

MINUTES of
**Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas
Special Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas Board of Directors was held in the cafe at H-E-B Central Market (4001 N. Lamar) in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. The meeting convened at 7:47 p.m., President Pam Cook presiding, and Donna Seago, corresponding secretary.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT

Glen Bridge, Barbara Clark, Pam Cook, Emily Hutson, Sally McIntosh, Donna Seago, and Angie Smith

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Doug Bevins and John Koonz

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President: Pam informed the officers and directors present of a situation regarding Gilda, a greyhound originally adopted through the GPA/California-Orange County and Greater Los Angeles chapter.

Corresponding Secretary: Donna read the email exchanges between Sally, Joyce McRorie of GPA/CA-OC&GLA, and Jennifer Hutchings (a recent GPA-CT adopter) regarding Gilda. (Copies of emails are attached.)

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Placement Coordinator: Sally summarized her email and phone correspondence with Joyce McRorie, and also her conversation with Jennifer Hutchings which took place at the Texas Home & Garden Show on Sept. 9.

A very brief, combined summary of all reports:

- On Aug. 30, Sally received a phone call from the adopters of Gilda, who now live in the Austin area, wishing to return her because she was showing aggression toward their new baby.

- Sally emailed Joyce McRorie of GPA/CA-OC&GLA, the original adopting chapter, to make her aware of the situation. Joyce first called Sally to let her know GPA/CA-OC&GLA wanted the dog returned to their chapter. Sally put Joyce and the adopter in touch so they could discuss the situation directly.

- Later on Aug. 31, Joyce emailed Sally to let her know that Cheryl King of Heart of Texas Greyhounds "is going to take care of this." Joyce also inquired in this email about GPA-CT's justification for accepting greyhound mixes into its adoption program. Sally replied to Joyce about GPA-CT's position on mixes; several emails were exchanged on the topic and Joyce made clear to Sally that she did not approve of GPA-CT's position regarding mixes.

- On Sept. 4, Rory Goree, GPA National president, sent out an email on the NationalGPA Yahoo! list addressing the GPA policy regarding returned greyhounds.
- Also late on Sept. 4, Jennifer H. sent an email to Sally and Pam letting them know that she was in possession of Gilda and that Joyce of GPA/CA-OC&GLA was willing to release her to GPA-CT. No officer or director from GPA-CT was privy to any of the discussions from Aug. 31 until now about Gilda, not does any GPA-CT officer or director know how or why Gilda ended up with Jennifer H.
- On Sept. 5, Jennifer H. disclosed that Gilda had been evaluated as a dog with Level 4 aggression by Cara Vacchiano of Buddy's Chance Training Center, who had informed Gilda's adopters that she should not be placed with children or other dogs. Sally informed Jennifer H. not to commit GPA-CT to anything re: Gilda. In a phone conversation with Jennifer H. late on Sept. 5, Jennifer H. told Sally she would driving Gilda to Arizona where she would be met by a representative of GPA/CA-OC&GLA.
- On Sept. 9 at the Texas Home & Garden Show, Jennifer informed Sally that Joyce told Jennifer that she was filing a formal complaint with GPA National against GPA-CT for our unwillingness to help with the return of Gilda.

Action item: Pam will invite Jennifer H. to either attend the next Board of Directors meeting, or provide emails or other written explanation in order to help GPA-CT fill in the gaps in our knowledge between being told GPA-CT's help was not needed with Gilda and when/how Gilda came to be in the possession of Jennifer, and her discussions with Joyce et al. regarding the filing of a formal complaint against GPA-CT.

NEW BUSINESS

- Proxy Voting Form for GPA National board meeting, Sept. 21
The proxy voting form was reviewed; all motions were discussed and voted on.

Action item: Pam will fax the proxy voting form to Liz Ardell, GPA National executive secretary, no later than Sept. 17.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Donna Seago, Corresponding Secretary

Approved: September 18, 2007