

News and Roos

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How YOU Can Help Greyhounds

You've adopted a retired racing greyhound. You have provided him/her with a forever home and it's a beautiful thing. Now what?

There are many more greyhounds waiting to be adopted. Three Rivers Greyhounds is now tparent chapter to the Wheeling Satellite chapter located at the Wheeling Island Casino track. Our board and volunteers are involved with helping the satellite get back on its feet and become a full-fledged chapter of Greyhound Pets of America. With our efforts and those of Wheeling volunteers, more greyhounds should be able to move on to other greyhound adoption groups or find their forever homes through the Wheeling chapter.

We have many events scheduled in the next few months where your participation will help raise funds and/or spread awareness of the need for homes for greyhounds awaiting forever homes.



All events and their proceeds help defray the costs associated with TRG's greyhound adoption program. Preparing a hound for adoption often costs much more than the \$250 fee. By supporting these events, you can make a difference in a greyhound's life.

More information on each event is contained in a separate article in this newsletter. Hope to see you during the summer!

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| Sunday, August 2 | 10 th Annual Bowling for Greyhounds
Main Street Bowling Center, Greensburg, PA |
| Saturday, Sept. 12 | Animal Fair at Peters Township Library
McMurray, PA |
| Saturday, Sept. 26 | Greyhound Social at Walkers Pet Hotal,
Murrysville, PA |
| Sunday, Sept. 27 | TRG Bath-a-thon RESCHEDULED
TanZar Kennels, Wexford, PA |

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The following article is reprinted from our June 2013 "News and Roos" newsletter. It's a reminder of how summer temperatures can be hazardous to your greyhound.

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### *Summertime and the Living is Easy.....*

HOT, HOT, HOT! Not just lyrics from a song by Buster Poindexter in the 70's, but summer weather and its higher temperatures are something we should consider when exercising our dogs, letting them out in the yard, or transporting them in a car or other vehicle during the summer months.

Greyhounds require extra vigilance when dealing with heat because of their lack of body fat and short coat; they don't have the insulation other dogs might have. It should be noted that dogs can suffer heat stroke in 80° F weather if the humidity is high.



Walk your hounds in the early morning. Street pavement and air temperatures are cooler then. If your hound is playing in the yard, monitor their level of activity; a plastic pool filled with water is a greyt idea for cooling them off. Never leave your greyhound in a car in the summer (or any other time for that matter). Keep the A/C running if you stop the car and need to get out of the car for a moment.

Make sure your greyhound is hydrated; carry a bottle of water with you on your walks. A thermos filled with ice in the car is a good idea. Keep a squirt bottle with water in it; use it to keep your hound wet under his belly, and on his legs, ears and coats. If your greyhound appears to be getting overheated while on a walk, turn around and head home.

Signs of heat stroke include the following ~

- ✓ Excessive panting/difficulty breathing (Remember that dogs don't perspire!)
- ✓ Inside of ears become flushed and red; tongue and mucous membranes are red
- ✓ Weakness or wobbly walk
- ✓ Fainting, vomiting, diarrhea
- ✓ Rectal temperature of 104° -110° (A dog's normal temperature is between 101° -102.5°F)



A dog may have some of these symptoms, but not necessarily all of them.

Quick action can save your greyhound's life if he is exhibiting any of the above symptoms. If possible, get him into the house with the A/C running or into the shade, if outside. Get cool water on your hound anyway that you can; use a garden hose, if necessary. Wet some cotton towels and place them all over the dog, especially on their belly and between their legs. Keep the towels cool – if they become warm, remove them and replace with more wet, cool towels.

Please note: ***Drinking water will not lower the dog's temperature quickly enough!***

As soon as possible, GET YOUR DOG TO THE VET! Heat stroke can have other complications including kidney failure, spontaneous bleeding, irregular heartbeat, and seizures. These complications can occur hours or days later.

ALWAYS use good judgment and common sense when taking your greyhound outside. If it is too hot or humid and you would be uncomfortable, then your greyhound will be also.



*Running at the Rainbow Bridge....*

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

*Ada, loved by Carrie Schmucker  
Anabis, loved by Jim Evans and family*

*Thank You to the following individuals  
who made a donation to TRG!*

Brad & Karen Cornibe  
Janet Klauss  
Austin Lacy  
Richard Losego ~ company-match donation  
Nancy Bartman



**Thank You!**



*Recap  
Rock N Roos Reunion 2015*

This year's reunion was a HUGE success – thanks to all who came!

We had over 80 greyhound lovers attend this year – the most ever! The weather held up for us with the rain only starting towards the very end of the event. As a direct result of the reunion, two hounds found their forever homes, and over \$1100 was raised to help with adoption and veterinary expenses.

If you weren't able to come, our greyhounds had fun participating in the fun run, with 2 hounds going over 30 mph. Several hounds went where they never had been before, sampling food in the "My Dog Will Eat That" contest, and all greyhounds enjoyed participating in our annual roo-off.

Delicious food, sweets, and drinks were provided by the board and reunion volunteers. There was even a greyhound version of the Pittsburgh cookie table, with greyhound-themed cupcakes and chocolates. Oh, those calories.....

Special thanks to all who helped in anyway, including reunion chairs Sue Yanakos and Jane Fahringer, and food coordinators Maryann Flot, Bev Stulen, and Fran Iafolla.

We've come to realize that we may just be outgrowing the Blueberry Hill Community Center and will be considering another venue to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Rock n Roos Reunion in 2016. Thank you to everyone who attended and made this reunion the GREYTEST one yet!

## *Greyhounds in Gettysburg*

If you've never attended Greyhounds in Gettysburg... GIG for short.....well, you should!

This event, sponsored by Nittany Greyhounds, is held the last weekend in April. It is a large gathering of greyhounds and their humans, vendors with everything greyhound you can imagine, and speakers that are more knowledgeable about greyhounds than I could ever dream of being! There are hotels that are greyhound-friendly and planned events for hounds and their humans.



This year, TRG ventured into vending for the first time. We managed to sell over \$1900 in merchandise (before costs) during the 2-day event. Not only that, we got several hundreds, if not thousands, of greyhound kisses!

Special thanks to all those that helped with the vending.

Next year's event is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> /May 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope you and your greyhounds can make it there!

~ Susy Durso

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Annie's Garage Sale

As told to Jane Fahringer

Hello there, Miss Annie Flot here!



I want to tell you all about the Garage Sale that I planned as a fundraiser for TRG to help out some of my friends. We held it at my Aunt Jane's house.

My mom and dad helped (he calls me Annie Bananie ~ how embarrassing, but I know he loves me cause he takes really good care of me); Aunt Bev helped and so did Aunt Fran.

We all worked for two days to help our friends. It really tired me out, as you can see ... all those people petting me and talking to me. Wow, they all had a lot of questions, too. My Aunt Jane said it was like doing a big Meet 'n Greet. We really got the word out about Greyhounds!

People were able to see greyhounds Bentley, Ginger and Max as they looked out the window; apparently, they preferred to stay in the air-conditioned house while I worked, but they sometimes came out into their yard . . . well, you know why.

Anyway, we raised \$366 for TRG, but the best part was bringing all the attention to how grey greyhounds are.

That's all for now, I'm still trying to catch up on some rest. Thanks to all of those who contributed items for the sale!



Greyhounds and Golf ~ the Perfect Combination!

On Sunday, May 3, sixty-eight golfers enjoyed 18 holes of picturesque golf at Olde Stonewall Golf Course in Ellwood City. With a change in venue, this was TRG's 8th Annual FORE! The Hounds Charity Golf Outing. The weather was perfect with lots of sun and warm temperatures, and the course was in great shape. Our golfers were up for the challenge of competing on this prestigious course.

All golfers received an event bag, snacks and drinks on the course, many giveaways, and a delicious sit-down dinner.

There were various items up for silent auction including a signed Steelers football and mini-helmet, an overnight stay for 2 at the Chateau at Nemacolin, along with golf at The Links Course, and golf for 4 at Avalon Lakes Country Club. Also donated was a basket of 10 wines brought back from Paris, France.

Local businesses and friends of TRG donated towards tee signs, items for door prizes, and for the Chinese auction.

Bobby Rahal Motorcars donated a Hole-In-One prize where the winner could have a two-year lease of their choice from one of 5 cars, including a Mercedes-Benz, Land Rover, Volvo, BMW or Jaguar.

Dixon Golf was present and set up prize holes along the course. One lucky winner, Karen Hersperger, made t a Hole-In-One and won two tickets to anywhere that Spirit Airlines flies.

Local ESPN golf radio talk show host, Tom Beeler, from the Tom & Tom show, emceed the dinner events. He did a greyt job!

Also, key to the day were the volunteers who donated their time to help make this event a success. All in all, the weather turned out perfect, everyone had a "greyt" time, and the hounds that showed up (Rosie, Indy, Tucker, Rummy, and greyhound-for-a-day Mia) got lots of attention from the golfers, staff, and volunteers.

The event netted over \$5,200 to help TRG with its mission of placing retired racing hounds in forever homes. Next year's event is scheduled for **Sunday, May 1, 2016**. Mark your calendars and get your foursome together for another fun event to benefit the greyhounds!

NOTE: The TRG board would like to extend a **big** thank you to Lisa and Mark Paulson for all their work in making this event a greyt success!

Golfers head out



Rosie & Rummy check out a knight in shining armor at Olde Stonewall's Restaurant "Shakespeare's"



Rummy quenches his thirst with a bit of 'ale', i.e. ice water



Happy prize winners



Lisa Paulson organized this wonderful event!



More Events to Put on Your Calendar!

Greyhound Bath-A-Thon
RESCHEDULED

Due to the severe weather that was forecast for our original date of May 31, the TRG board made the difficult last minute decision to postpone the bath-a-thon.

It has now been rescheduled!

WHEN: Sunday, September 27
12 noon to 3 pm

WHERE: TanZar Kennels
Wexford, PA



WHAT: Your dog will be bathed and their nails clipped. Short coated dogs only. No small dogs please.

DONATION: \$20 per dog

While your greyhound is getting pampered with their bath/blow dry and nail clipping, TRG will have snacks and drinks for the humans PLUS we will have TRG merchandise available for purchase for humans and canines alike.

Hope to see you and your hound there!



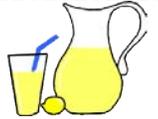
*Animal Fair - Peters
Township Library*

Please join TRG at the Animal Fair at Peters Township Library on Saturday, September 12th, from 11am - 2pm.

We will be there to showcase our hounds and educate the public on Greyhound Adoption.

If you plan on coming, let us know at info@gpathreeriversgreyhounds.org

Greyhound Social



Saturday, September 26, 2015
3 to 5 pm

\$5.00 donation per dog suggested

Sponsored by: Three Rivers Greyhounds & Walker's Pethotail
4306 William Penn Highway
Murrysville, PA

Come visit with other greyhounds and their owners for an afternoon of fun!

There will be snacks and drinks, biscuits, door prizes, games, and more.

RSVP is suggested for an estimate of attendees ~ 724.327.7297 or Fax 724.327.0582

Proof of current rabies and distemper series is required. Bring proof with you or it can be faxed to the above number.

Questions? Contact Sandy at strychors@upmc.edu or 412.529.8007

Shyla's Journey - Updated

By Susy Durso

In 2012, I wrote about Shyla's Journey. That story, in TRG's newsletter Issue #8, can be found on our website if you wish to read it.

I decided to update her journey as we've made greyt strides in the very recent past. Shyla came to us at 19 months of age as a VERY shy, spooky greyhound who didn't want anything to do with a human. She started to come around with a lot of love and space.

The last story ended with Shyla beginning to learn how to play. She now plays all the time, and loves to run zoomies around the yard and chase her brother Bo! She has learned to engage us in play and loves to chase us around, too! She even learned to step into a baby pool of water last summer! She didn't quite get the hang of laying down in it, but maybe this summer!

Oh ... and Shyla even has a 'boyfriend'! Wolffy comes over to visit and the lovebirds are inseparable! Wolffy is a greyhound, too, and spends time at the 'zoo' (our home) both with and without our zookeeper (his dog-mom, Michelle, who watches our zoo when we're away.)

Shyla has always had 'her corner' of the world. We managed to plan our furniture around her corner until this past February, when we decided that the dogs could have our old sofa and we'd get a newer one. We bought a sectional that, unfortunately, had no place to go but in Shyla's corner. We determined that this sofa would be a 'humans only' sofa. Uh yeah right!

Shyla was always on the floor beside the sofa, but one day, Schwan's Delivery came to the door and she got startled. She flew up onto the corner of the sectional and stood there shaking. The poor girl realized she was on furniture and didn't know what to do. We didn't say a word.

She ultimately laid back down and stopped trembling. We sat near her and stroked her, telling her it was okay. She left the sofa only to go out to do her business. As I sit here and write this, she is curled up next to me, leaning her head on my lap. She is soooo precious and loving...more than before she found the sofa! She truly has become a '45 mph retired couch potato'!

Did I mention that this was supposed to be a 'humans only' sofa????

Shyla and Dan Durso



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Fashionably Elegant for a Greyt Cause

Miss Pennsylvania &
Promise



On June 7th, greyhounds Emma, Promise and Rummy went to Zelienople Community Park to participate in a very special event.

It was the inaugural “Pups for Our Patriots ~Fashion Fur a Cause” presented by Eye Kandy Boutique of Zelienople who partnered with the K-9 Six Project, a group providing veterans in the greater Pittsburgh area with canine companions at no cost.

There were many rescue groups and vendors present. The highlight of the event was the fashion show which took place in the park’s amphitheater.

Each model was accompanied by a dog representing a rescue group. Miss Pennsylvania USA 2015, Elizabeth Cardillo, was escorted by TRG’s own Promise.

Promise was fashion forward with her flowered scarf and patriotic tail bow, and made an elegant companion for the beautiful Miss Pennsylvania.

A total of almost \$13,000 was raised for the K-9 Six Project! TRG was honored to be part of this special event.

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Summer Fruits and Your Hound

Nature’s bountiful seasonal summer fruits can be a yummy and nutritious snack for your greyhound. Besides providing something different in your dog’s diet, there are many nutrients that benefit your canine family member.

Berries – just as we like to pop a few berries into our mouth, the following are safe for your dogs: strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries. One or two of the smaller berries or a small strawberry are the right size for a treat.

Pears – one or two cubes make a good size treat.

Cantaloupe –one inch of a cantaloupe wedge is just right. No seeds or rind.

Watermelon – one to three small cubes of one-inch wedge are a normal size treat. **Do Not** feed your hound the seeds or rind.



Always check with your veterinarian if you have concerns, and feed small Portions to see if the fruit agrees with your hound’s tummy.