

# KOUCHI POTATO

**THE 45 M.P.H.**

**UPDATE**

GPA / CALIFORNIA  
ORANGE COUNTY  
& GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

## *Upcoming Events*

### **BUS TRIP TO CALIENTE**

October 7, 2000. Look for information in Ad on page 7

### **HOME AND GARDEN SHOW**

August 19-27  
Anaheim Convention Center  
Weekdays 12 noon to 9pm  
Saturday 10am to 9pm  
Sundays 10am to 6pm  
Please call Diane Dobson at (714) 289-2868 or email her at didodson@earthlink.net to schedule a shift!

### **GPA DOG WASH AT THE MCRORIE'S**

July 23 and October 29, 2000  
1210 North Cypress Street  
La Habra Heights, CA  
(Information inside)

### **DOO DAH PARADE**

November, 2000  
Information will be in the next Newsletter

## *In this issue...*

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and much more...

*"Until one has known and loved a greyhound, a part of one's soul remains unawakened".*

## **OUR PICNIC 2000 WAS THE BIGGEST AND BEST EVER!**

It was a perfect day for a picnic, we couldn't have asked for better weather. Our new location in Huntington Central Park proved to be a good choice, offering everything needed for an enjoyable picnic. There was plenty of shade and lots of room to spread your blankets and set up your chairs. Over 600 people and more than 300 canine pals joined together to make our 5th annual picnic in the park the best attended ever. Attendance actually doubled from last year !!!!

The highlight of the day was the Gilley Girls Dancing Drill Team, who drove across the country to make their California debut performance at our picnic. They agreed to do two performances for our enjoyment and enjoy them we did. You would have to see it to believe it. Those are some amazing Greyhounds. Not only amazing but cute, smart, obedient and they put on an awesome show.

The contests drew a large crowd as everyone wanted to watch Greyhounds bob for hot-dogs. Only a few would stick their noses in the bucket of water despite lots of begging and pleading from their anxious owners. It was hilarious. I'm sure some will be practicing up for next year. Musical chairs and the egg race brought laughs and cheers as eggs got dropped and broken and people raced for chairs when the music stopped.

Mariah, a 16 year old Greyhound went home with the prize for oldest Greyhound. You would never have guessed her to be that old, as she really looks quite good. She lives with Gloria and Steve Carle in San Juan Capistrano.

A great deal of time and thought went into the costumes for this years contest. The judges had a difficult time making a decision. 1st place went to a Doberman dressed in leather. Certainly looked like a true biker dog.

As usual, the foster booth was busy all day with people wanting to see available dogs. It was a good opportunity for approved applicants to spend time with the dogs, review profiles and adopt their new

Greyhound. Many dogs found permanent homes and left from the picnic with their new families.

The barbecue lunch was extra special this year thanks to the many many many volunteers that donated salads to go with the burgers and hot dogs.

The bake sale was popular with lots of goodies to snack on and cakes and breads to take home.

There was wide array of vendor booths to shop for greyhound items, books, t-shirts and even antiques. There was even a booth that would take pictures of your dog.

Pet Psychic, Lydia Hiby was busy all day giving insight into your dogs thoughts

and past life. Dr. Wayne Kopit provided dental care information and handed out toothbrushes.

There were many foster parents at the picnic. Many came in hopes of seeing their former foster dogs. It was exciting for them to see all the dogs that had lived and trained in their home before being adopted by that "perfect family"

Our picnic is not only a fun day to share with our greyhounds but also a fundraiser to help raise money so we can continue to rescue greyhounds from the racetrack and find good homes for them. Thank you all for your continued support. A special thank you to the many volunteers who made this picnic possible by donating their time, making salads, begging for raffle prizes and all the many other things that made this years picnic such a huge success. A big thank you to Marshall Shipley who spends all his time at every picnic behind the microphone.

See you all again next year.



## HOMeward BOUND

It is with mixed emotions that GPA/CA-LOC&GLA will be saying good-bye to Vic and Joann Kally. Happiness, because this is a move they have wanted for some time, and sadness because we will be separated from our good friends. Vic and Joann made the decision nearly two years ago to “move home” to Pennsylvania where Joann’s family lives and now it is finally happening. They have sold their house and they are busy packing boxes and traveling back and forth to Pennsylvania

looking for the right home for them and their three Greyhounds and the little terrier that lives with them too.

The Kally’s have been a huge asset to this chapter since its beginning. They designed and started our newsletter, The Couch Potato, they have always opened their home to new foster dogs and they never miss show and tells in their area. In between all these volunteer activities, Joann helps find homes for greyhounds by doing home visits as a

placement representative. The hours and dedication they have given to GPA are endless.

Although we will miss them, we wish them well on their journey and happiness in their new home. Gads, isn’t it cold back there???? There is no way to thank them for all that they have contributed to GPA and the greyhounds. We hope they will always stay in touch. And remember, they can always come back, either to visit or if its too cold in Pennsylvania, come back to sunny California to stay.

## GOLDEN YEAR GREYHOUNDS

*Lynda Adame*

I’ve never owned an older Greyhound. There, I feel much better being up-front with all of you about that fact. My own Greyhounds, Cody and Tara, are both middle aged dogs; still active, energetic, and healthy. Not too far down the road though, they will both enter their golden years and I want to be prepared for this inevitability. This led me to collect quite a bit of research and information about living with geriatric dogs, some of which might be useful to other Greyhound owners as their own dogs approach old age.

When is a Greyhound considered old? Based on the information I have gathered, the aging process varies with breed and lifestyle. Most Veterinarians consider large dogs (51 - 90 pounds) old when they are 9 to 11.5 years of age. We are beginning to see Greyhounds, in adoptive homes, reach ages of 12 to 16 years.

What are the physical changes an older dog might go through? Surprisingly, research shows that aging dogs experience many of the same changes that aging humans undergo. Loss of muscle tone is usually the most obvious change, resulting in the neck and body looking flabbier. Weight management should be a high priority as Greyhounds age, and weighing your dog every few months can give you a heads up on physical problems. Extra weight is hard on most dogs but is particularly difficult for an aging Greyhound, a breed that is meant to be lean. Daily grooming will keep you in touch with any new lesions, bumps, lumps, discoloration’s or bad breath. If you find anything suspicious, report it to your Vet. It’s particularly important to note that female dogs spayed later in life are in a high risk category for mammary tumors; daily grooming will help detect these in your female Greyhound. Grooming also aids in circulation, assists the dog in grooming areas it can no longer reach, and helps distribute natural skin oils leading to a healthier coat.

An impaired resistance to temperatures, both hot and cold, can become apparent in a geriatric dog. Since Greyhounds are uniquely sensitive to heat and cold in their early years,

be extra observant that their environment is neither too cold nor too hot as they age.

Arthritic joints may create aches and pains as a dog ages, making it more difficult for the Greyhound to keep its anal-genital region clean. Arthritis and joint pain management are a key area to monitor in a retired athlete. Even if your dog showed no joint sensitivity as a youngster, old injury sites can flare up as they calcify with age. This type of discomfort is treatable with a variety of medications including: over the counter pain medication (Ascriptin for instance), prescription medication (Vet dispensed) such as Rimadyl, as well as homeopathic treatments such as Glycoflex, and Shark Cartilage. Acupuncture is another option for a Greyhound with joint pain — check with your Veterinarian for a referral. Greyhounds experiencing the aches and pains of arthritis will benefit from a soft padded surface on which to sleep. Egg crate foam is highly recommended for this purpose, as it cushions joints and evenly distributes a dogs’ weight.

You may find you are spending more time grooming your older dogs as the toe nails can require more frequent trimming and the dogs skin may begin to dry out. Loss of hearing may occur and should be suspect if your geriatric dog suddenly begins to ignore you when you speak to it. Problems in vision are a possibility. If your older Greyhound suddenly begins to bump into furniture, injures itself more often, or becomes fearful of common things (such as canine and human friends, or going for a W-A-L-K) consider that it’s vision may be failing and have your Veterinarian take a look.

Tooth and gum disease are fairly common in the older dog, and Greyhounds are no exception. Most dental procedures require a dog be anesthetized for a short period of time. Be VERY certain that your Veterinarian is using a Greyhound safe anesthetic, such as Isoflourine. Geriatric Pre-Surgical panels are required by most Veterinarians after a dog reaches 8 years of age. A standard panel will include a CBC and Urinalysis.

Kidney disease and failure become more

common as dogs age so keep an eye out for increased thirst and other symptoms of kidney failure. Most Veterinarians recommend testing organ function at least once a year in older dogs. New research is showing that high protein levels in food do \*not lead\* to kidney dysfunction. However, protein levels are important to monitor if the kidneys are already showing impairment. Incontinence may appear in older spayed females and is treated with Estrogen supplements.

While some conditions (like heart trouble) may preclude exercising your older Greyhound, most healthy dogs will benefit from some form of regular exercise to help keep their joints supple, their weight down, and their minds active. Walking is probably best for an older dog, even if it’s a slow walk. Optimum would be a daily walk with a varied route.

Automatically vaccinating a dog every year, or every few years, is an area of much controversy and research these days. It is now possible for Veterinarians to check a dogs’ blood for appropriate antibody levels, rather than vaccinate the dog every few years. For older dogs, or dogs with compromised immune systems, this may be an interesting new approach to canine vaccinations. For further information, have your Veterinarian contact Colorado State University at (970) 491-1101 (ask for “Diagnostics”), or contact Protatek Reference Lab at (602) 545-8499.

What if your Greyhound becomes bed-ridden? While this is an unpleasant thought, many dogs have spent content years in various stages of repose. Hammock-type beds are recommended because they disperse the pressure placed on the dogs’ body and allow urine to pass through where it can be soaked into padded Bedliners (purchased through hospital stores). Pressure sores will likely develop on bed-ridden dogs. To help prevent pressure sores you will need to move the dog from side to side and massage the pressure points often. Ammonia breaks down the keratin layer of the skin, making sores worse, thus

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# GPA GENERAL STORE

**Greyhound Premier Collar . . . . . \$8.00**

Sizes: small 8" to 12" by 3/4" wide medium 10" to 16" by 1" wide. Colors: black, royal blue, deep purple, teal, dark green, dusty rose, red, hot pink.

**Matching Premier Leash . . . . . \$7.00**

6' long, 1" wide. Same colors as the collars.

**GPA Logo T-Shirts**

**M/L/XL/XXL . . . . . \$12.00**

50/50 blend available in Ash with black logo, Forest Green, Purple, Royal Blue, and Navy with white logo, and White with Navy logo.

**GPA Logo Sweatshirts**

**M/L/XL/XXL . . . . . \$27.00**

Long sleeve 50/50 blend available in Ash only.

**GPA Decal . . . . . \$6.00**

Features the GPA logo and name, plus the telephone number and internet address of our GPA chapter. Size of logo and name is approx. 9"x11".

**Red Rubber Grooming Mitt . . . \$6.00**

Sturdy and inexpensive, your Greyhound will love it.

**Squawker . . . . . \$17.00**

Keep it handy to use for an emergency should your Grey ever get out. Emits a high pitched "squawk".

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**Ultrex/Mesh raincoat - \$40.00.** Colors are blueberry, black, red, yellow, violet, teal green, forest green. **Polar Fleece/Ultrex - \$48.00.** Fleece is covered by Ultrex. Colors are the same as Ultrex above.

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*Thank You!*

**ARE YOU A GREYHOUND ADDICT?**

*By: Lynda Adame*

Do you find yourself wanting to talk about Greyhounds day and night? Have you read every book you can get your hands on about Greyhounds but still want more information? Ever wonder if there are other Greyhound-crazy people out there in the world besides yourself? If so, the Greyhound-I may be the place for you.

The Greyhound-I is an electronic mail (e-mail) based list whose sole existence is to offer a place to talk about Greyhounds non-stop, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Currently there are 2200 list members subscribed to the GH-I

spanning all facets of the Greyhound world from adopter to AKC breeder, race trainer to adoption group volunteer. All are welcome and share a unique perspective on living with Greyhounds.

If you are interested in joining this valuable resource, and you have an active email account, simply address an email message to: [LISTSERV@APPLE.EASE.LSOFT.COM](mailto:LISTSERV@APPLE.EASE.LSOFT.COM)

In the text of the message say: SUBSCRIBE GREYHOUND-I Your Name Please substitute your real name for Your Name (above.). See you on the "L".



*A "Monkey Dog".  
Need we say more!!*

keeping the dogs' body elevated from its urine will help in treating and avoiding pressure sores. Desitin is wonderful to use on a bedridden dog as it forms a barrier between the urine and the dogs' body, thus protecting the most delicate of skin. You can also dab liquid antacid (Maalox) on the sores, after cleaning and drying the area. The antacid changes the pH of the skin and promotes healing.

What are the behavioral changes older dogs go through? Older dogs tend to be more complacent, less energetic and less curious. They may be forgetful, and sleep more. Crankiness and irritability are common. The senior dog can become less tolerant of changes in its environment. You may want to consider having someone check on the dog in your home, rather than kenneling them, when you must leave on vacation. Kenneling an older dog can be extremely stressful and it's not uncommon for them to go off their feed, become over-anxious, or bark frequently. Continuing to provide varied stimuli in their lives may help mitigate some of the more behaviorally rigid and less tolerant aspects of the aging process. This can be as simple as taking a different route on each days walk, or working on some easy training commands or tricks.

What are the mental changes older dogs may experience? Cognitive dysfunction is a new area of research, in canine geriatrics, and some amazing breakthroughs have been made in recent years. Cognitive dysfunction, also referred to as senility, is recognizable by the following signs: Inattention to environment, loss of house training and the inability to recognize familiar people, places, or animals. Other signs

include confusion, changes in sleep cycle, decreased interest in food or unexplained weight loss, development of compulsive and/or repetitive behavior, tremors, shaking, whining and/or whimpering. Cognitive dysfunction can also manifest itself as Separation Anxiety in the older Greyhound. The latest research I have read, centers around treating the dog with l-deprenyl, a medication that appears to enhance cognitive function in many older dogs.

The thought of our beloved Greyhounds aging is something most of us would rather not contemplate. It is a reality, however, and knowing what to expect can help us better deal with the problems and issues that might occur. These dogs have become an integral part of our families. They deserve to live out their lives in a dignified and well cared for manner, surrounded by those that they love and who love them in return. I plan to share many more years with Tara and Cody, and wish the same for you. Recommended Reading: Hampton, John K. Jr., Ph.D., and Suzanne Hampton, Ph.D. Senior Years: Understanding your Dog's Aging Process. Howell Book House. 1993. ISBN: 0-87605-734-2.

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## STORMIN' NORMAN NEEDS A HOME

The call came at three p m on Friday, and the woman said, "You have to help me get my greyhound to a safe place!". As the story evolved, we came to find out that this woman had been transferred by her company to New York, and had left Norman with her sons in West Hollywood. Almost immediately, life for the sons went into a tail spin, and they were being evicted from their home. They called her to say that, "If Norman isn't gone by Monday, he would be taken to the pound."

After numerous phone calls between the mother, the sons and potential foster homes, Nancy Madigan and Joyce McRorie set out for West Hollywood during rush hour, wondering what they might find. They had been told that Norman was an 11 1/2 year old brindle male and, given the circumstances, expected to find a poorly cared for rickety old man. What greeted them was a beautiful red brindle, in very good condition. In fact, he looked a good three to four years younger than his age. Nancy and Joyce quickly put a leash on him, jumped him into the car and drove home. A few minutes

after their arrival with Norman, Wendy Thullen, his new foster mom, picked him up and Norman moved in with the Thullen family.

If you were at the picnic you may have seen Norman in the foster booth. He was the big red brindle male with the amazingly soft fur. Wendy says he is the softest greyhound she has ever seen.

Norman has settled in at Wendys, he follows her everywhere. he doesn't play with toys but he enjoys playing with Wendys other greyhounds and who knows, he still might learn how to chase a ball or toss a stuffie. Norman is an affectionate dog and loves to be hugged and petted. If tail wagging means happy, then Norman is a happy dog cause his tail is always wagging.

He has had a medical check-up, all his shots, and a dental cleaning and is ready to be adopted. If you are interested in giving a wonderful senior greyhound a home please let Joyce know at 562 694-3519. Oh, here's another plus for Norman, he's totally cat friendly!!!

## DOG FIGHTS DO HAPPEN

by Lynda Adame

If approached by a dog displaying an aggressive stance (barking, lunging, staring, hackles raised, stiff legged) the best advice is to try and steer clear. If you can't, the next step is to start backing away without turning your back on the dog. Do not make eye contact with the dog. If the dog continues to advance and your dogs are going to be involved, try stopping the dog using an object or action to deter the dog.

Suggestions:

- Spray bottle filled with lemon juice or ammonia
- Pepper spray
- Scream as loud as possible at the dog saying keywords like NO!
- Shake a bag to make a weird noise
- Open an umbrella to scare the dog
- Wave your arms to make yourself appear large
- Lunge forward as you yell loudly
- Wave a stick

When you scream do it in the most dramatic, don't mess with me, dominant voice you can muster. If a dog fight breaks out, you are in serious trouble. Here are some suggestions, in no particular order:

- You may need to drop your dog's leash and let it escape
- Pour pepper or another noxious substance in the eyes/snout of the attacking dog (yes you risk harming your own dog, but . . .)
- Pull the back legs out from under one of the dogs
- Kick the dog between the back legs
- Kick and hit the attacking dog while trying to not get bitten
- Gouge the dogs eyes
- Pull the tails of the dogs
- High pressure water hose
- Air horn to startle them

*Do your best to NOT get bitten, scream loudly to bring other humans to help you out, and act quickly as mortal damage can happen in seconds.*



Norman looking and feeling great for someone thats over 11 years old!



## THE 'COMING OUT' OF SIERRA

I am writing this after being exuberantly greeted by a dog that I was not sure would ever come out of hiding!!

Sierra was dubbed the sad, old, shy guy almost the moment he tumbled from the trailer. It was hard to coax him from the kennel to bring him home with us. He found refuge under our dining room table and would reluctantly venture out to eat if the food was very close by.

Sierra has been with us for four weeks and we have proudly watched him bloom. He will be 4 years old in July, so he is not old and he is loosing his sad look. He still would rather be under the table when we have company and although he is very good on a leash when we meet people Sierra graciously lets our dog, Sadie Rose take center stage. He lets people pet him but he is always just a step out of the way. One night we walked after dark. It was very quiet and there was no one out and he was so much more relaxed. In the house and back yard, he is a different dog, not shy at all. He is not even a bit curious about our cats and they are much more relaxed around him than they are with Sadie Rose. Sadie has diligently been working to get Sierra to play by dropping stuffed toys in front of him and her persistence is paying off. His long tail goes in circles when he gets excited—when we get up in the morning, come home, or just call his name. We get excited when he plops down in the middle of the floor instead of under the table.

Sierra is a beautiful black boy with lots of love to give. He needs lots of reassurance, patience and love and a PERMANENT HOME. If you are interested in adopting Sierra, please call Joyce at 562 694-3519.

### "A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD SMELL AS SWEET...."

Please email any category of names to Diane Dodson at didodson@earthlink.net and be a part of introducing a group of greyhounds into their rose garden of retirement!

## ADOPTIONS

Here are more lucky greyhounds that found homes, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the wonderful support we are given by individuals and businesses. Listed below are the families and their dogs who came together since our last newsletter:

<b>Taurus</b>	.....	Dorothy Dodson of Tustin
<b>Ash</b>	.....	Gary and Pam Degarimore of Huntington Beach
<b>Hanavarian</b>	.....	Sally Kerl of Laguna Hills
<b>Charismatic</b>	.....	Daniel Miller and Melodie Marks of Westminster
<b>Whirlaway</b>	.....	Carl Gonzalez of Murrieta
<b>Arizona</b>	.....	Jim Walton and Terry Duncanson of Manhattan Beach
<b>Sweet Pea</b>	.....	Nicolas Cage of Beverly Hills
<b>Strawberry</b>	.....	Toni and Paul Schultz of Mission Viejo
<b>Fudge</b>	.....	James and Libbie Collins of Canyon Country
<b>Alabama</b>	.....	Melanie Allen and Cassidy Allen of Canoga Park
<b>Hampshire</b>	.....	Kathy and Paul Matsuyama of Los Alamitos
<b>Indiana</b>	.....	Tom Thompson of Los Angeles
<b>Jersey</b>	.....	Jean Gill of Newport Beach
<b>Mississippi</b>	.....	Nick Buttle of Malibu
<b>Montana</b>	.....	Linda and Jerry Kitzis of San Dimas
<b>Virginia</b>	.....	Kathy Young of Laguna Woods
<b>Apple Jack</b>	.....	Kris and Jeff Urdahl of Los Alamitos
<b>Buckwheat</b>	.....	Karen and Eric Frembggen of Tustin
<b>Cap N Crunch</b>	.....	Clare and Larry Fletcher of Laguna Hills
<b>Chex</b>	.....	Manuel and Nancy Navarrette of Duarte
<b>CoCo Puffs</b>	.....	Teresa and Richard Lomeli of Rancho Santa Margarita
<b>Grape Nuts</b>	.....	David and Claudia Velasco of La Mirada
<b>Grits</b>	.....	Krist and Robin Pirovsky of Simi Valley
<b>Kashi</b>	.....	Al and Becky Zortea of Simi Valley
<b>Oatmeal</b>	.....	Kris and Jeff Urdahl of Los Alamitos
<b>Rice Krispy</b>	.....	Jan Maudy of Fullerton
<b>Sugar Jet</b>	.....	Jennie and Rob Buckland of Vandenberg Airforce Base
<b>Trix</b>	.....	Michael and Kathleen Buczynski of Upland
<b>Sugar Crisp</b>	.....	Georgia and Tallon Lambert of Yorba Linda
<b>Wheaties</b>	.....	Phyllis and Stephen Kujolic of West Covina
<b>Canna</b>	.....	Jodie Linde of Loma Linda
<b>Carmine</b>	.....	Emily and Ken Wyett of Huntington Beach
<b>Crimson</b>	.....	Cindy Murrow of Wildomar
<b>Heather</b>	.....	Theresa Jara of Moreno Valley
<b>Ruby</b>	.....	Roberta Smith of Walnut
<b>Toreador</b>	.....	John and Judy Davis of Whittier
<b>Cheerio</b>	.....	James Holman and Michelle Dawson of Laguna Hills
<b>Scarlet</b>	.....	Karen and Erin Roth of Huntington Beach
<b>Bailey</b>	.....	Karen Franklin of Lake Elsinore

Las Vegas: **Maryland, Mocha Java, Brass, Georgia, Lucky Charm**  
 Reno: **Alaska, Silver Charm, Malt, Carolina, Ruskets, Sienna**

## SUMMER SHOW & TELL SCHEDULE & SPECIAL EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SHOW AND TELLS OR OTHER EVENTS, CALL CAROLYN AT (562) 865-0041.

Events subject to change - Please call to verify or check our calendar of events at [www.fastfriends.org](http://www.fastfriends.org)

### June 25

Paws in the Park 10 am - 1 pm Recreation Park (on Federation off 7th Street), Long Beach Contact: Leslie Carr (714) 847-2840

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 3525 West Victory Boulevard, Burbank Contact: Monica Moore (818) 985-1122

### July 1

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 205 West Imperial Highway, Brea Contact: Janet Muller (714) 672-0480

### July 2

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 5307 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park Contact: Jennifer DeGraffenreid (714) 739-9669

### July 8

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 430 North Euclid, Anaheim Contact: Jerry Fraizer (714) 894-9787

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 11945 Central Avenue, Chino Contact: Jim Jeffers (714) 792-3832

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 1815 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa Contact: Kathy Mooney (949) 548-4071

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 1425 Montebello Boulevard, Montebello Contact: Howard Schlesinger (323) 721-9992

Petco 11 am - 3 pm 1201 West Whittier Boulevard (at Idaho), La Habra Contact: Michael Scott (562) 943-5922

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 595 East Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino Contact: Dolly Young (909) 927-6885

### July 9

Petsmart 12 pm - 3 pm 17940 Newhope Street, Fountain Valley Contact: Joe Hammond (714) 534-5687

### July 15

Petco 11 am - 3 pm 2500 Imperial Highway (at Kraemer), Brea Contact: Catherine and Toby Cole (562) 943-6066

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 13420 Whittier Boulevard, Whittier Contact: Nancy Madigan (562) 693-3450

### July 16

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 7631 Carson Street (Carson and 605 Freeway), Long Beach Contact: Jeff Brookhart (562) 802-0937

Petsmart 1 pm - 4 pm 25290 Madison Avenue, Murrieta Contact: Dolly Young (909) 927-6885

### July 30

Paws in the Park 10 am - 1 pm Recreation Park (on Federation off 7th Street), Long Beach Contact: Leslie Carr (714) 847-2840

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 3347 east Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena Contact: Sandy Huse (323) 255-2339

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 3525 West Victory Boulevard, Burbank Contact: Monica Moore (818) 985-1122

### August 5

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 205 West Imperial Highway, Brea Contact: Janet Muller (714) 672-0480

### August 6

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 5307 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park Contact: Jennifer DeGraffenreid (714) 739-9669

### August 12

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 430 North Euclid, Anaheim Contact: Jerry Fraizer (714) 894-9787

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Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 573 McKinley, Corona Contact: Dolly Young (909) 927-6885

### August 13

Petsmart 12 pm - 3 pm 17940 Newhope Street, Fountain Valley Contact: Joe Hammond (714) 534-5687

### August 19

Petco 11 am - 3 pm 2500 Imperial Highway (at Kraemer), Brea Contact: Catherine and Toby Cole (562) 943-6066

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## Just Ask Ruthie

*Through the many years that I have been "THE*

*QUEEN" in the McRorie household, I have, through example, provided counsel and guidance to hundreds of greyhounds and their owners. This column, which will be featured in every forthcoming newsletter, is meant to expand my sphere of influence and perhaps help some of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting me. Send your questions to: Ruthie at GPA/CA-OC & GLA, 1210 North Cypress Street, La Habra Heights, CA, 90631.*

Dear Ruthie,

My Mom has an idea about why dogs tend to go deaf in old age. She thinks part of the problem is the loud, high-pitched clanging of our tags when we bang them against the food bowl and when we scratch or shake. It's an awful noise that happens many times a day, so close to our sensitive ears. So mom wrapped a few thick rubber bands around my tags to muffle the noise. Does this make sense, or is my mom, well, hare-brained? (Do hares even have brains?) I must say, it sure is a lot quieter now when I eat, drink, scratch or shake.

*Best Regards, Bigg*

Dear Bigg,

I claim the fifth when it comes to commenting about whether or not your mom is hare-brained. I think it's safer that way. As far as the noise that the tags make, I have no medical knowledge about whether or not the noise contributes to hearing loss, although I do know that high pitched noises over time can affect

hearing. Personally, I wish my mom would rubber band a few tags. Can you imagine how much noise twelve to fourteen dogs can make when I'm trying to sleep?

Dear Ruthie,

My name is Kinsey Greyhound (I used to be called La Quinta). I live in a nice house. It has lots of beds and a doggy door. My sister, Summer the Wolfhound, and my brother, Winter the Wolfhound, like to give me kisses. We have lots of toys and a big yard to run around in. We get fed twice a day and sometimes we get snacks, (I like bananas the best.) My mom and dad tell us we are good puppies, give us love and pats, talk to us and my mom makes up funny songs for us.

But, Ruthie, sometimes I just get happy for no reason at ALL. My tail starts wagging and I have to find my mom or dad and give them kisses. Is this normal?

*Your friend, Kinsey Greyhound*

Dear Kinsey,

Not only do you have a wonderful home and terrific parents, but GPA/CA-OC & GLA has two outstanding volunteers. Did you see your mom working the picnic? She even made MY MOM look slow! I wish every greyhound had the kind of retirement you are having. Most do, and that gives me hope for the human race, a race I had some questions about for quite some time. As far as your getting happy for no reason, Kinsey, you have lots of reasons. In your home, there are happy thoughts about you in the minds of the humans all of the time. You can't escape it, honey, they just love you and the wolfhounds, although I can't figure out that wolfhound stuff at all.

OPEN LETTER TO ALL DOG OWNERS  
FROM RUTHIE

Dear Friends,

Flea season is upon us and those pesky ticks are around too. Please consult your vet for a total

flea program and stick to it. In addition, there seems to be more and more ticks around every year. Although all of the new greyhounds coming in are tick disease tested and treated if positive, there is a risk every time a tick attaches itself to a dog. On the way out of the vets, after being given an all clear on tick infection, a tick can attach itself to your pets' skin and three days later he or she can be infected. The solution is to treat your dogs and cats with a tick preventative like Frontline. If you choose the right combination of heart worm meds and tick/flea preventative, your dog or cat will also be almost worm free as well.

Please watch out for those flea collars. Most are unsafe for a greyhound and all have limited effect on fleas.

*By the way readers, if you have moved and not changed your address and telephone numbers with my Mom, please do, and soon. We have had several greyhounds get out this year and we had to wait until their owners called us, instead of putting them in contact with each other immediately.*

## Ruthie Asks

*"Please save your used leashes for GPA to use with the Greyhounds that we have in the Caliente Pet Kennel and during their processing for foster homes. Those taking the bus trip in October may like to take their leashes and give them in person."*

# BUS TRIP TO CALIENTE

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- snacks on the bus ■ a visit to the pet kennel ■ admission to the race track ■ lunch at the track clubhouse.

You can watch the races or stay and play with the dogs in the pet kennel. The choice is yours.

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