



HOME STRETCH



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GREYFEST 2003!

Saturday, June 7th

11:00 - 4:00 PM

Spoooner Park

Little Canada, Minnesota

Welcome to all!

Map
Inside!

Raffles!

Great Eats!

Shopping!

Huge Raffles!
Many, many vendors!
Wonderful people with beautiful hounds!
New Contests!
Wonderful Food!
Demonstrations!
Shopping Galore! And many more surprises.
Larger tented areas so we will have cover come rain or shine!



Sarah Snavelly's new shirt
design! For Sale!!



GPA - Minnesota's Mission Statement

Greyhound Pets of America - Minnesota is the Minnesota chapter of a national non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to finding loving, responsible homes for retired racing greyhounds and also younger greyhounds that haven't been successful at various tracks throughout the country. We also take great pride in educating and informing the public that retired racers make excellent, loving pets.



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Greyfest 2003 Vendors

GPA-MN expresses their thanks to all the vendors supporting, attending and making donations to our biggest bash of the year. It is with these vendors help that our Greyfest is the biggest and the best ever!

Vendors selling their wares at Greyfest 2003:

Petco - many thanks as they are also helping by sponsoring our Greyfest!

Fast Jack - Greyt wearables for humans!

Silk Roads - Greyt wearables for hounds!

Benda Photography - immortalize those you love. Experts in Greyhound Portraits.

Midwest Greyhounds - Things you and your hound will love from A - Z...all for the sake of hounds in waiting.

Cyptic Creations - pottery, trellises.

GPA-MN - Ahhh...the best stuff of all! Especially those new shirts designed by Sarah Snavelly - artist and boardmember.

Sarah Regan Snavelly - Beautiful greyhound tiles, sculptures, jewelry, wind chimes, prints...she does it all!

K-9 Café - great yummys for the Greyhound tummies.

Greyt Rescues Greyhound - how many things can you find that have Greyhounds on them? Check with these folks! Again, all for the sake of the hounds.

Solid Gold - Good food!

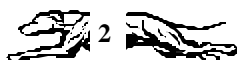
Critter Care Pet Sitting - to help with your busy lifestyle.

K-9 Caviar - Doggie Treats

Patch & Lilies Favorites - Treats and More!

And more....

Also many thanks to all the vendors who donated items for our fundraising raffle. These include all vendors listed above who will be in attendance as well as many other vendors and people who will appear in the newsletter after Greyfest.





Announcing a Greyhound Festival!

COME JOIN THE FUN AT OUR
GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – MN
ANNUAL GREYFEST!

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2003
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: SPOONER PARK, LITTLE CANADA, MN

Eat, Shop, Play, and Be Merry!

2003 GPA-MN Greyfest Directions

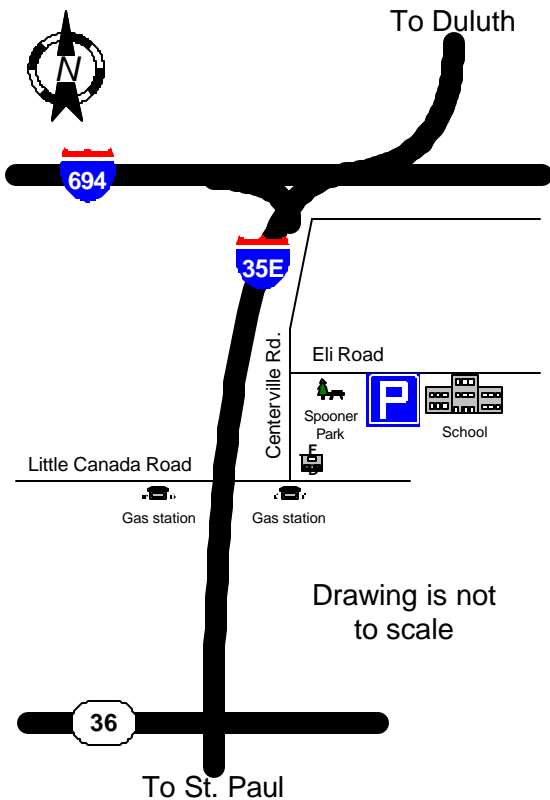
Spooner Park:

From the south Go north on 35E. Exit on Little Canada Road. Turn right at the top of the exit. Take a quick left onto Centerville Road. Go about 1 block. Turn right onto Eli Road. Park is 1/2 block on the right.

From the north Go south on 35E. Exit on Little Canada Road. Turn left at the top of the exit. Go over 35E. Turn left onto Centerville Road. Go about 1 block. Turn right onto Eli Road. Park is 1/2 block on the right.

Spooner Park is approximately 10 minutes north of St. Paul, 0.3 miles from 35E and the Little Canada Road exit.

Parking There is a lot at the shelter. Lots of on-street parking and a school parking lot next to the park.



All proceeds benefit Retired Racers waiting for homes.

AND

What will **YOU** win?
Hundreds of Raffle prizes—large and small!
Contests (trophies and ribbons awarded)

If you would like to **HELP** on the day of the picnic in set up and/or staffing a booth **OR** you would like to donate something, **PLEASE** call Teresa at 651-483-5997. We **NEED YOUR HELP** to make this year's picnic a successful one!

~ ~ **All pets attending picnic must be on leash. Please don't forget those baggies to pick up after your dogs!** ~ ~

So Many Greyhounds - So Little Time!

*****RAFFLES—MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!*****



Special Events!!

June 7th – Saturday – Greyhound Festival 2003!!!

Our annual greyhound celebration and major fund-raiser of the year. Shop till you drop, play all day, eat-eat-eat, greyhounds galore and much much more!!!! To help out, or for more information call Teresa at 651-483-5997!

May 12th is going to be the last Social Hour until September. We're taking a summer break. I was thinking that when we start up again we could have a pot-luck or an ice cream social. Just a couple ideas I'm mulling over. Most people are like me and will come for food. Contact Sylvia Kresal at nkresal@mn.rr.com for more information.

Also don't forget the Sunday Greyhound strolls (GASSY) going on each week, weather permitting, meeting at the Rose Gardens at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis at 2:00 PM each Sunday. Contact Neil and Sylvia Kresal nkresal@mn.rr.com for more information.

Kathleen Millard and Sarah Snavely have started a greyhound walking group up in Fargo. It is called RROO - Red River Outreach Operation. They plan on doing it every Sunday at 2pm just like GASSY. Contact Sarah Snavely for more information. Sarah@artofthegreyhound.com

Renaissance Festival - September 13th and 14th . Keep that in mind...it's will be here before we know it.

Please see page for our meet and greet schedule.

Thank you so much for your support of GPA's special events!



Art by Mil Wilkens © 1999

Adoptions

*Congratulations and best wishes for these wonderful greyhounds and their new families!

- 4/10/03 Carol and Clarence Cales adopted Mikey.
- 4/11/03 Jack Szezepek and Jena Bjorgen adopted Misty.
- 4/18/03 Dale and Jan Shimek adopted Trudi.
- 4/26/03 Nathaniel Gray and Julie Bauer adopted Evie.
- 4/27/03 Ryan and Heather Luthi adopted Lover.
- 5/01/03 Amy Treeful and Ben Silberlitt adopted Sprite.

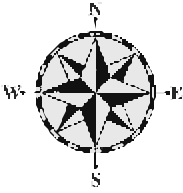


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Camping Season Is Just Around the Corner!



Kathleen Gilley and her hounds.

Camping with Greyhounds, Tips and Traps

K. Gilley, Dancing Greyhounds

Gilley Camp Rules

Sweetness, our first Greyhound, has logged over 111,000 miles in a motorhome as of the beginning of the new millennium.

Here are some of the things that will help you have a safe and fun vacation. (This does not deal with the obvious like tags, collars, vaccinations, etc.)

1. Teach your Grey not to run, trot or walk out any door before you. He does not have to sit. He can stand still until you say the "magic word," i.e., "OK." You proceed out the door while telling him to "Wait!"

Don't yell and don't say "Stay." Speak normal English to him, he will understand. If he tries to follow you (tent, trailer, van or car) before you are ready, put your hands on his chest and shoulders and push him back inside. When he will hold still for three seconds, say "OK" and invite him out. He should catch on in five times. He will hold longer and longer as you get it right and are consistent.

2. Do not hold on to him when someone comes to the door. He will not learn anything this way. Put a leash on him and give him a tug if he moves toward the door.

Praise him when he makes no attempt "to go see for himself." If you feel the need to say something to him, use the word, "Wait."

3. At first, take him walking on a short leash. You need to learn a few things about his behavior in strange or wilderness surroundings before putting him on a longer one. Does he shy easily? Does he want to eat (not carry) foreign objects? (Cigarette butts are foreign objects; plastic bottles and beer cans are for carrying.) A surprising number of Greys like to tote things around. This is OK as long as it isn't a glass bottle or an object from someone else's campsite.

4. When doing nature trails, if you have to step over a tree, put a word, like "hup" to it. Praise him quickly as he completes the crossing. Soon he will be able to apply this to muddy streams, ditches and other stuff you don't want him stepping in.

Also, watch out for foot and bike traffic. Always yield the right-of-way. Step off the trail so they may pass without being Greyhounded. People will thank you for this and think better of our magnificent breed.

5. Watch very closely he does not take an interest in wild animal droppings. Wild animals carry many diseases and parasites. If he does this, or takes an interest in road kill, give him a tug, say "Leave It!" and then praise when he does. Never let him bark at or molest wild life, including squirrels, even if you allow this at home. It will make the people who came there to see these animals very angry at you and your Grey.

6. DO NOT let him drink out of clear mountain streams, lakes or any other source of "wild" water. It is full of giardia! He will get rampant diarrhea and your trip will be ruined. If you go hiking, share your canteen with him.

7. Plastic bags, especially freezer zip locks, because they are heavy duty, make excellent reusable, fold-and-go water dishes on a hike. A big gallon one, with his measured amount of food can be stored in your backpack.

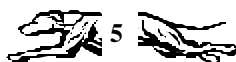
Then soak with legal water. If you roll down the edges and hold the sides for him, he can lurch out. No bulky food dish.

Never pour his food on the ground!

Even if you normally feed dry, on a hike, DON'T. He needs all the water he can get to avoid dehydration.

8. If you are planning many outings in the greyt outdoors, get some paw pad toughener and start applying it a month or more before your planned trip. Make his pads sore the first day and your happy trails will be

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Meet & Greet Calendar

www.gpa.mn.org

Borders Bookshop - Calhoun Square

July 5 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

(Neil & Sylvia)

Petco - Brooklyn Park

June 6 Friday 5 - 8 PM

Petco - Coon Rapids

June 14 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

July 12 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - Fridley

June 21 Saturday 11 - 1 PM

July 19 Saturday 11 - 1 PM

Pet Expo - Mankato

May 18 Sunday 1 - 4 PM

June 15 Sunday 1 - 4 PM

July 20 Sunday 1 - 4 PM

Petco - Richfield

June 14 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

July 12 Saturday 12 - 3 PM

Petco - St. Cloud

June 14 Saturday 11 - 1 PM

Bring your hound & help
educate the public about
the joys of Greyhounds!

Your Story...

Nancy Perlich and Twinkles

Nancy adopted Twinkles from GPA MN.

Twinkles is 8 as of 4.1.03. We have enjoyed every day for the last 4yr. since we adopted her. We started to foster about a year and a half ago and at first Twinks wasn't too keen not being the only pup. We got a lot of that dejected look. But she has to say that she now looks forward to the short stays with pups of her own kind as long as mom buys the foster a stuffie of its own.

Twinkles Favorites: Stuffies, Greenies, and a chance to climb on our bed when we are not looking or home.

I had met a couple of greyhounds about 7 years ago in the parking lot of our eye doctor. So regal but sweet. Then after we lost our lab/mix at 17 yr old, I knew my daughter and I both wanted another dog but I didn't want to go through puppyhood again. My husband wasn't keen on the idea of any more animals, yet he was the one who told me about the Greyhounds at Petco. Of course I had to go and see what they were all about. My first meet and greet!

I was very amazed at such a large mellow dog yet when they want to move...boy. Most importantly these pups needed a home or who knows what would become of them.

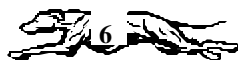
We were all prepared for a dog who would kennel and most likely love its kennel. Boy were we surprised when Twinkles wouldn't go anywhere near her kennel. Even more surprised to find her (out) of her kennel after a short stay on her own. We worked long and hard with Martha and tried every technique until I was worn-out. Finally we put Twinkles bed in the corner where her kennel had been, and surprise she was an angel. Well most of the time.... there was that one day that she got into the Amish bread dough batter...but that's another story. We love doing Meet and Greets together. Come and join us at Eden Prairie Petco for a M&G some time. Twinkles loves to GO in the CAR anywhere. Twinkles loves to GO for a long WALK every morning at about 5:30. Twinkles also loves to go up north to the cabin and when it is hot up at the cabin she loves to walk in the lake and sometimes chase waves.

BEST: The greyhound look- those eyes. Clean short haired dog.

The silly ways they have of tossing their stuffies. The nice prance they have when you go for a walk. The way our fosters have of petting themselves on me, my husband, the sofa, the bed...

MYTHS: That they are aggressive mean dogs. Or they must be mad because their ears are laying flat against their head.

ADVICE: Don't be surprised when that sweet pupper you adopted starts to show a bit more personality after a few months at his/her new home.



How Do I Measure My Hound?

Stacy Prober

In case anyone actually wants to measure their dog accurately, here's a brief guide:

Find a level place - indoors on a floor is best (not on carpet- thick carpeting can throw off the measurement). Set up the dog so that he is standing square - this is basically the same as a "show stack". If the dog's front and rear are set up under the dog rather than in the proper position, it changes the measurement significantly. The hocks should be perpendicular to the ground, and the front legs will be coming straight down from the dog (not wider apart or narrower than they are at elbow).

You'll need a carpenter's level, a yardstick or metal measuring tape, a wall, and a pencil. You'll also need to know what part of a dog the 'withers' are. There's a good chart and instructions on measuring a dog on a Great Pyrenees site: <<http://www.sonic.net/~cdlcruz/GPCC/library/measure.htm>>

The dog should be looking straight ahead in a natural position (neither stretched upward nor looking down) while you're measuring. Different neck positions can influence the height at withers at that moment.

From the site above:

"Place the carpenter's level across the withers, letting it rest on the bone, one end at the wall. Move the ends of the level until the bubble is exactly in the center of the level indicator, then use your pencil to mark the wall underneath the level where it touches the wall. Move your dog away from the wall and measure the distance from the mark to the floor. If you have been careful - and honest - you now have an accurate measurement of your dog's height. Other methods, such as running a tape measure from the shoulder to the floor, or measuring without the use of a level, give rise to some of the bizarre claims for giant Pyrs."

I've had one big one. My dear Cody was over 90 pounds. Most pet Greyhound owners and quite a few show dog people commented on his size. But even so, he was nowhere near 34" tall - he was closer to 30". I don't think I've ever seen a Greyhound that was much over 32", and that's only been two or three times. All of those extremely tall dogs were over 100 pounds when at a healthy weight (not fat).

For a point of comparison, the Scottish Deerhound is similar in form and height/weight ratio to the Greyhound. If

anything, Deerhounds tend to run a bit lighter in weight than a similarly sized Greyhound. Their standard gives both height and weight ratios. Bitches start at 28" tall and up (there's no upper limit given on female height), and weigh from 75 to 95 pounds. Males run from 30 to 32 inches tall and run from 85 to 110 pounds. These sound like reasonable height/weight correspondences.

You can get carpenter's levels and metal measuring tapes at the dollar store, btw. Accurately measuring your dog is not an expensive or high-tech endeavor.

Flea and Tick Treatments

Stacy Prober

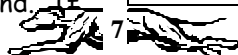
Asking if a drug or flea treatment is safe for greyhounds, I think, misses the point in most cases. Most of the chemicals we consider not safe for greyhounds are often not safe (or at least LESS safe) for other dogs as well. For example, the high-dose permethrin products like BioSpot have a high rate of unacceptable reactions in dogs generally - it's not just a "greyhound thing".

Safety is also a relative term. I'm big on looking at risk/benefit ratios and alternatives when assessing risk.

For example, looking up Permethrin (an ingredient of Farnam's BioSpot and the new Bayer Advantix) in some of the chemical hazard databases, you can see that it's a suspected carcinogen, endocrine toxicant, gastrointestinal or liver toxicant, and reproductive toxicant. But permethrin's major danger is that some dogs unpredictably seizure from it and some die from normal exposure (not overdoses.)

Fipronil, the active ingredient in Frontline, also kills ticks. It's a reproductive toxicant and suspected carcinogen - but dogs don't keel over from normal doses of it. In short, it's not totally safe, but it's safer than permethrin.

I don't know of any totally safe tick poisons. Ticks are just plain hard to kill. The risk of fipronil may be worth taking if you're in an area where dogs tend to pick up a lot of ticks. If not, you can use Bayer's Advantage (NOT Advantix!). That formula doesn't contain permethrin and is very effective on fleas. It has little or no effect on ticks, however.



Camping with Greyhounds, Tips and Traps (Continued from page 5)

all over the first day.

9. Make sure you take along a goodly supply of his normal food, plus extra. Designer dog food is not available in most out-of-the-way places. If you don't plan for extra, and your basic cache gets eaten by bears, rained on, or lost, you will be up a creek without a poodle.

10. MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN UP ALL STOOLS MADE BY YOUR GREY!!! If you are in the wilderness, bury them, just as you would your own. Stools of most animals are not as biodegradable as one would think. Out west, in the arid climates, they dry into adobe-like concrete material. Dog stools become even more durable than old cow pies. The anti-dog/pet people have already gotten all trails in National Parks put off limits to dogs just because ignorant, inconsiderate people would not scoop. Always carry poop baggies with you, especially in the campgrounds!!!

11. READ the SIGNS! If it says No Dogs, it includes Greyhounds, whether you think Greyhounds are "dogs" or not. Obey the rules.

12. Do not let your Greyhound approach other campers or hikers without asking them first. Your vacation is not a standard Meet and Greet.

I ask, "Have you ever met a Greyhound before? Would you like to pet one and see how warm and soft they are?"

13. If your Grey is inclined to either rush toward strangers or jump on people, put a loop in your leash that reaches the ground, then put your foot on the leash.

The leash should not be tight when you put your foot on it, so you are NOT holding his head to the ground. He can only move forward so far, the leash will tighten and he will back up.

He cannot jump up, period. He will learn to greet everyone in a more mannerly fashion, if he thinks or knows your foot is in the middle of his leash. This will cause him no discomfort and the two of you will make no enemies for Greyhounds.

14. Remember you are in the public eye. You are a walking billboard advertising Greyhound adoption, whether you want to be or not. Carry some brochures.

Behave both yourselves. You are responsible for everything he does and he cannot do what you have not taught him. Happy camping!



Four hounds on a rock! Chey, Wayki, Chubby and Sweet.
Taken in Wyoming by Gil Gilley.

Gotcha' Day!

Congratulations to these folks and hounds on their one year adoption anniversary!

**Tawny to Ron and JoAnn Peterson
Boone to Barb Lund
Disco to Christine Fleischman**

Sept. 5 - 7, 2003:

National Greyhound

Adoption Conference!

This conference is sponsored by Greyhound Pets of America and will be held this year in Birmingham, Alabama.

GPA-N.AL of Birmingham, AL will be the host this year. For more information please see the conference website:

<http://www.gpaconvention.org>





GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA/MN GIVES A RESOUNDING
“THANK YOU!”

TO OUR PETCO SPONSORS.

WITH THEIR HELP MANY RETIRED RACERS HAVE FOUND AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIND LOVING HOMES AND LIVE LONG AND HAPPY LIVES!

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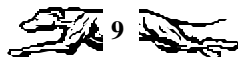
The Petco Stores in Minnesota have supported our organization in ‘**EVERY**’ way possible. Their help financially through their various fundraising efforts has been invaluable to our organization.

Petco’s continued support over the years has done **SO MUCH** toward allowing ***Greyhound Pets of America/Minnesota*** to continue their work with the hounds we all love.

GPA/MN THANKS THE PETCO STORES A THOUSAND TIMES OVER!



Our Greyhound Guardian Angels!



Greyhound Bloodwork

By Suzanne Stack, DVM*

Greyhound bloodwork has enough differences from “other dog” bloodwork to sometimes make it deceptively “normal” or “abnormal” if one isn’t familiar with these differences. The salient differences are discussed below.

CBC = Complete Blood Count

RBC = Red Blood Cells

Hgb = Hemoglobin

PCV/HCT = Packed Cell Volume/ Hematocrit

WBC

Platelets

Chem Panel

T.P. = Total Protein

Globulin

Creatinine

T4

| | Greyhounds | Other Dogs |
|------|-------------|-------------|
| RBC: | 7.4 - 9.0 | 5.5 - 8.5 |
| Hgb: | 19.0 - 21.5 | 12.0 - 18.0 |
| PCV: | 55 - 65 | 37 - 55 |

Greyhounds have significantly more red blood cells than other breeds. This elevates parameters for RBC, hemoglobin, and PCV / HCT, and is the reason greyhounds are so desirable as blood donors. Most veterinarians are aware of this difference. Never accept a diagnosis of polycythemia - a once-in-a-lifetime-rare diagnosis of pathologic red cell over production - in a greyhound.. Conversely, never interpret a greyhound PCV in the 30’s - 40’s as being normal just because it is for other dogs. A greyhound with a PCV in the 30’s - 40’s is an anemic greyhound. Here in Arizona, a greyhound PCV < 50 is a red flag to check for Ehrlichia.

WBC

Greyhound: 3.5 - 6.5

Other dog: 6.0 - 17.0

Other greyhound CBC changes are less well known. The greyhound’s normally low WBC has caused more than one healthy greyhound to undergo a bone marrow biopsy in the search of “cancer” or some other cause of the “low WBC”.

Platelets

Greyhound: 80,000 - 200,000

Other dog: 150,000 - 400,000

Likewise, greyhound platelet numbers are lower on average

than other breeds, which might be mistakenly interpreted as a problem. It is thought that greyhound WBC’s, platelets, and total protein may be lower to physiologically “make room” in the blood stream for the increased red cell load. Confounding these normally low WBC and platelet numbers is the fact that Ehrlichia, a common blood parasite of greyhounds, can lower WBC and platelet counts. So if there is any doubt as to whether the WBC/platelet counts are normal, an Ehrlichia titer is always in order. The other classic changes with Ehrlichia are lowered PCV and elevated total protein. But bear in mind that every greyhound will not have every change, and Ehrlichia greyhounds can have normal CBC’s.

T.P.

Globulin

Greyhound: 4.5 - 6.2 Greyhound: 2.1 - 3.2

Other dog: 5.4 - 7.8 Other dog: 2.8 - 4.2

Greyhound total proteins tend to run on the low end of normal - T.P.s in the 50’s and 6.0’s are the norm. While the albumin fraction of T.P. is the same as other dogs, the globulin component is lower.

Creatinine

Greyhounds: .8 - 1.6

Other dogs: .0 - 1.0

Greyhound creatinines run higher than other breeds as a function of their large lean muscle mass. A study at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine found that 80% of retired greyhounds that they sampled had creatinine values above the standard reference range for “other dogs”. As a lone finding, an “elevated creatinine” is not indicative of impending kidney failure. If the BUN and urinalysis are normal, so is the “elevated” creatinine.

T4

Greyhounds: .5 - 3.6 (mean 1.47+/- .63)

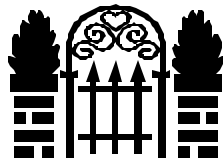
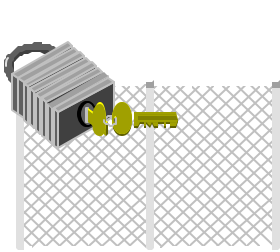
Other dogs: 1.52 - 3.60

These figures are from a University of Florida study of thyroid function in 221 greyhounds - 97 racers, 99 broods, and 25 studs - so it included both racers and “retired”. While greyhound thyroid levels are a whole chapter unto themselves, a good rule of thumb is that greyhound T4’s run about half that of other breeds.

Urinalysis

And lastly, the good news - greyhound urinalysis is the same as other breeds. It is normal for males to have small to moderate amounts of bilirubin in the urine.

**Suzanne Stack is well known and highly regarded in greyhound medical circles. She has been treating greyhounds for many years, and has been an invaluable source of information for AAG. We thank her for her contribution.*



Fences and Gates!!!

This is the time of year we begin to get a lot more reports of loose and lost Greyhounds. We appreciate your reporting to us when you have a hound on the loose and will do whatever we can to help you recover your Greyhound safely.

Some very important reminders - this is the season of gates left accidentally in the OPEN position!!! Most of the hounds that get loose are from an individual leaving a gate open. Whether it is the meter reader, a neighborhood child taking a short cut through your yard or retrieving a toy - it doesn't matter HOW it got open only that your hound sees its opportunity to expand its horizons and takes it! This can often lead to a very tragic ending of a very loving relationship between a hound and its human.

PLEASE...PLEASE!...take a couple of minutes to make sure your fences and gates are secure before turning your hound out into the yard.

Secure your gates with locks so that others can't open them without your knowledge and forget to close it.

Please keep some kind of Identification on your dog. To some people the jingle of dog tags is most irritating. But ask yourself if it is more irritating than never seeing your dog again if it should escape. In the past couple of years Retired Racers adopted from GPA-MN were provided with an Identification Tag - yet the lost hounds we have picked up - most often have not one single piece of identification on them. Greyhounds are generally friendly dogs that run for a few blocks and then stop to investigate the next person they meet. People, upon finding a lost Greyhound, DO call the phone number on the tag to reunite the hound with its owner! In these cases the hound and owner are usually reunited within a few hours!

PLEASE THINK for your hound, it counts on YOU to keep it safe!



Fostering is an important part of a greyhound's transition into their new permanent homes.

Please Help Us Help the hounds we are working to help by becoming a foster home.

763.785.4000

Thank you so much for your help!

Fostering

This volunteer opportunity is a very important part of the life of a Greyhound up for adoption. Whether coming from homes, shelters, or off the track, retired racing Greyhounds benefit greatly from going into a foster home. This can be a difficult job, but one that is also VERY rewarding. Foster homes are an area that any animal adoption organization is weak in. The needs are great, but there are specific requirements involved in becoming a GPA-MN foster home. If you feel you can open your home and your heart to help ready a hound for adoption please contact the foster coordinator at GPA-MN, Teri Petrin.

petrin@worldnet.att.net OR 651.702.8952

Foster Families—Many thanks to all of you who ARE fostering now or have in the past. Your help has been what keeps retired racing greyhounds moving from the race tracks to the couches!

GPA-Minnesota Veterinarians

Many thanks to the veterinarians and their staff who support our group by allowing the dogs we adopt out to have marvelous medical care at a charitable rate.

Maplewood Pet Care

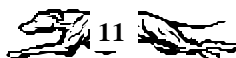
Alta Veterinary

Brooklyn Park Animal Hospital

Chanhassen Veterinary

Cottage Grove Animal Hospital

If you think YOUR veterinarian would make a great GPA-MN vet, please let us know.





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