

News and Roos

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Greyhound Adoption ~ It's Not Just a Numbers Game!

How do you or can you quantify success in animal rescue? And specifically in greyhound adoption?

SIX years ago, a small group of greyhound lovers and adopters put their experience and passion for these beautiful and loving hounds into action by establishing a subchapter of Greyhound Pets of America in Pittsburgh. With mentoring by Greyhound Pets of America/Maryland, we were able to obtain full chapter status in December 2009.

Since then, we have placed many greyhounds, had a few hounds returned for rehoming, but have always focused on each individual dog to ensure the best placement in a forever home. We have returned dogs from other adoption groups and found new homes for them.

In August, TRG reached a milestone – our **200th** adoption. While this is a milestone for our group, the focus continues to be on the next greyhound seeking a forever home. We have been blessed with the addition of many more passionate volunteers who devote their time and energy to whatever is needed.

As the popularity of greyhound racing continues to decline, the group's passion continues. A few weeks ago, Gulf Park Greyhound Track in Texas announced that it will be closing permanently. All adoption groups go on high alert with any announcement of track closings – what will happen to all the greyhounds? And how can we help?

In 2009, TRG went to Wheeling and picked up three greyhounds –Fayme, Rosie, and Boss. Each found a forever home; Rosie was a foster failure and adopted by our family. Recently, she traveled to the Rainbow Bridge. She just missed celebrating her 12th birthday. Rosie spent one-half of her life in the racing environment. While we mourn and miss Rosie, we are comforted by the fact that she enjoyed a 'dog's life' for nearly six years in our home.

As TRG begins its seventh year as a greyhound adoption group, our officers and board are greytful for the many blessings the group has received through donations, grants, and countless volunteer hours, and especially to **ALL OUR WONDERFUL ADOPTERS** who have opened their homes and hearts to these wonderful, loving creatures.

~ Louise Evans, Vice President



Buck
Our 200th Adoption

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TRG Update

Since taking on the Wheeling adoption kennel as a TRG satellite operation, we realized it was time to redistribute some of the duties of the TRG Board.

Susy Durso has now taken on the duties as Treasurer of GPA/Wheeling and functioning as the central point of contact. Susy is still the Secretary of GPA/Three Rivers Greyhounds, and is also the Executive Secretary of GPA National.

Sue Yanakos has taken over the responsibility of Treasurer of GPA/Three Rivers Greyhounds.

The remainder of the officers and board remains unchanged.

~ Ruth Scheller, President



Bowlers Roll a Perfect Game for Greyhound Adoption!



Forty-nine bowlers brought out their bowling balls and shoes to support TRG's 10th Annual Bowling for Greyhounds Event at Main Street Bowling in Greensburg.

Fun, laughter and good times were everywhere as bowlers had three games of bowling, opportunities to win silent auction items and Chinese auction baskets.

A total profit of \$955.04 was raised to support TRG' mission of finding homes for retired racing greyhounds. Thank you to everyone who supported this event!

Special thanks to the following sponsors: TanZar Kennels, Wexford and Lou's Barber Shop, Greensburg.

And a big thank you to Jimmy Durso for his fantastic design for the event t-shirt!

The following story was published by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette on July 18, 2015 and was written by Linda Wilson Fuoco. Photo credit: Pam Panchak/Post Gazette

Pet Tales: Annie the greyhound a survivor success story

For her 15th birthday, 22 people came to pay homage to Annie, who regally presided over the party at her Ross home. She wore her silver tiara, and guests gave her treats and toys. There were cupcakes decorated with edible pictures of greyhounds, for Annie is a greyhound — and a special one, at that.



Annie is a survivor, in more ways than one. When her name was Endless Night, the black dog raced at greyhound tracks until she was 5. That's kind of old for a racer, but she was fast and she won a lot. When she developed an autoimmune eye condition called pannus, her running-for-money days were over, and her future was uncertain.

On Oct. 16, 2005, volunteers from Going Home Greyhounds traveled to a West Virginia racing kennel to rescue 12 dogs. Endless Night wasn't one of the lucky dogs picked to make the trip to Pittsburgh.

Volunteers were wooed by the big brown eyes of three more dogs, so they rescued a total of 15 greyhounds. But once again Endless Night didn't make the "cut."

The kennel manager brought one of his favorite dogs out to the cars and asked if volunteers could make room for just one more really nice dog, because the kennel was out of the eye medication she needed.

Volunteer Elaine Pensenstadler agreed to make room in her Ambridge home for Endless Night. Twelve hours later the kennel burned down, and 73 greyhounds died.

Ten years ago the tragic fire was a news story in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and Endless Night was the only greyhound mentioned by name. She also made the Pet Tales column one month later. Two months after the fire, she was adopted by people who named her Annie.

The people who love Endless Night/Annie thought readers might enjoy a follow-up report.

Fifteen is an amazing age, especially for larger breeds. Annie sleeps a lot more than she used to, but when she's awake she is happy and active and social, still enjoying the attentions of strangers who come to meet her.

With age, Annie's face and head have turned white, and she's hard of hearing, but she seems to have no hip or knee problems. She still takes her eye medication, and it works — she's not blind. Her veterinarian calls her "Wonder Woman."

In her backyard — which her doting owners have replaced with "dog grade" artificial turf — Annie romps and frolics with the family's other greyhounds, Ollie, 8, and Sierra, 10. Annie trots and actually bounces on the green turf, which has a lot of padding.

Annie enjoys the large sand box that was installed for the dogs. Ollie and Sierra like to dig in the box, and Annie likes to nap there.

ADDENDUM: Sadly, Annie traveled to the Rainbow Bridge in early September. Run free sweet Annie!

Emergency Vets

We all hope to never need one, but the time to find an emergency vet is before a crisis happens. To help you be prepared, TRG has compiled a list of some Pittsburgh area veterinary clinics providing emergency service.

TRG does not endorse any particular veterinary practice, this list is just for reference should the need arise.

Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center (PVSEC)
807 Camp Horne Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-366-3400

VCA Northview Animal Hospital
223 Siebert Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-364-5374

VCA Castle Shannon Animal Hospital
3610 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234
412-885-2500

Allegheny Veterinary Emergency Trauma & Specialty (Avets)
4224 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
412-373-4200

Holiday Park Animal Hospital
1999 Golden Mile Hwy
Pittsburgh, PA 15239
724-327-7100
(may need to be an existing client, but they do offer after hours services)



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!! BATH-A-THON UPDATE !!

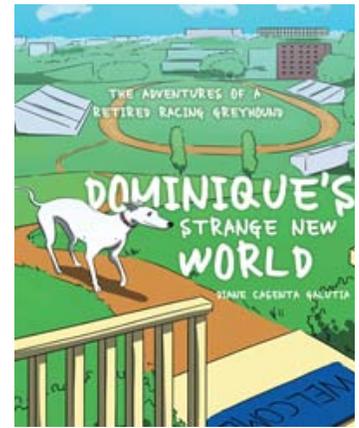
Book Signing to Benefit TRG!!

TRG is excited to inform all bath-a-thon attendees that the author of "Dominique's Strange New World: The Adventures of a Retired Racing Greyhound", Diane Casenta Galutia, will be present to sign her book at the bath-a-thon!

And TRG will receive \$1 for each book purchased on September 27 at the event!

This book, written from the perspective of a retired racing greyhound, Dominique, is an innovative and fun tale about family, new beginnings, love, self-worth, and self-identity.

A perfect gift for any greyhound lover, child or grandchild, etc. Get started on your holiday shopping early with a special gift signed by the author!



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Wanted! Newsletter Articles



TRG invites newsletter readers to submit articles (or suggestions for articles) for our newsletter. Our next newsletter will be published in early December.

Articles submitted should be limited to one page and are needed in a Word file document.

Send your articles or suggestions to louevans@aol.com.

Thank you!



Running at the Rainbow Bridge....

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

*Annie, loved by Vince and Maryann Flot
Rosie, loved by the Evans family*

Three Rivers Greyhounds will be participating in Dogtober Fest @ The Waterfront, Homestead, PA on October 3 from 11-4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with our both. Please contact Susy Durso – susy@gpathreeriversgreyhounds.org to volunteer.



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\$5 Registration – \$500 in Prizes!

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or call 412-780-6095 for more info

Dogs cannot be adopted from the DogtoberFEST event, but applications will be received and dog meet-and-greets may take place.
All public dogs attending must be current on vaccinations and be people and dog friendly. Please NO retractable leashes!

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