While such products may be less toxic for households with pets, there is no scientific proof that they are, in fact, safe.

As a result, pet owners should continue to take steps to ensure the safety of their pets from antifreeze poisoning, regardless of whether the antifreeze they use contains a bittering agent or not.

Keeping antifreeze in a child-proof container and out of reach of dogs, repairing leaking hoses, and wiping up spills are three examples of steps that can and should be taken to protect your pets.

—ASPCA Advocacy Brigade email, 24 May 2004

### UPCOMING GPA-CT EVENTS

\*Fri., Nov. 12 (7 pm)  
Storytime at Barnes & Noble/Arboretum  
10000 Research

Sat., Nov. 27 (11 am)  
Chuy's Children Giving to Children Parade  
Starts 11th & Congress;  
ends 6th & Guadalupe

\*Due to limited space for the greyhounds at these events, please email <events@gpacentraltexas.org> in advance if you are interested in attending with your dog.

Please check [www.gpacentraltexas.org](http://www.gpacentraltexas.org) for the most up-to-date information on these and other GPA-CT events.

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**Paws & Reflect:**  
**The monthly newsletter  
of GPA-CT**

Submissions to Paws & Reflect are due the 15th of the month. Send your story or photos to [newsletter@gpacentraltexas.org](mailto:newsletter@gpacentraltexas.org). GPA-CT reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Advertisements in Paws & Reflect are accepted. Please contact Donna Seago at [newsletter@gpacentraltexas.org](mailto:newsletter@gpacentraltexas.org) for ad rates. GPA-CT reserves the right to decline any advertisement.

Thanks to Mike Spann and Horizon Graphics for donating copying services, and to Gwen Pickett and JC Curry at Allstar Copying & Printing for donating mailing services for the monthly newsletter.

Letters to the editor are accepted for publication in Paws & Reflect. Letters must contain your name, address and phone number for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis (300 word limit). GPA-CT reserves the right to edit all letters for length, clarity and potentially libelous statements, and may reject publication of any letter for any reason. Letters published in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position of GPA-CT.

## GPA-CT Events Coordinator needed — no experience necessary!

The GPA-CT Board of Directors is looking for a volunteer responsible for special events coordination — no experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment needed!

There is no formal job description yet; however, the Board of Directors envisions these responsibilities:

- Create and manage an events program that supports the organization's mission statement.
- Execute all aspects of the events program (e.g. planning, preparation, logistics, promotion, budgeting, post-event follow-up), managing all events to achieve determined goals.
- Report to the Board of Directors as needed the status and achievements of all events.
- Maintain communication with the Board of Directors and membership to provide good visibility into GPA-CT's upcoming events.
- Support the Board of Directors in the development of direct mail, web, PR, event and advertising initiatives.

If you're spunky, fun and can get the job done, GPA-CT needs you! For more information about the Event Coordinator position, please send an email to [events@gpacentraltexas.org](mailto:events@gpacentraltexas.org).

## Blue Dog's Legacy: Collar Safety

The long-awaited Keepsafe Breakaway collars have arrived. This newer model, with the slightly tougher buckle, is available in 1" width in black, green, blue, red, or purple. The actual cost is \$7.50 per collar. GPA-CT members may add a donation above that amount if they wish, so that everyone is able to have one for their hound, even if they cannot afford the \$7.50. There are limitations to the use of this collar which will be explained to each purchaser, but it is one more tool we have to help safeguard our animals whom we love. These collars will be available for purchase at the 2004 Greyhound Jamboree, or you may call Sally at (512) 301-8236 for further information.

## 2005 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars available

The 2005 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars have arrived and will be available at Meet & Greet, monthly meetings, and other GPA-CT events. Wall calendars are \$12 and desk calendars are \$15, tax included. Be sure to get yours before they're all gone!

## Thanks to our new Petco Central M&G host!

A sincere thanks goes out to Pam Cook who is the new host of the Petco-Central (Hancock Center) Meet & Greet, held noon-3 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. We hope to see you all each and every month at Petco Central to spread the word about greyhound adoption.

## GPA-CT membership list

Does GPA-CT have your most current contact information? If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, etc., please let us know so we can update our records. Please contact Bobbie Wier at [corrsec@gpacentraltexas.org](mailto:corrsec@gpacentraltexas.org) with changes.

## GPA-CT email list

GPA-CT relies heavily on the Yahoo! email list to inform our members of current events and last-minute opportunities. Please take a minute to join this informative list. Visit the Web site at [www.gpacentraltexas.org](http://www.gpacentraltexas.org) and follow the instructions to join. It's a greyt way to stay informed.

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# GPA-CT Events Calendar: October 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26</b> Texas Home & Garden Show, 11am-6pm	<b>27</b> GPA-CT Placement Coordinator Sally McIntosh on Fox 7 News in the Morning	<b>28</b> Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, Whole Foods Market (6th & Lamar)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Central (Hancock Center)
<b>3</b> Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Round Rock	<b>4</b> Monthly membership meeting, 7 pm, Town Lake Animal Center	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, La Madeleine (35th & Lamar)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Meet & Greet, 11am-2pm, Petco-South (Brodie Lane)/Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Temple
<b>17</b> Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Lakeline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2004 Greyhound Jamboree, 11am-5pm, San Gabriel Park, Georgetown
<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, La Madeleine (35th & Lamar)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> RAIN DATE: 2004 Greyhound Jamboree, 11am-5pm, San Gabriel Park, Georgetown

## Greyhound playgroup active once again

Have you ever wondered what it would look like for your greyhound to run and play with other greys, or are you just interested in seeing your hound run all-out, as you know he or she can? If you have, come out with your hounds to the greyhound playgroup held every Sunday morning. Join other greyhound families as they let their hounds off the leash to romp around in a spacious fenced dog park in north Austin. We generally meet from 8-10 a.m. during the hot months and 9-11 a.m. during the cool ones.

The playgroup is not just for the hounds. Take the opportunity to talk about your greyhound's latest exploits (good or bad) with other families. You can learn from other owners about how they take care of minor injuries and illnesses or how they train their hounds not to jump or counter-

surf. You can also find out about upcoming events for greyhounds and their families. Come prepared to pet plenty of greyhounds because the greys like to take breaks and make the rounds among the two-legged dogs to receive their well-deserved praise.

For more information on location and items that you should bring along for your greyhound, please feel free to contact Pam Cook at [pam@gpacentraltexas.org](mailto:pam@gpacentraltexas.org).

We hope to see you there!

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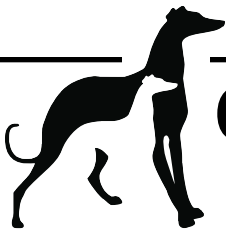
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