

November meeting focuses on senior greys Celebrate Gus' 14th birthday!

Please join us for the GPA-CT monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1, in the Davenport Building at Town Lake Animal Center.

The November meeting will be very special. GPA-CT will celebrate Gus' 14th birthday! Gus is a wonderful old guy who came to GPA-CT in July 2004 and was adopted by Sally McIntosh and her

pack in August. He was originally adopted from the Corpus Christi track (where he was called Gossip) nine years ago.

When the GPA-CT vet examined him this summer after he became a GPA-CT dog, he was pronounced "a 90-year-old man who is going to live to be 100!"

So you're invited to join us at this

geez'er's birthday party with cake for dogs and for humans.

The guest speaker at the meeting will be Dr. Todd Riggan from White Rock Veterinary Clinic in Pflugerville. His presentation will focus on caring for the aging dog.

Please come and help us celebrate the life of an affectionate, skinny, long-legged boy who is a blessing to his new pack.



Share cake with Gus as GPA-CT celebrates his 14th birthday at the monthly membership meeting, Monday, Nov. 1, 7 pm, at Town Lake Animal Center.

Recap of 2004 Jamboree

Although certainly a resounding success, due to publication deadlines a recap of the 2004 Greyhound Jamboree will appear in a future issue of Paws & Reflect.



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

BONANZA

R,BDL/M/7y

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.

DAKOTA

FW/F/4y

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.

GRAYSON

BDL/M/3y/NCF/NDF

Grayson is an energetic yet loving dog who 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.

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.

MARLEY

BLK/F/6y

Possibly cat friendly. Returned because she is a counter and table surfer.

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.

RUFFLES

BDL/F/4y

The growing family

by GPA-CT Board Member Pam Cook

Eight years ago, much to my husband's (and our cats') surprise, I walked through the back door with two middle-aged, poorly socialized, mid-sized, non-housetrained, fairly peculiar terrier mixes. I'd gone down to the Humane Society that Saturday to talk to someone about fostering kittens, and I left with a pair from another species altogether.

How did that happen? I'm still not sure, but something about this bonded couple spoke to me, and I knew right away that they were mine.

A couple of years later, a scruffy, heartworm-positive poodle-yorkie cross found her way to us. We adopted the first greyhound I had ever met, a chance encounter at a Petco-Hancock Meet & Greet in 1999. Sera too let me know whose dog she was, and we loved each other madly until her death in 2002. Our doxie/lab was a five-month-old pup bidding her time on death row when I arrived at the shelter; this month she celebrates her third birthday.

And Faith, our nine-and-one-half-year-old greyhound, was meant for us: the folks who first said they wanted her dropped out of the picture, and she joined our family on the second day of 2003. Despite some fairly serious cat-related challenges, we kept the Faith (pun intended), worked things out, and now can't imagine our home

without her. In between we fostered a dozen dogs and twice that many cats and kittens.

We're holding at four of each these days, maxed out on time, money, and energy. It makes for a full house, all right. It's hard to believe we were once an only-cat family. Life was simpler then, certainly, but it's a lot snugglier (not to mention hairier) now. Living with a sizeable critter community has special joys and challenges that you should consider if you're thinking of expanding your crew. Ponder these:

When you have one only dog, you don't have to wonder who barfed up the lizard parts.

On the other hand, if you have several dogs, you'll probably never have a lizard overpopulation problem. (Add a couple cats, and the palmetto bugs disappear too, except for the occasional leg on the carpet. Eeeewww.)

With just one dog, mealtime is easy. There's no worry that the allergic dog will eat the fat dog's food, the old dog will eat the diabetic dog's food, and so forth.

If you have a whole pack, and the allergic dog refuses to eat her expensive fish and sweet potato food because it is Just Too Gross, someone else will probably be willing to scarf the rest of that 40-pound bag you just bought.

One dog is pretty easy to walk.

Walking four dogs gets you way, way more attention.

If your only dog sneaks up on the bed during the night, you'll probably sleep fine.

If your heat goes out in January and you have several dogs, you'll probably sleep fine.

One dog howling can be an annoyance. Four dogs howling is a concert.

When you come home to your dog's welcome at the end of the day, you feel like royalty.

When you come home to four dogs beside themselves with joy at your return after a 15-minute absence, you feel like God.

There's nothing like it.

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Texas Home & Garden Show

"greyt" success for GPA-CT

by GPA-CT Executive Secretary Lana Henley

For three days in September, our chapter wowed the Austin area with our dogs and with our crusade to find homes for ex-racing greyhounds.

The Texas Home & Garden Show's organizers gave us an additional 10'x10' space so that we would have plenty of room to sell our wares and to show our dogs. And a lucky thing it was, too, because the crowds flowed into the large aisles in front of our booth wanting to see and pet a live greyhound in the flesh!

We quickly became the hit of the show, and for three days we talked about our beloved friends. Thanks to GPA-CT President Glen Bridge who talked with hardly a breath about our chapter's goals and its obstacles. Bob Trapp put miles on his truck driving to pick up dog food samples, t-shirts, tables and stuff for the booth. Then he helped set it all up and tear it all down!

Special thanks to Tim & Jennifer Define, Sally McIntosh, Bobbie Wier, Barbara Clark, Donna Seago, Mike & Holly Waldon, Marie Coco, and Gary Henley who braved the downtown traffic to bring their greys.

Thanks also to Buck Moore Feed & Supply, Lakeline Animal Care and Happy Tails Pet Resort for helping to fund the whiz rings giveaways that went home with children and pet owners alike. Each neon-pink ring reminded everyone to "Save a Life – Adopt a Greyhound."

Jai Rodriguez, star of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" visited our booth on several occasions and had his picture taken with Flirty Bridge and Grappa Henley. He was thrilled to offer his celebrity to our local chapter as well as to our national organization.

As a result of our efforts thousands of people know more about greyhounds than before, and GPA-CT is scheduled to participate in the next Texas Home & Garden Show in March 2005. Make plans now to be a part of this educational event.

The GPA-CT Board of Directors would like to also thank Executive Secretary Lana Henley for her tireless efforts in planning and organizing the chapter's participation in the Texas Home & Garden Show.



Jai Rodriguez, star of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" lends celebrity to GPA-CT.

Adoptions

DATE	FOSTER NAME (RACING NAME) [NEW NAME]	ADOPTED BY
Oct. 1	Slater	Abby Phillips and Teague Schwartz, and whippet Willow
Oct. 3	Jackie Brown Eye (JNC Jackie)	Vicky and Jon Stephens, greyhound Burt, and lab Scout
Oct. 14	Red Boy (MNJ Red Boy)	Leslie and Andy Biggs



In Memoriam

Missy (August 25) — beloved greyhound of Lucy Salsman and Dorothy Sheehan
Ike — beloved greyhound of Ramon and Angelika Vendrell
Layla — beloved greyhound of Tim and Jennifer Define

Meeting minutes now online

Prior to each general membership meeting of GPA-CT on the first Monday of the month, the (unapproved) minutes of the previous general membership meeting and any (approved) board meeting minutes that have taken place since the last general membership meeting will be posted on the GPA-CT Web site.

It is your responsibility as a member to read these minutes prior to the general membership meeting in order that you will be able to approve, offer corrections, or offer amendments to the minutes.

Making minutes available online will keep our chapter's membership apprised of meetings as they happen and will eliminate photocopying costs. A small number of minutes will be available at each meeting for those who do not have Internet access.

If you are unable to attend the membership meeting but would like to offer a correction or amendment, please email Lana Henley at <execsec@gpacentraltexas.org> so that she might present the change on your behalf at the meeting.

the reason a **DOG**
has so many
FRIENDS
is that he
WAGS his **TAIL**
instead of his tongue.

—Anonymous

UPCOMING GPA-CT EVENTS

Mon., Dec. 6 (7 pm)
"Winter Howliday
Get-together"
at GPA-CT monthly
membership meeting,
Town Lake Animal Center

Thu., Dec. 9 (2-6 pm)
Holiday gift wrap
(volunteer opportunity)
Barnes & Noble/
Arboretum
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www.gpacentraltexas.org
for the most up-to-date
information on these and
other GPA-CT events.

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Submissions to Paws & Reflect are due the 15th of the month. Send your story or photos to 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 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.

Keepsafe breakaway collars have arrived

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. You may call Sally McIntosh at 512/301-8236 for further information.

New GPA-CT ID tags available for members

New GPA-CT tags for your hounds' collars were distributed at the 2004 Greyhound Jamboree. The new tags have the correct contact phone numbers which will help in recovery of your dogs should they be separated from their humans. Adoption agreements with GPA-CT require your greyhound to wear a GPA-CT identification tag at all times.

If you didn't receive your tags at the Jamboree, they will be available at Meet & Greets and membership meetings, or you may contact Sally McIntosh at placement@gpacentraltexas.org.

2005 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars still available

Don't forget to buy your 2005 calendars before they're all gone! The wall calendar is \$12 and the desk calendar is \$15. They'll be available at Meet & Greets, as well as upcoming membership meetings. They make greyt holiday gifts so make your list and check it twice!

Volunteers needed for holiday gift wrap at Barnes & Noble

In exchange for donations, GPA-CT will once again staff the courtesy gift wrap station at the Barnes & Noble/Arboretum store (10000 Research) during this holiday season.

Barnes & Noble has graciously given GPA-CT two shifts — Tuesday, Nov. 30 (2-7pm) and Thursday, Dec. 9 (2-6pm).

Please contact Pam Cook at pam@gpacentraltexas.org if you would like to volunteer for a couple hours on either day. We always have a fun time and also make some money to support GPA-CT's mission in the process.

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 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 and follow the instructions to join. It's a greyt way to stay informed.

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GPA-CT Events Calendar: November 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Howl-o-ween	1 Monthly membership meeting, 7 pm, Town Lake Animal Center	2	3	4	5	6 Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Central (Hancock Center)
7 Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Round Rock	8	9 Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, Whole Foods Market (6th & Lamar)	10	11	12 Storytime, Barnes & Noble/Arboretum, 7pm	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Meet & Greet, 11am-2pm, Petco-South (Brodie Lane)/Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Temple
21 Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Lakeline	22	23	24	25	26	27 Chuy's Children Giving to Children Parade, 11am/Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco-Arboretum
28	29	30 Holiday gift wrap, 2-7pm, Barnes & Noble/Arboretum, 10000 Research	1	2	3	4



Lenox introduces limited edition greyhound sculptures

"Jeweled Devotion" by Lenox was introduced at the GPA National convention in September. Crafted of Lenox ivory fine china accented with 24 karat gold and set with gem-cut crystals, "Jeweled Devotion" is authorized by Greyhound Pets of America, and 2.5% of all sales of this sculpture go to GPA's Emily Griffin Memorial Injury Fund, from which all chapters are eligible to request funds.

Pre-order forms are available at <www.gpacentraltexas.org> or <www.greyhoundpets.org>. Orders also may be placed directly at www.lenox.com. Sculptures must be ordered by January 31, 2005.

The cost for "Jeweled Devotion" is \$58.50 plus S&H and sales tax.

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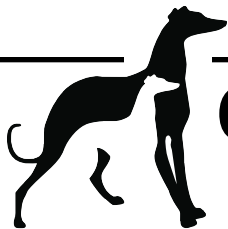
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