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Greyhound Gab - April 2015



My Greyhound Story

Written by: Glen Owen

I guess my very first meeting with greyhounds was about 18 years ago. Donna and I went to Jeffersontown's Gaslight Festival, where we came upon a group of greyhounds at a meet and greet. After talking with the people there, we decided to ask if they needed anyone to foster a dog. While they were excited about getting another foster home, they had a fenced yard policy, and at that time we didn't have a fence. We were disappointed, but still eager to help a dog in need by providing a foster home. The greyhound people suggested we go to Feeders Supply since they hosted many different meet and greets.

As luck would have it, we found a Doberman Rescue who needed a foster home. Friends who knew us well were not at all surprised that after about 4 months our foster attempt failed, and we adopted Angel. A few years later, when asked to foster an older female who was going to be put down, Chloe came into our lives. She didn't have any fur and she had heart worms. We worked with her for months to get her back to health and eventually, we adopted her too. She was with us only 4 years when she passed from cancer. Angel left us due to heart problems at the age of 13.

Those were such painful losses - losing a part of our family - that Donna and I felt that we really didn't want another dog of our own. Still, being animal lovers, we wanted to do something to help dogs in need. We decided to once again do foster work.

We went to the Humane Society but at that time, they only had puppies. With our work schedules we would not be able to watch pups. They suggested we to go to Pet Smart and told us that we would find several groups there that needed help.



This is when our journey with greyhounds began in earnest. The first group we came upon was Greyhound Pets of America. We met Tina, Bear and Susan that day. We explained that we wanted to foster so they took our names and they said they would contact us.

We were so excited a few months later, in June of 2011, when we got a call asking if we would foster a dog. That was when a large fawn male named Charger came into our lives.

A week after Charger was delivered to us, we took him to his first meet and greet. He was outgoing and friendly, and got along with everyone. We talked to many people including a lady that had

greyhounds and was very interested in Charger. She told us we should adopt him, or she would! That night Donna and I talked about it, and realized that Charger had stolen our hearts. We decided that he needed to stay with us for good. He was our anniversary gift to each other.

Just five months later, in December of 2011, we went from strictly being a foster home, to going to the track with Mike and picking our second grey, Homer. We also started to do more things with the group, attending many meet and greets, and going to the monthly dinners.

Sadly, we lost Homer to bone cancer. His passing left a void in our hearts and our home. We had grown used to having two of our own dogs by then, so in November of 2013, we welcomed Mary into our home. She and Charger quickly became fast friends, and our family was complete once again.

We were officially in love with greyhounds. We really wanted to help these wonderful dogs as much as we could. Donna and I had the idea to put together a gala that we called "Race to a Forever Home". It was a wonderful group effort, and with the help of many volunteers, we were able to raise more than 7,500 dollars for the group.

When we got GPA a booth space at the Gaslight Festival, it seemed like we came full circle. Now WE were the group finding homes for these amazing dogs.

We now are captains for the monthly meet and greet at the same Pet Smart where we met our GPA group that took us in. We have also graduated to being able to foster without adopting every one!

In only five years Donna and I have gone from foster failures to devoted members of this wonderful group. When I was asked recently, I agreed to be the president of this grey group. I hope our story inspires others to help greyhounds find forever homes.



Taylor, our GPA - Louisville Mascot



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Written by Carole Buckman

This was the very first year for this event in late June. The event was held to benefit Teddy Palmer's Halfway Home Greyhounds adoption group.

Lily (one of my greyhounds) and I along with Donna and Glen Owen, and their greyhounds, Charger and Mary attended the gathering. It was a 3-1/2 day event, Thursday thru Sunday.

As with the majority of these events, there were lots of vendors, guest speakers, live auction items, silent auction items, and raffles with the goal to raise money to help the adoption group with vet bills and kennel expenses for the greyhounds waiting for their forever homes.

Most of the guest speakers were current or retired kennel workers, owners/breeders. They provided a lot of humorous stories of the hounds in their care. You knew they truly loved their job and especially the greyhounds.

Lunch was provided for a nominal fee, each day at the hall where the event was held. One night they had a catered BBQ dinner (pre purchased at registration).

There were tours of various farms/kennels in the area where you could learn what it is like

to run a breeding/racing farm/kennel. One of these kennels was very close to our hotel. This tour included meeting and holding lots of adorable little land shark puppies! Naturally this was a huge hit for all!

There were games for the greyhounds and a variety of contests including a costume contest. I believe both of Donna and Glen's greyhounds won prizes at the egg hunt.

There was also a tour of the NGA (National Greyhound Association) offices and kennels. This is where all the records of USA racing greyhounds are kept on file. You can also get the original ownership papers transferred to you if you don't already have them. The grounds were gorgeous and there were kennels with greyhounds on the property.

The President of the NGA, Gary Guccione, was our host. He told some very interesting stories and showed us a hauler they use to transport greyhounds from kennel/farm to adoption groups or race tracks. This was filled with shredded newspaper for the greyhounds to lay on while being transported. My Lily was being very curious and decided she wanted to get in one of the open compartments. Next thing I know she jumped up and laid down on the shredded newspaper and got comfy! Everyone was laughing at the sight of her in that compartment. Needless to say, she didn't stay in there very long. I think it must have brought back some memories for her. Wish I had taken a photo of her in there, but it happened so fast, I didn't have time to get my camera out.

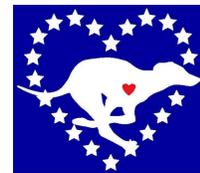
The Greyhound Hall of Fame is located in downtown Abilene, Kansas. This building

houses all the photos of the greyhounds who were inducted in the Hall of Fame. This was not part of the scheduled tours for the event. If you wanted to see the facility, you could call and find out visiting hours. It is a non-guided tour, so you were on your own. There are 2 resident former hall of fame greyhounds you get to meet up close and personal. There was a LOT to see besides the photos of the Hall of Fame greyhounds, so I won't go into all the details. You will have to go to see for yourself!

I believe there were approximately 200+ greyhounds and about 300 people in attendance. All in all, it was a fantastic event and trip and I highly recommend for your "bucket list" in the future.

Abilene is a very greyhound friendly small town and easy to get around. The trip is about a 10 hour drive from Louisville.

Registration to the second annual Heart of America Greyhound Gathering in Abilene, KS. is officially open. The event will be June 4th-6th, 2015 at Sterl Hall. All proceeds will benefit Halfway Home Greyhound Adoption (Teddy Palmer).



For additional information and to register for this fantastic greyhound event, please visit: <http://www.halfwayhomegreyhounds.com/registration.html>

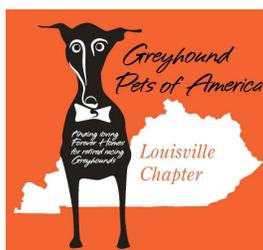
Please visit gpalouisville.org for an up-to-date list of available greys



Kat / CET Robin Thomas
DOB: 4/27/2011



Elmo / Wild Daveys Elmo
DOB: 11/9/2011



Wings / GLS Wheelingwings
DOB: 9/8/2010



WRANGLER HAS BEEN ADOPTED



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RAINBOW BRIDGE IN REMEMBRANCE

Our sympathies go out to the following on the loss of their beloved Greyhounds
April 2014 thru March 2015

1. RANGER (UNKNOWN RACING NAME) - 2001 - 2009 - JEFF & JAMIE JAMES
2. LYNDON (HV'S SHESMYGIRL) - 10/21/1999 - 12/2012 - WILL FENSTERER
3. BELLE (CMON GIMME SOME) - 09/21/2000 - 03/30/2014 - SUZANNE RICHEY
4. PETE (MW'S LANDQUICK) - 01/08/2001 - 04/17/2014 - DOUG & KATIE KELLEY
5. GUS (KIOWA COLONEL) - 01/25/2005 - 04/26/2014 - JAY & STACY STALLONS
6. REUBEN (GLS IMA WILDCAT) - 05/09/2002 - 06/07/2014 - JOEL & SHERRY BECKER
7. DRIFTER (DRIFTING LEE) - 03/25/2004 - 06/16/2014 - SUSAN SCHILLER
8. MSS RICA (JAMS AMERICA) - 09/04/2000 - 07/18/2014 - CAROLE BUCKMAN
9. KUZ (CRAIGIE KUSEL) - 04/11/2004 - 08/13/2014 - RIC & KAREN MAXFIELD
10. PONGO (PONGO DRIVE) - 10/06/2006 - 08/18/2014 - SUSIE SMITH
11. KIMMY (BET ON KIMMY) - 07/12/2002 - 09/02/2014 - LIL McCULLUM-SABOL
12. HOOTIE (KENNYS WHO DAT) - 05/02/2002 - 11/02/2014 - JIM & LINDA WILBERT
13. QUENCY (HK'S FREQUENCY) - 08/29/2003 - 11/24/2014 - MAVIS WILLIAMSON
14. JUGGS (WJS JUGGILO) - 08/12/2003 - 11/24/2014 - JEFF & RUTH KIRCHNER
15. DIEGO (CKB BABY BOY) - 06/17/2003 - 11/28/2014 - DAVID & KRISTIN KENNEDY
16. EXPLORER (WV'S EXPLORER) - 02/06/2001 - 12/03/2014 - TINA BRYANT
17. MERCEDES (WV'S MERCEDES) - 02/06/2001 - 07/25/2014 - TINA BRYANT
18. JOEY (HEY MAC DONALD) - 07/18/2001 - 01/19/2015 - CARL & LISA TRAVELSTEAD
19. BRISKY (BRISKASABEE) - 02/03/2004 - 01/30/2015 - KRISTI WELLS
20. ORCHID (COLOR ME ORCHID) - 04/05/2001 - 03/13/2015 - DOUG & KATIE KELLEY
21. SWEET (KAY V SWEET) - 08/24/2003 - 03/28/2015 - MIKE & CONNIE COX

ADOPTIONS

April 2014 thru March 2015

1. CUPID (GLS CUPID) - 04/06/2014 - CHRIS & TAMARA WILLIAMMEE
2. LACEY (TDS LACEY) - 05/10/2014 - MARIA CAROL McWILLIAMS
3. MI TY (WV'S MI TY) - (RETURN) - 05/28/2014 - HOWARD & MARGARET LaGRAY
4. DEBBIE (CMON DEBRA) - (RETURN) - 06/26/2014 - ROBERT & ROSE VANCE
5. JORDAN (TDS KIRBY) - 06/06/2014 - MEGAN JONES
6. VICKIE (FAST VICKIE) - 06/06/2014 - JOHN & MICHELLE RUSSELL
7. CHARLIE (CTW SPICY HOT) - 07/17/2014 - MARC & JILL HAUSER
8. EROS (USS ROCKET MAN) - 07/18/2014 - SAMANTHA DAVIS
9. BUNNY (RC TOOTSIE ROLL) - (RESCUE) - 08/14/2014 - SUSAN SCHILLER
10. FINN (E'S PENALTY) - 08/15/2014 - CARLOS de FRANCISCO & YARIMA HERNANDEZ
11. WOODY (KIOWA COTTONWOOD) - 08/16/2014 - JARED CROSS & LOURDES RAMOS
12. ZAPHOD (WW'S TEAR GAS) - 09/04/2014 - SCOTT TAYLOR
13. RORY (RCK POSEIDON) - 09/26/2014 - CLAIRE BOURDON
14. ARROW (RCK FLYING ARROW) - (RETURN) - 10/15/2014 - SUSIE SMITH
15. LADON (LADON) - 11/21/2014 - BRADFORD BOLEY & PATRISHIA LUSTIG
16. BUDDY (WILD BUDDY BOY) - (RETURN) - 12/08/2014 - CAROLE BUCKMAN
17. CHOCO (GOGETEMEL) - 01/09/2015 - ANDREW & JAMES WASHINGTON
18. TUX (WV'S EVERSON) - 02/21/2015 - PHILLIP PARADIS
19. HARDY (WJS BLACK HEART) - 02/23/2015 - KEVIN PRZYBYLSKI
20. RATCHET (CRY RATCHET) - 02/27/2015 - MICHELLE, CHIP & RACHEL WISE
21. WALTER (WK WRANGLER) - 03/14/2015 - KIP & RENELLE MARSH
22. TULIP (UMR MS TULIP) - 03/22/2015 - HILARY SORTOR & JONATHAN UDELSON



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Greyhound Myths and Facts

Information gathered from: <http://www.sagreyhoundadoption.org>

Since Greyhounds are not common in the general public, as are Labrador Retrievers, or Poodles, and apart from seeing the picture on the side of a passenger bus, most people have no inkling of what Greyhounds are all about. This leads to some bizarre misperceptions in how people view these wonderful creatures.

To attempt to defuse some of the mystique and mythology around Greyhounds, we have assembled some of the most common erroneous perceptions about Greyhounds.

| MYTH | FACT |
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| Because greyhounds are fast, they are hyper. | Nothing could be further from the truth. Greyhounds are laid-back, quiet dogs, that have earned the well-deserved name of 45 mile per hour "couch potatoes" |
| Greyhounds need lots of exercise. | Most Greyhounds are satisfied with a 15-20 minute walk once or twice a day and, an occasional off-leash run in a secure, enclosed area. |
| Being super athletes, they would love to be a jogging or hiking partner. | Greyhounds are sprinters by nature. They run races of 5/16 or 3/8 mile every 3-4 days. While some Greyhounds may enjoy a short run, long distances are better left to other breeds. |
| Greyhounds do not like other dog breeds. | Nearly all Greyhounds get along with other medium to large size dogs, but may need some time to learn about other breeds. Their entire lives have been spent kenneled with their own kind, whom they readily recognize. |
| Greyhounds cannot live with small dogs or cats. | Some Greyhounds have high prey drives that make them incompatible with small animals. Nearly 3/4 do well with small dogs and about 1/2 with cats. Birds or other small animals will require some additional precautions. Greyhounds should be muzzled, leashed and closely supervised when meeting and adjusting to small dogs and cats. We small animal test all of our dogs. |
| It's okay for Greyhounds to run off leash. | Greyhounds should never be off leash unless they are in a secured, enclosed area. They can see moving objects up to a 1/2 mile away and can reach speeds of 35 mph in 3 strides and 45 at top speeds. You'll never catch them, but a passing car in their path might. |

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Sweet Potato & Cheese Bits

- 3/4 cup of nutritional yeast
- 1/2 cup of flax seed
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/3 cup of grated cheese
- 1 cup sweet potato puree



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Mix all the ingredients together.

Let stand for 5-10 minutes, then scoop into a plastic bag, cut the corner off the plastic bag and squeeze out little dots of dough. I use parchment paper to line the cookie sheet. Bake at 300° for 30min then 275° for 45-60min then lower the temp 200° for another hour or so, or turn off the oven and leave the door closed. If your dog likes softer treats remove the treats earlier.

Greyt Treats: If you would like your favorite dog treat recipe featured in our newsletter, please contact LeslieC@twc.com

Have You Ever Considered Fostering?

Fostering is a greyt opportunity. When a greyhound comes directly from the track, they only know 3 things: 1. how to run 2. how to eat and 3. how to sleep. Being a foster, you can teach the grey basic "pet" traits such as loving on a human, going for a walk, mastering stairs, etc. You can also help by watching their behavior, seeing what kind of home the grey would be better suited for. For example, see if they are small animal friendly, can handle being with other animals, etc. With fostering, there are good times, some bad, but there are also some fun stories to be told. If you would like more information on fostering, please contact our **GPA-Louisville Foster Coordinator, Carole CaroleBuc1@twc.com** or you may also contact Glen oganddo@aol.com or Geneva gford773@gmail.com

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