

News and Roos

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Wishing you a Greyt Holiday Season!

It's that busy time of year! We're racing around getting ready for holiday parties, decorating the house, buying presents, trimming the tree; you name it.

The holiday season can be stressful for us humans, which means it can also be stressful for our hounds.

If your greyhound is a bit shy, or perhaps just new to your home, make sure to set aside some quiet time for him/her.



If you entertain, remember to educate your guests about the importance of watching the door. You may find it works better to keep your greyhound sequestered in a quiet part of the house away from the hustle and bustle of the party. Or strategically placed baby gates can allow your greyhound to safely be part of the action.

Don't forget about the many potential hazards around the house during the holidays. Plants, wrapping paper, tinsel, glass ornaments, chocolate, turkey bones; the list goes on and on.

It's a perfect time of year to reflect on the joy our hounds bring to our lives. Let's keep them safe and happy!

~Ruth Scheller, President, Three Rivers Greyhounds

~ Louise Evans, Vice President

~ Susy Durso, Secretary/Treasurer

~ Kyle Catanzarite, Sue Yanakos, Directors

~ Lisa Paulson, Compliance Officer

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TRG asks the readers of this newsletter to pay special attention to page 3 and page 7.

We appreciate all that you as greyhound supporters do in any way!

Thank You!

Wishing you a wonderful New Year!

GPA/Three Rivers Greyhounds Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your contribution made to Three Rivers Greyhounds in 2014 will be fully tax deductible and 100% of your donation will be used to benefit the greyhounds.

Greyhounds And Dog Parks – Should We Or Shouldn't We?

As any greyhound owner will tell you, there is nothing quite like seeing your hound run at full speed. A greyhound streaking across the horizon is a thing of beauty; after all, running is what they were born to do!



But we must also remember what they were bred for – to chase and catch small prey. Letting your greyhound run in an off-leash dog park can be a great way to let them burn some energy, but with that freedom comes responsibility.

We, as owners, must do all we can to ensure the dog park is a positive experience for all concerned. If your greyhound has any degree of prey drive, a dog park may not be the best choice, particularly if there are smaller breeds running in the same area.



Before entering the dog park, check the lay of the land. How many dogs are already there? Are their humans paying attention or just standing around chatting? Are small dogs in a separate area from the larger dogs? Do any of the dogs look uncomfortable or agitated? This isn't always possible to discern as a dog can go from calm to over-stimulated in the blink of an eye. What initially appears to be play can turn aggressive in a heart beat.

This is not to say a greyhound can't be allowed to enjoy a good romp in the dog park. Under the right circumstances, your hound can have the time of his life running just for the sake of running. The right mix of dogs can run and play together for an hour without incident. But the wrong mix can be an accident waiting to happen. Small dogs have been injured or killed; and in a dog fight with another large breed, you can bet your greyhound is going to be on the losing end of that battle.

So in summary, before you decide to let your greyhound (or any dog) run free, if something in the dog park doesn't feel right, or you're unsure, just don't do it. Take your dog for a walk instead. It really comes down to using common sense; unfortunately we have to rely on others doing the same.

~Ruth Scheller

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### *Running at the Rainbow Bridge....*

We remember the following hounds that have recently crossed the bridge:

*Mattie, loved by Maryann and Vince Flot  
Boe, loved by Maryann and Vince Flot  
Rummy, loved by Todd Negley and family*



**WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON  
from all of us at  
GPA/THREE RIVERS GREYHOUNDS**

GPA / Three Rivers Greyhounds' mission "to promote adoption of the retired Greyhounds into loving homes" has remained strong in 2014.

- In 2014 we continue to have great success in placing retired racers in loving homes! To date close to **30 dogs** have found their forever homes!! Perhaps one of them is a new addition to your family.
- In June, GPA/TRG hosted the **North America Greyhound Adoption Conference** here in Pittsburgh. Greyhound lovers from all over the country & Canada attended this informative three day event.
- Our **dedicated volunteers** have given countless hours to promoting the greyhounds. We are so grateful for each and every one of you. **You** are a vital part of the organization. Interested in volunteering??? Please contact a board member for further details.

TRG relies solely on donations to continue the rescue and placement of greyhounds. Medical expenses for some greyhounds greatly exceed the adoption fee. We are committed to the greyhounds and no special needs dog is turned away.

Would you consider a **year-end gift** to Three Rivers Greyhounds to provide the necessary finances to continue our mission? Our annual tradition is the dollar amount for each year in 2000. A suggested amount for this year is **\$14.00 for each greyhound in your family. However, any amount is greatly appreciated.**

If you choose, an acknowledgement of your gift will be included in our 2015 newsletter. Please see the form below. (Print out and tear off that portion to mail in to GPA/Three Rivers Greyhounds). Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

**Thank you for your support.** The GPA/Three Rivers Greyhounds Board of Directors wishes you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Ruth Scheller, President  
Susy Durso, Secretary / Treasurer

Louise Evans, Vice President  
Kyle Catanzarite & Sue Yanakos, Directors

**GPA/Three Rivers Greyhounds ~ 2014 HOLIDAY Donation**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT OF DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please acknowledge my donation in the next TRG newsletter.

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: GPA/TRG, P.O. Box 147, Greensburg, PA 15601

## Annual Pasta Buffet Dishes Out a Greyt Result



On Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, TRG's pasta buffet at Lakeview Lounge in Greensburg was attended by fifty-six folks who gathered to support TRG and greyhound adoption.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful pasta buffet, cash bar and delicious cake! Silent and Chinese auction items were bid on and won by many happy attendees.

TRG's special "Cat's Meow" block debuted at the buffet and was available for purchase.

This year, the buffet raised over **\$1600** for the greyhounds! These proceeds will be used for veterinary and adoption costs that TRG incurs with the placement of greyhounds into their forever homes.

Special thanks to Sandy Strychor and Dave Kost, Lisa and Mark Paulson, and Susy, Dan and Jimmy Durso for all they did to make this event a success.

Again, thanks to everyone who attended. Your support of TRG's mission is 'greyt-ly' appreciated. Be sure to make plans for 2015 as we plan to hold a buffet again!

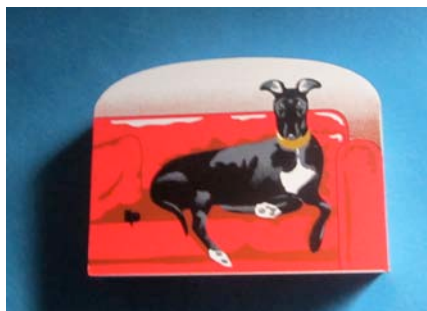
### *Announcing an 'Exclusive' from TRG..... A Cat's Meow Block!!*

Just in time for the holidays and available for purchase, TRG is pleased to offer greyhound enthusiasts a specially designed decorative block that benefits greyhound adoption.

What is a Cat's Meow block? The block is a two-dimensional wooden likeness of a greyhound relaxing on his couch. The back of the block contains the all-important message "Adopt a Greyhound." Each piece measures 4 inches by 3 inches and has the company's signature cat logo on the front and a copy of the founder's signature on the back. These items are designed and made in the U.S.A.

TRG has commissioned this block so that it may be purchased by individuals for \$16 per block plus shipping. Special pricing is available for rescue groups so that they can fund-raise for their local adoption group.

Groups should contact TRG at [susy@gpathreeriversgreyhounds.org](mailto:susy@gpathreeriversgreyhounds.org) for additional information on how to order this keepsake for your adoption group. Individuals may place their order at the same address.



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*A special thank you to the following individuals and groups who made donations to Three Rivers Greyhounds.....*

Kristen Curtin            Arno Puntzel  
Moon Twp. Brownie Scout Troop 111  
Fran Iafolla - In Memory of Mattie and Boe  
                                         Moochies  
Bev Stulen- In Memory of Mattie and Boe  
Sandy & Jim Jones - In Memory of Betty Weiss  
Norman Gordon - In Memory of Betty Weiss

*Help support greyhound adoption!  
Tee it up with Three Rivers Greyhounds at*

**GPAThree Rivers Greyhounds 8<sup>th</sup> Annual FORE! The Hounds Charity  
Outing**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015 – Olde Stonewall Golf Club**

1495 Mercer Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117

Registration and Driving Range Use begins at 12:00 PM | Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM

Rain or Shine – Scramble Format – Space is limited to the first 120 players

**COST: \$135 per player.** Included - driving range use before golf, locker room use, 18 holes of golf at the well-manicured and prestigious Olde Stonewall Golf Club, riding cart w/GPS, snacks/drinks on the course, sit down dinner, cash bar at dinner, skill prizes\*, team prizes, auction items, door prizes, and more!

**Dinner choices are:** Stuffed Chicken Breast (or) Shrimp and Penne Pasta (or) Salmon Teriyaki

**Please register by April 25th by mailing the registration form with check to:**

Three Rivers Greyhounds, P.O. Box 147, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Or, visit our website to register online and to pay by credit card:

[www.gpathreeriversgreyhounds.org](http://www.gpathreeriversgreyhounds.org)

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks for men. No steel spikes are allowed on the course. No jeans or jean shorts. All are welcome....singles, twosomes, threesomes and foursomes. If you don't have a foursome, we'll put you with other fun golfers!

\*\*This event is open to men and women. Certain holes will have skill prizes for both\*\*

Any questions, please contact Lisa Paulson at 412.956.5209 or lilipaulson@gmail.com

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