



## North American Greyhound Adoption Conference is Almost Here!

The officers and conference committee volunteers of Three Rivers Greyhounds have been hard at work for over 12 months with planning meetings to make the 2014 North American Greyhound Adoption Conference in Pittsburgh on June 20-22, 2014 successful.

The conference serves many purposes: 1- The annual meeting of Greyhound Pets of America will be held during the conference, 2- The latest in greyhound health and wellness will be discussed, 3- We will hear about the current state of the racing industry and greyhounds, 4- Information on the latest greyhound adoption issues will be reviewed.

And to borrow from Hollywood, we have an "A-list" of speakers to present this information.

Featured speakers include the following:

- Dr. Guillermo Couto, DVM
- Gary Guccione - National Greyhound Association
- Lee Livingood - Animal Behavior Consultant & author of *Greyhounds for Dummies*
- Ann Bollens - Sunburst Project
- Bill Buchanan - *Racing into the Light* Documentary
- Dr. Katelyn Ewald, DVM
- Melissa Cook - The Greyhound Project

There will also be vendors of everything greyhound so attendees can stock up on the latest items.

**So what are you waiting for? Register for the conference now.**

Deadline for early registration is April 15th. Go to page 4 and complete the registration form and send in with your payment.

Don't regret missing out on this greyt opportunity in your own backyard. See you there!

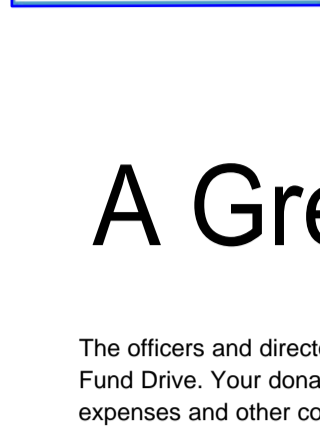
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# A Greyt Big Thank You to All !!

The officers and directors of Three Rivers Greyhounds would like to thank each and everyone who donated to our 2013 Holiday Fund Drive. Your donations will help with the necessary care to greyhounds ready for adoption by helping to defray medical expenses and other costs. A final total of \$1242 was raised, including several matching donations from employers.

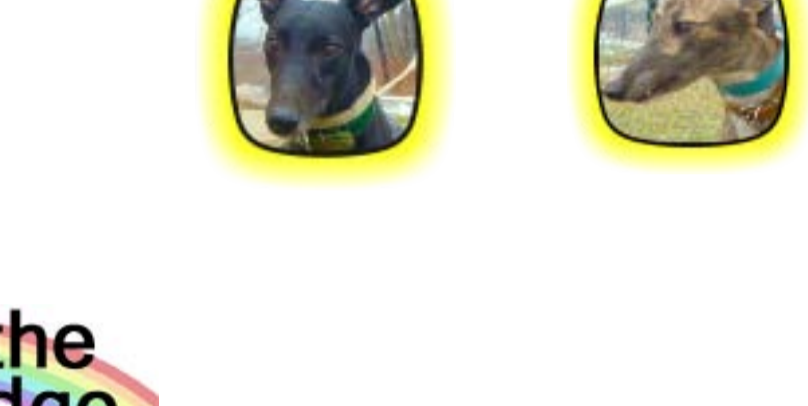
Thank you to the following --

- Lisa and Mark Paulson
- John and Bonnie Morell, in honor of Patches and Ellie Belle
- William and Janice Pack, in honor of Pretty Boy Floyd, Rocco Ricky and Dolph-E
- Linda Kostka, in honor of Greycie
- Jennifer Krandel, in honor of Sophie
- Paul and Diane Passantino, in honor of Bella and Maz
- Rick and Kim Pierce
- Dan and Fran Hicks, in honor of Bacardi
- Kayla Bowser and Erik Bylinowshki, in honor Grasshopper
- Samy and Renie Mistick, in honor of Smokey
- Laniewski Family, in honor of Magic and in memory of Prince Charming
- Tim and Ann McCutcheon, in honor of Justin, Lizzy and Abby; in memory of Molly
- Brandon and Gretchen Keat Family, in honor of our much beloved Gracie
- Heather Brown, in honor of Nitro
- Pauline Peters, in honor of Louie
- Mike and Hilary Snider, with love from Skeeter
- Kim Patrick and Dale Higgins
- Randy and Amy Leyland, in honor of Fly and Bonita
- Mark Hilty, in honor of Brutus
- Beverly Stulen
- Fran lafolla
- Shirley Van Zant
- Alice and Stephen Valentine, in memory of Pearl
- Dave and Kim Von Schlichten
- Louise Evans
- Losego Family, in honor of Tiamo
- Michelle Pcsolyar, in memory of Cameron and Capri, and in honor of Wolffy
- Michael Schneider
- Bill and Sue Yanakos, in honor of Emma, Lily, and Promise; in memory of Lana, Max, Bijan, and Sparkie



### Looking for Love.....

The hounds pictured are currently looking for their forever homes. From L to R: (top)Ollie, Nevin & (bottom) Claudia, DeeDee, Bios @ www.gpatrg.org



## Running at the Rainbow Bridge



Remembering those hounds that have recently crossed the Bridge.....

Rosa, loved by the Strychors and Kost family

Rosey, loved by the Sudiak family

Cutie Pie, loved by the Bertram family

Levi, loved by the Sudiak Family

Sophie Sez

Hello to all my greyhound and human fans. I'm skipping my normal advice column in this newsletter to share a public service announcement instead.

I think it's important for me to remind everyone about keeping our greyhound teeth nice and clean. It's not the most fun thing in the world to get our teeth brushed, but we should all have a nice smile and fresh breath. Sometimes brushing alone isn't enough and our humans have to take us to the vet to have our teeth cleaned by the professionals. Remind your humans to brush your teeth, and have the vet check us periodically too. Bad teeth and gums can make us really sick.

And speaking of dental hygiene, our friends at TRG have a nice lady vet coming to the NAGAC conference in June to give us a talk on dental health. Did you all register yet and book your hotel room? Don't wait or you'll miss out on the early registration!

I was hoping to have a booth at the conference so I could give personal advice, but I found out only humans are allowed to stay at the hotel. I think that is a terrible policy and I wanted to lodge a formal complaint, but my 'mom' wouldn't let me.

So if you need any advice, you'll have to email me instead at [twogreytpups@gmail.com](mailto:twogreytpups@gmail.com)

Yours In Good Health,

Sophie 🐾

## Register Now for NAGAC Conference! - Don't Miss a Greyt Opportunity!

Registration Form for 2014 North American Greyhound Adoption Conference  
June 20-22, 2014 Station Square Pittsburgh, PA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I AM REGISTERING FOR

\_\_\_\_ Conference..... \$50.00 per person (includes Grapehound wine-tasting)

\_\_\_\_ Late Registration (after 4/15/14) ....\$75 per person

\_\_\_\_ Banquet .... \$35 per person (available on by advance sale) A 3 hour dinner/dance cruise of Pittsburgh's Three Rivers

Commemorative T-shirts

Shirts in Sport Gray via pre-order with conference logo, pictured at right designed by Ken Roberts. Order now to guarantee your shirt. Limited number available at conference. Indicate number of shirts of each size you are ordering.



Short Sleeve: \$15, 2XL and up \$17 Small \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_

Long Sleeve: \$20, 2XL and up \$22 Small \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_

AMOUNT DUE \_\_\_\_\_

Payment via PayPal or by check payable to "2014 NAGAC".

Complete registration form and email to [susy@gpatrg.org](mailto:susy@gpatrg.org) or print the form out and mail to:

2014 NAGAC  
PO Box 147  
Greensburg, PA 15601

### Be a Sponsor at the Conference

A unique opportunity for you, your friends, or your business to sponsor the conference and its activities.

Show that you care about the future of greyhound adoption. All levels receive recognition as listed below.

Deadlines: Family and Friends - June 1 All other levels - May 1

#### Sponsorship Levels:

Family & Friends - \$25 to \$99

Recognition in our program

Bronze - \$100 to \$500.

Acknowledgement on our website and recognition in our program.

Silver - \$501 to \$1500

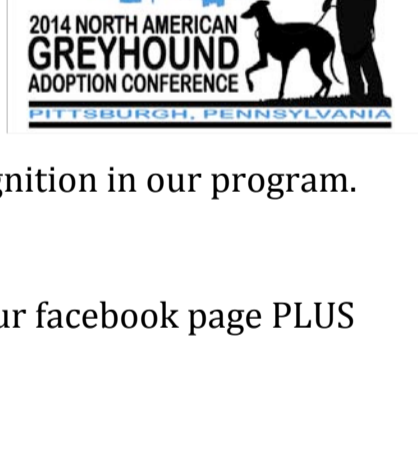
Same as Bronze level PLUS recognition on our facebook page PLUS admission for 2 to the Conference!

Gold - \$1501 to \$3000

Same as Silver level PLUS your logo printed on our welcome tote bags.

Platinum - \$3001 and up.

Same as Gold PLUS signage at the conference.



#### I wish to be a 2014 NAGAC sponsor at the following level:

Family & Friends \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ Silver \_\_\_\_\_

Gold \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ (checks payable to 2014 NAGAC)

MAIL TO: 2014 NAGAC, PO Box 147, Greensburg, PA 15601

### ARE GREYHOUNDS REALLY LIKE POTATO CHIPS??



I remember back in 2004 my husband and I decided it was time to get a dog, ONE dog, to go with our 5 cats. We wanted a small dog, one that wouldn't intimidate our cats or kids.

Then came that fateful day at the Westmoreland County Rib and Wing Cook-off. We met our first greyhound up close and personal. His name was Derry and he was fresh off the track, hadn't even been neutered yet. My boys, who didn't really care for dogs, were on their knees hugging them. At that point, we were hooked, lined and sinkered!

We brought Derry home the next week. He was actually afraid of our cats! Except for Tassi - our all white, deaf, kitty. She was the only one permitted in his crate. That was the moment I became a greyhound fan for life!

Within 2 months, the kids were begging for another greyhound! And of course, Derry agreed. So, that unseen, Kyle chose Carta for us. She was a beautiful black greyhound with a red duct taped tail! She had a happy tail that was duct taped to allow it to heal properly.

Another 8 months later, along came Lina. After all....greyhounds are like potato chips - you can't have just one!

A few months later....along came Pasha, a senior greyhound who needed her care when she was 9 3/4 years of age. Pasha made 4. Another month mamma, Vaia came along...after all, what's one more????

No, we weren't done then either. Along came Malden. After all....he chose Dan as his daddy, and we had Vaia, his real mom...couldn't resist!

One day we received a phone call....Dan's Father's Day present arrived, wrapped in a 'Bow! Bo was a wonderful addition to our ever growing family!

Then....along comes Shyla....I've written about her in the past....

Ten years after meeting our first greyhound, we've had 9 greyt hounds in our home. We have had tearful goodbyes as three of our hounds have crossed the rainbow bridge....Pasha, Vaia and Derry. I would not trade a moment of our time with them.

One Greyhound has never been enough....they are indeed addicting. Like Lays potato chips - you can't just have one! How many do you have??

- Susy Durso

Mark your calendars and update your smartphones with the following reminders and dates!

#### NAGAC IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Up to April 14 Deadline for NAGAC Registration of \$50
- April 15 on Late Registration Fee of \$75 due
- June 20 Conference Begins
- June 21 Seminars/ GPA National meeting
- June 21 evening Banquet and Riverboat Cruise
- June 22 Seminars/Closing

#### What do the following words have in common?

Lurcher Galgo Long Nose Gazehound

**Answer: A lurcher and a long nose are crosses of greyhounds with another breed. A galgo is a Spanish greyhound, and a gazehound refers to the sighthound. Below are two examples of these types of dogs. You can see their coats and ears differ.**

