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UPDATE

GPA / CALIFORNIA
ORANGE COUNTY
& GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Upcoming Events

GPA IN THE DOO DAH PARADE

Sunday, November, 19, 2000
See page 7 for further
information.

GPA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9, 2000
5:00 p.m.
At the Izaak-Walton Cabin
Hillcrest Park, Fullerton
(Information on page 6)

GPA DOG WASH AT THE MCRORIE'S

Oct. 29, 2000 & Jan. 27, 2001
1210 North Cypress Street
La Habra Heights, CA

CANINE CAUSES & GPA

Are now cooperating in placing
dogs by communicating our
dogs needs to each other.

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

Our Trip to Caliente - Why We Go

Joyce McRorie

Greyhound rescue organizations tend to fall into three distinctive groups; generally identifiable by the positions they take when it comes to the racing of the greyhounds. These three groups are: those who take an active role in trying to shut down all dog racing, those who take a neutral position when it comes to their dealings with the tracks, and those who actually support greyhound racing. All work, to some degree, to find kind, loving homes for the greyhounds after their racing days are over.

National Greyhound Pets of America, along with its chapters and sub-chapters around the country, take the neutral position when it comes to dealing with the tracks and acquiring greyhounds for adoption.

GPA/CA-Orange County and Greater Los Angeles, neither actively supports greyhound racing, nor do we take an active role in ending it. This position has resulted in criticism from those who feel that, by taking a neutral stance, we are; nevertheless, supporting the racing system.

When our group started some four plus years ago, our access to the Caliente Track was through Bruna Palmentier of Operation Greyhound. We either picked the dogs up in the parking lot, or directly from Kennel operators out of the racing kennels. The idea for the establishment of a Pet Kennel was suggested jointly by our chapter and Carlos Duran, the track manager. That step, is considered by some, to be a step away from our neutral position. We see it as a step closer to the humane treatment of the greyhounds at this track. Carlos does too.

The track management provides kennel workers to take care of the dogs in the Pet Kennel, as well as the building where they are housed and maintenance of the building, turnout yards, etc.. We have provided the money to build the turnout yards and fence them, to buy heaters and fans for the building, cooling misters, kiddie pools and shelter in the yards, etc.. Several of our volunteers have also donated clothing, blankets, carpet, toys and even a small refrigerator in which to store medication for the greyhounds. We continue to provide food and other needed supplies.

Those of you who join us on the days we transport dogs from the track, have noticed a tremendous change in the condition of the dogs and their play behavior. Most are on their way to becoming household pets prior to leaving the track.

The primary reason we support the bus trip to Caliente is to give greyhound pet owners a greater understanding of where their dogs have come from, and the opportunity to observe a little of the history behind their loving, gentle couch potatoes. Attendees get the opportunity to see where their greyhounds lived prior to leaving the track. Further, they meet track employees and observe the actual care and feeding of the working greyhounds. They are allowed to take as many pictures as they desire. Our visit to



the Pet Kennel is always a highlight. The greys usually spend the entire day running and playing in the turnout yards, and greet their visitors with gusto. (At this juncture, the visitors dive into their pockets and purses and pull out "goodies" they just "happened" to bring along.) Lunch is served in

the main building, with a view of the track. It is certainly optional for those who attend, to view a race or two. Some, last year, indicated on the bus that they would skip that portion of the visit. No one, however, left when the races began. Here again, was an opportunity for greyhound owners to see a little of the history of their wonderful dogs. Believe me, the only time you will truly see a greyhound running full out, is when he/she is on a lure.

Well, folks, that's what our trip is all about. We took flack last year from animal activist groups, and presume there will be more this year since not one, but two buses are making the trip. Our one and only goal is to benefit the greyhounds. In doing so, we find homes for as many as we possibly can, and work additionally, to better the lives of those we can't. We always ask the question, "Will this benefit the greyhounds?"; if the answer is "yes", we try our best to accomplish it. As far as our work at the Pet Kennel and our trip to Caliente are concerned, the answer is a resounding "YES", ergo, WE GO

SPECIAL DOGS NEED SPECIAL HOMES

Every now and then we get a greyhound that is a little bit more difficult to place. One reason is that the greyhound is frightened or shy. The dogs we are featuring in this issue are all a bit shy and need a special home, someone willing to spend some extra time getting the dog settled. Adopting a shy greyhound and watching it change as it learns to trust you and its new home is so very heartwarming and rewarding. These greyhounds have so much love to give, they just need a chance. If you are thinking about adopting a greyhound or adding another greyhound to your family, please consider opening your heart and home to one of these special greyhounds. Call Joyce McRorie at 562 694-3519



Happy
Brindle female, 4 years old, cat friendly.



Honey-O
Brindle female, 3 1/2 years old.



Serria
Black male, 4 years old, cat friendly.



Tommy
Brindle male, 2 years old, cat friendly.

GIVING THANKS FOR PUPPY LOVE

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Puppy love can bring out the best in us. Free-spirited play with our dogs can help us to feel more connected to nature and to our own creative spark. Studies have even shown that close relationships with animals can lower stress levels and actually improve our relationships with other people.

One of the ways we can show our gratitude for the unconditional love and acceptance we receive from the family dog(s) is by picking up their waste each time we take them out for a walk. (L.A.M.C. Sec. 53,49). By so doing, we

not only help to keep our own neighborhoods clean, we also prevent, pet waste from getting washed into the gutter and down the storm drain system where it is carried out to the bay and spoils water quality for sea life and swimmers.

When we express our appreciation and consideration by properly disposing of pet waste, we let the love we feel for animals extend all the way out to ocean-dwelling creatures. We also set a positive example for

others to follow through a simple act that demonstrates that we are responsible and caring people. So please, give thanks for puppy love by picking up their poop, and help our city from going to the dogs.

For more information about stormwater pollution prevention practices, call the Stormwater Hotline at (800) 974-9794, or visit our website at www.LAStormwater.org.

TREE OF PET LOVE

Benefiting Greyhound Pets of America – Orange County & Greater Los Angeles Chapter

Who should you honor with a light on The Tree of Pet Love?

Any pet who has graced your life with love and affection:

- Pets who are with you now
- Pets who have passed away
- Any pet who has made your life a little better

Express your appreciation and gratitude by sponsoring a special light on our holiday tree. We are requesting a minimum donation of \$10 per light. In addition to the light, your pet will also receive a bow on the tree along with their name. A red bow will be used to honor a living pet and a white bow will be used to

commemorate a pet who has passed away.

You may also choose to show appreciation of a friend or loved one's pet(s) by sending a donation in their name. Your friend will receive a card notifying him or her that this special gift has been made. (Please provide his or her name and address.)

All gifts will be recognized in The Tree of Pet Love Program which will be available at the Annual Christmas Party. The program will contain the names of the pets who have been recognized.

All donations are tax-deductible. Donations must be received by December 1, 2000 to be included in the Program at the Christmas Party. Any donation received after December 1st will still be recognized on the tree. Please plan on attending the Annual Christmas Party, December 9, 2000.

For more information on The Tree of Pet Love, please call Diane Dodson at (714) 289-2868 or email: didodson@earthlink.net

RAFFLE PRIZES / SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Our holiday potluck is coming on December 9th and we need raffle prizes and silent auction items to help us raise money for the greyhounds. If you are able to donate an item call Nancy at 562 693-3450 or Diane at 714/289-2868.

Prizes large or small, canine or people related, practical or frivolous are some ideas. Ask local businesses, friends or employers if they would be willing to donate an item to GPA/CA-OC&GLA. Thanks you all in advance for making our Christmas raffle a huge success.

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 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

October 21

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

October 22

Petsmart 12 pm - 3 pm 21050 Golden Springs Drive,
Diamond Bar Contact: Jodi McMillen (909) 861-4301

October 28

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

October 29

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

Centinela Feed & Pet Supplies 1 pm - 4 pm 22840
Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance Contact: Tom Marinello
(310) 835-3012

November 4

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

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

November 5

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

November 11

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

November 12

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 595 East Hospitality Lane, San
Bernardino Contact: Michael Downey (909) 792-3756

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

November 18

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

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

November 19

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 21943 Ventura Boulevard,
Woodland Hills Contact: Virginia Akers (818) 716-8087

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

November 25

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

November 26

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

Centinela Feed & Pet Supplies 1 pm - 4 pm 22840
Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance Contact: Tom Marinello
(310) 835-3012

Petsmart 12 pm - 3 pm 21050 Golden Springs Drive,
Diamond Bar Contact: Jodi McMillen (909) 861-4301

December 2

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 6020 Ball Road, Buena Park
Contact: Jerry Fraizer (714) 894-9787

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

December 3

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December 31

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LEFT ON THE FREEWAY!

A CALL CAME FROM A LOCAL SHELTER JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO. THEY HAD A MALE GREYHOUND AND IT WAS HIS DAY TO BE PUT DOWN. THEY ADVISED EUTHANASIA BECAUSE, "HE WAS OLD, BALD, BLIND IN ONE EYE AND VERY SICK." WE WOULD NEVER JUST LET THAT HAPPEN! THEY WERE TOLD THAT SOMEONE WOULD PICK HIM UP BEFORE CLOSING TIME. HE HAD BEEN FOUND TIED ON A VERY SHORT LEASH TO AN OVERPASS ON THE 10 FREEWAY. HOW LONG HE WAS TIED THERE, WE WILL NEVER KNOW, NOR WILL WE UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY. WHAT WE DID KNOW WAS THAT WE NEEDED TO HAVE THIS GREYHOUND EXAMINED TO SEE HOW SICK HE REALLY WAS AND IF PROPER MEDICAL CARE COULD SAVE HIM.

ONE OF OUR LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS, JEFF BROOKHART, TOOK OFF WORK AND DASHED TO THE RESCUE. TURNS OUT THIS SWEET GENTLE GREYHOUND IS ONLY SEVEN YEARS OLD AND NOT ACTUALLY SICK. DEPRESSED, YES, BUT NOT SICK. HE HAS LOST MOST OF HIS HAIR FROM FLEA DERMATITIS SO HE LOOKS RATHER BAD, BUT

HAIR GROWS BACK. HE IS BLIND IN ONE EYE BUT HE GETS AROUND JUST FINE. JEFF TOOK HIM TO THE ADVANCED CRITICAL CARE AND INTERNAL MEDICINE FACILITY IN TUSTIN FOR AN EXAMINATION AND TO CHECK FOR ANY OTHER INJURIES. ON HIS DRIVE THERE HE NAMED THE DOG FREEWAY. IT REALLY SEEMS TO FIT CONSIDERING WHERE HE WAS FOUND. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY HIS FOSTER FAMILY, JIM AND BONNIE JEFFERS, THAT HE ANSWERS TO FREEWAY AS IF IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN HIS NAME.

HE SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE HOSPITAL AND WAS PICKED UP THE NEXT DAY WITH A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH EXCEPT FOR A URINARY TRACT INFECTION, WE WEREN'T SURE OF HIS COLOR BUT HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE SHELTER THAT HE WAS A BRINDLE. JEFF WASN'T EVEN SURE JUST WHAT COLOR HE WAS. AFTER SEVERAL BATHS, WE COULD SEE THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY BLACK.

THIS GREYHOUND, FREEWAY, HAS NOT HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL RETIREMENT. WHAT HIS LIFE HAS BEEN LIKE WILL REMAIN UNKNOWN TO US AND MAYBE THAT IS FOR THE BEST. HE IS RESPONDING TO THE LOVE

THAT JIM AND BONNIE ARE GIVING HIM. HE FOLLOWS THEM EVERYWHERE. HE IS THE BEST FOSTER DOG THEY HAVE EVER HAD ACCORDING TO BONNIE. HIS SKIN IS IMPROVING AND IT APPEARS AS IF THE HAIR IS BEGINNING TO GROW BACK. HE IS ON ANTIBIOTICS FOR HIS INFECTION SO THAT PROBLEM IS CLEARING UP. HE IS STILL DEPRESSED BUT TIME AND LOTS OF LOVE WILL CURE THAT.

LAST WEEK HE WAS EXAMINED BY AN EYE SPECIALIST. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE INJURY TO HIS EYE IS AN OLD TRAUMA. HE WILL REQUIRE DAILY MEDICATION IN HIS EYE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE AND AT SOME POINT THE EYE MIGHT HAVE TO BE REMOVED. BUT FOR NOW IT IS STABLE.

SOON FREEWAY WILL BE READY FOR ADOPTION. HE DESERVES A GOOD HOME WITH SOFT BEDS, LOTS OF HUGS AND KISSES AND A SECOND CHANCE AT RETIREMENT AS IT SHOULD BE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING FREEWAY A SECOND CHANCE, PLEASE CALL JOYCE AT 562 694-3519

GPA GENERAL STORE



Year 2001 Calendar \$12.00
 14 full months from Dec. 2000 to Jan. 2002.
 Each month has 6 photos of former racers.
 99 full color photos show 145 Greyhounds
 from around the world.

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, tan.

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".

Greyhound Jackets, in three different fabrics.
 Sizes are small 24", medium 27", large 30",
 extra large 33". Measure from base of neck,
 along spine, to base of tail. Select nearest
 size. Jackets slip over head and attach with
 one Velcro strap under tummy. All jackets are
 bound in black. **Polar Fleece - \$35.00.**

Colors are black, royal blue, red, medium
 grey, dark teal green and forest green.

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.

Please allow 2-3 weeks for jacket delivery.

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GPA c/o Lisa Boepple
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 Yorba Linda, CA 92887

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DESCRIPTION	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL PRICE
Shipping (not including jackets): \$25.00 and Under \$4.00 \$25.01 to \$50.00 \$5.00 \$50.01 to \$75.00 \$6.00 Over \$75.00 \$7.00 Special Shipping: Any Jacket order \$4.00				SUBTOTAL CA sales tax SHIPPING DONATION TOTAL	 <i>Thank You!</i>

FACILITY NEEDED

Industrial, retail, or large house for our
 "NO-CAGE" boarding and day care center.
 3000 sq. ft. + in So. Orange County.

Canine Causes
949-465-6969

HELP WANTED

LOVING FAMILIES NEEDED


To provide temporary homes for beautiful greyhounds.
 WE SUPPLY the dog, food, shots, worming, blood tests,
 medical check-ups and treatments and potential adopters.
 YOU SUPPLY love, attention, walks, training,
 fresh water and grooming. Join our foster program today.
The greyhounds need you.
Call Nancy at 562 693-3450

VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Ever wish you could share the joy of rescuing Greyhounds with the GPA Volunteers? Would you like to share those experiences with friends and relatives? Would you like to show these activities to a group? Now you can! Two Videos have just become available.

The first is a record of our activities in rescuing the greyhounds, preparing them for their foster homes, caring for them while in foster homes, finding them permanent homes and fund raising to pay for the huge medical expenses involved in this labor of love. This records the activities after centralizing them as they are now. This video was professionally produced and donated by Vierling Productions as a fund raiser and is available for \$20 + \$3 S&H by contacting Nancy at 562 693-3450. It will also be available, less S&H at all our fund raisers.

The second video is the NBC Television show "Animal Rescue" which records the events of the day's activities when we bring in a group of Greyhounds and prepare them for their foster homes. It was filmed before the day's activities were centralized at the present location and can serve as a historical record of our evolution. This video is available for \$16.99 from Animal Rescue (www.animalrescue.com), Telco Productions, Inc., 2730 Wilshire Blvd. #200, Santa Monica, CA 90403. This video has an appearance by Lynda Adame, the Greyhound List Owner, for those followers of the "List". GPA receives no benefit from the sales of this video.



Lee Vierling
Productions

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Video Production Services
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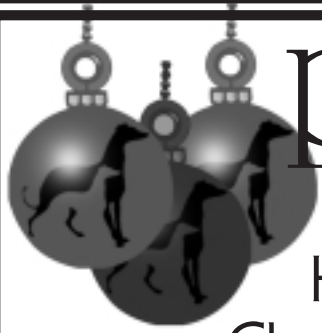
FOUND

A lost bracelet at the May 6 picnic. Call Nancy at (562) 693-3450

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:

Boolie	.....Steve and Jadine Yamamoto of West Covina
Niles	.....Carl Cook of Phillips Ranch
Secretariat	.....James and April Cathcart of Orange
Texas	.....Julie and Glen Stroud of Santa Ana
Virginia	.....Jeff and Tammy Brookhart of La Mirada
Cherrio	.....James Holman of Laguna Hills
Apple Jack	.....Terry Day of Long Beach
Oatmeal	.....Terry Day of Long Beach
Logan	.....Beth and Jack Glavosek of Brea
Limbo	.....Patti Francis of Tustin
Eve	.....John and Joanne Cashman of Lake Forest
Kentucky	.....James and Kerry Voight of Laguna Niguel
Sweet Pea	.....Peter and Stephanie Brown of La Habra Heights
Luke	.....Hideki and Lynne Frazier of Brea
Brick	.....Ivy Smith and Winona Phillabaum of Lawndale
Stormin' Norman	.....Anne Scotton of Palm Springs
Cardinal	.....Jennifer and William Huntley of La Habra
Canyon	.....Robert Melton of Winnetka
Flame	.....Senta Edesa of West Hills
Goya	.....Ray Hillis of Garden Grove
Anais	.....Teri and Ed Richards of Laguna Hills
Bijan	.....Steve and Marilyn Gabel of Long Beach
Chanel	.....Marilyn Sohrt of Costa Mesa
Chloe	.....Ron and Crystal Budd of Fountain Valley
Escada	.....Bob and Kathy Brunner of Orange
Hugo	.....Gene Cliat of Torrance
Jazz	.....Randal and CheaYon Bradberry of Simi Valley
Joop	.....Dean and Eileen Downey of Chino Hills
Katya	.....Claudia Iannotti and Teresa Wagner of Cathedral City
Lauren	.....Mark and Linda Hanson of Cypress
Oscar	.....Russell Verdell and Steven Facer of Long Beach
Paco	.....Victor and Ann Romero of Huntington Beach
Paloma	.....Muriel and Robert Marks of Huntington Beach
Stetson	.....Debra Ward of Santa Clarita
Tabu	.....Jodi McMillen of Diamond Bar
Bell	.....Steve and Neena Strichart of Signal Hill
Nifty	.....Neal and Pamela Archer of Ontario
Glory	.....Diana Mack of Nuevo
Independence	.....Neal and Pamela Archer of Ontario
Lexington	.....Michelle and Troy Helling of Whittier
Piccolo Pete	.....Kathy and Alvert Gibson of Fullerton
Paul Revere	.....Nancy amd Bob Swanson
Sparkler	.....Don and Doris Smith of Arcadia
Yankee Doodle	.....Jill and Paul Wright of Redondo Beach
Reggie	.....Kathy Young of Laguna Woods
Tucker	.....Sean Meadows of West Hollywood
China	.....Lee and Pam Vierling of Whittier
Marina	.....Karen and Gary Graham of Fullerton
Newport	.....Christian and Claudia von Sydow of Simi Valley
San Simeon	.....Robert Watson of Los Angeles
Solana	.....Richard and Betty Howell of Fontana
Sunset	.....Daniel and Janel Boose of San Dimas
South	.....Harry and Winny Reichman of Huntington Beach
Aria	.....Carol and Andrew Wight of Huntington Beach
Motown	.....Bob and Alice Swaim of Santa Ana
Easy Listening	.....Dean and Eileen Downey of Chino Hills
Calypso	.....Craig and Katy Hudson of Bakersfield
Diva	.....Lee Vierling of Whittier



Please Join Us

For An Evening Of Holiday Food & Fun At Our Christmas Get-Together & Potluck

**Saturday, December 9, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. ★ Izaak-Walton Cabin
Hillcrest Park on Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, CA**

Turkey, ham and rolls plus coffee, tea and punch will be provided.
Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

PLEASE RSVP - Nancy Madigan at (562) 693-3450 or Joyce McRorie at (562) 694-3519

SHOP AT THE GREYHOUND STORE

Call Lisa Boepple at (714) 693-9205 to preorder to get everything you want. A good time to finish your Christmas shopping!!

ENTER OUR HOLIDAY RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

Take a chance on winning some great prizes for humans and dogs. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

BRING A GIFT FOR OUR EX-RACERS

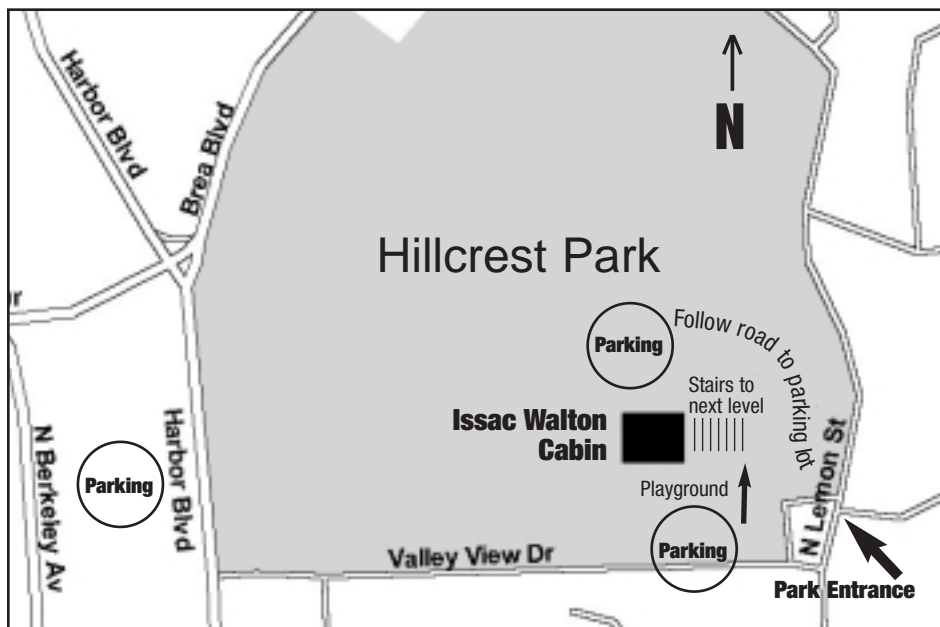
We need ★ear cleaner
★cotton balls ★flea & tick spray (safe for puppies and kittens)
★Detergent (to wash the towels used at our dog washes)
★Used Towels (for the dog washes) ★dog toys (greyhounds love stuffed animals, new or used).

DIRECTIONS

Please note: The Lemon entrance is the only opening into the park. Traveling North on N. Lemon, there is NO left turn into the park. Proceed on Lemon, make a U-turn and

then going South you can make a right turn to enter park.

Please Note: We are aware of the parking problems experienced last year and we are trying to remedy the problem. Parking attendants will be available to help guide you to the most convenient parking spots available. Also parking across Harbor Blvd. opposite the park in the Super Market parking lot can also be used. See map.



UPCOMING GPA BOARD ELECTIONS

GPA/CA-OC&GLA WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE UP-COMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2001. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OR NOMINATING SOMEONE FOR THE BOARD, PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE MCRORIE AT 562 694-3519. THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS DECEMBER 1ST, THE NEW BOARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING.

OUR LARGE GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS IS GROWING, INTEREST IN FINDING HOMES FOR OUR GREYHOUNDS IS HIGH. THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING YOU ALL PARTICIPATE IN SOME WAY CANNOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED. PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE BOARD.



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,

I just found out that Shakespeare refers to us several times. "Mastiff, greyhound, Mongrel

grim", said King Lear. But that guy didn't know up from down, so never mind. Things get better in 'Henry V'. The king says to his soldiers, "I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips! Straining upon the start." Do you remember straining upon the start, Ruthie? I do. It was exciting, but frankly I'm having more fun now, especially since I've got mom and dad so well trained. Anyway, in "Henry IV, Part 1", one character refers to another character this way: "Why, what a candy deal of courtesy. This fawning greyhound then did proffer me!" Mom says he means it as an insult. I don't quite understand that; do you, Ruthie? Well, we don't need to mention that part, anyway. We can just say that Shakespeare used greyhounds as character references. No wonder he got the job. Fond regards,

Bigg

Dear Bigg,

We sure miss you around here. The only comment I have about your and your mom's research is that, those folks sure talked funny

back then. I thought it was bad enough trying to understand my mom's Brooklyn accent!

Dear Ruthie,

Do you know if greyhounds have a difficult time learning to sit? I don't seem to take to it easily. My Mistress seems to get other dogs to sit very quickly but I can't figure out if I naturally can't do it or I'm a little slow. I do so many other things that make my mistress happy. I'm curious about this. Can you give me a clue, Ruthie?

Sasha

Dear Sasha,

I never have figured out this human fixation on getting dogs to "sit". What's the big deal? You'd think they would be happy just having perfect pets who behave better than most of their human in-laws!

Anyway, we can be trained to sit, and I have met a few greyhounds who sit naturally. For the most part, it is not a comfortable position for us. Our hip sockets are so deep and tight, even when we sit correctly, our cute little butts are off the ground. Tell your mistress to use a food treat and put it just below your nose. She should begin to raise the treat while, at the same time, pushing on your lower back. This works sometimes. Another suggestion is that, if you ever sit on your own, she should give the command, "sit!". Eventually, you will sit when she tells you to.

GPA & the Doo Dah Parade

GPA/CA-Orange County and Greater Los Angeles is marching in the 24th annual Pasadena Doo Dah Parade! The event takes place on Sunday, November 19, 2000. All parade entries will be gathering at 9:30 am in Memorial Park at the corner of Holly Street and Raymond in the city of Pasadena. The parade starts at 10:00 am and the animal entries will be first up so we don't have to wait around. Parking is free in the parking structure at the corner of Marengo and Ramona. There will be plenty of signs and its only a two block walk to the park. If you get there early, an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast is being offered for \$4.95. The parade route is under a mile and its only \$10.00 per person (non-refundable). The dogs are free and unlimited in number! The theme of our group is "Hounds of Royalty" and you will be expected to be in costume. **NO STREET CLOTHES WILL BE ALLOWED.** Remember the whole idea of the parade is to celebrate the absurdity of life so any costume and I mean ANY COSTUME goes! GPA would love a huge turn out and what a great way to let your and your greyhound's hair down!!

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