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April 6 thru April 8

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6TH ANNUAL

PICNIC IN THE

PARK

May 5, 2001

Huntington Central Park

GPA DOG WASH AT

THE MCRORIE'S

April 29 and July 29

1210 North Cypress Street

La Habra Heights, CA

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and much more...

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

6TH ANNUAL PICNIC

Plans have already begun for our 6th annual Picnic. Circle Saturday, May 5th 2001 on your calendars now... We will again be renting an area at Huntington Central Park in Huntington Beach. Attendance at our picnics has been growing in leaps and bounds. This



year we are gearing up for 700 people and their hounds to gather for a day of contests, shopping, Greyhound story swapping and a fabulous BBQ lunch. And once again the famous Gilley Girls Dancing Greyhound Drill Team will be performing. You don't

want to miss all the fun, so make your plans early.

You can buy your tickets now from Beth Glavosek at 1021 Lockhaven Drive, Brea, Ca 92821. Tickets are \$10.00 per person in advance and \$12.00 the day of the picnic. Price includes lunch and a goodie bag. You may call Nancy Madigan at (562) 693-3450 for more information. A map and directions will be in the next newsletter.

Jasper's Family at last years picnic.

GPA MARCHES IN THE DOO-DAH!

For the first time GPA, marched in the 24th annual Pasadena Doo Dah Parade that was held last November. Since the whole idea of the parade is to celebrate the absurdity of life, we all had to be in a costume with a vague over all concept of "Hounds of Royalty" theme. Boy, did our group rise to the occasion. We had authentic 18th century dress (their neighbor was a costumer for a local ballet company) to Dorothy and her three dogs, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodsmen and the Cowardly Lion. Cruella DeVille came and so did a Dalmatian (no relation to DeVille) and her non-Dalmatian dogs. We even had a Nun with over developed breasts come with his foster in angel wings (the halo wouldn't stay on!) With about 20 people and around 40 dogs attending, we had a very good turnout. Since the parade was very slow in getting started we had plenty of time to look around. What a wild group of people. Charlie Chaplin and Uncle Fester came by. I had my picture taken with Santa Claus by Mrs. Claus. We were just behind the Royal Court and they were really a glamorous group of drag queens!

Finally our number was called and we got in position to start the parade. It was a perfect day, just warm enough but not enough to get the cement hot. With Lynda Adame's nephew Nick Stewart and Mac McKenzie carrying the GPA Banner we started

marching in front of an estimated 15,000 screaming parade goers. The Hot Dog Grill Team was just up ahead, so with people throwing marshmallows and corn tortillas, there were smashed hot dogs and buns everywhere. And wouldn't you know it, with all the entries we were put right in front of Rabbit Rescue!! With Lynn Van Hine, Randy Larrison and Tom and Joyce McRorie on the side lines letting the crowds pat the dogs, we marched the short parade route and it seemed it was over before it even started! With all the food on the ground even the dogs had a great time (until that night and the next morning with all the upset stomachs!). Everyone had fun and showed a lot of interest in entering next years parade.



Becky McKenzie is helping lead the way as we get into our place in line.

POOP EATING IS NORMAL

Written by Gail Branigan

Coprophagia is a normal dog behavior, or at least, normal wolf behavior. The first time food goes through a dog, digestion only removes around 50% of the nutrients. If a wolf is injured, it can live until it heals by eating the feces of it's better fed pack mates. One of the first things that attracted dogs to humans was the chance to scavenge human feces when times were hard. Since many diseases are species specific the canine cleaning crew benefited its human neighbors by decontaminating human feces with a trip through the canine digestive system. Pariah dogs tend to survive on garbage, feces and dead bodies, which is one of the reason that some cultures consider dogs to be unclean. Now that we provide them with kibble and canned food. Coprophagia is no longer necessary but is still a retained behavior in some dogs. Frequent clean up is the best prevention.

By the way, every brood bitch on earth is Coprophagia.- They consume the puppies feces. If they didn't stimulate the puppies elimination at first the puppies would die. When they are older, the bitch, just like a wolf bitch, gains calories by reprocessing puppy poop. It is, after all, only her partially digested milk.

Rules for Coprophagia Dog Owners

1. Don't kiss a Coprophagia dog on the mouth.
2. Don't reach into a Coprophagia dog's mouth to remove an unknown item in the dark.

ARE PIG EARS BAD FOR MY DOG?

The following article is from Pets, Part of the Family magazine.

The vets we talked to all agree that there are much worse things your dog can chew on than a pig's ear. However, there are some things to consider. Pig ears tend to become quite brittle during the curing process. If your dog is a voracious chewer, he may splinter the ear and swallow sharp, brittle fragments that may pierce his throat or cause choking. Make sure you keep an eye on your dog when he is

enjoying a pig ear.

Another thing is that the pig ear may be the culprit if your dog has an unexplained allergy, according to Paul Donovan, V.M.D., a vet in private practice in Pennsylvania. "Sometimes dogs have pork sensitivity," he says, "It's easy to check if this is your dog's problem. Simply stop giving him pig ears for a few days and see if the unexplained itching or allergy symptoms disappear. If they do, avoid pig ears."

HEALTHY DOG CORNER

Limping can be a sign of something as simple as a burr in a toe, or an indication of a more serious problem. If limping lasts more than a few days, and after inspecting your dog you find nothing, a visit to the vet is called for. Causes can be skeletal, muscle pulls, or even injuries. If none of these are the problem, ask your vet to run both a fungal test and tick panel to rule out disease. Bone cancer is not uncommon in dogs, and should also be ruled out as a cause.

Dog urine is alkaline, not acidic. The alkaline content is what causes those yellow spots in your lawn. You can try adding two or three tablespoons of pure cranberry juice to your dog's water dish daily, to increase acidity. Let us know if you try this with any success.



Sallie Kerl with Benji, Hanna and her foster Cezanne. This is the 25th foster greyhound for the Kerl family. Thank you Tom and Sallie. Keep up the (greyf) work!!

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU

Displaying our logo/phone number decals on our vehicles has resulted in the adoption of many, many greyhounds, and heightened the awareness of others to the notion of adopting one some day. Lately; however, a different sort of attention to the decal has emerged. We have received quite a few complaining phone calls about the drivers of "our vehicles".

The first call, came from a woman who observed "one of our vehicles" in the Cerritos Mall parking lot with three dogs left alone inside on a hot day, with no windows open. "It must have been 100 degrees in that car," she said. This woman waited around for 45 minutes before she called, and the owners did not return during that time. This morning, we got a call from a man who observed "one of our vehicles" driving recklessly on surface streets, in the rain, running red lights, tail gating and speeding. The calls usually report poor driving, but there have been enough reports of leaving dogs in cars, to make us concerned, not only about your personal safety, but the dogs as well.

It is obvious to me now that, when we drive around with the decal displayed, we are identifying ourselves directly to the chapter, and to the greyhounds. Evidently people; therefore, expect a certain level of behavior from us that they perhaps don't expect from others. So drive safely and please follow the safety rules which apply to animals in cars. After all, Big Brother is watching.

GREYHOUNDS IN THE BIBLE?

My Mom is an avid researcher so she sent me this article on greyhounds which may interest you. "Greyhounds were mentioned in the Bible about 700 years before Christ". The Hebrew word referring to them literally means "girded in at the hips (loins)", and it mentions an animal that does well with its pacing. This reference is from Proverbs 30:29-30:31. However, various translations use different words for the word greyhound but most of the descriptions sure fit our dogs.

Other greyhound facts:

- Alexander the Great's favorite dog was a Greyhound.
- In 1493, Greyhounds became the first European dogs in the New World.



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FEbruary THRU APRil 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

February 3

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

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

February 4

Petco 11 am - 3 pm 16055 Brookhurst, Fountain
Valley Contact: Jennifer DeGraffenreid (714) 739-9669

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 5307 Beach Boulevard,
Buena Park Contact: Jackie Peterson (714) 521-4744

February 10

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

February 11

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

February 17

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 13420 Whittier Boulevard,
Whittier Contact: Marcia McNamar (562) 947-4038

February 18

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

February 25

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

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

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

March 3

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

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March 17

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 13420 Whittier Boulevard,
Whittier Contact: Marcia McNamar (562) 947-4038

Petsmart 10 am - 2 pm 2021 N. Oxnard Blvd, Oxnard
Contact: John or Laura Grunland (805) 658-6194

March 18

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

March 24

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

March 25

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

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

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

April 1

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Valley Contact: Jennifer DeGraffenreid (714) 739-9669

Petsmart 11 am - 3 pm 5307 Beach Boulevard,
Buena Park Contact: Jackie Peterson (714) 521-4744

April 7

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Contact: Jerry Fraizer (714) 894-9787

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

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

April 8

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

April 14

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

April 15

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

April 21

Petco 10 am - 2 pm 13420 Whittier Boulevard,
Whittier Contact: Marcia McNamar (562) 947-4038

April 22

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

April 29

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STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

The rescue organizations specializing in finding proper homes for retired racing greyhounds, join to form the largest breed rescue in the world. No other breed comes close. The dedication of the volunteers within these organizations is amazing, the results, gratifying. Our chapter of Greyhound Pets of America has learned over the five years we have been operating, that the responsibility of placing greyhounds goes beyond supporting

ourselves and helping other established organizations locally.

As a result, we have reached out and become more active nationally. Several of us are on National GPA Committees. The National Executive Secretary comes from our chapter. Participating at this level, gives us the opportunity to contribute to national policies, which, we hope, will positively effect all greyhounds in the future. Additionally, our chapter sponsors two sub-chapters,

GPA/Emerald Coast in Pensacola, Florida, and GPA/Carolina Greyhound Adoptions, Inc., in Lexington, South Carolina.

Our primary goal is to find kind, loving homes for all of the retired greyhounds grading off at the Caliente Track. We will never compromise on this issue. Reaching out in these other areas; however, helps us to understand the situation outside of our focus area, and in some way, perhaps, assist others as they help the greyhounds in their care.

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.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- A Greyhound has 321 bones in it's body?
- A Greyhounds has 22 teeth?
- A greyhounds toes are called digits or phalanges?
- There is no direct bony attachment between the front limbs and the body. Actually, the body is supported between the front limbs at the level of the chest by a series of muscles that form, an effective sling?
- Dew claws are rare, but not unheard of in the rear limbs?
- The sesamoid bones are as small as cucumber seeds?
- Dropped muscles are easier to repair if the rupture is from the top as opposed to the bottom?
- There are 55 vertebrae in a dogs tail? Also called the caudal vertebrae.
- A Greyhound has Stereoscopic vision, which is best suited for detection of movement?

They often fail to see stationary objects when running.

■ That pups can easily fracture their growth plates? The tibial crest (upper part of the front of the tibia in the rear limb) is the last growth plate to close or fuse in the Greyhounds and is a common site of injury in young hounds.

All info taken from Care of the Racing Greyhound

MATCHING FUNDS, A GREAT WAY TO HELP THE GREYHOUNDS

Quite a few of our contributors work for companies that have matching funds programs. Each time they donate to us, they include a form which we fill out, and return to their employer. In most cases, the amount of the donation is matched 100%. Perhaps your employer offers a similar program to that of Arco, Edison, and others. It's a great way to double your contributions and double the result for the greys.

MANY THANKS FROM THE GPA/CA BOARD

People often ask just how we manage to continue, and stay in the black, as we work toward our goal of finding homes for all of the greyhounds grading off the Agua Caliente Track in Tijuana. Those of you who attended the Christmas Party, for example, must have seen the huge pile of donations in the corner. There were towels, (most actually brand new!), laundry soap, ear cleaner, Q-tips, cotton balls, doggie treats, toys, etc. all donated. All of our kibble is donated, even that which we provide for the Pet Kennel at Caliente. There are two of our supporters who have warehouses. They provide storage space for all the extra kibble, the picnic stuff and whatever we can't cram into the garages of our volunteers. Our "official" vet is available whenever we need him and always donates his time, and the time of his wife, too. All of the vets and services listed in our newsletter, donate or substantially discount their services to us. Then there's our picnic and the dog washes, and the raffles and the donations of money and in kind. Most of all, there are those tireless foster families who are the backbone of our rescue effort. In fact, frequently, we get calls from individuals who have contacted several other groups, and chose us solely because our dogs are fostered first. The list is endless.

All of these donations, as well as the time volunteered to help, free up almost all of our funds for the greyhounds who come off the track needing a little extra medical boost. Additionally, in the year 2000, we began drawing blood from all of the incoming greyhounds. We do a full CBC, a Super Chem, a thyroid test, a heart worm test and a tick panel on every dog. All of our greyhounds are provided the tops in medical care. We are able to afford that care because of people like you.

These wonderful greyhounds never lack for support. Those of us who truly know how much of that support comes from you, hope that you know how much we appreciate what you do.

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:

Honey-O	.....Lisa & Fred Boepple of Yorba Linda
Freeway	.....Laurie Drew of Pasadena
Thatcher	.....Chris Shorr of Indian Wells
Zubin	.....Bob & Carol Vinnacombe of Sandy, Oregon
Dubonnet	.....Jennifer & Andrew Bradley of Pasadena
Tommy	.....Becky Conner of La Habra Heights
Biscuit	.....Marcy and Tom Wilson of Rancho Cucamonga
Gretta	.....Tom & Joyce McRorie of La Habra Heights
Sierra	.....Marcia & Dana McNamar of Whittier
Bam Bam	.....Cindy Murrow of Wildomar
Cambria	.....April Morse of Cerritos
Firecracker	.....Mike & Celeste DeMore of Fullerton
Spangled	.....Tammy & Jeff Brookhart of La Mirada
Baritone	.....Ruth & Dana Knittle of Westlake Village
Dee Jay	.....Dennis & Cheryl Cunningham of Palm Desert
Melody	.....Bill & Jennifer Huntley of La Habra
Tempo	.....Bob and Alice Swain of Santa Ana
Reggae	.....Elaine & Guy Reeves of San Juan Capistrano
Tenor	.....Joyce and Allen McHugh of Riverside
Avila	.....Eric & Pat Roberts of Apple Valley
Dohenev	.....Matt Vornholt & Bridget Donoghue of La Habra
Malibu	.....Joseph & Susan Mayo of Yorba Linda
Adaggio	.....Jerry & Pat Long of Orange
Bally	.....Al and Janet Massey of Huntington Beach
Bellagio	.....Barbara Edwards of Los Angeles
Bugsy	.....Steven Sorensen & Kevin Smith of Dana Point
Cesar	.....Allyn & Trish Sisson of Camarillo
Dunes	.....Brett & Michelle Newland of Monrovia
Excalibur	.....Alicia & Heather Parton of Placentia
Fitzgerald	.....Alicia Atlee of Pacific Palisades
Golden Nugget	.....Chadd Cupit & Frances Baker of Santa Clarita
MGM Grand	.....Tom and Lori Pray of Brea
Mandalay	.....Jennifer & Christopher Burgan of Glendora
Maxim	.....Rodney & Elizabeth Bluestone of Pacific Palisades
Sahara	.....Eric & Pat Roberts of Apple Valley
Venitian	.....Dina Leslie of Long Beach
Acadia	.....Roy & Beverly Tripi of Corona
Biscayne	.....Tim & Joan Polder of Murrieta
Cascades	.....David & Yvonne Babb of Yorba Linda
Glacier Bay	.....Merri Pearson of Northridge
Glen Echo	.....Diana McCmabridge & Debra Dillon of Yorba Linda
Pecos	.....Stuart and Karen Schurmann of Santa Monica
Yosemite	.....William & Marie Sijen of Long Beach
Cupid	.....Megan, Randy & Crystal Narramore of Altadena
Dasher	.....Catherine Lehman & Robert McIntyre of La Quinta
Donner	.....Arlene Klink and Steve Silverman of Irvine
Prancer	.....Melodie Marks of Westminster
Bellini	.....Sarah & John Gonda of Westlake Village
Purcell	.....Loren and Andrea Johnson of Bakersfield
Savoy Cabbage	.....Don and Dolly Young of Hemet
Lassen	.....Linda Longfield of Highland
Bach	.....Chris & Lisa Parcell of Murrieta
Yukon Blazing Boy	.....Ron & Lisa Anderson of Riverside
Silverton	.....Laura Helm of Los Angeles
Vivaldi	.....Grace and Don Roberts of Westminster
Kizzie, Melon (Rowan), Shaddock (Doc) and Tufts (Lilah)	.....have been adopted by Tom and Joyce McRorie of La Habra Heights. These are all "medical" greys and GPA/CA-Orange County and Greater Los Angeles will continue to pay their medical bills. We all just thought these dogs should have a forever home.

Reno: **Stars, Lucky Lady, Rapper, Treasure Island, Chesapeake and Yellowstone.**

Las Vegas: **Liberty, Happy, Coda, Stripes, Paris, Orchid, Halston, Mirage, Denali, Bryce, Vixen**

KIZZIE'S CANCER

Joyce McRorie

We first became aware of Kizzie's existence at the Orange County Animal Shelter, through the Internet. Diane Dodson immediately put a "hold" on her and eventually picked her up on November 13, 2000, passed her off to Lisa Boepple, and Lisa brought her to our home for what everyone thought would be a short stay. Kizzie is an absolutely gorgeous white and light brindle female, ten years old, and as playful as a puppy. We all agreed that she would be easy to place as soon as her teeth were cleaned and she gained a few pounds. She and Dee Jay, our three year old "broken hock" male, hit it off from the beginning. Dee Jay, white with red brindle patches, just decided from the first day Kizzie was here, that they would be great pals. All of us began trying to find the perfect home

where they would live together. Tom made a home visit in Palm Desert, to the Cunningham family, and they seemed perfect for the pair. The family visited Kizzie and Dee Jay at our home, and everyone just fell in love. We agreed to keep both dogs until Dee Jay was released by his orthopedic surgeon.

About three weeks later, Tom felt a lump in Kizzie's throat, and she was immediately taken to VCA La Mirada for a check. They diagnosed her with lymphoma. Dr. Black, at Southern California Surgical Group is helping Kizzie with Chemotherapy and, although the prognosis for her isn't the best, Kizzie did find a way to stay here. She has her ups and downs, (mostly ups) and she is comfortable. That tail wags almost all the time, and she really enjoys all the other dogs here, as they do, her. Her favorite pastime is to bury CET Chews in the yard, and she always has a charming pile of

dirt on her nose. Neither Tom nor I can bring ourselves to do more than chuckle when she brings a wet, soggy, muddy chew back into the house. I know that is not the advice we give others when their greyhound digs, but, hey, it's Kizzie! We'll worry about the yard later, and the carpet and everything else. Keep a good thought for Kizzie, she deserves it.



ALL IN A DAYS WORK

by Alicia Atlee

I didn't want to bother you with Flash's day-to-day progress but I just received Tom's message which let me know that you don't mind an update.

Well, all the pills and the special diet didn't do the trick for Flash's diarrhea so I talked to the vet and suggested that rice might be the way to go and she agreed. Flash's appetite was fine (even when he couldn't keep his food in his stomach) but he really 'scarfs' his rice. Of course, I have doctored it with chicken broth and a small amount of chicken...and a little yogurt as a "palette cleanser". Eventually, I'll try to introduce the kibble as well but I'm not sure about the Trader Joe's Lamb & Rice...it may be too rich for his delicate tummy.

The good news is that his stools are now pretty solid (after two days of rice) and I'm now feeding him after his morning outing instead of before. He has lots of friends at the park but is frustrated at not being allowed to run so two of my park pals volunteered to meet us on the tennis courts and Flash had the time of his life showing off with his doggie friends who thought THEY were fast. The two courts are totally fenced in and that allowed them plenty of room to run.

Yesterday, Carlota brought Navasha, a young Golden Retriever, over to visit. Navasha has always been mad to play but was somewhat intimidated by Flash's height at first. When Carlota left for the market, the two dogs went crazy, chasing each other all over the garden and house. Tom, if you'll remember, the living room has two sets of French doors leading to the sunroom so it was perfect for their track—round and round the garden, into the sunroom, through one set of doors, back to the sunroom through another set of doors and out to the garden. I could only laugh watching

them. When Carlota returned, her comment was, "The house smells like mud!" Little wonder. They must have run for about thirty minutes before resting. My entire house, especially the kitchen, was a mess but it made me so happy to see Flash playing and exercising that I didn't care. We didn't even take our afternoon walk. However, we did go visiting last evening—to Carlota's place—for a big dinner party. I was very worried about taking Flash there because the family are very casual about locking the gates and doors—one gate leads to the beach, the other to the Coast Highway...but Carlota assured me that she would lock everything up so off we went. I was also a little concerned about Flash's meeting Buster, the ageing Rotweiler who has become testy in his old age. .but Flash won him over immediately and then went off to play with Navash (who was also visiting).

Flash took all of it in stride, twenty people, two dogs and a fireplace where he exhibited his "couch potato" traits. We didn't get home until midnight (which is when I heard your message) and we were out for our morning stroll by 6:30 a.m. and had breakfast before sitting down to give you the update.

The separation therapy hasn't really worked too well but now that I've learned to keep all paper (books, newspaper, business papers, etc.) up high, there hasn't been much trouble. He managed to get a Kleenex box off my bedside table and, piece by piece, distribute the tissues throughout the house and garden. The next day, it was the morning newspaper which I'd left on the floor. He brought garlic from the kitchen counter to my room and the pottery salt shaker to his bed in the sunroom (without breaking it!). He chewed the cover off one of the Greyhound books and the folder with his personal papers—and removed (but did not

chew) all of the books from my bedside table. Friday, he didn't do anything except move blankets—no chewing, just rearranging. He was so good that I took him to work that afternoon.

Well, I think that about covers it for now. I WILL let you know about his tummy's progress and everything else. I can hardly wait for my other two children (who will be home for Christmas) to meet Flash. I sent Alexis (my New York daughter) a picture of Flash, by e-mail and she "painted" his portrait with a red nose and antlers and puffy tail and sent it to her brother and sister. If I saved it, I'll e-mail it to you (she sent it to my office). For now, I'll attach the original.

Thank you for introducing me to Flash!!!!

MUZZLES, LEASHES, COLLARS NEEDED

We are once again asking anyone who has borrowed one of our muzzles to please return it if you are no longer using it for foster dogs. We use them every time we bring dogs from the track to ensure the safety of transporting a large number of unfamiliar dogs together. Please help us to avoid the expense of having to purchase more muzzles. Also, if you have any used leashes or collars that you no longer need, we would love to have them. When we pick up dogs from the track they only come with their collars. We are always short of leashes. We also provide used leashes for use at the pet kennel. We have been sending used collars to help the rescue efforts for the greyhounds in Spain. They are in much need of collars for the dogs there. Please return muzzles with your old collars and leashes to Tom McRorie or Nancy Madigan..THANKS !!



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.

Hi Ruthie,

It's Sky! Here's the deal. Last week this great big beautiful hunk by the name of Reggie walked into my life. He only has three legs, but honestly, I can't get beyond those eyes. Remember yesteryear when some special guy would come along and look in your eyes and absolutely take your breath away, start your heart beating faster and buckle your knees? Come on, Ruthie, you remember don't you?

Sky,

Get a grip, girl! My folks tell me that the best greyhound to have is a four year old male. Personally, I think Robber, who is 12 1/2 is quite the guy. My mom says that male dogs are easier to house break than females. I totally agree, but you don't have to be a rocket scientist to catch one with his leg in the air. I especially feel sorry for Catherine who is so curious about where the male pee comes from, she gets a golden shower on her head almost every day.....but that's another story. Ruthie.



HELP EXPOSE THE GREYHOUND!

Do you remember the first time you saw a greyhound? More than likely it was at a Show and Tell. This event is an integral part of our organization's ability to place retired racers into homes, and it is important to continue to add new Show and Tells throughout Orange County and Los Angeles County.

As a greyhound owner you know what an exceptional personality your dog has and how easily he or she fits into your family. Telling others is the major ingredient of hosting a Show and Tell. Your enthusiasm is what creates greyhound adoption.

So why not consider hosting a Show and Tell? All it takes is four hours a month to show off your dog at your favorite pet store. For more information about hosting a Show and Tell contact Carolyn at (562) 865-0041.

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We are looking for volunteers to work two hour shifts at our upcoming picnic May 5, 2001. We'll need help setting up, manning booths and tearing down. While the picnic is a lot of fun for everyone, its main purpose is as a fund-raiser for the greyhounds. If you are able to volunteer two hours of your picnic time to ensure that our picnic is a big success or would like to find out how you can help, please call Nancy Madigan at 562 693-3450



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