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Greyhounds Only will celebrate its fourteenth annual reunion on Sunday, November 8, at the Warren Park Field House, located at 6601 N. Western Avenue, Chicago. The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run until 3:30 p.m. As always, everyone and their greyhounds are invited. The admission fee is \$8 for humans; hounds enter for free! Tell your friends and family.

This year we'll have a few new vendors, including Clay Greys and Collar of the Month. Many previous vendors will return as well, such as Grey Oaks Photography. We'll have bag raffles and live and silent auctions. The ever-popular doggy games will be held. Adoptable hounds will be in attendance . . . maybe a few of you have room to add to your pack!

A call will go out soon for volunteers to help with this year's reunion. It is you, the volunteer, who makes GO as successful as it is. We'll need volunteers on Saturday to help set up. On Sunday, volunteers will greet attendees, tend to the GO merchandise booth, sell raffle tickets, and clean up afterward. More detailed information will be e-mailed to all GO members regarding the different shifts available. For immediate information, you can e-mail goreunion@gmail.com.

Hope to see you all on November 8!

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HEALTH

Biting Back at Allergies

BY DR. BARBARA ROYAL

The noise wakes you up from a sound sleep: an itchy dog, scratching with a jingling collar, thump, thump, thump . . . What causes this foot-chewing, ankle-gnawing, skin-licking sleeplessness? And more important, what can you do about it?

Skin irritation can be a sign of allergies. And allergies, in people and in animals, can be difficult to cure fully. But the itchiness may signal another condition, such as flea or mite infestation; a bacterial or fungal skin infection; cuts; burns (hot summer blacktop?); pain from arthritis; nail problems; bruising, raw areas, or abrasions on the paws (such as from too much running on abrasive surfaces, or scuffing while walking); chewing gum or tar stuck to the pad (not kidding!); splinters or foreign bodies; burrs or weeds in the skin; matted fur; immune system disorders; behavior problems; anxiety; and, sometimes, nerve pain or tingling from back issues or neuropathies.

So it’s best to rule out what you can with a veterinarian first. After that, here are some options for treating allergies.

Diet

Allergies tend to be cumulative, and usually you need exposure to a certain number of allergens before you really see any clinical signs. So we try to reduce the possible sources of antigen exposure.

One place is in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. While it doesn’t make sense to me that a carnivore can develop a true allergy to any meat, there are definitely problems to be solved with food-related allergies. If the GI tract is a poor barrier for allergens, you will be adding to the antigen load with every meal. This increases the chance of seeing signs of allergies. I find that if I make the digestive tract healthier, an animal that used to be “allergic” to, say, chicken can start eating it again.

One way to do this is to eliminate grains, especially corn and wheat, and avoid nonmeat protein sources such as peanut butter, soy, or pea proteins. Look for the protein percentage on the label and make sure there’s enough for a carnivore (greater than 30 percent dry matter). This is especially important in the all-muscle greyhound!

As grains, soy, and peanut butter have become omnipresent in dog food, you must check labels on everything that goes into the dog’s mouth—food, treats, chews. Avoid all forms of these grains: wheat, wheat meal, wheat glutens, spelt, maize (corn), high-fructose corn syrup, corn solids, and corn meal (it’s in a lot of forms). These grains are implicated in intestinal inflammation, which makes the GI tract less selective about what kinds of molecules it allows into the bloodstream. If there’s no one watching the door to the animal’s inner sanctum, all kinds of riff-raff can get in. And that adds to the antigen load.

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Congratulations to Our New Adopters and Their Dogs

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- Ashley Alexander & Blazer/Mother
Victoria Anderson & Wink
Molly Backes and Natalie Kossar & Ossmosis
Maria and Michael Banuelos & Orion
Todd and Sara Barnett & Hoosie
Geoff Bauer and Anna Lam & Ward
Nadia Bedricky and Roman Voytsekhovskiy & Eddie
Sue Bond & Ashley
Rebecca Bruening and Mike Berg & Fantasia
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Heather Davydovits and Adam Brand & Cabana
Chris and Jennifer Dillon & Idaho
Marilyn Ezri & Flower
Jannie and Mitchell Favus & Porsche
Esteban Francis and Robert Marvin & Berry
Edmund Furlan and Sara DeMaria & Candy
Janice Gawin & Chloe
Brian and Sarah Gibbs & Tully
Margaret and David Hannon & Butter
Bruce and Amanda Hanson & Hawk
Arlene and Mike Harvey & Bob
Pam Hendrix and Mary Rapp & Molly
Frankie Holley & Tinkerbell
James Isaueson and Gina James & Muffin
Mark and Bozena Jakubowski & Scion
Dave and Veronica Kagen & Talent
John Kahler and Carol Rowehl & Colorful
Joy Kalligeros and Donald Klappauf & Merit
(now known as Luke)
May and Farid Karini & Ariel
Keith and Monica Kinslow & Flip

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Vaccination

Allergies are all about the immune system reacting and not regulating itself well. It is helpful to keep the immune system as healthy as possible by trying not to overtax, overstimulate, or overburden it. This leads to the discussion about vaccination.

Vaccination stimulates the immune system so that it will respond aggressively to an invading infectious agent. Vaccines have helped decrease incidence of many diseases in the world, and I believe in their judicious use. But I am also careful to minimize vaccine use where possible to avoid overstimulating the immune system of allergic animals. I believe that we tend to overvaccinate animals in this country.

An important fact that many owners, and even some veterinarians, don’t know is that there is no chemical or dosage difference between the one-year and three-year vaccines. The only difference is in the label on the bottle. They are poured from the same vat into different vials—some labeled one-year and others labeled three-year. The reason for this is that the initial puppy vaccine lasts only a year and needs a booster to last three years. The label needs to reflect whether the vaccine is going to last one or three years. It makes more sense to vaccinate every three years, rather than every year when it’s not needed.

(Note: If you have been given the labeled one-year vaccine, then legally you have to give it every year. You have to use a vaccine labeled for three years to be in compliance with the law and only vaccinate every three years.)

The distemper/parvo combination vaccine lasts for many years. Most vaccine companies agree that it is at least a three-year vaccine in the adult dog. Rather than vaccinating every year, do a blood test to see if there is still immunity. This can be done annually or every three years, depending on who’s asking for the proof. Most kennels and municipalities will accept these tests. Some tests are better than others, so ask your vet to do the most sensitive test possible.

Chemicals

Household cleaners, odor-eliminators, and scents add to your dog’s allergen load. Try to use the most natural cleaners (Murphy’s soaps and oils, Seventh Generation, and Method cleaners work well) and definitely avoid aromatic oils such as Pine-sol for any areas that are in close contact with your pet. The same goes for lawn treatments. Be careful what is on the floor, carpet, and grass because that’s where your dog’s feet, nose, and skin spend most of their time.

Outdoor Activities

Exercise is the allergic dog’s friend. Circulation and normal blood flow are important. Distraction and fun activities help take the mind off irritants. Sometimes just a change in routine can take an animal out of a mild allergic cycle. But be sure to avoid stimulating the dog’s allergies. Running through a wooded or grassy area, a dog may pick up burrs, thorns, or splinters, which contribute to chewing problems. Pollens or spores may be allergens for your dog, so a quick wipe with a towel may help.

If your dog loves to swim in a lake, try to arrange a good rinse or even a shampoo afterward to get rid of any odd bacteria or chemicals. But shampooing too often isn’t good, either; the average should be once or twice a month, unless directed otherwise by a vet. Most important to a shampoo is a very good rinsing. The next important task is the drying. Dry the armpits, under the neck, and between the thighs especially well to avoid providing a moist home for bacteria and yeast.

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Condolences

Heartfelt sympathies go out from Greyhounds Only to the following people who recently lost their beloved canine companions: Frankie Holley (Tanya); Mary and Al Silcroft (Indy); and Kathy Urzedowski (Wrigley).

No One Likes to Be Labeled

If there’s a yellow label from the post office on the envelope this came in, you’re on the verge of taking money from Greyhounds Only. While Greyhounds Only simply cares about its members and their dogs and wants to stay in touch for that reason alone, it is also expensive for us when newsletters come back as undeliverable: extra envelopes, extra postage, and extra time to track you down. So if this newsletter arrived with a yellow forwarding label or you are getting ready to move, PLEASE CONTACT US! And if you haven’t had an e-mail from us in awhile, there’s a good chance we don’t have a current, correct e-mail address for you—which means you are missing out on announcements of a wide array of events, since e-mail is often the quickest, least expensive way for us to contact our members. Please notify Joy at KALLIJM@rrb.gov of any changes of address, e-mail, or telephone.

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Shampoos/Topical Rinses/Topical Medications

Shampoos and rinses are a great idea to combat allergies. Use the mildest shampoo that actually works. Sometimes a medicated shampoo or rinse from your vet is the most effective, but if a less aggressive shampoo can work, such as an oatmeal colloidal, use that.

If the affected chewing area is localized, a topical veterinary product may help clear bacteria or yeast and decrease inflammation. The spray products may sting a bit but are great to help dry oozy areas. The creams and ointments won’t help dry as much but are gentler on sensitive areas. With severe ulceration, the burn cream silversulfadiazine is a good choice as well.

There are also herbal topicals for skin lesions, such as aloe and calendula, etc. But be careful with essential oils, which may be toxic if not diluted properly. They are highly absorbed in compromised, inflamed tissue. Usually if the preparation is made as a topical cream or ointment, it is diluted properly. Pure essential oils put directly on the skin are just too strong.

Bedding/Bowls

For a dog with allergies, bedding and bowls should be cleaned regularly, at least every week or two. Avoid bedding with aromatic hydrocarbons such as pine or cedar, and don’t use plastic bowls. Because they are porous and can harbor more bacteria, ceramic bowls should be cleaned weekly.

Acupuncture/Chiropractic/Massage

Acupuncture regulates the immune system, helps with neuropathic pain and tingling, and improves circulation locally to heal chronic lick areas. I use acupuncture as a major tool to deal with allergies, chronic skin problems, phantom pain, arthritis, neurologic disease, and anything resulting in scratching/chewing problems.

I have seen chiropractic adjustments improve difficult cases of pruritis (itchiness). The adjustment improves circulation that was inhibited by a malaligned vertebra. Poor circulation compromises healing and stresses the immune system. Massage is another technique that can improve circulation.

Medication/Herbs/Supplements

Medications to decrease allergies range from the benign to several with significant long-term side effects. Often veterinarians will recommend Benedryl (diphenhydramine) or a hydroxazine as a first line of defense. It both decreases itchiness and causes drowsiness, decreasing the nighttime itching problem. It doesn’t work for all dogs but is worth a try.

There are combination herbs for allergy relief and anti-anxiety, such as nettles or aloe to cool the allergy with calming herbs like lime blossom, chamomile, etc. When prescribed appropriately, herbs are effective. If the animal’s chewing problem is more anxiety than allergy, sometimes a stronger prescription anti-anxiety medication is needed to stop the cycle, while behavior training is instituted.

There are many allergy supplements; ask your vet for advice. Often vets will add omega-3 fatty acid supplements if the dog is not already too oily (fish oils are best for dogs, not flax or other plant sources), or sometimes a vitamin B complex to help with nerves.

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- Wendy and Al Kunisch & Bill & Mimsy
- James and Iris Laird & Edmonds
- Claudia Lennhoff & Chief
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- John Littig and Amanda Albano & Daphne
- Lisa and John Martinez & February
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- Alexander McDonald and Farrah Kennedy & Rico
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- Dan and Nancy Monroe & Mikey
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- Jaime Pimentel and Anissa Lambertino & Cuz
- Chris Pohlman & Oshee
- Jennifer Powers & Lady
- Sue and Mark Purdom & Sabine
- George and Lori Ragus & Gene
- Linda and Dick Reuter & Prize
- Jean and Dave Roebke & Brin
- Sandie and Joel Rubin & Nate
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- Al and Joy Schanowski & Fesser
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- Nevin Tomlinson & October & January
- Raymond and Christine Weisser & Monk
- Douglas and Laurie Wille & Lizzy
- Vanessa and Jerral Winkler & Ava
- Matthew Woodson & Boss

GREYHOUND RESCUE

Help Is There for a Hound on the Loose

BY VICKI STRYKOWSKI

You’re never prepared for one of your dogs to get loose. My greyhounds, Pebbles and Party, come when they’re called. I never have them off leash. I won’t even let people—including family—enter my house or yard when I’m not home unless we’ve talked about what to do and not do with my dogs and cats.

Yet one of my dogs got loose, on a summer Saturday night just after 10 p.m. I came home and hit the door opener to my attached garage. I was pulling into the driveway as the door was rising, and I saw greyhound legs dancing around the garage. My heart stopped—the door from the garage into the house must not have “caught” when I’d closed it earlier. It was too late to stop the garage door; it was already too high. I stopped the car immediately, jumped out, and called the dogs. They came running to me, excited I was home. I grabbed one, not even knowing who it was (both are black), and the other bolted, most likely realizing that she was loose and there were bunnies to chase.

Now, I’m an experienced greyhound owner. I know all the rules, the tricks, the ins and outs. If a dog gets loose, I know to ask them if they want to go for a walk or a car ride, or to run the other way and hope that they turn and follow. But before I could think about all those things, in the blink of an eye, Pebbles was gone.

Black dog, dark night—because of the streetlights, I saw her as she ran into the backyard of the house across the street. Then she was gone from view. She did not respond to my calls. I put the other dog in the house and ran to find her. I quickly realized I’d get lost in the maze of backyards in my subdivision, so I ran back to get a flashlight and my phone.

I called my friend who lives close by and has greyhounds, and then I called Sue Gaiser of Greyhounds Only. Sue asked for some quick details, my address and phone number, and hung up. I had my squawker, cell phone, and Party on his leash, and I started walking around, calling for Pebbles, feeling alone and devastated and helpless. I had changed my phone number and not even thought to get new dog tags. Thankfully, Pebbles was wearing her GO tag.

Soon Sue called back. She had contacted some people who could help. My phone rang again; it was Jeremy and his mother from the next subdivision over. Sue had called, and they were on their way. Then my friend showed up, and I sent her to drive up and down the main drag, using her squawker.

Jeremy and his mom arrived, and while she stayed with me, he took off in the direction Pebbles was last seen. It was only a few minutes later that Sue called to say, “We got her!” She was only loose for about forty-five minutes. I was relieved, but it wasn’t

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Free Your Generosity!

BY BARBARA KARANT

Money is tight these days, but that doesn't mean you have to throttle your generosity: if your hound eats Purina, you can earn money for Greyhounds Only! The weight seals from the bag (upper right-hand side of the bag as you look at the back of the bag—not the UPC code) can be redeemed by GO for vet checks we can send to Westosha and pay for medical procedures needed by greyhounds waiting to be adopted.

Any of the following products qualify for this weight seal program:

- Purina Brand Performance Formula**
(12 points per pound)
- Pro Plan Brand Formulas**
(any flavor, 11 points per pound)
- Purina O.N.E. Brand Dog Food**
(11 points per pound)
- Other Purina Participating Dog Foods**
(8 points per pound; Purina has not been specific as to the brands)

Unfortunately they do not yet honor the wet food labels.

If your dog eats another food brand, ask other family members, friends, and coworkers to save their weight seals. Many people use Purina brand foods, and once they hear about our participation in the program they are happy to save weight circles to help the hounds. Put a jar out to collect the weight seals at your office, your child's school, or even at your vet if they'll allow it. It is a great way to help the dogs with little effort.

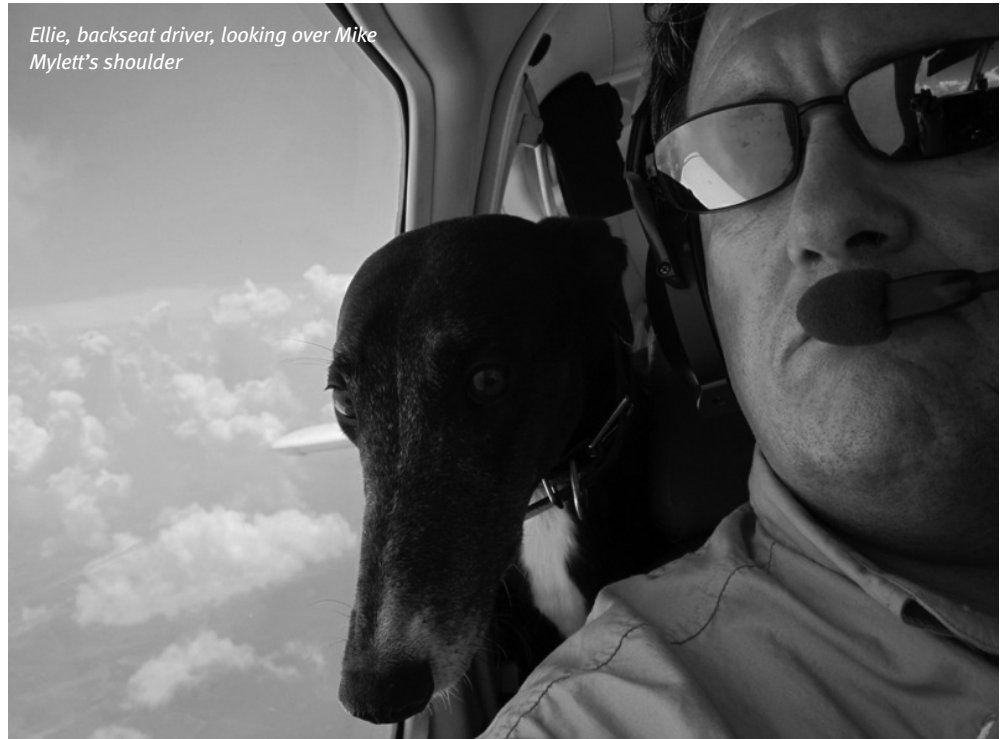
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GREYHOUND RESCUE

Greyhounds Only Soars to New Heights

BY SUE PURDOM

When I found a greyhound that I wanted down in Naples, FL, named Gil's Trixie, I knew I had an uphill battle. There are few, if any, greyhound rescue groups in that region, even though the area is saturated with racetracks. Trixie was slowing down, so we contacted her trainer about getting her into the Greyhounds Only adoption program. The trainer was thrilled that there was someone interested in getting Trixie adopted, since she was such a nice dog.



The wheels were set in motion, and several small support groups pitched in to get Trixie to GO. Details were worked out, and the opportunity to fly Trixie and a second dog, Pat C Elbow Room, or Ellie, presented itself: Janine and Mike Mylett volunteered to fly the girls out in their small airplane.

On the day of the flight, the girls were loaded into the back of the plane and harnessed in. The first stretch was from the Naples airport to Atlanta. The Myletts called me to say that Trixie was airsick, but so far the flight was going fine. Ellie had earned the nickname "Amelia Earhart" because of her desire to assist with flying the aircraft.

The second stretch was from Atlanta to Greenwood Airport in the Indianapolis area. My family and Greyhounds Only friends followed the flight pattern in "real-time" to track their progress and estimated time of arrival, all available simply by knowing the plane number.

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So gather up your weight seals, put them in an envelope, and mail them to Barbara Karant (1748 W. Cortland, Chicago, IL 60622) or to Yvonna Mills (29 North Avenue, Antioch, IL 60002). And thanks for your participation in this effort. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at bkarant@interaccess.com.



Above: Trixie and Ellie keep Janine Mylett on a short leash
Right: Ellie wonders where the flight attendant is with her complimentary kibble

Below: Ellie, aka Amelia Earhart, weighs in on the flight plan
Below, Far Right: Trixie could use some Dramamine



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When we arrived at Greenwood Airport, the staff was very friendly and excited to meet these long-distance traveling greyhounds. The airport closed at 7 p.m., but they all hung around to see our two little girls when they landed at 7:21. The staff told me to pull my van through the security gates onto the tarmac, and as it was raining, they even held an umbrella to keep us dry.

Tears came streaming down my face as I spotted the plane making the final approach to the runway. As they landed, I could see Ellie sitting up and watching out the window, and we all cheered. When the plane taxied to the parking area adjacent to the runway, Ellie was hanging her head out the window in excitement.

The pilots couldn't have been any nicer and more loving to the greyhounds and to me. We hugged and took photos with each other. This was one of the most rewarding transport experiences of my life. Greyhounds Only made a real difference in two dogs' lives as well as in mine. Other than Trixie's slight airsickness, this was a 100 percent fantastic experience on every level.

Greyhounds Only truly is an organization that soars to new heights because of dedicated volunteers near and far.





Who’s Your Doggie?

This issue, we asked you to tell us what advice your dog would give to new adopters about what one thing they should—or shouldn’t—be sure to have for their new dog.

Have you ever bought a remote control car for your dog? Made a birthday cake out of liver? Skipped going on vacation because you’d have to leave the dog behind? If you have a story about something you have done or bought for your dog that made you wonder about your sanity, please send via e-mail message (yvonne.zipter@gmail.com) or postcard to: Yvonne Zipter, Editor, The Skinny, 4710 W. Hutchinson St., Chicago, IL 60641-1607. Be sure to tell us your dog’s name and your name(s). We will print as many as are relevant to the topic and for which we have room. **The deadline is November 6.**

The Bedding Experts

Speedo’s must-have item would be a super comfy dog bed with a pillow or headrest. She loves to curl up in a ball and lean up to the curve of the pillow.

Rachal Duggan

Snow’s advice to newly adopted hounds would be: Never underestimate your greyhound charms. Your new humans will quickly fall under your spell and soon be putty in your paws. This will come in handy! First, advise your human adopters they should have the biggest possible bed (king size) for you to sleep in and allow them to curl up around you (which makes them happy). Second, remember to use your Jedi mind tricks (such as big doe-eyes). You can wield this power for important missions, like getting fresh rotisserie chicken mixed into your premium kibble.

Denise, Dave, and Lyla Colletti

My girls would advise new adopters to have cushy beds, lots of blankets, and squeaky toys. The bed and the blankets will make new dogs feel at home right from the start and the toys come in handy after awhile. It took awhile for the girls to use the toys because they didn’t know what to do with them and weren’t used to playing. It was so rewarding to see them relax enough to learn how to play with toys and let us play too. Now I think they each have about twenty toys apiece!

Peggy Clark

Toby says, “As an adoptee, I think the important things were a big bed of my own, lots of squeaky toys (I’ll figure out in a couple of weeks what to do with them), but most important, all of your love, kisses, ear rubs, and a calm manner around me—that’s really what I needed.”

Kit Abramovitz

Cole, my ten-year-old grey would advise any new owner to have nice plush dog beds—and lots of them! He has one in almost every room of my house and they are all used!

Meredith Walther

Emma says: “The one thing you must provide for your new greyhound is a space of its own. Please have a soft, quiet place for your dog to go to ‘get away from it all’ when he or she needs to. Sometimes this new world is overwhelming to us and we need to relax and take it all in on our own time. It’s a good stress reliever for us. (P.S. Treats for positive reinforcement will help!)”

Pam Bauer

Annie would say, “Please have lots and lots of blankets and squishy pillows that your new baby can arrange any way she wants to, even cover herself up if chilly or put over her head if Mom doesn’t go to bed or turn off the light soon enough.”

Nancy Genson

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It’s “Walking” Cats and Dogs

BY CARRIE L. NUTTER-NOVAK

On May 30, dog and cat lovers united as Greyhounds Only joined Treehouse Animal Foundation to participate in the Stray Cat Strut. Treehouse, a shelter that rescues and finds homes for homeless, neglected, abused, medically complex, and special-needs felines, also is proactive in educating the public about the importance of spaying and neutering and trap-neuter-release programs. Since Greyhounds Only is dedicated to public outreach and rescues canines that need homes, including many greyhounds with special challenges or medical needs, the fit appeared natural.

A small group of dedicated Greyhounds Only volunteers participated in the walk: Debbie and Jim Orth with their greyhounds, Brooke and Jake, and human friend Maureen; Cyndi Smith and her greyhound, Lucy; and Carrie Nutter-Novak and her greyhound, Grayson. Carrie’s tabby cat, Cody, represented the felines by riding in his pet stroller. The group started at Treehouse’s Bucktown branch and finished at the Uptown location, for a total of five miles of viewing Chicago neighborhood scenery. The group was joined by a costumed feline mascot who led the march and helped with the pre-walk warm-up exercises by Bally’s.

Treehouse supporters enjoyed refreshments at both locations and were able to check out both facilities. Many individuals who came out to support Treehouse were also enthusiastic about interacting with the dogs, learning the plight of racing greyhounds and ways they can potentially help these dogs.

All in all, it was a fun way to bond with one’s pet, educate others, interact with people committed to helping animals, and form bonds with other animal rescue groups in the community. We’re looking forward to doing more events with Treehouse in the future. Working with other groups allows us to double our impact while helping our animal friends.

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Love Is All You Need

Tony’s advice would be, “Just give your new hound all the love and affection in the world, and he or she will do the same in return. Also, leave a spot on your couch open for cuddling.”

Dan Watt

Wait for It . . .

I think my five-year-old Ty would most likely inform potential adopters that if they meet a dog they are interested in at the kennel that is super shy and doesn’t want to come out of its crate, it doesn’t mean that the dog doesn’t like you. The dog is just uncertain of itself and doesn’t know what is happening. It doesn’t mean the dog isn’t a good one—it’s just scared.

Kim Franson

Fiona (formerly Fantasia) would say: “Please be patient with me, I have been through a lot of changes and I am still sometimes uneasy about where I am or if it is really permanent. But, if you give me a lot of love and remain flexible to trying new things (i.e., I know they told you I liked my cage . . .), in just a very short time I will give you back much more every day!”

Mike Berg and Rebecca Bruening

The one piece of advice Oz (formally Idaho) would like new adopters to have is: “Be patient—this is all new.”

Jennifer and Chris Dillon

Jules says: “The one thing you must have when bringing your new greyhound home is patience. Please remember that we do not understand the English language . . . yet. We will learn fast, though, if you are patient and kind with us. Show us love and encouragement, and we will excel in learning to be cherished members of your family. (P.S. Stuffies will help!)”

Pam Bauer

Lizbeth and Blitz would advise: “Be patient with your new greyhound. Its new home is a totally different environment from where your hound lived previously. A firm ‘No’ is a sufficient correction and most greyhounds do catch on quickly. I loved that my new family made sure

I had a stuffed animal (no hard eyes/nose to swallow) to cuddle with. Always keep me on a leash as I love to chase anything that moves! Love me, and I will adapt quickly.”

Susan Overstreet

Bo’s advice to new adoptees: Don’t take Dad’s wallet. . . .

My hubby came down to the barn to let me know I needed to go up and see what Bo had done. I walked down into the family room, and there was Dick’s wallet, all his credit cards and business cards strewn in a zigzag line across the living room. Obviously, what happened was that Emmalove had been reading the ads in the Sunday paper and found some great sales—Bo was only looking for a credit card and driver’s license to take Emma to the store. (Dick, by the way, has at least five new leather wallets—he prefers to use the one from which Bo took the leather/velcro closure off so he can tell the story!)

Linda Reuter

Teachable Moments

Gage would say, “I like to do ‘over-over’ as taught to me by my Aunt Suzie so I can get my belly rubbed. If your dog does the same, he or she is very happy and comfortable to be with you. Enjoy those moments because that’s our personalities emerging in our new homes.”

Dan Watt

Grayson would encourage new adopters to attend benefits and events that help Greyhounds Only and other charities as she loves being social and attending all the pet-friendly events in the Chicagoland area while helping her animal friends.

Carrie Nutter-Novak

The advise that our two greys, Jake (Dr. Jake) and Brooke (Quasky Pea Brook), would give to new adopters is (1) get involved as a GO volunteer at meet and greets and other events as much as possible or, at the very least, have GO business cards with you when shopping at pet stores with your hound so that you can help spread the word about greyhounds and (2) take your new hound to basic obedience class and give him or her lots of love and attention.

Debbie and James Orth

On a Journey and Emerald's Choice say: "When company comes to visit please don't be rude—introduce them to me and when they leave teach them to acknowledge that I'm there too and say goodbye to me. I have feelings too you know."

Gloria Zielin

Franny would say: "I was really glad that my person had already reserved a spot for me in obedience class. It helped me learn to be comfortable around other dogs and people. She shouldn't have bothered buying me lots of toys, as I don't know how to play!"

Susan Robbins

Galloping Gourmets

Monty says, "Be sure to have peanut butter on hand. Lots and lots of peanut butter!"

Brian Funke

Kiowa says: "Lots of Milkbones and room on the couch."

Dominic Schultz

Oskee (formerly Darla) suggests patience, peanut butter, and a sense of humor.

Morgan and Kristina Swanson

Blitz says, "New owners: make sure to have something for your new friend to chew on! Otherwise, he may chew on your new coffee table! (Sorry Mom and Dad.)"

Veronica and Brian Groubert

Olive's recommendation on what to have: Pumpkin! (One tablespoon with every meal works magic on your greyhound's "output.")

Lori Krzyzewski

Hound Sightings



BY HEDDA HOUND

Episode 33 of the series *Burn Notice*, "Fearless Leader," which aired June 25 on the USA network, earned a big "roo roo" from Hedda for its back story about the greyhound track in Miami (where the show is located). At the end of the episode, actor Nicolas Turturro's character adopts a rescued greyhound with its broken leg still in bandages and Turturro reflects that he may go home to "start a kennel." Hedda is looking forward to watching that part of the episode over and over on www.sidereel.com.



When Hedda saw a recent Harriet Carter catalog showing the Scram Patrol device sending a greyhound and a cat racing off, she could only guess that the device was meant to send the greyhound to a loving home—because who would ever want to chase a greyhound *away*?

Hedda was on the edge of her couch, watching the History Channel series *Life after People* during the episode titled "The Invaders," in which experts theorize that, if man disappeared tomorrow, racing greyhounds would escape from tracks and homes and would therefore have to hunt and fend for themselves. Hedda was just starting to daydream about a tweed jacket and jaunty hat for herself when the experts went on to conjecture further that, although it might seem that greyhounds would stand a good chance of surviving since hunting is in their genes, their training to compete at the track would render them incapable of cooperating as an effective dog pack. Add to this their thin coats and skin, and it is hypothesized that it will be a very short race for greyhound survival after the demise of man. Hedda, for her part, feels quite certain that, with man out of the way, greyhounds could take their rightful place as masters of the world!

Hedda was excited to see Bradley on a box of Trader Joe's All Natural Peanut Butter Dog Treats—no, not Milton Bradley, the Cubs right fielder, or Bill Bradley, the ex-basketball playing Senator, but Bradley the retired racing greyhound. Bradley is pictured both on the front of the box and on the back, along with a brief story about how greys are raised for racing and need homes when they're done. Homes and, Hedda would add, really tasty treats. Trader Joe's always comes through in a crunch!

I reserve steroids for the most intractable cases. Steroids can stop the bad cycle of itch/scratch/chew, although they do have systemic side effects (specifically to the liver, muscle mass, and adrenals) when used long term and may cause excessive thirst, urination, and panting. But although they can be overused, they are not inherently bad when used carefully.

If all this fails or just a physical restraint is needed for a time, an Elizabethan collar can be used. If possible, opt for less dramatic "chew-blockers": cotton socks taped on feet, or legs and trunk covered with a small cotton T-shirt. Use only breathable fabrics, and change them at least daily to avoid infections.

Last, there's always the option of putting several pillows over your head and ears, to block the sound of scratching so you can get some sleep. . . .

Want a greyhound on your iPhone? There's an app for that, says Hedda: Brighthouse Labs offers a free slide puzzle in which you can move squares with segments of an image on them to re-create a picture of a greyhound.

Hedda would like to boast that Catalina Salley's article on black dogs from the Spring 2009 issue of *The Skinny* was reprinted in the summer issue of *CG* magazine. She would like to boast, but in an uncharacteristically honest moment, Hedda concedes that the bragging rights belong strictly to Catalina.

In a July 2009 profile of GO member Christine Esposito in *Mindful Metropolis*, Esposito was asked to respond to the prompt "How I clear my head," to which she replied, "I take our retired racing greyhound, Rio, for a walk." When Hedda read that Christine is president of Terracom Public Relations, Inc., a PR and marketing company that helps green organizations grow in size and impact, Hedda thought that surely Greenies must be one of their clients because Greenies certainly are, well, green!



British guitarist Jack Arthurs explains that his new band chose the name Greyhound because "it kind of captures the energy, pace and sense of vision that [they] want to put across." Hedda wondered whether the title of the band's debut album was a tribute to her column but has been told that *The Art of Seeing* was originally actually the title of a book by Aldous Huxley.

At TheAnimalRescueSite.com, Susan Rude of Stow, MA, shared the story of adopting her greyhound Roman from Greyhound Friends in Hopkinton, MA. Hedda felt her paws involuntarily twitch when Rude described how Roman, in their big fenced backyard, "made his own track and ran when he wanted to."

Dog-whisperer Mick Traino, according to the June 8 *Sydney Morning Herald*, believes that "greyhounds benefit from swimming, especially in cold water, in several ways. It aids recovery after racing and injury, improves respiration and even assists in the diagnosis of potential problems." The article describes how "dog-swimming" aide Robbie King rows his "tinnie" (that's Australian for a small open aluminum boat) with Traino aboard and with Boris the black racing greyhound "effortlessly doggy-paddling behind them. Then, two minutes back to shore for a well-earned wash down with warm water and antiseptic shampoo." Hedda doesn't know about Boris, but she would scrap all pretense of dignity and beg for that warm water wash down—and a hot toddy made with beef bouillon.

No one knows better than Hedda that if you need someone to lounge around, a greyhound is the right dog for the job—and the SmartPak Canine catalog seems to have figured that out, too, with a recent edition featuring a brindle greyhound on a doggie bed.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Let's Highlight Our Events!

Greyhounds Only is interested in showcasing the many special events we host, such as fundraisers, meet and greets, and adoption events. If you would like to see your Greyhounds Only event mentioned in *The Skinny*, please send a brief (one- or two-paragraph) description summarizing the event. We will include it in a future section that will highlight the many special activities we organize to benefit the hounds. Please e-mail all narratives to Carrie at codycheq@aol.com. Thank you!



Above: Andy Schultz and Barbara Karant at Irish Eyes
Below: Wisconsin State Fair



Go All Out for Greyhounds Only

On Tuesday, August 4, more than a hundred GO folks and their friends gathered at four different eating establishments in the Chicagoland area to support Greyhounds Only's first annual Go All Out for Greyhounds Only. The event was a networking and fundraising success for GO, promoted in part at [triblocal.com](http://www.triblocal.com) in the article "On the Menu" written by GO member Karen Steiger (http://www.triblocal.com/Schaumburg/Detail_View/view.html?type=stories&action=detail&sub_id=81158).

Response was extremely positive, both from the business owners who generously donated a percentage of their sales and from the diners who enjoyed a great meal and mingled with other greyhound people and friends. Two of the restaurants even offered outdoor seating, where some chose to dine with their dogs . . . and the weather was beautiful! What a wonderful way to raise awareness (and funds) for our beloved hounds.

We sincerely thank each of the restaurants that came forward to help the hounds for such a wonderful evening. Please support these GO-friendly businesses and watch for upcoming dining events that help GO.

- Think Cafe (soon to be "Knew" at Fullerton and Rockwell), 2235 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL
- Symphony's Café, 1945 Central Street, Evanston, IL
- Trattoria 225, 225 Harrison Street, Oak Park, IL
- Sawa's Old Warsaw, 9200 Cermak, Broadview, IL

Dog Days of Summer

BY SHERRY AND BRIAN SHOOP

For many years, Greyhounds Only, Inc. has had a booth at the dog fair in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Fair. This year the dog fair was held on Monday, August 10. It was hot, although not nearly as hot as the last couple of years. Our hounds were fantastic ambassadors of our breed and were the main attraction at the fair. In fact, at certain times there were so many people visiting our booth that it was difficult for people to walk by! At the end of the day, our GO brochures and business cards were entirely gone. After the fair, officials with the dog fair told us how happy they were to have us there and how wonderful it was to look over and see all of the hounds. They told us that they really hope we will continue to be a part of the dog fair. Of course, we will!

We also have a beautiful new banner, which was donated by Bill Duewel, owner of National Sign and Design in West Allis, WI! Thank you Bill—it was a showstopper! Also, thank you Stacy Duewel-Kugler—we appreciate your help!



Pipi goes to the fair

Irish Eyes Guest-Bartending Happy Hour Event

Thursday, September 17 | 7 p.m. to ?
2519 N. Lincoln, Chicago

If you'd like to volunteer or make a donation, or if you have questions or suggestions concerning this event, please contact Carrie at codycheq@aol.com or 773-472-3834. Thank you!



Leigh Ann Harmon and Cynthia at Irish Eyes

We also had three adoptables at the fair—Carla, Camry, and Victoria. An application has already been sent for Carla, and Camry had her picture in the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*.

We want to thank all of the following volunteers and their hounds for taking the time to come to the fair and help us promote greyhound adoption. We had families from the Waukesha and Milwaukee area, as well as from Illinois! You are all wonderful and did a fantastic job.

- Arnie and Amanda Andrew with Pipi and Fesser (a foster)
- Susan Fortkamp
- Janie Fritch
- Steve and Tiffany Guskey with Bronte
- Rose, Ray, Jackson, and Brenton Hebar with Tommy and Chloe
- Therese MacMillan with adoptable hounds Camry and Victoria
- Kyle and Kelly Murray with Kieran
- Kelly Shannon with Big Dog
- Mike and Kathy Shannon with Apollo
- Ken and Sandi Summerfield with Kifi and adoptable Carla
- Paula, Bill, and Olivia Weytens with Nessa
- Tim and Lynn Zdanczewicz with Mattie

Hope to see all of you (and more) next year at the fair!

Irish Eyes Are Smiling at This Fundraiser

BY CARRIE L. NUTTER-NOVAK

Greyhounds Only has participated in guest-bartending happy hours at Irish Eyes, an Irish pub in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, for the past two years. During these events, volunteers from Greyhounds Only act as guest bartenders, and the gratuities go to Greyhounds Only.

Besides pouring beer and serving drinks, including the greyhound drink, of course, volunteers also sell raffle tickets and merchandise. Last year we expanded by having an additional raffle for a Corvette, a venture in conjunction with Guardian Bassett Rescue and Young at Heart Rescue. We also had available the book *Greyhounds*, by Barbara Karant, and Barbara graciously signed copies and generously donated proceeds for the cause.

Our special guests at the 2008 bartending event included Roxy and Cynthia. Roxy is the greyhound family member of Bob and Denise Petrovic, and Cynthia is the greyhound family member of Patrick and Leigh Ann Harmon. Both of these magnificent animals are certified pet therapy dogs, and they worked their magic around the bar, educating the public on how greyhounds are wonderful pets. We also brought framed photos of all the dogs awaiting adoption, and we placed them on the tables and the bar to promote finding homes for these "greyt" animals. Our first year was successful, and at our second event, we doubled the proceeds!

We'll be hosting this happy hour again this year, on Thursday, September 17. We thank you for your past support, and we look forward to seeing you this year to make our third annual event the best ever!

Regular Joes and Neatniks

Gracie thinks that new adoptees would like a nice long walk every morning and evening and would love to get his or her coat brushed every day, too!

Lou and Jeanette Quetel

Frodo advises that “being on a regular schedule of outs, potty, feeding, and exercise makes us feel secure.”

Lori Devine

Pace (Chica's Whitey) would say do have a hound glove on hand for brushing (believe it or not, we do shed) and don't have winter booties for us to wear.

Katie Galmiche

The People Speak

Maintain your alpha status by remaining standing when approaching your dog's bed if he/she is lying in/on it. Do not get down on your dog's level and approach your lying greyhound by crawling or lying down next to it. Its kennel was its safe place and it is not accustomed to sharing it with anyone. Take care that children (or other very short humans!) do not do the same.

K. Shannon

I would suggest purchasing the book entitled *Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies* by Lee Livingood. It is a first-class reference book about greyhounds. The book is full of important and practical information for new adopters. It is a must read for new and any greyhound parents.

Jeanne Liedtka

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Help Is There for a Hound on the Loose *continued from page 7*

enough. I called my friend and asked her to drive over to get Pebbles since she was nearby. Pebbles had gone over to the next section of the subdivision, where some kids were outside, and she ran up to them. They called the number on the tag, not even sure who they were calling. Sue asked them, “Did you find a dog? Is she black?” She told them I’d be right over.

When my friend pulled up, I expected Pebbles to jump out of the van, happy to see me. That did not happen. I opened the door, and my dog was lying down, panting hard, staring off into space. She wouldn't get out of the car and didn't acknowledge me. I tried to stay calm, but I knew I had to get her inside and cool her down; it was the first ridiculously hot and humid day of summer. Another greyhound owner showed up with his dog, ready to help. He was relieved to see that she was already home.

Party, her best friend, jumped into the van with Pebbles, and when I got him out, she came with him. At home, I would put a cold towel on her, and forty seconds later it was warm and had to be replaced. I did this until she was cooled down. She finally looked at me. Then I felt some relief. In the short time she was gone she'd gotten several cuts and her paw pads were raw, probably burned from the hot asphalt. I was more worried about the mental damage than the physical, but it all had to be dealt with.

My phone rang again—another couple and their four dogs, ready to help, asking where they were needed. They, too, were relieved to hear Pebbles was home. I couldn't thank all of them enough.

I've helped with a couple of searches before. I'm busy: I work two jobs, help with animal rescue, and try to have a bit of a social life. But when I'd hear that a dog was loose, I couldn't even imagine how the owner felt, so I'd try to help. Now I know how it feels. It's horrible, it's devastating, it's scary. I had never felt so alone and helpless until people, some that I didn't even know, said they were there to help.

Mentally, it will take both of us awhile to get over this. Please, if you ever have the opportunity to help search for a lost dog, take a few minutes and do it. Even though this outcome was quick and people didn't need to search long, or at all, their time was not wasted. It helped me. If you're ever in this unfortunate position, you will realize how important it is to know people are there to help.

Who's Your Doggie *continued from page 14*

My advice is to realize that when/if you are unhappy with your new greyhound, it is operator error (believe me, I know). Learn more about the breed and dog behavior in general. It isn't intuitive unless you are a dog! Also, the one thing you need is Quick-Stop, which you will need if you hit the quick when cutting your dog's nails.

Larry Meiners

The one thing I wish I would have done differently was to purchase pet insurance. Greyhound injuries are common and very expensive. . . . I wish I would have known.

Amber Bardon

We just adopted our greyhound Ramadi a couple months ago and I have learned a couple tips. I would not spend money on a brush; just get a grooming glove. It doesn't hurt them and they love it. Also, best toy to buy is a large tennis ball that squeaks, the Air Kong squeaker tennis ball works or anything that squeaks. Make sure it is big so they don't break it right away.

Elham A. Tallackson

Have a nametag with your name and phone number to attach to your greyhound as soon as you get him! Even if you ordered a special tag have a cheap one made for the time being.

Karen Makowski

I suggest new greyhound owners not allow much slack in the leash when walking their pup. Our Sydney took off after something when she was standing next to me. With a six-foot leash, she nearly pulled me over and she snapped the D ring on her collar. I was stunned as I stared at the empty end of the leash and I couldn't believe it happened so fast. Luckily she came right back to us. Since then we don't allow her much slack to build up enough momentum to do that again.

Patricia Madden

Changes to the GO Board

The Board of Directors for Greyhounds Only has recently undergone some changes. It is with regret that the board accepted the resignations of Kristen Jahnke and Patrick Harmon. The board extends its deep thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Kristen who, during her tenure, tirelessly devoted her time and energy to our organization. Kristen remains an active member of Greyhounds Only. In addition, the board extends its best wishes to Patrick Harmon, who resigned his position due to his impending move to northern California. Patrick's vision for Greyhounds Only, from a financial and business perspective, brought about many positive changes and instituted within the board a framework that will allow continued solid growth of the organization without losing sight of both our short- and long-term goals. Patrick and Lauren Sicherman worked closely together on all financial aspects of Greyhounds Only, and Lauren will continue to handle these responsibilities. The board wishes Patrick, his wife, Leigh Ann, and their hound Cynthia (a tireless helper and fundraiser in her own right) the best of luck in their move to a beautiful new locale. We will truly miss them.

Countering the news of the resignation of Kristen and Patrick, however, we are pleased to announce the addition of a new board member, Dr. Kathi Berman. Dr. Berman was a former member of the board who resigned to move out of state. Happily, Dr. Berman has returned to the Chicago area and has agreed to accept a board position. Dr. Berman brings a wealth of diverse experience to Greyhounds Only and the board, from her education and training as a veterinarian at Family Pet in Chicago, to her love of the breed (many of you may know her two hounds, Dusty and Brenda). The board is thrilled to have Dr. Berman back as an active board member.

It's Not Rocket Science . . .

Calling all greyhound lovers! Want to help scientists from Chicago's Field Museum and national universities uncover the ancestry of greyhounds? The Field Museum is looking for a few helpful hound owners who would be willing to collect a hair sample from their pet greyhounds and send it to the Field Museum to be analyzed in its DNA lab! The collection process is painless and noninvasive. If interested in helping out or learning more, please contact: Jessica Hankey (greyhound: Lily) at jhankey@fieldmuseum.org or Tom Gnoske at tgnoske@fieldmuseum.org.

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- GURNEE
M&G: PetsMart
10-1pm
caschl@att.net
- CHICAGO
M&G*: PAWS
Noon-4pm
jonspiegel@hotmail.com
- JOLIET / PLAINFIELD
M&G PetsMart
11-2pm
hlphounds@aol.com
- BROOKFIELD (WI)
M&G: Elmbrook Humane Society
11-1pm
sherryshoop@hotmail.com

9/6 | Sunday

- CHICAGO
M&G*: PetCo
Noon-3pm
jonspiegel@hotmail.com
- EMERALD KENNELS
OPEN HOUSE/Run Day
10:30-2pm
purdom6@comcast.net

9/11 | Friday

- BROADVIEW
Fall Pet Adoption
PetsMart - 11:30-3pm
oprfhounds@yahoo.com

2009 GO Events Calendar

9/12 | Saturday

- BROADVIEW
Fall Pet Adoption
PetsMart
11:30-3PM
oprfhounds@yahoo.com
- EMERALD KENNELS
Kennel Day
9-1:30pm
purdom6@comcast.net
- CRESTWOOD
Fall Pet Adoption
PetsMart
11-2pm
meetgreetgreys@sbcglobal.net
- CHICAGO
7th Annual Renegade Craft Fair (2 day event)
11-7pm
greyhoundsonlyvolunteer@hotmail.com

9/13 | Sunday

- SCHAUMBURG
M&G: PetsMart
11-1pm
km6894@yahoo.com
- ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
M&G: PetsMart
Noon-3pm
rescuedracermom@comcast.net
- CRESTWOOD
Fall Pet Adoption
PetsMart
11-2pm
meetgreetgreys@sbcglobal.net
- CHICAGO
7th Annual Renegade Craft Fair (2 day event)
11-7pm
greyhoundsonlyvolunteer@hotmail.com

9/17 | Thursday

- CHICAGO
Irish Eyes
7pm-Midnight
Codycheq@aol.com
- 9/19 | Saturday
- DOWNERS GROVE
M&G: PetsMart
11-2pm
corvettekid7988@yahoo.com
- GREENFIELD (WI)
M&G: PetCo
11-1pm
arnstero823@yahoo.com

- CHICAGO
M&G*: PAWS
Noon-4pm
jonspiegel@hotmail.com
- RIVER FOREST
M&G: PetCo
11-1:30pm
fparkgreyhound@gmail.com

9/20 | Sunday

- VERNON HILLS
M&G: PetCo
Noon-2pm
rescued.racer@gmail.com
- DWIGHT
GO/GABR Corvette Raffle Drawing
spider9174@hotmail.com

9/26 | Saturday

- ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SOUTH
M&G: Pets Supply Plus
Noon-3pm
kubsman@ameritech.net
- MCHENRY
M&G: PetsMart
101pm
gregg.1.corrao@zurichna.com
- EMERALD KENNELS
Kennel Day
9-1:30pm
purdom6@comcast.net
- SOUTH BARRINGTON
Pet Fair: Arboretum of South Barrington
11-3pm
L_sicherman@hotmail.com

9/27 | Sunday

- CHICAGO
Play Group: Best Friends Windy City K9
2-3pm
RSVP Sept. 17-26
bdpetrovic@sbcglobal.net
- LAKE GENEVA (WI)
M&G: Paws for Treats
12-2pm
resqdgreysx4@yahoo.com
Travis@RabbitsHell.com
trooperhansen@charter.net

OCTOBER

2009 GO Events Calendar

10/5 | Saturday

GURNEE Saturday 10/3/09
GURNEE M&G: PetsMart 10-1pm caschl@att.net
CHICAGO M&G*: PAWS Noon-4pm jonspiegel@hotmail.com
JOLIET / PLAINFIELD M&G: PetsMart 11-2pm hlpnhounds@aol.com
BROOKFIELD (WI) M&G: Elmbrook Humane Society 11-1pm sherryshoop@hotmail.com

10/4 | Sunday

CHICAGO M&G*: PetCo Noon-3pm jonspiegel@hotmail.com
EMERALD KENNELS OPEN HOUSE / Run Day 10:30-2pm purdom6@comcast.net

10/10 | Saturday

BROADVIEW Fall Pet Adoption PetsMart 11:30-3PM oprfhounds@yahoo.com
EMERALD KENNELS Kennel Day 9-1:30pm purdom6@comcast.net
CRESTWOOD Fall Pet Adoption PetsMart 11-2pm meetgreetgreys@sbcglobal.net
CHICAGO 7th Annual Renegade Craft Fair 11-7pm (2 day event) greyhoundsonlyvolunteer@hotmail.com

10/11 | Sunday

SCHAUMBURG M&G: PetsMart 11-1pm km6894@yahoo.com
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS M&G: PetsMart Noon-3pm rescuedracermom@comcast.net

10/17 | Saturday

DOWNERS GROVE M&G: PetsMart 11-2pm corvettekid7988@yahoo.com
GREENFIELD (WI) M&G: PetCo 11-1pm arnstero823@yahoo.com
CHICAGO M&G*: PAWS Noon-4pm jonspiegel@hotmail.com
RIVER FOREST M&G: PetCo 11-1:30pm fparkgreyhound@gmail.com

10/18 | Sunday

CRESTWOOD M&G*: PetsMart 11-2pm meetgreetgreys@sbcglobal.net
VERNON HILLS M&G: PetCo Noon-2pm rescued.racer@gmail.com

10/24 | Saturday

EMERALD KENNELS Kennel Day 9-1:30pm purdom6@comcast.net
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10/25 | Sunday

CHICAGO Play Group Best Friends Windy City K9 2-3pm bdpetrovic@sbcglobal.net
LAKE GENEVA (WI) M&G: Paws for Treats 12-2pm resqdgreysx4@yahoo.com Travis@RabbitsHell.com trooperhansen@charter.net

10/31 | Saturday

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SOUTH M&G: Pets Supply Plus Noon-3pm kubsman@ameritech.net
MCHENRY M&G: PetsMart 10-1pm gregg.1.corrao@zurichna.com
EMERALD KENNELS Kennel Day 9-11am purdom6@comcast.net

NOVEMBER

2009 GO Events Calendar

11/1 | Sunday

CHICAGO M&G*: PetCo Noon-3pm jonspiegel@hotmail.com
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11/7 | Saturday

GURNEE M&G: PetsMart 10-1pm caschl@att.net
CHICAGO M&G*: PAWS Noon-4pm jonspiegel@hotmail.com
JOLIET / PLAINFIELD M&G: PetsMart 11-2pm hlpnhounds@aol.com
BROOKFIELD (WI) M&G: Elmbrook Humane Society 11-1pm sherryshoop@hotmail.com

11/8 | Sunday

SCHAUMBURG M&G: PetsMart 11-1pm km6894@yahoo.com
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS M&G: PetsMart Noon-3pm rescuedracermom@comcast.net
CHICAGO GO Reunion Warren Park Field House greyhoundsonlyvolunteer@hotmail.com

11/14 | Saturday

BROADVIEW Fall Pet Adoption PetsMart 11:30-3PM oprfhounds@yahoo.com
EMERALD KENNELS Kennel Day 9-1:30pm purdom6@comcast.net
CHICAGO Navy Pier Great American Pet Expo (2 day event) 9am-8pm

11/15 | Sunday

CRESTWOOD M&G*: PetsMart 11-2pm meetgreetgreys@sbcglobal.net
VERNON HILLS M&G: PetCo Noon-2pm rescued.racer@gmail.com

CHICAGO Great American Pet Expo Navy Pier (2 day event) 9am-6pm
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11/21 | Saturday

DOWNERS GROVE M&G: PetsMart 11-2pm corvettekid7988@yahoo.com
GREENFIELD (WI) M&G: PetCo 11-1pm arnstero823@yahoo.com
CHICAGO M&G*: PAWS Noon-4pm jonspiegel@hotmail.com
RIVER FOREST M&G: PetCo 11-1:30pm fparkgreyhound@gmail.com

11/22 | Sunday

LAKE GENEVA (WI) M&G: Paws for Treats 12-2pm resqdgreysx4@yahoo.com Travis@RabbitsHell.com trooperhansen@charter.net
EMERALD KENNELS OPEN HOUSE /Run Day 10:30-2pm purdom6@comcast.net

11/28 | Saturday

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SOUTH M&G: Pets Supply Plus Noon-3pm kubsman@ameritech.net
MCHENRY M&G: PetsMart 101pm gregg.1.corrao@zurichna.com
EMERALD KENNELS Kennel Day 9-1:30pm purdom6@comcast.net

11/29 | Sunday

CHICAGO Play Group Best Friends Windy City K9 2-3pm RSVP Nov. 19-28 bdpetrovic@sbcglobal.net

12/5 | Saturday

GURNEE
M&G: PetsMart
10-1pm
caschl@att.net

CHICAGO
M&G*: PAWS
Noon-4pm
jonspiegel@hotmail.com

JOLIET / PLAINFIELD
M&G: PetsMart
11-2pm
hlpnhounds@aol.com

BROOKFIELD (WI)
M&G: Elmbrook Humane
Society
11-1pm
sherryshoop@hotmail.com

12/6 | Sunday

CHICAGO
M&G*: PetCo
Noon-3pm
jonspiegel@hotmail.com

12/12 | Saturday

BROADVIEW
Fall Pet Adoption
PetsMart
11:30-3PM
oprfhounds@yahoo.com

EMERALD KENNELS
Kennel Day
9-1:30pm
purdom6@comcast.net

12/13 | Sunday

SCHAUMBURG
M&G: PetsMart
11-1pm
km6894@yahoo.com

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
M&G: PetsMart
Noon-3pm
rescuedracermom@comcast.net

CHICAGO
Play Group
Best Friends Windy
City K9
2-3pm
RSVP Dec. 3-12
bdpetrovic@sbcglobal.net

12/19 | Saturday

DOWNERS GROVE
M&G: PetsMart
11-2pm
corvettekid7988@yahoo.com

GREENFIELD (WI)
M&G: PetCo
11-1pm
arnstero823@yahoo.com

CHICAGO
M&G*: PAWS
Noon-4pm
jonspiegel@hotmail.com

RIVER FOREST
M&G: PetCo
11-1:30pm
fparkgreyhound@gmail.com

12/20 | Sunday

CRESTWOOD
M&G*: PetsMart
11-2pm
meetgreetgreys@sbcglobal.net

VERNON HILLS
M&G: PetCo
Noon-2pm
rescued.racer@gmail.com

12/26 | Saturday

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
SOUTH
M&G: Pets Supply Plus
Noon-3pm
kubsman@ameritech.net

MCHENRY
M&G: PetsMart
101pm
gregg.1.corrao@zurichna.com

EMERALD KENNELS
Kennel Day
9-1:30pm
purdom6@comcast.net

12/27 | Sunday

LAKE GENEVA (WI)
M&G: Paws for Treats
12-2pm
resqdgreysx4@yahoo.com
Travis@RabbitsHell.com
trooperhansen@charter.net