

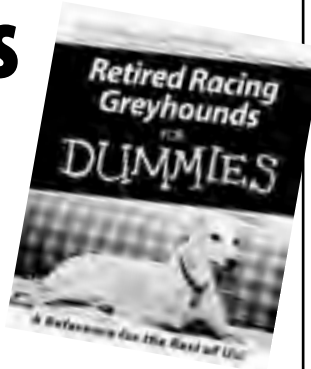
Last chance to register for Lee Livingood's April 30 seminar

Lee Livingood's day-long Couch Potato Trainer™ seminar will be held Saturday, April 30 at the United Way of Greater Williamson County, 101 E. Old Settlers Blvd., Suite 160, Round Rock. With a convenient location just off Interstate 35, the building is easy to find and parking is great. For out-of-towners who may wish to attend, at least four hotels (Holiday Inn, Springhill Suites, LaQuinta, and Red Roof Inn) are within minutes of the meeting place. We're grateful to the United Way, which allows non-profit organizations to use this community meeting room and very graciously agreed to host our workshop.

The course fee of just \$50 is far less than one would expect to pay for an all-day seminar with a greyhound expert and includes light morning and afternoon refreshments. Lunch (including a vegetarian option) can be ordered for an additional \$8, or attendees can take advantage of the high concentration of fast food and chain restaurants (Denny's, Chuy's, McDonald's and many more) in the immediate area.

The deadline for the \$50 registration fee is April 10. After that date, the registration fee increases to \$60 if spaces are still available.

Lee will cover a broad spectrum of topics, closing with ways we can better prepare incoming greyhounds for happy, successful adoptions. Please join us (and a small group of greyhound "guinea pigs") for this fun and exciting event.



Here's the agenda:

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| 8-9am | Sign in/registration/coffee |
| 9-10:15am | Behavior and learning theory. The "wolf" within. Evaluating our relationships and communication with another species. |
| 10:30-10:45am | Break |
| 11-12:15pm | Being a Couch Potato Trainer. How to make training fun and easy. Includes demonstrations of training techniques using untrained and semi-trained dogs. |
| 12:15-1:15pm | Lunch |
| 1:30-2:45pm | Being a Couch Potato Trainer (continued) |
| 2:45-3pm | Break |
| 3-4:15pm | Fostering Greyt Adoptions. Using your foster program to make dogs more adoptable. Dealing with mild behavior problems. |
| 4:15-5pm | Training others to train dogs in the foster or kennel situation. |

For a registration form, please email Pam Cook <pam@gpacentraltexas.org>, or download the registration form at <www.gpacentraltexas.org>.

Feel free to fax your registration form to Pam Cook at 512/471-9495.

Payment may be made via PayPal. Visit the GPA-CT web site at <www.gpacentraltexas.org>.

Buy raffle tickets now for Lenox greyhound sculpture

Don't miss out on your opportunity to win the limited edition Lenox "Jeweled Devotion" greyhound sculpture with GPA-CT's latest fundraising raffle.

Buy your \$3 raffle tickets now through the PayPal link on <www.gpacentraltexas.org>.

The Lenox sculpture is currently sold out and will not be available again until June 2005.

The raffle ends May 15, so get your tickets now for a chance to win this beautiful sculpture



Next membership meeting, Monday, April 4

Please join us for the GPA-CT monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, April 4 in the Davenport Building at Town Lake Animal Center.

Board meetings now held third Thursday of month

GPA-CT Board of Directors meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday of every month.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 19, at Mangia Pizza, 8012 Mesa Dr., Austin.

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

Because of printing deadlines and the time involved in getting the newsletter to you, the notices of available dogs may not be up-to-date. New dogs come in with almost no advance notice, and dogs may be adopted quickly as well. The GPA-CT Web site is apt to be more current than is the newsletter, but even that has a time lag involved. If you're interested in adopting, please don't think that these are the only available greyhounds. Email or call Placement Coordinator Sally McIntosh to find out specifics. Remember there is always a generous supply of beautiful, loving greyhounds who are looking for homes and we want to help you make that connection.

BENE

R,BDL/M/5y

My foster mom calls me "molto bene" because I am such a good boy. I really like it when my foster family takes me for a walk, or on a car ride or to a Meet & Greet at Petco. I am a big, handsome, brindle boy and I thrive on all the attention I get when we are out and about. My philosophy of life — "It's all good." So if you are looking for "uno bene ragazzo" or a good boy, I would love to meet you.

BISCUIT

BLK/F/22m

Biscuit is a beautiful jet black 22-month-old girl with light brown almond eyes. She is fresh off the breeding farm and has not had much experience with the outside world. Currently, new sights and sound make her anxious but she is quick to become accustomed to repeated experiences. She loves to snuggle and bury her nose. She also likes a good petting. She is just now discovering toys and her favorite activity is to grab them and hide them under her dog bed. She has not yet been small dog or cat tested.

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.

BRIDGET

F/F/3.5y/NCF/SDF

Bridget is an absolutely stunning greyhound. This angel would be the perfect addition to any home. She is perfectly house trained and quite the lady. She loves people and is a wonderful, mellow companion with incredible manners and just a touch of playfulness. She loves stuffies and carries them all around the house. Bridget's foster mom says, "She slipped into our household with no disruption. She's such a nice mannered dog. If she was cat safe, she would stay with us forever — I say that without hesitation!" So this little lady has the entire package — gorgeous and an incredible personality to go along.

COOKIE

R/F/3y

Cookie likes nothing more than to follow her foster mom around and get praise and attention. She is an affectionate dog who loves to be cuddled and hugged. Cookie has recently discovered the joys of squeaky toys. She likes going on walks and discovering new things, which is everything to Cookie! She may not be small animal friendly, based on observations made during her walks.

EVANDER

BLK/M/2.5y/PCF

Despite his scars, he's very sweet and personable. Evander is currently fostered with cats, two large dogs and one small dog and gets along well with all of them. He absolutely loves to chase squeaky toys and tennis balls. Although calm and quiet indoors, at times Evander still acts like a puppy. He has a particular affection for socks left on the floor. He follows his foster mom everywhere and is very curious about everything — what's in the refrigerator, in drawers, in closets. We've enjoyed watching him "discover" the house.

LOLA

R/F/4y/CF

Lola is loving and eager to be your friend. Her tail never stops wagging. Given a little more time, this girl is going to be gorgeous. Lola is playful with other greys.

NIKKI

W,BDL/F/4y/NCF/NDF

Nikki is at the top of the scale for being loving and affectionate and funny. She has spunk, is a bit of a scamp, and loves to play. She fits in well with other (male) greyhounds and shows some definite alpha female characteristics. Most of the time she is very well house-trained, but every so often she seems to feel the need to make a "statement."

SEVEN

BR/F/6y/CF

Seven is a tiny brindle girl who loves attention, stuffed toys, and food. She especially loves sleeping on the bed, perfect if you're looking for a hound to keep you warm at night. She has very good house manners and her tail is constantly wagging. Seven recently lost many of her teeth and needs to eat softened food.

WACO

R,FW/M/2y/NCF/NDF

Waco loves to play with people and other greyhounds. He loves to play ball, take walks and go to playgroup. He is well behaved in the house and knows what outside is for. Waco will lay at your feet while you work at your desk and look up at you with adoring eyes. If you want a younger man that loves to play, gives fabulous greyhound kisses and is a good companion, Waco is your man...er...dog.

Also available: Butch, Chip, Holly, Michele and Sundance

Toxic plants (listed by common name)

Courtesy of ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center

Please note that the information contained in our plant lists is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather a compilation of the most frequently encountered plants.

[A] Aloe Amaryllis Andromeda Japonica Asian Lily (Liliaceae) Asparagus Fern Australian Nut Autumn Crocus Avocado Azalea	[F] Fiddle-Leaf Philodendron Flamingo Plant Florida Beauty Foxglove Fruit Salad Plant	[O] Oleander Onion Orange Day Lily
[B] Bird of Paradise American Bittersweet European Bittersweet Branching Ivy Buckeye Buddist Pine	[G] Glacier Ivy Gladiolas Glory Lily Gold Dieffenbachia Gold Dust Dracaena Golden Pothos Green Gold Nephthysis	[P] Panda Peace Lily (aka Maana Loa Peace Lily) Philodendron Pertusum Plumosa Fern Precatory Bean
[C] Caladium Calla Lily Castor Bean Ceriman (aka Cutleaf Philodendron) Charming Diefenbachia Chinaberry Tree Chinese Evergreen Christmas Rose Clematis Cordatum Corn Plant (aka Cornstalk Plant) Cornstalk Plant (aka Corn Plant) Cutleaf Philodendron (aka Ceriman) Cycads Cyclamen	[H] Hahn's self branching English Ivy Heartleaf Philodendron Heavenly Bamboo Holly Horsehead Philodendron Hurricane Plant Hyacinth Hydrangea	[Q] Queensland Nut
[D] Daffodil Day Lily Devil's Ivy Dumb Cane Deadly Nightshade (see Nightshade)	[I] Iris	[R] Red Emerald Red Lily Red-Margined Dracaena (aka Straight-Margined Dracaena) Red Princess Rhododendron Ribbon Plant (Dracaena sanderiana) Rubrum Lily
[E] Easter Lily Elephant Ears Emerald Feather (aka Emerald Fern) Emerald Fern (aka Emerald Feather) English Ivy	[J] Japanese Show Lily Japanese Yew (aka Yew) Jerusalem Cherry	[S] Saddle Leaf Philodendron Sago Palm Satin Pothos Schefflera Spotted Dumb Cane Stargazer Lily Striped Dracaena Sweetheart Ivy Swiss Cheese Plant
	[K] Kalanchoe	[T] Taro Vine Tiger Lily Tomato Plant Tree Philodendron Tropic Snow Dumbcane Tulip
	[L] Lace Fern Lacy Tree Lily of the Valley	[U] Variable Dieffenbachia Variegated Philodendron
	[M] Macadamia Nut Madagascar Dragon Tree Marble Queen Marijuana Mauna Loa Peace Lily (aka Peace Lily) Mexican Breadfruit Mistletoe "American" Morning Glory Mother-in-Law	[V] Vernonia Vernonia
	[N] Narcissus Needlepoint Ivy Nephthytis Nightshade	[W] Warneckei Dracaena Wood Lily
		[Y] Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Yew (aka Japanese Yew) Yucca

Texas Toxic Plants database (partial)

Texas A&M University

Beebrush
Bermudagrass
Broad-leafed Milkweed
Buttercup
Buttonbush
Carelessweed
Castor-Bean
Chinaberry
Cocklebur
Dallisgrass Ergot
Goathead
Guajillo
Horsetail Milkweed
Inkweed
Johnsongrass
Lanceleaf Salvia
Lantana
Larkspur
Lechuguilla
Maple
Mescal Bean
Mesquite
Mimosa
Mountain Pink
Oak
Oleander, common
Pale Buckeye
Pigweed
Poison Hemlock
Pokeberry, Pokeweed
Purple Loco
Rainlily
Red Buckeye
Russian Thistle
Ryegrass Ergot
Senna (most varieties)
Silktree
Singletary Pea
Silverleaf Nightshade
Starthistles
Sweetclover
Texas Mountain Laurel
Thickleaf Drymary
Tumbleweed
Western Horse Nettle
Whitebrush
Wild Onion
Woolly Loco

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Contest Central: Make your grey famous!

Greyhound Pet of the Year

GPA-National is looking for the Greyhound Pet of the Year. Send pictures of your greyhound, along with a 50 word or less write-up on why your greyhound is the best. Greyhounds adopted from any adoption group may also participate. The greyhound selected will be featured on the new poster print to be released at the North American Greyhound Adoption Conference in September 2005.

All entries must be received by Friday, June 17, 2005. Send photographs and photo release to GPA Greyhound Pet of the Year, RooOne Studios, c/o GPA-Arizona, P.O. Box 2365, Glendale, AZ 85311-2356.

Be sure to include your black & white or color photographs, write-up on why your greyhound is the best, your information (name, address, phone number and email address), and signed photo release.

Contest guidelines:

1. Photos are to be submitted in printed form on commercial quality paper using professional printing or photo labs. Photos will not be returned.
2. No photos submitted electronically or via CD.
3. Photos printed on home or personal printers will NOT be accepted.
4. Print size of photos should not exceed 4 x 6.
5. Photos taken with digital cameras must be 3 megapixels or larger.

Download the photo release form at
<<http://www.greyhoundpets.org/Petoftheyear.htm>>.

Milk-Bone Make Your Dog Famous

Submit a photograph that conveys the photogenic appeal, cuteness and personality of your dog. Four grand prizes will be awarded — each winning dog will be featured on the front of a Milk-Bone Original Biscuits box and will receive a professional photo shoot in or near the winner's hometown. Entries must be received by August 1, 2005. Visit <<http://milkbone.promolot.com/rules.aspx>> for complete rules and contest details.

CG magazine photo submissions

Send your photograph to: CG Magazine, Attn: Editor, P.O. Box 120048, St. Paul, MN 55112.

CG prefers to receive photographs taken by standard, film-based cameras. Do not send photos printed on a home printer. Use a commercial photofinisher. Digital photographs are rarely accepted but will be considered if they are taken by cameras with megapixel capability and professionally printed on good photographic paper.

CG calendar photo submissions

The Greyhound Project collects adopter's greyhound photos all year long, but by the end of April, the selection process starts for the next year's calendar.

Send photos to: Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar, The Greyhound Project, Inc., P.O. Box 5239, Framingham, MA 01701. Photos cannot be returned.

Photo submittal requirements:

- Photos must be in focus. The Greyhound Project will not retouch photos!
 - Photo subjects should not have white, red or green eyes. The Greyhound Project will not retouch photos!
 - Photos should not be over exposed, washed out or under exposed and very dark. The Greyhound Project will not retouch photos!
 - You MUST place an adhesive label on the back of each photo and PRINT all of the required information (listed below) on this label. Do NOT write on the back of a photo with any kind of pen or pencil!
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Paws & Reflect:
**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.

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.

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.

Breakaway collars available in many colors!

The Keep-Safe Breakaway collars are now available not only in red, blue, green, purple, and black, but also blaze orange. If your dog gets tangled on a bush and loses his collar somewhere in the Back 40, your chances of finding it are greatly increased if it was orange! These collars are available through Sally McIntosh placement@gpacentraltexas.org for \$7.50 each (actual cost of the collar) plus postage if you'd like it mailed to you.

New GPA-CT ID tags available for members

New GPA-CT tags for your hounds' collars are now available. 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 haven't picked up your new tags, they are available at Meet & Greets and membership meetings, or you may contact Sally McIntosh at placement@gpacentraltexas.org.

Volunteers needed for upcoming GPA-CT events

GPA-CT needs members and their greyhounds to volunteer for upcoming events. If you can help out at any of these events, please email gpa-ct@gpacentraltexas.org:

- Wednesday, April 13, 8am-3pm, DHS Health Fair (51st St. & Lamar)
- Saturday, April 16, 11am-4pm, Tomlinson's adoption fair, Westlake (3300 Bee Cave Rd.)
- Saturday, June 4, 11am-4pm, Tomlinson's adoption fair, Westlake (3300 Bee Cave Rd.)

Last chance to buy 2005 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars

A limited number of both the wall and desk versions of the 2005 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars, featuring fabulous greyhound photographs, are available at Meet & Greets at half price — \$6 for the wall calendar and \$7.50 for the desk calendar. Act fast so you don't miss out!

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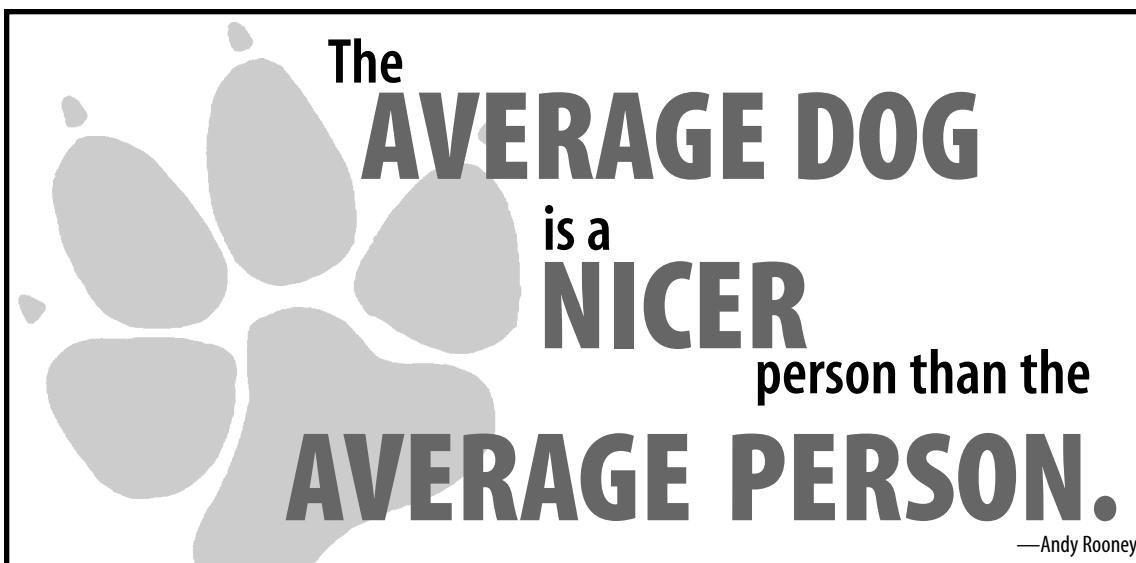
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GPA-CT Events Calendar: April 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Meet & Greet, Petco-Central (Hancock Center)
3 Meet & Greet, Petco-Round Rock/GPA-CT Quarterly Planning Meeting, 3pm, location TBA	4 Monthly membership meeting, 7pm, Town Lake Animal Center	5	6	7	8	9 Meet & Greet, Tomlinson's- Westlake (3300 Bee Cave Rd.)
10	11	12	13 DHS Health Fair, 51st & Lamar, 8am-3pm	14	15	16 Meet & Greet, Petco-South (Brodie Lane)/Meet & Greet, Petco-Temple/ Tomlinson's Pet Fair, Westlake, 11a-4p
17 Meet & Greet, Petco-Lakeline	18	19 Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, Mangia Pizza (8012 Mesa Dr.)	20	21	22	23 Meet & Greet, Petco-North (Arboretum)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Lee Livingood: The Couch Potato Trainer, United Way of Greater Williamson Co., Round Rock, 8am-5pm

All Petco Meet & Greets are from noon-3pm, except the South (Brodie Lane) Meet & Greet which is held from 11am-2pm.



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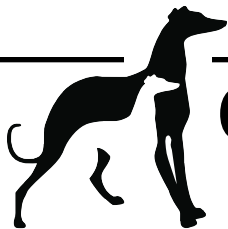
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