

“Strayhound” stories

Not all of them have happy endings yet, but we’re doing our best

by GPA-CT Board Member Pam Cook

Here’s a little math problem for you. A greyhound adoption group has 20 foster slots and 18 foster dogs. The responsible owner of a well-maintained greyhound farm calls the group’s placement coordinator saying they have TWO great but not-so-speedy hounds ready for adoption. Both are young, healthy, sociable, and easygoing. The placement coordinator arranges a date to bring the dogs into the program, contacts prospective foster families, and schedules appointments at the group’s veterinary clinic.

The next morning, an email appears in the placement coordinator’s inbox: TWO greyhounds have been left in the local animal shelter’s overnight drop box with no accompanying information. One is limping, the other elderly, both are skin and bones generously peppered with ticks and fleas, and the younger has a bad cough, perhaps kennel cough or heartworm disease. Now,

using basic arithmetic skills, how do you solve this problem?

THE GPA-CT SOLUTION

If you’re GPA-Central Texas, you go down to the pound, verify that they are in fact greyhounds, try to read their obliterated tattoos, and make a guess at the severity of their illnesses. You call the greyhound farm and ask the nice folks if they can please hold onto their dogs a little longer. You call the vet clinic and ask to bring in two unhealthy newcomers immediately, and you exude gratitude when they say that you may. Then you wait while the shelter personnel inject microchips, administer rabies shots, complete paperwork, and accept your token rescue fee. You walk the scruffy, tense, smelly dogs to your car on plastic kennel leads, boost them into the cargo area, and drive 30

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New officers installed in April

GPA-CT’s Spring 2006 elections — an uncontested slate of officers and board members — have brought some old folks back and some new folks in! Officers were announced at a brief membership meeting prior to the foster training workshop on Saturday, April 1. Congratulations to all, and our deepest thanks for your willingness to serve GPA-CT in this capacity.

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*Newly elected positions; other terms will expire in 2007.

Membership dues payable now

GPA-Central Texas annual membership fees of \$25 per family are payable every February. Help GPA-CT continue to find forever homes for retired racing greyhounds. Please make checks payable to GPA-Central Texas and mail to P.O. Box 10069, Austin TX 78766.

If you prefer, you may pay your membership dues through the PayPal link on gpacentraltexas.org.

Upcoming board meetings

GPA-CT Board of Directors meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, July 18, at Mangia Pizza, 8012 Mesa Dr., Austin.



GPA-CT celebrates 100th adoption

The adoption of retired racer Candi Devine by Kathy Lattavo marked GPA-Central Texas’ 100th placement since reorganizing in 2004. GPA-CT marked the occasion at the June 18th ice cream social and quarterly membership meeting with a certificate and gift basket for Kathy and Candi to share.

(standing, left to right) foster dad Robert Wagner, Kathy Lattavo and friend; (front) foster mom Maryanne Hayes with Candi Devine

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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. Contact Placement Coordinator Sally McIntosh at <placement@gpacentraltexas.org> or 512/301-8236 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.

DOOGIE

[White with brindle, male, 23 months]

Doogie is a super-sweet pound puppy. When we pulled him from the animal shelter, he was filthy, scruffy, tick-laden, stinky, limping, and about as happy a hound as you will ever meet! Although his limp is behavioral (no current problem, but a habit from an old shoulder injury), it may be permanent. Doogie is going to be a fabulous fellow. Watch this space for more.



Morocco

DUSTY

[Fawn brindle, male, 2 years old]

Dusty is a big love-bug with a gorgeous face and coat. This gentle boy gets along greyt with the other greys in the house, and while he loves to know where his people are, he has not shown any separation anxiety issues. He's a pup who

loves to play, so he would prefer to live in an active household, but he also loves to snuggle and maybe even fall asleep with his head in your lap. If you give him a snack, he'll love you forever! His foster parents feel that Dusty would make a greyt companion in most any home situation.

JOEY

[Brindle, male, 3 years old, cat friendly, small dog friendly, no small children, special needs]

Our Joey, with a combination of medication, gentle training, and consistency, has made tons of progress. This spring, Joey completed a basic obedience class that required him to (1) leave the house, (2) ride in the car, (3) interact with strangers, and (4) learn while in the outdoors -- not far from a busy highway! He has a very nice "come," "off," "target," and "wait," and a pretty good "down" and "take a bow." Joey will also 'woof' to go out or come in. His house manners are very good, although a croissant left on a countertop is way too big a temptation for him. Although he no longer fears helicopters or ceiling fans, he remains somewhat anxious and obsessive, especially in new places. That's just Joey, and he is extremely workable, given a

patient guardian. This beautiful dog is very bonded to his foster mom, whom he follows everywhere in the house and yard. He kind of wishes he were top dog, but when the 17-lb., blind, elderly terrier in his foster home scolds him, Joey straightens up and flies right. Joey does well with calm children 7 years old and up, adults, and all other critters except the squirrels in the garden -- he dreams of squirrel stew.

JONES

[Brindle, male, 4-ish years old]

Jones is playful and fun-loving. He is just heading into foster care, so we'll know more later.

KELLY

[Fawn, female, 2 years old, child friendly, not cat or small dog friendly]

Kelly, named after Grace Kelly for her beautiful eyes, is a true princess. She is a petite little girl that is quickly learning how to be a pet. It hasn't taken her long to realize that she loves attention and ear rubs. She loves toys, but can destroy them so quickly that she must be monitored when playing with them. Chewy toys, such as a Nylabone, are recommended. Kelly also enjoys romping around the backyard and playing with her greyhound foster brothers.

LADY ROSE

[Black with white, female]

Lady Rose is a nice girl, black with white. She's very shy and doesn't seem to have interacted much with people, but she likes to hang out with other hounds. We expect she'll begin blooming in her foster home under the tutelage of her foster brother. More info as it becomes available.

MAURY

[White with red, male, 4 years old]

I am looking for just the right family to build my home with. I am unbelievably happy, full of tenderness, and love. I really enjoy throwing my blanket up in the air and dragging it around the house. You might say that I can be energy personified at times. I am fit, trim, and toned, and am also developing a reputation as the "fastest kisser" in the West.

MOROCCO

[Brindle, male, 3-1/2 years old, cat- and small dog friendly]

Morocco is an untattooed sweetie who recently came into foster care with no background information whatsoever. Torn ears tell of a tough past, but he is friendly, gentle, and responsive. Morocco gets along well with his foster brother and sister, and he enjoys a car ride. More as his personality emerges!

RADLEY

[Brindle, male, 3 years old, special needs]

Radley is a 3-year-old brindle male with personality to burn! He is a smart, enthusiastic boy with two weeks of in-residence training with Barbara Perry at Stay N Play Pet Ranch. He knows basic commands -- sit, down, come, wait -- walks well on a leash, and is an eager

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learner. Radley gets along famously with the other two greyhounds in his foster home, and also loves to seek attention from his foster mom and dad. He loves to play with toys and run in the yard. Radley takes daily medication for seizures, but this does not slow him down at all. His foster parents hope someone will take a chance on this lovable boy. You won't be disappointed.

RUFUS

[Black and white, male, 3+ years old, special needs] The staff at the boarding facility where Rufus has been staying report that he is a jewel of a greyhound. We concur. Nowadays, the only time Rufus displays any aggression at all is when leashed, and then we see only a growl and assertive stance. Rufus has played happily with other hounds and non-hounds of both genders when in a fenced yard. He will run to see visitors and throw himself on the ground for belly-rubs, and he has taken field trips to parks and done well with every strange human he has met. Rufus needs a consistent, stable adult home -- ideally with no other male dogs, but a female companion would be fine. He is a healthy, strong, attractive boy with a great heart and a winning smile. GPA-CT would like to move him ASAP from the kennel into either a male dog-free foster home or a forever home. Please contact the Placement Team at placement@gpacentraltexas.org or pam@gpacentraltexas.org for more information on Rufus.

SHINER

[Red brindle, male, 2 years old, not cat friendly, older children OK] Shiner is a young fellow with a desire to please and a sweet temperament to go with it. He is learning commands to "wait", "down" and "sit" as if he has been doing them all his life. He is very exuberant and will let you know how happy he is to see you, even if you've just been out to get the mail. But he will also settle down and be a lazy guy just about anywhere (on the soft couch is a nice plus!). He's done great as an only dog, and would do fine in a multi-dog situation. No cats please, and children should be a little older, just because Shiner is so energetic. Just let him walk up to you and lay his head heavily in your lap, as if to say "I'm a little lap dog, too, you know," and see if he doesn't just melt your heart!

SILKY

[White with black, female, 7 years old, good with kids, not cat safe] Silky is a beautifully marked, large female greyhound who recently retired from a breeding farm. She has been around toddlers and preschoolers, as well as other greyhounds. Silky, who loves to take walks, is well behaved and gentle. Unlike many greyhounds, she seems not to require the company of other hounds but very much enjoys interacting with people. Although thunderphobic, Silky deals with her fear by hiding out in a towel-lined bathtub for the duration of the storm, then emerges ready to resume her life. She will make a striking, affectionate, delightful pet.



Tommy

TOMMY

[Black with white, male, 4 years old, cat- and kid-friendly] Tommy (aka Tom-Tom) is a four-year-old male currently being fostered with three dogs and three cats. He is calm, gentle and well-mannered. He has been in foster for two months and has fit in well. He's crazy about riding in the car and going for

walks and follows his foster mom everywhere. He doesn't play with toys much but loves chew bones. He has some separation anxiety that has improved since he's been in foster care but he will need more help with this. He's housetrained but does need to be monitored; his hints about needing to go out are very subtle. Tommy would make a wonderful companion for someone who is home alot or who has other dogs that can keep him company.

WACO

[Red/fawn, male, 2 years old, not cat or small dog friendly] 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 lie 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.

WYLIE

[Red brindle, male, small dog friendly, not cat friendly] Wylie is a love! He is a young, frisky tiger of a boy with excellent manners. He prefers to be anywhere you are and is grateful for any attention you might bestow upon him. He is extremely kid friendly and small (beagle-sized) dog friendly, but we do think he prefers the taste of cats to their company. He goes wild for a walk, and in a few short weeks has learned the significance of socks and tennis shoes and will help you put them on with great enthusiasm. If you welcome Wylie into your home, you will gain a true, loyal friend.

Information coming soon on:

- Charlie (brindle male, 7 years old, special needs)
- Jack (red fawn, kid-safe male, 5 years old)
- Lyle (red brindle, male, 9 years old)

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Message from the GPA-CT president

by *Tim Define, GPA-CT President*

Dear members,
2006 is moving right along and I want to bring everyone up to date on what has been going on 'behind the scenes.' As you may know, we never seem to have a shortage of dogs and finding forever homes for these wonderful creatures is our top priority.

Unfortunately, we have a shortage of foster homes and that limits the number of dogs that we can bring into our organization. In the past, it was decided that GPA-Central Texas should build a kennel and that would help solve the problem of too little foster space. When we asked our membership to donate to the kennel fund you responded very generously (thank you!), but we quickly realized that we just didn't have enough money to make the kennel a reality. Therefore, we will be reallocating the funds designated for the kennel into the main account which pays for non-emergency vetting of all the dogs, as well as the day-to-day operating expenses of the group.

I still think that a kennel is a great idea and would love to have one someday, as long as we maintain our commitment to finding the perfect home for every dog. How do we make sure that we find just the right home? The foster parents!

Ideally, fresh dogs would come in to the kennel and stay there only as long as it would take for a foster home to open up. When the dog moves on to a foster home, the foster parents teach the dog what it means to live in a house. They teach them that tile floors are slippery, sofas are comfy and that even though you can see through the glass in the door that you can't run through it. They get to see their foster dog blossom and turn into the perfect pet.

We believe that the best placements are those where we can match the personality of the dog with the personality of the human. It's tough to get a feel for a dog's personality in a kennel situation, but once they start thriving in a foster home it's pretty easy to describe their temperament to prospective adopters. Another perfect home!

Are you interested in becoming a foster family? Our mission of placing greyhounds into forever homes can't be accomplished without your help. GPA-CT covers all of the medical expenses of the foster dog; all we ask is that you provide food, love and guidance.

When the time comes for them to move on to their forever homes it's hard to give them up but when you see a former foster out with their new family at play group or a Meet & Greet there isn't a better feeling in the world.

If you're interested, please send me an email <president@gpacentraltexas.org>.

Hug your hounds and have a great summer!
Tim

Greyt Donations

Simply stated, without your generous donations, GPA-Central Texas wouldn't exist. (Donations listed here are since publication date of last newsletter issue. While intended to be a comprehensive list, please forgive us if we overlook any contributions. It is by no means intentional.)

• Real Ransom III DVM Emergency Medical Fund contributions:

Margaret Sheehan, in memory of Josh Gary Ruzek

- Lisa Jackson
- Mark Talarico, in memory of Annie
- Molly Kemp (walk-up donation at REI M&G)
- Co-workers of Christine Kolbe at Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in memory of her father, Robert "Bob" Kolbe
- Christine Connor, in memory of Greydy
- Nicole Amico, in honor of Honeycomb and Champ Barden
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- Brett and Valerie Percy, in memory of Zephyr Brush
- Bobbie Wier, in memory of Nikki McIntosh and Takala Truhlik
- Jana and Nickou Oskoui

- Thanks to all GPA-CT foster families, without whom GPA-CT's work isn't possible.
- Thanks to everyone who adds to the donation boxes at the GPA-CT Meet & Greets.
- Thanks to everyone who so generously purchases raffle tickets, calendars, cookbooks, t-shirts, and other GPA-CT merchandise.
- Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time at various GPA-CT events.
- Thanks to everyone who uses their Randall's/Safeway card and has designated GPA-CT as a beneficiary.
- Thanks to everyone who donates through Soup Peddler's Soup Sharing program.

Adoptions

DATE	FOSTER NAME (RACING NAME) [NEW NAME]	ADOPTED BY
March 6	Cruiser (EJ's Cruiser)	Mike and Holly Waldon and greyhound, Argos
March 8	Jax (Junior)	Alex and Missy Swain
April 15	Trey (Whistler's Ray)	Ron and Sandy Schultz, Rebecca and Melissa, greyhounds Blaze and Glory, cats and guinea pigs
April 16	Gussie (Gestaldt)	Alex and Missy Swain and greyhound Jax
May 14	Spritzer (Solas Spritzer)	Lonnie Lepp and Jen Bryan, and Jacob, greyhound Tigger and countless cats
May 19	Candi (Candi Devine)	Kathleen Lattavo
June 18	Flo (Finish It Flo)	Ken and Bonnie Miller
June 20	Minnie (Dd's Miss Minge)	Sally McIntosh and sighthounds Murphy, Sascha, Sandy, Concho, and Bodhi



In Memoriam

Annie (February 27) — beloved greyhound of Mark Talarico
 Bella (March 22) — beloved greyhound of Michele Truhlik
 Shadow (March 31) — beloved greyhound of Hannah and Paul Baxter
 River [Coldwater Duvall] (April 25) — beloved greyhound of Belinda Hansen
 Ericka Greyce (April 29) — beloved greyhound of Guy Buddenhagen
 Tony — beloved greyhound of Don and Audrey Hurley
 Jumpy (May 4) — precious greyhound
 Thelma (May 8) — precious greyhound
 Gracie (May 20) — beloved greyhound of Gail Nord
 Josh (June 5) — beloved greyhound of Lucy Salzman
 Amie (June 20) — beloved greyhound of Judith and Wayne Thorburn
 Niles (June 23) — beloved greyhound of Tim and Jen Bell

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miles to the clinic in late afternoon traffic with the windows cracked and the AC on high and two very nervous dogs pacing in the back of your Cherokee. And you're happy to do it. Really. Because you just saved two lives.

THE GPA-CT COMMITMENT

GPA-CT is absolutely committed to finding homes for retired racers and for greyhounds who, though bred for the racing industry, don't cut the mustard. The past year, though, we've been inundated with dogs — a number of them tattooed, with identifiable owners — who somehow landed in the Austin area. They come from Massachusetts and Kansas and Corpus Christi. We're pretty sure they didn't get here on their own; we're pretty sure they didn't come because they heard that Austin is the Live Music Capital of the World. Maybe they were match racing or rabbit running. Maybe they escaped from a kennel or a transport. Maybe someone tied a former pet to a fence and drove away. Once they're here — however they got here — we're going to deal with them.

GPA-CT is the only sighthound group certified to remove animals from Town Lake Animal Center, and we do, over and over. In fact, just since January 1, we've done it at least nine times. We also fetched a dog found running loose in southeast Austin by a good Samaritan who called us, so that makes ten new "strayhounds" who entered our adoption program in less than six months — one every two and a half weeks. And ten dogs from responsible folks within the racing industry who are still waiting for foster slots — and forever homes.

The solutions to these problems are complex, the causes multiple. For our part, we're working with the Texas Greyhound Association to identify ways to encourage responsible owner behavior. We dutifully complete paperwork needed to maintain our "approved" rescue status at TLAC so we can continue to bail out shelter dogs. We recruit, train, and honor foster families, and we market our adoptables as best we can. We get on our high horse about spaying and neutering and tagging and secure gates, and we're occasionally rude to people who disagree. We beg for kennel space from the generous folks at Dog Camp and Rising Star, beg for help from generous trainers like Barbara Perry and Cara Vacchiano, beg for money to pay the vet bill and buy the Frontline and treat the hookworms.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Want to help? There's so much you can do. Become a foster family. Spay and neuter all your pets. Donate to GPA-CT's Real Ransom III DVM Emergency Medical Fund. Tell everyone you see what great pets greyhounds make. Vote for funds in your community that support improvements in shelter facilities and personnel, low-cost spay-neuter programs, and humane education. Praise those who support animal welfare, and don't be afraid to stand up to those who don't. And, if you're the praying sort, send a message tonight requesting forever families for the wonderful strays whose lives we've saved — Jones, Rufus, Dusty, Shiner, Kelly, Tommy, Doogie, and all the others — so that the next time we get that call from the responsible greyhound farm, the folks trying to do right by their retired racers, we can welcome them with open arms and hearts and homes.

GPA-CENTRAL TEXAS MEET & GREETs

First Saturdays
Town Lake stroll

First Sundays
REI
9901 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

Second Saturdays
Tomlinson's Westlake
3300 Bee Cave Rd.

Third Saturdays
Petco Austin-South
5601 Brodie Lane

Third Saturdays
Petco Temple
2112 SW H.K. Dodgen
Loop, Temple

Fourth Saturdays
Petco Austin-North
(Arboretum)
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Please check <www.gpacentraltexas.org> for the most up-to-date information on these and other GPA-CT events.

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2006 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars now reduced in price

The 2006 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars are now reduced in price — wall calendars are \$10 and the desk calendar/day planner is \$12. Even though we're past the first of the year, don't forget that this calendar (with its beautiful pictures of greyhounds) includes the month of January 2007. What a bargain! Calendars are available at Meet & Greet, or by contacting Sally at 512/301-8236 or ghoundsally@earthlink.net.

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 grey way to stay informed.

GPA-CT membership dates change

Beginning in 2006, GPA-CT adopted a uniform date for annual memberships. By vote of the board, member dues of \$25/household are now payable on February 14 of each year. What a grey way to celebrate Valentine's Day and your love for the hounds! This change enormously simplifies our group's recordkeeping and standardizes member notification to once a year. If your dues don't seem important, consider this: if our roughly 300 past and present members all paid this relatively small amount, we could put \$7,500 to work caring for and placing dozens of dogs. Has it been a while since you paid your fully tax deductible dues? Then clip the donation form on the outside of this issue of Paws & Reflect and bring your membership up to date! Thanks very much for your support.

Slurp soup and raise money for greyhounds — at the same time!

A unique Austin business, the Soup Peddler, will donate to GPA-CT 5% of every purchase we make! Several GPA-CT members are already regular "soupies." We've been enjoying not just soup but also salads, main dishes, vegetables, and desserts that are delivered to our front porches once a week. With vegetarian dishes, choices for carnivores, and a wealth of kid-friendly selections, it's hard to choose without maxing out the credit card. To learn more and to place a secure order, please go to the Soup Peddler's special GPA-CT Web site, <http://www.souppeddler.com/?Click=7017>.

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Please don't forget GPA-CT when you make your will or the next time you update your will (which should be done periodically — things change!). Your gift of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 or more would make a huge difference to the chapter as we try to meet our mission of finding responsible loving homes for greyhounds which fail to qualify for the racetrack or no longer qualify for the racetrack, to acquaint the public with the desirability of greyhounds as pets, and to inform the public of the availability of these dogs for adoption.

What greater gift than to continue making an impact for the good after you're no longer alive to do so? The greyhounds we will meet and endeavor to help in the future will thank you.

Upcoming GPA-CT special events

For the most up-to-date information on GPA-CT's participation in special events (including directions), visit www.gpacentraltexas.org. While at the Web site, sign up for the email announcement list to receive the latest GPA-CT news.

AUSTIN HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-20
Austin Convention Center

HALF-PRICE BOOKS MEET & GREET

Saturday, Aug. 19
Parmer Ln. @ Mopac

NAT'L GREYHOUND CONFERENCE

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 8-10
San Diego, Calif.

GREYHOUND PLANET DAY

featuring Speed Alley
and quarterly membership
meeting
Saturday, Sept. 23
Polo Picnic Grounds, Zilker Park

SPEED ALLEY

October and November
Dates and location TBA

CHUY'S CHILDREN GIVING TO CHILDREN PARADE

Saturday, Nov. 25

GEORGETOWN STROLL

December

HOLIDAY PARTY

plus quarterly membership
meeting
December

Austin Home & Garden Show

FRIDAY, AUG. 18: 2-8 PM

SATURDAY, AUG. 19: 10 AM-8 PM

SUNDAY, AUG. 20: 11 AM-5 PM

AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Contact Lana Henley at execsec@gpacentraltexas.org

GPA-CT has been invited to appear once again at the Austin Home & Garden Show at the Austin Convention Center. Why? Because the greyhounds are the HIT of the show! Folks pack the aisles and wait patiently to pet a greyhound and to ask questions. Vendors in booths surrounding ours request the same location at the next show in order to take advantage of the crowd draw.

Won't you consider bringing your hound to act as an ambassador for his breed and our cause?

Your dog must be child friendly as many parents are not responsible in introducing their children to the dogs properly. Your hound must also be clean (bathed, nails trimmed, ears cleaned, good-smelling breath). Please contact Lana Henley at execsec@gpacentraltexas.org if you can help educate the public about retired racers as pets. Shifts of three to four hours are available all three days.

Half-Price Book Meet & Greet

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

2500 W. PARMER LN. (AT MOPAC)

Join GPA-CT for this special Meet & Greet at the grand opening of Half-Price Books newest store, featuring music, food, hounds and other special guests. Stay tuned to the Web site for more information about the event and volunteering.

Greyhound Planet Day

featuring Speed Alley
and quarterly membership meeting

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

POLO PICNIC GROUNDS, ZILKER PARK

Greyhound Planet Day is an international event created to raise the public's awareness of the wonder and magic of greyhounds as pets, and to honor those greyhounds who have left us already. Please join Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas for our local Greyhound Planet Day in celebrating our greyhounds and remembering those that have left us. This year's event will feature Speed Alley and GPA-CT's quarterly membership meeting. Check the Web site for forthcoming information and times.



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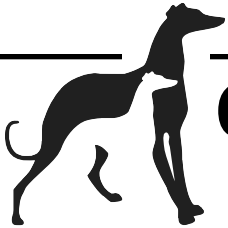
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Mail your donations to P.O. Box 10069, Austin TX 78766

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Name(s) of greyhound(s) _____

Email address _____

Please add me to the GPA-CT email announcement list.

Donation amount \$ _____

- Membership (\$25 yearly per household; payable Feb. 14)
- Donation to GPA-CT general operating fund
- Donation to The Real Ransom III DVM Emergency Medical Fund

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