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Message From The Board

Summer Greetings! Here we are near the end of the summer, we have had eight Homecoming days, brought in 82 really nice hounds and adopted out 83. As expected, we brought in fewer greys this year than last but are still on target to adopt 120 to 130. This is a goodly number since we have also brought in a few bounce backs from both our group and others. On the financial side, the good news is that our income is keeping up with our expenses. And in an effort to find a bit more "almost free" money one of our super volunteers has doggedly applied for grants and blessedly a few have come in! At the same time we have been fortunate that several supporters have figured out how to get matching funds or straight donations from their companies. These checks are always quite nice and often unexpected!

Our Socials -- The other absolutely greyt news is that the GreySave Socials continue to be successes both for socializing and for raising money! The May "**Race to the Park**" was our biggest event yet. We estimate that approximately 330 people and 264 hounds attended. This event brought in the most money to date of any GreySave event at just over \$10K. It was also our biggest in terms of vendor participation. The '09 Oktoberfest was a wonderful event too, hosting approximately 200 people and 160 dogs. The '09 Oktoberfest location, like the Race to the Park location, has turned out to be a good place for the group so we will have our next **Oktoberfest** event at the same park. Just in case you missed last fall's event, this year's event will be on **October 16th at Schabarum Regional Park, 17250 East Colima Rd, in Rowland Heights.** This is a nice and private location, with good amenities so mark your calendars!

Helping the greys in other ways -- In November '09 GreySave and Homestretch Greyhound Rescue & Adoption got together and applied for a \$5,000 Grant from **PetCo** to help pay for the transportation of greyhounds impacted by the Phoenix Track closure and its ripple effect on the Tucson track. The money is now used up and because of it 81 hounds have made it safely to adoption groups in the west and northwest. A majority of the grant was used to pay for transportation, a small amount used for food before transport and the rest used to provide emergency care for 2 greys that were severely injured in Tucson. GreySave will soon report back to **PetCo** and apply for a future grant! Hopefully, they will bless the hounds again so we will be able to help more greys that otherwise could be stuck in Tucson or even sent to Caliente where the ride south is free!

What else is new -- Most of what is new is on the website! The first thing you will notice is that our webmaster has changed the home page to make it easier to find the information you are looking for. To learn more about the changes check out the write up on the Home Page. Next we have compiled an extensive list of veterinarians in and around the Southern CA area. The list not only includes our GreySave Foster vets it has many other listings that GreySave friends and adopters tell us are experienced with greyhounds and provide greyt care. You can find the list at <http://greysave.org/vets.php> and by very special request we have added a Rainbow Bridge section. The site a section for GreySave adoptees and another for all the greyhound friends we have lost. You can find this site at <http://greysave.org/rainbowbridge.php>. There are instructions on what to provide Jim, our webmaster, to add a tribute to your greyhound that has crossed the bridge. (See page 3 of this newsletter)

We predicted '10 would be a year of challenges, and it has been. But it has also been a good year for the greys and for the GreySave as we continue to grow and serve the greyhound community. Thank you for your continued support.

-The GreySave Board. 

The Two Special Greyhound Gifts!

By Cathy Kiburtz

I have been thinking about my older greys and how they have enriched our lives. I have also been thinking what else we could give to them in return besides a soft couch, pets, trips in the car, walkies, great eating opportunities, and health care to hopefully keep them with us a bit longer. I know if they were to answer they would say *"Please no new fosters! They are so irritating and clueless."* But since they can't yet talk, I came up with two health issues that I believe can significantly affect their health and therefore future.


One is their weight.

I often get asked at Home Visits how to tell if a greyhound is overweight and/or looking fit and trim. Since greys are naturally thin, people not familiar with them think they look too skinny and want to or just need to fatten them up right from the 1st day of adoption. Unfortunately, I have seen more than one slightly tubby greyhound and it is very hard not to say something. So exactly how do you know if your grey is enjoying their retirement meals and treats too much? I think that there are two practical ways. One is the "rib" rule. That means you should be able to "see" one or two ribs without having to search for them. Another maybe more scientific way, is to check their current weight against their racing weight. Just to make sure I was not too getting too crazy since they really look "too skinny" when they come in I went to Greyhound Data website at <http://www.greyhound-data.com/> and checked what my hound's race weights were. I then checked with my vet to see what their weight was at their last visit. I was actually pleasantly surprised to find out that 4 of the Kiburtz hounds were within a pound of their official racing weight! The only exception was Patty. She is our 12 year old brindle beauty and I must admit that her rib cage may be a bit more hidden than it should be. Per the database she should be about 55 pounds and she is 58. That does not sound like much but when you think of a slinky greyhound body 3 pounds can be just over 5% of their weight. Five or 6 pounds could be 10% and that could be significant to their health. So you ask, why does their weight matter? Well it is just like extra pounds on humans, should I say more. But back to greyhounds, I do think they are much better off when on the thin side especially with their long extended backs and skinny legs plus I think they like to be recognized for the true athletes they are, not funny looking labs!

The other is their pearly whites.

We all know that greys come off the track with all sorts of track yuck on their teeth. It is sooo bad there is a name for it - "greyhound teeth"! At the track they eat a soft diet particularly bad for debris buildup. I believe they refer to their food as three D food. You can fill in the blank as to what the 3 D's are. If you have never seen track teeth then stop by on Homecoming and look inside any of the hounds mouths. Their teeth and breath actually gives me the creeps so I don't look too hard since I know they will get a good cleaning when they are undergoing surgery. However, dental care cannot stop at adoption. Yes, I am guilty of tooth neglect too. I probably dislike the teeth cleaning process more than the greys do, but to keep them healthy I must periodically roll up my sleeves, get down on the floor, get out a tooth brush or cloth and get cleaning. Actually our greys, except for Abigale, are pretty cool with the handling and attention. Abigale has personal body handling issues! If you can't do it yourselves then you really need to get some professional help. There are vets that do non-sedated dentals if the teeth are not too bad. There are some very skilled in home dental technicians. Some even specialize in greyhounds, go figure! And if all else fails, there are sedated dentals done at the vets too. So what happens if you don't take care of their teeth? GreySave has taken in several previously adopted greys that their teeth were in such bad condition and painful that the grey had reportedly taken to bad behavior! One little girl came in with teeth so bad that the vet lost count after 36 teeth either fell out during her dental or needed to be removed just to make her safe from severe pain and infection. I think greys, like other dogs, have 42 teeth so 36+ did not leave many left! Recently, one big boy came in with a molar so bad it was black with infection. So how does this happen?



I think there are several reasons. One, we really don't want to pick at our greys teeth, how yucky. We remember our childhood dogs and say no one ever cleaned their teeth! Wow, that is true but it did not mean they did not have rotten teeth and smelly mouths. Or maybe we just don't know where to begin or don't understand how bad it is for them to sit around with rotten teeth and bad gums. Actually, as a test I just brushed several of my grey's teeth, mid-afternoon as they slept. Interesting, they were so undisturbed by this that one never even woke up! She licked her lips, opened an eye and looked at me strangely but that was it. So why not give it a try. Start slowly, make it a positive experience and remember you can't make up for a lack of cleanings in one session. Just use a tooth brush, finger brush, clean facecloth and maybe even work up to a children's electric tooth brush. But start now to give your grey a pearly white grin and healthy mouth. Also GreySave will soon be putting up an article on suggestions on how to clean your grey's teeth as there seems to be more than one way to get grey results. 

- *New Stuff on the GreySave Website* -

Veterinarians

<http://www.greysave.org/vets.php>

We are often asked to recommend veterinarians that have experience working with greyhounds. The vets who partner with GreySave may not be near all of our adopters, so below you will find both vets that work with us and vets who GreySave members tell us are experienced with greyhounds and provide great service.

If you decide to consider using one of the almost 100 vets listed on the page, please don't wait until an emergency occurs. Investigate the clinic beforehand and learn the route from your home to the office so that you can act quickly should the need arise. Vets like to see a pet first while healthy to establish "baseline" against which to measure the animal's condition when sick.

The veterinarians all have experience working with greyhounds. The veterinarians listed in BLUE work regularly with GreySave to provide quality veterinary care for our foster greyhounds. They have a significant number of greyhound patients. The vets listed in BLACK do not work directly with GreySave, but have been recommended by greyhound adopters who are happy with the care they have provided to their greys. The emergency vets are listed in RED.



Rainbow Bridge

<http://www.greysave.org/rainbowbridge.php>

The Rainbow Bridge page is a memorial to the greyhounds belonging to members of the GreySave family who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge (died). The first section is a tribute to greyhounds who were adopted through GreySave. The second section, Greyhound Friends of GreySave, honors greys who were not adopted through GreySave but have passed on since the owners became part of the GreySave family.

If you would like to add your dog to the Rainbow Bridge page feel free to send us tributes to any greyhound who has passed on since you became a part of the GreySave family, whether or not you adopted the grey from us. If you would like your hound to be honored on our Rainbow Bridge webpage, send the following information to Jim Jeffers at: jeffersjs@gmail.com

1. Basic info: Dog's name in adoption, its GreySave name if adopted from us, its racing name if you know it and would like to include it, date of birth and date of passing, sex, and color.
2. Tribute: Write a brief tribute to your dog. Please limit your tribute to 250 words.
3. Photo: Send us your ONE favorite photo of your grey. Attach the digital image to your email message. If you only have a hard copy photo, contact Jim at the email above for help.

Donations Wanted!

Among the more important sources of funding for GreySave is the raffles and auctions at our annual Race to the Park! Picnic in May and Fall Social in October, and the garage sales held at Sue Blair's home. We end up with so much more money for greyhound adoption and rescue if we don't have to buy the items that we raffle or auction off.

That's where you come in. The items you donate likely will earn more money for us than you paid for them, so your donation will be multiplied. Also, your donations are tax deductible. You might talk to your employer about a donation. Businesses often donate goods and services as part of their service to the community. You can tell them that we are a Federal 501 (c) (3) and California non-profit corporation so their donation is tax deductible, and that we will honor them for their donation at our event (i.e., a bit of free publicity).

What to donate to our raffles and auctions: items that have greyhound themes (such as a statue or picture of a greyhound, or greyhound jewelry), or that a greyhound would enjoy (such as collars, toys, treats), or that a greyhound owner would enjoy (such as movie tickets, gift cards, calendars). Please donate new items unless an item has value because of its age or despite its age (such as an antique greyhound clock). Note: please don't donate food items with expiration dates too soon before our next big event.

What to donate to our garage sales: pretty much anything that is in working condition, new or used.

To donate items to our auctions or raffles, or if you have questions about what we need most, contact Stephanie Shields (951) 505-5570. To donate to our garage sales, contact Sue Blair: 714-636-3919.

H I K I N G H O U N D S

For all you hearty hikers who have a Greyhound.....We discovered that Greyhounds have plenty of “trail smarts” and that they make great trail companions. We had a day-hike planned that would take us up to an elevation of over 6,000 feet. The narrow ascending foot trail crossed multiple streams and we had free range cattle for company along with all the other wildlife that provided great interest and distraction to our Greyhound. Our hiking group included multiple dogs that were off leash and able to scurry around freely. We had the one hound and knew she could not join in the 4-legged-off-the-leash fun. We almost left her at home because of our perceived difficulty in keeping her on a leash while working hiking poles and balancing day packs, and then there were the many water crossings. Our worries grew until we almost didn’t take her. We nearly denied ourselves and our hound a wonderful, fun and surprising day! Almost as soon as we left the trail head, our Greyhound acted like she had many years of trail hiking experience. She kept her place on trail, shadowed us across the water crossings and stopped mid-stream to wait for her human who had fallen in the water. She was always watchful of the cattle but she never left trail. The other hound’s excited antics kept her entertained but she always kept her place between us. One of us was always in front of her and the other one was behind her on the narrow trail. We used our hiking poles which caused her some initial concern but she quickly adjusted. Our hound’s trail smarts impressed everyone in our group. When it came time to rest and have a little lunch break, she was happy to lay in the meadow and soak up some sun! Our younger companions thought she looked like a baby deer lying in the grass. They had never seen a Greyhound. We never expected our Greyhound to be such a wonderful hiker and we are looking forward to many more great hiking experiences with our new companion! Our advise to all you hikers; put on your gear, grab your poles, and don’t forget your greyhound!



-Loalea Underwood

Note from the Board: Be smart when taking your dog hiking. A black dog and mid-day heat do not mix. And make sure your dog is physically in shape. Just like us, they too need to work up to strenuous hikes. As always, consult your vet if there are any questions.

It’s a Small World After All

Normal greyhound litters consist of 6 to 10 puppies in most cases. Most of the time all puppies go to the same racing kennel / owner for training in hopes they will be good enough to make it to the track. Of all the thousands of dogs born each year a large percentage never make it to the starting gates. And of the ones that do hundreds are retired each year when they stop making money for their owners or due to the race track closing.

In GreySave’s short 4 years of operation we have had over 450+ dogs go through our adoption program and go on to their loving forever homes. So what do you think would be the odds that we have taken in 3 dogs from the same litter as these dogs race all over the United States. Not much, but this has happened with 4 litters. And in some cases it has been 2 or more

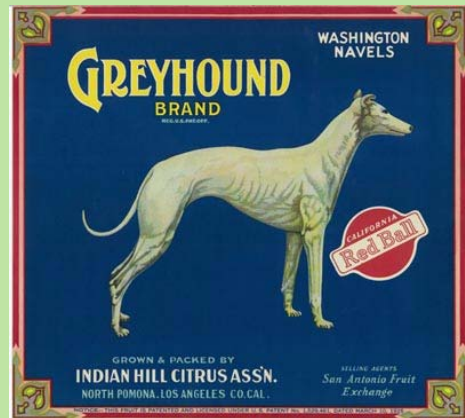
years before we picked up the 3rd littermate.

To make this more of a rarity we, as a foster home, just fostered “Swiftly” (BW’s Swiftly) is sister to her brother “Quigley” (BW’s Superman) who we had back in Aug. 2008. The first dog of this litter was not our foster. She was “Winnemucca” (BW’s Sheila), who has been named “Winnie” by her adoptive parents. She came to GreySave in May, 2008. This just proves it is a small world after all.

-Jay & Stephanie Shields

GreySave Adoptions - since May 2010

<u>Dog</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ella	Stanton	Myrtle	Manhattan Beach
Rehanna	W. Hollywood	Nitro	Huntington Beach
Angel	Highland	Laura	La Habra Hts.
Meteor	La Canada	Millie	Hollywood
Murray	Valencia	Major	La Cresenta
Stanley	Bakersfield	Amber	Torrance
Patrice	Chino	Kathy	Bakersfield
Krissy	Altadena	Viv	Long Beach
PacMan	Rancho Mirage	Swiftie	Los Angeles
Rodger	Glendale	Rockette	Los Angeles
Stella	Canyon Country	Vinny	Tustin
Glenda	Seal Beach		
Sybilla	Long Beach		
Walter	Long Beach		
Sinbad	Hollywood		
Boris	La Habra		
Taylor	Bakersfield		
Haley	Orange		
Dove	West Hills		
Adam	Bakersfield		
Priscilla	Long Beach		
Kristan	Montebello		



Race to the Park Vendors

We hope you enjoyed GreySave's spring "Race to the Park" picnic. We were so happy to have **so** many vendors this year! In case you saw something you wanted and didn't get it that day, need a service now that you didn't need then, or you just were not able to attend, we thought we would provide you a contact list and a *brief* description of their products or services. Go to their website or e mail them for more information.

Products:

<http://barkandwhinebakery.com/> Homemade dog cookies
www.dancingduck.com Custom and handcrafted gift items
www.Arthouse2230.com hand-crafted, dog-themed cards
www.greyhoundstudies.com Art and clothing by Kathy Hoynes
www.greytcollars.com custom leather martingale collars
www.greytthreads.com custom embroidery specializing in Greyhound designs
www.NaturaPet.com natural pet foods
<http://homepage.mac.com/debbey/PhotoAlbum6.html> fur-lined martingale collars and beaded necklaces
www.pawprintspictures.com/ professional pet photographer
moonlabmom@aol.com Cement stepping stones with a canine theme
<http://pet-pac.com/index.html> The pet survival and travel pack.
www.silkroadcollars.com/ a collar to you, a wardrobe to your dog.
www.easyturf.com/pet-grass/dog-grass Have a Dog AND a Beautiful Lawn!
www.smiledogclothing.com/ Unisex Hawaiian style shirts for your hound
www.sewgreyt.com Handmade martingale style walking collars
Faithful Friends - oil portraits of our canine friends by Debra Freeman. Check her out on face book.



Faithful Friends



Services:

essenceofenergy@hotmail.com Animal Communicator
www.easingpaw.com/ animal massage and energy therapy
<http://equineshockwave.com/index.html> Veterinary chiropractic
<http://guardianaftercare.com/index.htm> compassionate and dignified pet aftercare services.
www.liebeairedales.com/ canine good citizen testing
<http://houndstoothpetdental.com/> non-atheistic dental service



Are you a Fewterer?

What is a Fewterer?

A dog keeper, especially someone who looks after greyhounds, is called a *fewterer*. <http://f2.org/humour/language/oddwords.html#fewterer> The fewterer was the keeper and handler of the greyhounds in medieval and Renaissance society. They took the hounds in "couples" into the fields for the hunt, and released them at the appointed time. While being a fewterer was usually a peasant's position, it was a well-respected one. Only the wealthy and nobility were allowed to use hounds for hunting at that time. According to ancestry.com, it may also show up on ancestral records or censuses as an occupation. For more information check out the history of the greyhound section on the GreySave website under rules of coursing.

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

It's that time of year again. If you are registered with Ralphs Community Contribution Program for GreySave you must renew once a year. The new term begins on Sept. 1, 2010. You can register or re-register for the new term at www.Ralphs.com or by using the scanbar letter at the register starting **September 1, 2010**. Please continue your participation in this program. It does help. Ralphs GreySave shoppers have provided GreySave with over \$2000 in contributions. If you are not registered and would like to be a part of this program or would like to know more, please go to the website and read "Community Contribution".



Be a GreySave Benefactor

As the number of greyhounds we save grows so do our costs. Despite the heroic efforts of our volunteers and veterinarians, and despite the fact that no one takes a dime in salary, GreySave's adoption fee only covers part of our costs. That's in part because a certain number of dogs we take in are sick or injured. GreySave only continues to function because of the over and above giving of wonderful folks like you. As a GreySave Benefactor, you will receive: everything from your name immortalized on our Benefactor Walk of Fame, free admission to our events, free raffle tickets, free spa treatments, to custom embroidered polo shirts and jackets. See our Benefactor page on the [website](#) (under the Help menu.) for the details.

A man going into a small shop sees a sign on the door saying "Beware of the Dog". Going in a bit cautiously, he sees a Greyhound asleep in the middle of the floor. "Hi" he says to the shopkeeper, "is that the dog you're warning about?" "Yes, that's him alright" says the shopkeeper. "Well he doesn't look dangerous, does he?" replied the man. "Why do you have that sign up?" "Before I put that sign up" said the shopkeeper, "people kept tripping over him".

Changed your email address?
Still want to be on GreySave's email list?
Please go to www.greysave.org
And rejoin the list.

How many Greyhounds does it take to change a light bulb?

Greyhounds won't change a light bulb. It's not food and it isn't moving, so they'll all stay on the sofa, thank you.

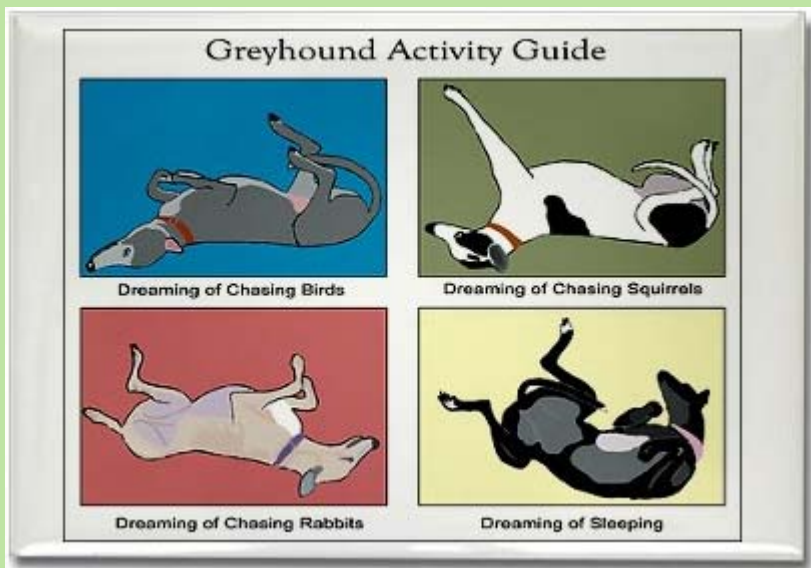
Two Greyhounds named Mike and Tyler, were talking to each other.

Mike: Hi Tyler, what's wrong, you're looking kinda down.

Tyler: Yeah, I've been feeling depressed lately. I don't know what to do about it.

Mike: Maybe you should go see a psychiatrist.

Tyler: Oh, I would, but I'm not allowed on the couch.

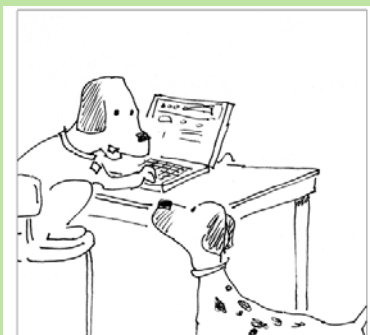


-Wanted-

- Your greyt stories-
- Your greyt dog photos-
- Your greyt jokes-
- Your greyt input-

Send your "stuff" to Mike at Racing-heritage@roadrunner.com

GreySave is now on Facebook®!



"On Facebook, 273 people know I'm a dog. The rest can only see my limited profile."



Racing Videos from Phoenix Greyhound Park

If you email **Drew Stewart** at Phoenix Greyhound Park and tell him your dog's racing name he will look and tell you if he has his/her races. (You can of course look them up for yourself and save him time) He said that he has most races back about 20 years. Just some of the older ones are on VHS. Drew's email address is drewlstewart@gmail.com. The cost is \$5.00 per race plus shipping, or 5 races for \$20.00 plus shipping (usually \$4.00). Note: These videos will still be available after the track closes, but not forever.

His address is:
Phoenix Greyhound Park
ATTN: Drew Stewart
3801 E. Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85034