

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.

Wrap it up for the hounds!

GPA-Central Texas still needs volunteers for the charity gift wrap station at the Barnes & Noble/Arboretum store (10000 Research) on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 2-6 p.m. Have a non-marking, lazy, sociable hound? We've been asked to have a couple of dogs there.

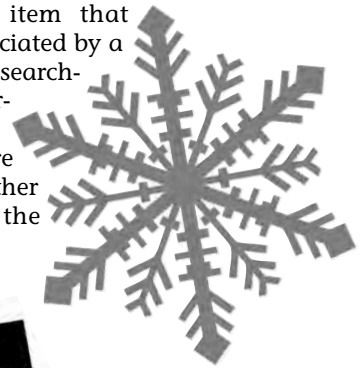
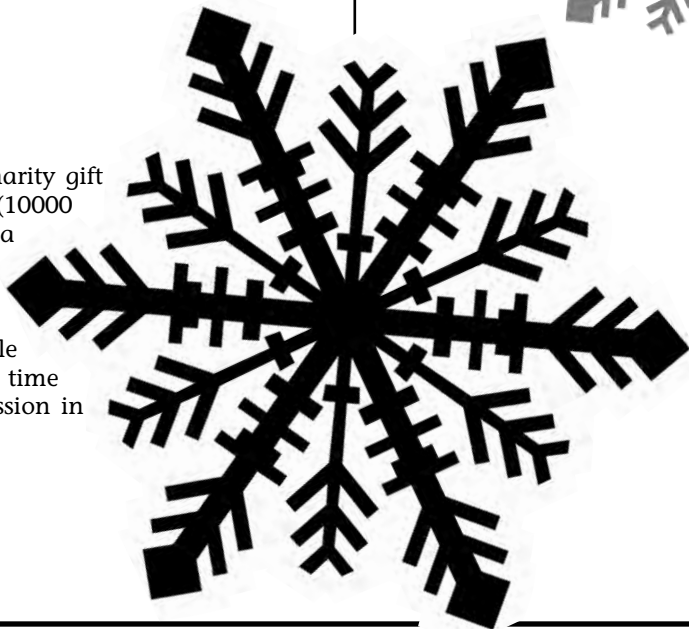
Please contact Pam Cook at pam@gpacentraltexas.org if you would like to volunteer for a couple hours, with or without a dog. We always have a fun time and also make some money to support GPA-CT's mission in the process.

Join GPA-CT for Winter Howliday get-together

Please join us for this year's Winter Howliday get-together at the GPA-CT monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6, in the Davenport Building at Town Lake Animal Center.

We'll not only enjoy holiday goodies and dog talk, but also collect small gifts for the Paws Across the Pond galgos and 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!



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

BENE

R,BDL/M/5y

Bene is confident around other dogs but not aggressive. He loves to go for walks and rides well in the car. He can create a bit of ruckus when his foster mom is away all day, such as pulling papers out of the trash and rearranging pillows and blankets, but nothing too serious. Bene attracts attention wherever we go as he is so handsome. He enjoys people and is a gentle giant. He doesn't appear to have a strong prey drive although he has not really been put to the test.

BONANZA

R,BDL/M/7y

Bonanza is a big, playful boy who smiles, chatters, and snaps his teeth when he's happy — which is all the time! He loves to play with stuffed animals, and he "collects" them on his bed when he's done playing. Bonanza is very affectionate and gives hugs to any humans who let him (very gently jumps up and wraps his front legs around your waist). He loves neck and ear scratches and has been known to sneak into his foster parents' bed at night to snuggle. Bonanza is not cat friendly and would do best in a home with another dog.

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 is very affectionate and wants to be wherever his humans are. He wags his tail a lot and loves to get hugs, kisses, and praise. He is very snuggly and likes to sleep in bed with his foster parents. Champ loves to play with toys and will play fetch and tug-of-war for hours. Champ would do best in a home with one or two other dogs (preferably his foster sister, Honeycomb) and no small children.

DAKOTA

F,W/F/4y

Dakota is a laid-back, quiet, friendly dog with sweet doe-eyes. She is being fostered with three dogs (one of them small) and a herd of cats and socializes well with them. She is very affectionate and wants nothing more than to have her back or belly rubbed. (She does the dog version of a purr.) Dakota just figured out what chew bones are for but has yet to show much interest in toys. She "smiles" frequently, especially when her

foster mom comes home at the end of the day, and, of course, at dinner time. Dakota appears to have no fear of thunderstorms.

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's developed a fondness for the couch, but still sleeps on his own bed at night. 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

Honeycomb is shy at first but learns to trust her humans quickly. She's a very happy hound who smiles (really!) and wants to be where the people are, always looking for neck scratches and treats. She gets along well with the other five greyhounds in her foster home and her ideal home will have at least one other dog, preferably her foster brother, Champ II. Honeycomb is not cat friendly.

MARLEY

BLK/F/6y

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

PRANCER

BLK/M/7y

This little man is a professional pet. He was returned because his owners were moving. He is content to curl up and snuggle all day. He would also like to have a squeaky toy to toss around occasionally. (Once you see him do this, you will know where he got his name.) He is child and small dog friendly, but no cats please.

RUFFLES

R,BDL/F/4y/NCF

My name is Ruffles — just like the potato chips, I have ridges. Well, only one and it runs right down the back of my neck. I ended up in Texas as a result of all the hurricanes that hit Florida a couple months ago. I am a petite flower of only 51 lbs. I run like the wind and like to throw toys in the air and catch them. My foster dad says that 6:30am is a bit early for that, but he lets me anyway. (Like I give him a choice.) Can I come play with toys at your house?

Playgroup Update and Thoughts of Sid

by GPA-CT Board Member Pam Cook

Our Sunday morning playgroup has continued to grow, and we're glad. The hounds enjoy each other's company, as do the humans. Who else will let you ramble on about your dog for hours at a time? With daylight savings time and cooler weather, we now meet at the relatively civilized hour of 9 a.m. Anyone interested in playgroup directions can email <pam@gpa.centraltexas.org> for more information.

As wonderful as playgroup is, there are risks. Just like their people, dogs may overexert themselves, which can lead to a dangerous situation. We lost one of our sweet seniors recently; some tragedies are unavoidable, but the passing of 12-year-old Sid made us all acutely aware that we may need to monitor our dogs' leaps and bounds, especially in playgroup, where the presence of other greyhounds may spur them on to excessive activity. Along with his family, we mourn Sid's death following playgroup on October 31. He was a wonderful boy, and he will be sadly missed by all who made his acquaintance.

We've always had a few guidelines for playgroup (scoop the poop, muzzle your dog, sighthounds only, etc.) and to these we want to add the following: Please be aware of health problems or poor conditioning that could make exertion dangerous. Even when the weather is

cool, monitor your active dog for heat stress. Wet your dog down if he or she seems overheated. If your dog limps, check it out, and have someone else help you look for the cause. Sometimes it's just a sticker, but torn pads, broken or dislocated toes, and ripped nails can result from quick turns. Although some heart murmurs are harmless, older dogs may have murmurs that indicate leaky mitral valves, a risk factor in exercise. Even the healthiest older dog has limitations. Hounds may need to be leashed to force them to rest a while. This isn't mean; it's sensible.

We can't prevent every death. (If we could, there would sure be a lot more critters in our little house, believe you me.) But there are lessons to learn from their passing. Just as Sally McIntosh established Blue Dog's Legacy to avert devastating collar accidents, we can remember Sid by being watchful and protective of our romping dogs, and balancing their joy in running with their needs and capacities. Thank you, dearest Sid. We'll see you at the Bridge.

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Aloha!: Travels with Rosealani

by GPA-CT Adoption Coordinator Sally McIntosh

Rose (NXS Red Rose) is comfortably adjusting to her new home in Hawaii with Marian and Neal Yasuda. She's had enough new experiences in the past few days to last most of us a lifetime.

Driving to Dallas from Austin she pulled a real Houdini and wriggled free of her safety harness and her martingale collar! She stayed overnight in a hotel for the first time and wasn't at all sure about the elevator.

Then came the flight to Honolulu! In the airport at DFW, she attracted a lot of attention from



Rosealani enjoying her first trip to a Hawaiian beach

people who wanted to know "What kind of dog is that?" and "Is she retired?" Plate glass windows in the terminal were a little freaky for her, but she was unfazed by suitcases on wheels and moving sidewalks and "Mind the cart!"

Including check-in time at the airport, Rose went more than 10 hours without the opportunity to relieve herself, which made for a pretty uncomfortable pup. But she never lost sight of her good manners and was a total lady up to the point she found a grassy area at the Honolulu airport. They could hear her sigh of relief all over the island!

The dreaded Hawaii State Department of Agriculture Quarantine was a breeze, due to Marian's organization and attention to detail. Once Rose's microchip was scanned, proving she was indeed the dog for whom multiple health certificates had been submitted, it was clear sailing. Rose went sound asleep on the way from the airport to her new home.

With her new Hawaiian name — Rosealani — she is busy being an ambassador for greyhounds to the 50th state!

(Editor's note: GPA-CT Adoption Coordinator Sally McIntosh doesn't usually deliver greyhounds outside of Central Texas to their adopters, but this time she made an exception. Rose's adopter, Marian Yasuda, is Sally's daughter. No GPA-CT funds were used delivering Rose to Hawaii.)



*Sally and Rose
in Hawaii*

Adoptions

DATE	FOSTER NAME (RACING NAME) [NEW NAME]	ADOPTED BY
Oct. 23	Eden (River Eden) [Cressida]	Nedra Low and greyhound Troilus
Oct. 30	Lonnie	Steven, Kyra, and Alex Laird
Nov. 1	River	Belinda Harden
Nov. 4	Tully (Rowdy)	Barbara, Dave, and Jonathan Perry



In Memoriam

Sid (October 31) — beloved greyhound of Linda and Ira Royals

Our Identity: 2004 Convention Speech edited for space

by Rory Goree, President, Greyhound Pets of America

Our annual conference is an appropriate time to step back and ask ourselves: What is GPA and why does it exist?

There are many reasons, but there are three that stand out among all others. First, foremost and quite simply, GPA exists to find forever homes for retired racing greyhounds.

Second, to be effective in finding homes for retired greyhounds, we need to play a leadership role in greyhound welfare, helping to ensure we can come together and take action around issues of common concern.

Third, GPA should facilitate the continued education of our members and all those interested in greyhounds, in an arena where we can learn not only from national and international experts but also from each other.

While our focus should be expanding the dialogue on greyhound welfare with everyone, this priority has been eclipsed by differences of opinion that often results in heated and tense relationships.

We are often too quick to judge, compartmentalize and label one another: anti-racing, pro-racing, neutral. In fact, we are so quick to label, that we often overlook our shared label: proud adoptive parent of a greyhound or two or three!

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Our actions may not always be understood and may sometimes be used against us. But these misunderstandings should have little significance to our mission if our motives are pure.

Losing sight of our priorities has weakened our effectiveness and ability to work as a cohesive unit, and find common ground.

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As an organization, GPA must also find common ground. Many organizations have been hurt by the inability to successfully interact with its board members and general membership.

Is the purpose of the board to provide leadership, service and expertise to the organization or are these

simply mules designed to carry the workload of the organization?

The perception of responsibility of the board provides a powerful first look at the inner workings of the organization.

There is no question that the board has been elected to act as a liaison with the membership: to understand, and speak to the issues facing the organization, and to set a direction and tone that is in compliance with the mission and objectives of the organization.

The people that you elect to the board are charged with the task of ensuring the health and reputation of GPA.

Our collective view of the board's role will determine how and whom we recruit for those positions. Everyone has the right to be heard in a membership organization. In casting your vote or expressing your opinion, it is important to step back and ask yourself: Will my view lead to good governance? Will my view accomplish the mission of GPA?

As a nonprofit organization GPA exists, in part, to benefit the public at-large. Only by establishing a diverse membership do we uphold our fiduciary responsibility to the public.

If we allow our group, our board, our membership to be overtaken by a vocal, egocentric minority, we risk losing our identity and we risk losing site or our mission.

Any leader, volunteer or paid, must be knowledgeable about its organization's mission, strategy and operations. Likewise it is his or her responsibility to understand the broader conditions affecting the organization.

Responsible governance of any greyhound adoption organization must involve deep dialogue about issues that actually matter: greyhound welfare, greyhound adoption and education.

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I ask all of you to set aside your differences and join me in focusing on our similarities — our identity as those who care about greyhounds.

UPCOMING GPA-CT EVENTS

Friday-Sunday,
March 4-6, 2005
Texas Home & Garden
Show
Austin Convention Center

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for the most up-to-date
information on these and
other GPA-CT events.

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**The monthly newsletter
of GPA-CT**

Submissions to Paws & Reflect are due the 10th 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.

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Blue Dog's Legacy: Breakaway collars available for purchase

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.

Jamboree t-shirts

2004 Greyhound Jamboree t-shirts are still available in all sizes. Send an email to gpa-ct@gpacentraltexas.org to request details on where to buy your Jamboree t-shirt.

Thanks to Rising Star Pet Ranch

Many thanks to Rising Star Pet Ranch for recently boarding several new GPA-CT greyhounds until placement could be found for them.

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 grey holiday gifts so make your list and check it twice!

GPA-CT member Melanie Doyle wrote to say that her daughter Taylor and greyhound Pepper were featured on the new wall calendar. (Their picture is located after the acknowledgement page in the lower left-hand corner. The page says "Outdoors or in, greyhounds are fabulous friends.") Melanie said, "We adopted Pepper from GPA-Central Texas in May 2000. Needless to say, she has been an absolute joy from the very first day she came to live with us."



Calendar girls Taylor Doyle (left) and Pepper are featured in the 2005 Celebrating Greyhounds wall calendar.

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28	29	30 Holiday gift wrap, 2-7pm, Barnes & Noble/Arboretum, 10000 Research	1	2	3	4 Meet & Greet, Noon- 3pm, Petco-Central (Hancock Center)
5 Meet & Greet, Noon- 3pm, Petco-Round Rock	6 Monthly membership meeting, 7 pm, Town Lake Animal Center	7	8	9 Holiday gift wrap, 2-6pm, Barnes & Noble/Arboretum, 10000 Research	10	11
12	13	14 Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, Whole Foods Market (6th & Lamar)	15	16	17	18 Meet & Greet, 11am-2pm, Petco- South (Brodie Lane)/Meet & Greet, Noon-3pm, Petco- Temple
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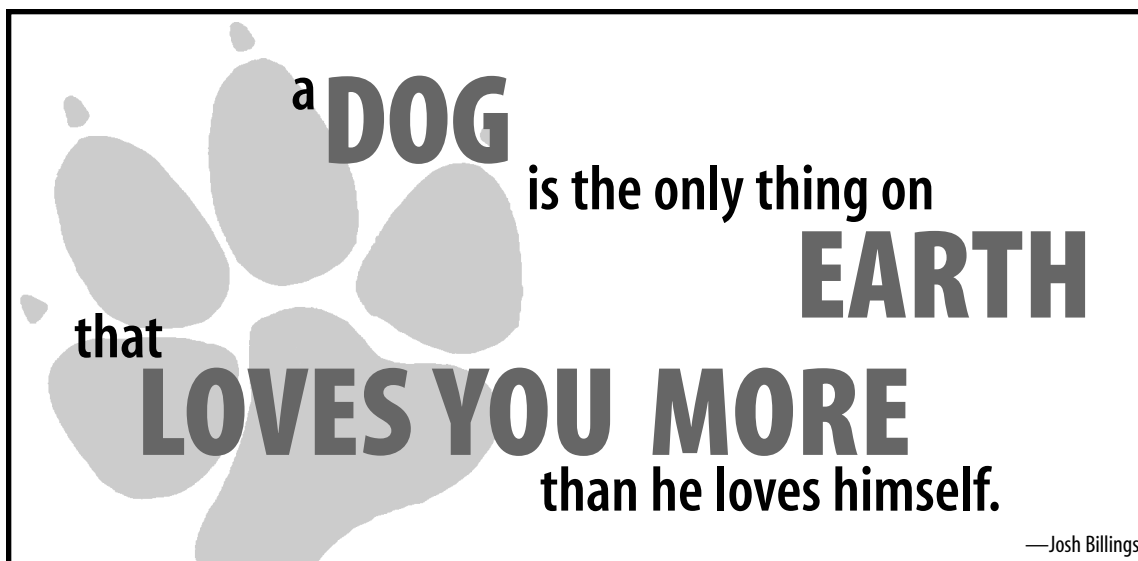
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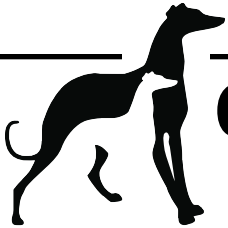




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