

**The 45 M.P.H.**

# Couch Potato

**UPDATE**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GPA DOG WASHES

July 21 & October 27  
1210 North Cypress Street  
La Habra Heights, CA

### HOME & GARDEN SHOW

August 17 thru 25, 2002  
Anaheim Convention Center  
(Please note: Do not bring your  
greyhound unless you are a  
scheduled worker.)

### BUS TRIP TO CALIENTE PET KENNEL

October 12, 2002

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14, 2002

### PICNIC IN THE PARK

May 3, 2003

## ROSE'S GOOD FORTUNE

*By Robin Callot*

On Saturday April 6th, events started falling into place that would change the life of a black-and-white greyhound forever.

The grey who would eventually become known as Rose, was found wandering in the vast park area surrounding the Rose Bowl and was picked up by animal control officers with the Pasadena Humane Society. Rose did not know it then, but this was to be the first of many lucky "breaks" that would come her way in the next couple of weeks.

On Wednesday April 10th, Robin Callot and Yoshi, her "service" greyhound, arrived

early for a doctor's appointment in Pasadena, and so they had time to chat with Jennifer, the office insurance secretary, who just happened to be in the office that day, (She only works part-time and Robin's appointments do not always land on days that Jennifer is in the office). Jennifer came over to visit with Yoshi, whom she had met before and mentioned that she, her husband and two young children had gone to the Pasadena Humane Society that past Sunday looking for a puppy to adopt. Jennifer said that she and her family had been to a lot of

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## GPA FUNDRAISER DOG WASH

Sunday, July 21 - \$20 per Dog

Appointments Begin at 9 am

### PRICE INCLUDES:

Shampoo & Conditioner - Designer Scarf - Ears Cleaned - Toenails Cut  
Heated Washing and Drying Area in Case the Weather Turns Cold

### AND AS AN ADDED BONUS:

Breakfast and Lunch will be Available at a Small Cost  
Plus a Romp in the Corral

### BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

Call Wendy Thullen (714) 996-0943

### TO BE HELD AT:

1210 North Cypress Street, La Habra Heights, CA 90631



## ROSE'S GOOD FORTUNE CONTINUED

shelters in the past month and had never before seen a greyhound in a shelter. Robin agreed that that was indeed quite rare, as most greyhounds are rescued from the track or if they make it to a shelter, then a rescue group is notified immediately. Since Jennifer had never seen a greyhound before meeting Yoshi a few months earlier, Robin asked her if she was certain that it was a greyhound. Jennifer insisted that it was and mentioned that the humane society now had their website up and running. Since Robin got out of the doctor's office too late to physically go over to the shelter, she went online as soon as she got home. After going through the entire database of adoptable animals, Robin finally landed on the very last page and pulled up a picture of a female black-and-white greyhound!

All her description said was that she had been at the shelter since April 6th and that she would be available for adoption the very next day - April 11th. Robin immediately called the shelter and found out that the grey was not spayed and that one person had filled out an "interest" card on her; but that if that person did not show up at 9:30am the next day, then Rose would be "free" for adoption by anyone else.

We later found out that Rose did not have any ear tattoos so she was not a retired racer but more likely had been used as a breeder or coyote and rabbit hunter.

Robin immediately began sending out emails and making phone calls to GPA members, trying to find someone at home to tell them about Rose. By the next morning, everything had fallen into place as more "members" of Rose's rescue team began coordinating her rescue. Joyce and Tom McRorie got in touch with Bev Doan, founder and past president of the Southern Nevada GPA chapter, who is in the process of moving to Pasadena and happened to be in Pasadena that day. Bev went over to the humane society, and "bailed" Rose out. The humane society was kind enough to waive all impound and adoption fees when they learned that the non-profit GPA was rescuing her to then take care of all her medical needs and to place her in a foster home.

After arriving at Tom and Joyce's later that day, Rose became "Rose", the 1,201st GPA rescue! She then got a bath and nail-clipping by Tom and was introduced to all the other greys in residence.

Meanwhile, Karen and Gary Graham had expressed interest in fostering to several fellow GPA members. Already the parents of Jasper and Marina, and Samantha the cat, they decided to open their home to Rose.

So, later that same Thursday evening, Dana and Marcia McNamar drove Rose to her foster home in Fullerton, to live with Karen and Gary, and their "family".

The following week she was spayed, got her teeth cleaned, and was given medication for the many little scars she had, and given an otherwise clean bill of health.

Rose was thrust into a brand-new environment, but has integrated into the "Graham pack" routine pretty quickly. She has a hearty appetite which is a good thing as she needs to gain some weight yet. She is still working on obedience but has quickly learned the day-to-day routine of walks, feeding schedules and the "greyhound hierarchy"!

After some minor adjustments, Jasper went from alpha grey to sharing top billing with Rose. And Rose and Marina have become close friends, even closer than Jasper and Marina were when they were a twosome. In fact, Karen and Gary have found Rose and Marina laying side by side and touching, which is not something that Jasper and Marina ever did much of.

Her temperament has started to shine through very quickly, and she is emerging as a very sweet, gentle yet outgoing little girl!

Unfortunately for Samantha the cat, it soon became evident that Rose was not "cat-safe" and Samantha spent several days very high up in the Graham's kitchen, looking down.

Karen and Gary were becoming more and more attached to Rose and soon realized that they were going to fail fostering! But they first had to figure out how to resolve the problem of Rose's high prey drive and their cat, Samantha. It was not fair for Samantha to live out her days on top of the Graham's kitchen cabinet! Fate stepped in yet again, as the McNamar's next door neighbors, already the parents of one cat, happened to be looking for a companion for their kitty! So Samantha went to her new home in Whittier and Rose officially became a "Graham" grey!

Karen and Gary have meanwhile observed some unique traits in Rose, distinguishing her from the average retired racer. While Jasper and Marina walk with their heads down and ears back, Rose walks with her head high and ears erect as if she is alert for prey. She also will stop and hold up her left leg like a hunting dog when she senses that prey is in the immediate vicinity. Rose is likely in seventh heaven as the Graham's property backs up to a golf course, where rabbits and coyotes and other little animals roam. So she gets to spend many an hour staring out the back fence. But fortunately, that is as close as she gets.

And remember Jennifer, the medical secretary at Robin's doctors office? Well she and her family also saved a life by adopting a four-month-old Labrador-golden retriever mix from the Rancho Cucamonga PAWS rescue group.

And Rose made her GPA debut at the annual GPA picnic, where Robin and Yoshi got to meet her for the very first time!



## OUR SPECIAL NEEDS DOG - SKEETER

*By Jennifer DeGraffenreid*

We adopted Skeeter knowing she had special needs. When she came off the track her ears were badly infected, and after trying assorted antibiotics for several months, they had not improved. She had surgery to remove the infected tissue from both of her ear canals. She does have hearing, but does not always know where sounds are coming from. If there are a lot of people around the pen at Show and Tells, she looks from person to person until she sees somebody talking to her or motioning her to come. Of course, Skeeter also has very selective hearing, when it's convenient for her!

Dealing with Skeeter's hearing was the easy part. She also has Chronic Immune-Mediated Keratoconjunctivitis (CIKS) in her eyes. CIKS is an inflammation (not infection by bacteria or viruses) of the cornea, conjunctiva and third eye lid. The tissues affected are attacked by the immune system of the body. It is not something that is prevalent in greyhounds. Skeeter's eye condition is controlled by two different types of eye drops that are used twice a day. Her foster mom, Nancy, did such a great job with the eye drops, all we have to do is hold up the bottle and she comes running. Because her eyes are irritated from the ultraviolet light in the sun, we do increase one of her drops to four times a day when we are in the mountains or desert. Skeeter also has calcium crystals starting to form in her eyes from the CIKS.

With the onset of the calcium crystals, we had a new challenge; Skeeter became a vegetarian. It took us a year to adjust her diet, so that it agrees with her system. She eats 60 pounds of potatoes a month, along with ½ can of vegetarian food, ½ can tomatoes or carrots, pumpkin or rice and ½ cup of vegetarian kibble each day. Skeeter eats about 2 quarts of food daily, more than double the other 4 dogs. She loves to snack on raw carrots or apples for treats. All our work on her diet has paid off. Her eyes have been stabilized for about two and a half years now.

Skeeter has a crazy personality and thinks hands are just for her head. If you walk by with your hand down, you end up with her nose in your hand. She is a very affectionate dog who wants to be with you and touched all day long; it's as if she lives for this. Skeeter is also able to get in some really strange positions; her bones must be made of rubber. She can be sitting on the sofa with you and when you get up, she just bends over sideways with her nose on the sofa, into a U-shape and waits for you to come back.

Having a special needs dog does not have to be a major ordeal. Two trips a year to the eye specialist and drops twice a day is nothing compared to the love, companionship, and laughs we get from Skeeter. She is a very special dog with a very special place in our hearts, which we would have missed if we had not been open to a special need's dog. Our group has other special needs dogs that need homes; please consider them for your home.



### WHY SHOULD THE DeGRAFFENREID'S HAVE ALL THE FUN?

*(ADOPTING A SPECIAL GREYHOUND, CAN PUT A PERMANENT SMILE ON YOUR FACE TOO)*

**CHIP (seven yrs) AND FROSTY(six yrs)**, are special because they love and depend upon each other so much that they really must be placed together. Both are beautiful brindle males, cat friendly and sweet, sweet. We will not separate them. If you are interested in these boys, call Joyce at (562) 694-3519.

**KIEL** (four yrs) an average size, brindle male, came to us almost completely paralyzed. He still walks like he spends too much time drinking those pastel drinks with umbrellas in them, but that never stops him from enjoying life and helping you, enjoy yours. Up and down the stairs, running around the yard, jumping into the van, that's Kiel! Occasionally, he has to visit Dr. Berry at So. Cal. Vet Referral Group, so he would have to stay within traveling distance of Irvine. Kiel lives with Chip and Frosty, so call Joyce if you are interested in him.

**SPERRY** (four yrs) is a gorgeous, shy black boy with an eye condition similar to Skeeter's. He has been treated by Skeeter's ophthalmologist, and is in remission at this time. He requires eye drops once a day, no special diet, and must live as close to sea level as possible, due to the damage ultra-violet light can do to his vision. Sperry lives with Jodi McMillen. Call her at (909) 861-4301.

**ONE HUSBAND'S PLEA...WON'T SOMEBODY  
....RESCUE ME!!!**

Masses of greyhounds have invaded my house.  
There's hardly room left for even a mouse.

They now own my couches, my rugs and my bed,  
While I haven't a place left to put down my head.

They lounge all about as if they're the master,  
Watching me rush all around ever faster and faster.

As I stand looking down at their content little faces,  
I wonder if they remember when there was nothing but  
races.

My wife keeps rescuing by the score,  
And I'm stuck at home with most of the chores.

I'm addicted myself and I cannot resist.  
There's no rescue for me – I will simply persist.

Kids eventually grow up and move far away,  
But rescued greyhounds take over and stay.

Somehow we knew this right from the start,  
For the first thing they take over is their owner's heart!

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**AMERICAN GREYHOUND COUNCIL GRANT**

Once again, the Apache Junction track in Tucson, closed for the season and we asked the AGC for help with the overflow of greyhounds shipped to Caliente. Once again, we were granted \$1,000.00 immediately.

These donations, combined with the energy and will of our dedicated volunteers and joined by GPA/Southern Nevada, The Greyhound Adoption Center, Operation Greyhound and our wonderful sub-chapter GPA/N. CA-Greyhound Adoption California, did the trick! Twice, when the Pet Kennel was full, this group was able to empty it completely!

**PETCO FOUNDATION GRANT**

Thanks once again to PetCo, for donating over \$4,000.00 from their SPRING-A-Pet 2002 fund raiser, to GPA/CA. It is such a pleasure for us to participate in all of the PetCo events throughout the year, and also to hold our Show and Tells in their local stores. Since all of our retired racers are cared for in foster homes, these Show and Tells take on a greater importance than one might think. As a result of our volunteers and PetCo's efforts, we are able to refer interested individuals to Show and Tells all over Southern California.

**BANK OF AMERICA VOLUNTEER GRANT**

If you are a bank of America employee and have volunteered 100 hours for GPA/CA-OC&GLA, you can apply for a \$500.00 grant to help the greyhounds. We will be happy to help you earn those volunteer hours. Just call Diane Dodson at (714)289-2868 and remember our motto, "If you feed them, they will come". Between the Brookhart's and the Massey's, who share responsibilities for feeding the crew, you won't go home hungry!

If you won the Silk Roads Collar at the picnic, please contact Sue Blair for the remainder of your winnings.

**SAVE THAT LEASH**

Please remember us as you replace your leash. We need the old leashes to use with the greyhounds in the pet kennel. Please save the replaced leash for us.

We also need laundry soap, stamps, comforters, bleach, canned food, dog shampoo and conditioner

***BUS TRIP TO CALIENTE PET KENNEL***

DATE: Saturday, October 12, 2002      COST \$65.00 PER PERSON

**TRIP INCLUDES:**

Snacks on the bus - a visit to the pet kennel - admission to the race track  
lunch in the Turf Club - visit breeding zoo

You can watch the races or stay and play with the dogs in the pet kennel

***TWO PICK-UP LOCATIONS:***

Metrolink Station - Imperial Highway and 605 Fwy., Norwalk Meet 8:00 a.m. — bus departs at 8:30  
Orange County - Metrolink Station - Santa Ana Fwy (5) and Barranca Meet 9:00 a.m. bus departs at 9:30  
you will be returned to your pickup location between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**RESERVE EARLY SPACE IS LIMITED**

Send check by September 1, 2002 to: Sue Blair, c/o Sultzer & Blair, Inc.

5400 Orange Ave., #213, Cypress, CA 90630

Call Sue at (714) 229-4980 for questions or information.

## ADOPTIONS

Rose Bowl Rose ..... Karen & Gary Graham of Fullerton  
 U-Turn (Spider) ..... Mary & Conner Sanders of Long Beach  
 Redwood (Avalon) ..... James & Robin Michaeloff of Long Beach  
 Nitro ..... Jim & Bonnie Jeffers of Chino Hills  
 Paco (Comanche) ..... Pam Plaisted of Long Beach  
 Bay Leaf ..... Rebecca Ossa of Carson City, NV  
 Adidas ..... Samantha & Ron Broitman of Studio City  
 Huckleberry Hound (Spot) ..... Peter Vincent of Manhattan Beach  
 Peppermint Patty ..... Alan & Cathy Kiburtz of Pasadena  
 Frankfurt (Gus) ..... Kevin & Mary Beth Kelso of Los Angeles  
 Gabriella ..... Kathleen & Michael Buczynski of Upland  
 Conan ..... Rachel Samuels of Long Beach  
 Shamus ..... Terri Duncanson & James Walton of Manhattan Beach  
 Dillon ..... Sharon Madero of Pomona  
 Garrett ..... Alex de Jong of Fullerton  
 Sean ..... Ann & Scott Sanders of Sunnyvale  
 Mascarpone ..... Peggy & Rex Bruker of Yorba Linda  
 Pig Pen (Ben) ..... Marge Swenson of Stanton  
 Kisses ..... Louise Winders of Costa Mesa of Lake Elsinore  
 Candy ..... Ron Cohen of Toluca Lake  
 Harlequin ..... Arthur & Rose Ann Habershaw of Burbank  
 Charm ..... Monte Lewis & Ann Deren-Lewis of Calabases  
 Snuggles ..... Sylvia Putman of Redlands  
 Cadbury (Buddy) ..... Diane & Bill Hanks of Trabuco Canyon  
 Charlie Byrd ..... Manny Navarrette of Duarte  
 Dizzy Gillespie ..... Karen Roth of Huntington Beach  
 Sarah Vaughn ..... George & Debby Navarro of Long Beach  
 Ella Fitzgerald ..... Ron & Candy Zimmer of Yorba Linda  
 Miles Davis ..... Elizabeth Meyer of Chino Hills  
 Chigger ..... Chantal & Robbert Van Ooijen of Long Beach  
 San Ramon ..... Deedee Dillingham of Lakewood  
 Honey Bee ..... Jeanne McMillen of Diamond Bar  
 Bedbug ..... Brandon & Theresa LaVerne of Torrance  
 Cicada ..... Dawn Manning of Murrieta  
 Dragonfly ..... Pamela Reyes of Rialto  
 Katydid ..... Jane Wittner of Northridge  
 Mosquito ..... Bret & Patti Helgren of Bakersfield  
 Termite ..... Marcella & Jim Castiglia of Ladera Ranch  
 Scorpion ..... Sandy & Brian Hightower of Anaheim  
 Grasshopper ..... Paul Dobrowolski & Sylvia Wolfe of Fullerton  
 Spider ..... Chris & Leah Tornow of Costa Mesa  
 Ladybug ..... Sandy Huse & Bob Moll of Los Angeles  
 Bumble Bee ..... Sylvia Putnam of Redlands  
 Nittany ..... Joe Nordaby & Erin Jackson of Anaheim  
 Cheetah ..... Cindy Shedd of Joshua Tree  
 Devon Rex ..... Deanna & Tom Busschaert of Corona  
 Panther ..... Sherri Wilson of Rancho Santa Margarita  
 Rag Doll ..... Jerry & Linda Kitzis of Moreno Valley  
 Tabby ..... Holly Northrop of Manhattan Beach  
 Tiger ..... Jean-Marie Harris of Riverside  
 Maggie May ..... Peggy & Rex Bruker of Yorba Linda  
 Sexy Sadie ..... J. D. & Nicola Sievertson of Burbank  
 Sargent Pepper ..... Dawn Manning of Murrieta  
 Doctor Robert ..... Candi Black of Chino  
 Cadillac ..... Kevin & Mary Beth Kelso of Los Angeles  
 Camry ..... Jane Wittner of Northridge  
 Jeep ..... Tim Neal of Corona  
 Mitsubishi ..... Elizabeth Meyer of Chino Hills  
 Infinity ..... Scott Hudson & Elaine Torrez of Fullerton  
 KIA ..... Debra & Dudley Latham of La Quinta  
 Woodstock ..... Tom & Joyce McRorie of La Habra Heights  
 Dodge ..... Wayne & Carole Greenert of Newport Beach  
 Porsche ..... Don Perry & Shay Eastham of Manifee  
 Cricket ..... Yvonne Rodriguez & Jeanette Ramos of Buena Park  
 Delorian ..... Glen & Julie Stroud of Santa Ana

GPA/Southern Nevada: *Gypsy Moth, Lion, Lynx, Persian, Abyssinian and Midgie*

GPA/Greyhound Adoption California: *Lennie, Swiss, Liam, Day Tripper, Barry, Cougar, Eleanor Rigby, hey Jude, Kaliegh, Brenna, Aiden, Smooch, June Bug, Killian, Isaac, Alannah, Herbie Hancock, Leopard, Astin Martin, Isuzu, Blackbird, Binigaron, Lexus, Mercedes Benz, Viper, Audi, Solara, Chevy, Rolls Royce, Range Rover, Plymouth & Astro*



*Dear Lilah,*

My mom is a worrier, she sometimes leaves us greyhounds muzzled when she goes out. There are four other greyhounds in my house, as well as two small dogs. We always have one or more fosters and my mom is afraid that when

she leaves us, there might be a fight over a toy or sleeping space or whatever. She thinks if we have muzzles on, we will be safe. I really don't like to wear my muzzle, but if it makes mom feel better, I will. My question is, are we really safer with the muzzles on and what advice can you give mom about the use of the dreaded things?  
 Yours rooly, Gerald

Dear Gerald,

The use of muzzles is very controversial in the world of retired racers. Many people vow never to ever put a muzzle on a greyhound in retirement. Others seem to over use them. At our house, mom separates any new or poorly mannered greyhound, from the rest of us, when we are left alone. I am sure that she would always keep little dogs or cats separate, when we were not supervised. We wear muzzles when we are being transported with dogs we don't know. (Auggie had a very unnerving experience one time when he was in a car with a "bounce-back" , and that was the beginning of muzzled trips.) Some of us become very aggressive when we get the chance to run in the bottom yard. When the aggressive ones are running with us, we run in groups of three or four, and all of us are muzzled, and supervised.

Here are a few facts about the use of muzzles, I would hope all humans consider prior to using them. A well fitting muzzle takes away one of the most important lines of defense a dog has. With very few exceptions, if one of us is muzzled, we all should be. I actually know of a greyhound who is taken to a dog park, muzzled, and let out to run with unmuzzled strangers! Can you believe that!! No matter how well fitted a muzzle is, there is no guarantee that it will remain on in a dog fight.

The use of muzzles in public is really a huge P.R. blunder. Here we are, the most gentle, sweet, wonderful dogs in the world, and people who see us muzzled, automatically conclude that we are vicious. My advise to all of my readers is to use a muzzle sparingly and never in public. Look to the reasons you have for muzzling us, and treat the cause, don't put a band-aid (muzzle) on it.

### Printer Needed

GPA is seeking a printer to support our printing requirements. Printed materials will include the newsletter, business cards, brochures, NCR forms. If you know of someone that is willing to support our needs, please call Joyce at (562) 694-3519.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SHOW AND TELLS OR OTHER EVENTS, CALL THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED FOR THE EVENT  
EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - PLEASE CALL TO VERIFY OR CHECK OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT [WWW.FASTFRIENDS.ORG](http://WWW.FASTFRIENDS.ORG)

July 6	<i>Petsmart</i> 11am-3pm 573 N. McKinley St., Corona. Contact: Joyce McHugh/909.7801394	September 8	<i>Petsmart</i> 12pm-3pm 17940 Newhope St., Fountain Valley. Contact: Joe Hammond/ 714.534.5687
<i>Petco</i> 12pm-3pm 430 N. Euclid, Anaheim. Contact: Jerry Frazier/ 714.894.9787	August 4	September 14	<i>Petsmart</i> 11am-3pm 11945 Central Ave., Chino. Contact: Jim Jeffers/ 714.792.3832
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Greyhound Pets of America/California - Orange County & Greater Los Angeles Chapter would like to thank the following who have donated or provided discounts for veterinary services. Without their support we would not have been able to help as many greyhounds as we have.

Dr. Winston Vickers  
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# COMING

Happy birthday to me...happy birthday to me...happy birthday dear me...happy birthday to me. Five years old today. I'm in the prime of my life...but no, says my trainer...you're done...you won many, many races, but now you're done! What does that mean...now you're done...what am I? A cake in the oven? I'm a racing greyhound for Pete's sake...one of the best, I'll have you know! OK FERN, tops in her field...now I have to retire? What happens next? I know I have to go in that kennel with the other GPA dogs and wait...but wait for what...and what does GPA mean anyway? Geez, a girl could get confused.

What a pack! 10 other girls in here with me...most of them way younger...and across the fence are 12 boys all waiting...for what we don't know. But, it's 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning and we've heard GPA will be here any minute to get us. I did manage to find out that GPA stands for Greyhound Pets of America...now if somebody would just tell me what a "pet" is, I might know what I've gotten myself into. Here comes a long, white truck and trailer with GPA signs...this must be it.

Look, there's four guys getting out...one is very tall and his friend is calling him Tom...weird name, but then he's not a greyhound with a cool racing name like OK FERN. Tom calls one of his friends Chick...I'm pretty sure the other two are Al and Jaime...how do these humans name their babies?...strange! Hey, wait!...Jaime?...Chick? You're not sticking me in that little dark hole are you?...Slam!...Bang!...They shut the door! It's dark in here! Where is everybody?...Whoa!...this thing's moving! I better lay down...oohh, car sickness... maybe if I keep very still it'll go away. Zzzzz...all I can do is sleep...this ride is taking forever.

Geez, watch your driving, Tom...I've heard about you...Dang!...you slid me all the way to the wall...You call this a driveway?...What are you doing? Dropping me off a cliff? Whew! We've finally stopped...4 legs, 2 ears...a needle

nose...a happy tail...yep, I'm all here...what a ride! Lots of noise going on outside...can't wait to see. Ah, light at last...I can see...wait a minute...whatcha doin'?...You can't just grab me outta here and haul me off...Joyce they call you? Well, watch it Joyce...you could scare a girl dragging her outside like that...I might want to stay in here, you know! Oh, all right, I'm coming!

Who's this, Joyce? You passing me off to someone else already? Well, he looks nice...he better be if he's going to take care of me the rest of the day...we'll see. Joyce called him Jeff, I wonder if he likes me...I'll just jump up and see...well, that's OK...he put me down but gave me a great scratch, some kind words and a hug...guess he'll do until something better comes along...or maybe I'll just cozy up to Jim over there...look at him hugging one of my pals and whispering sweet nothings in her ears.

Oh, phew!! What is that smell? Hold on there, Deb...you're spraying that foul smelling stuff all over me...I'm a lady I'll have you know...we smell good...save it for the boys...they're the stinkers! Flea and tick spray? That's what it is? Why didn't you say so sooner...I'll put up with the yucky smell if it will make all these itchy, blood sucking critters go away. Here, Freddie...get that one between my toes, wouldya?...oohh, thanks Freddie...what a pal!

You pour flea gunk all over me to get rid of biting bugs and now you're going to give me a name off a list of what? Bugs? Jeff says I shouldn't complain...Diane thinks up all the names and puts them in groups...she thinks Bugs are cute!...Oh, yeah, right!...and I just happen to get the Bug group?...couldn't have been the Disney characters, or elegant Wine names...no, I get Bugs!...I guess that's better than the Shoe group...or the Cheese group...I mean, what self respecting greyhound wants to go around with a name like Florsheim or Limberger? Really!...I see names on my list like "Flea," "Grasshopper," "Spider," "Vinagaroon," Vinaga...what?...c'mon Jeff, get me a good one...OK, Honey Bee is liveable...I'll just go by Honey...isn't that sweet? Yuk!

Down to the corral...into a pen...a little food...a little exercise...a little checking out all my friends...ahhh...now to relax and stretch out. Jeanne, you say WHAT? YOU WANT ME TO TAKE A BATH? A BATH? Gee, and you were being so sweet to me! Not on your life!!! You're not getting me in that thing...water...soap... ear wash...what is this?...no, no, no...oh! Ooohh! Aahhh! Warm water...soft spray...loving hands all over me...oohh, yes, a little higher, nope...a little to the left...now...down a bit...a ahhh...rub-a-dub-dub...this greyhound's in the tub...and loving every minute of it. Well, maybe not every minute...that ear wash is cold and tickles like crazy...I got it...a good shake is what's needed here...shake, shake, shake...good to the last drop off my tail...oh, gee Carolyn, I'm sorry...did I get you wet? Tee, hee, hee! Got her good, didn't I?

Now for the old rub down...go Janet...get my ears dinged out...look out...that Q-Tip feels like it's coming out my left ear...you put it in the right one you know. Nippers? What are they for? Toenails? You're going to cut my toenails with those?...all right, Lisa...I'm trusting you with my life here...you better be good. What's that noise...yeh, the grinding sound...Joyce over there is doing it...no, not the Joyce who dragged me out of the trailer...Joyce, the other Joyce...don't you guys ever get mixed up? They never give two greyhounds the same name...why don't you humans get a clue...or at least tattoo the inside of your ears so you can be told apart! She's grinding Vinagaroon's nails down...guess that works, too...just makes me shiver to watch, though. I'm all clean, brushed and slicked up now...gorgeous as usual...I know when Gary takes my picture I'll be the best lookin' one of the bunch.

OK, Jeff, good pal...where are we off to now...this is getting kinda fun...the vet tent...OK, whatever you say...sounds good to me...WAIT A MINUTE...I see that Joyce lady again...are you sure this is going to be fun, Jeff? She's got an arm

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around my neck...holding up my chin...patting my side...telling me how beautiful I am and what a good girl, and what great muscles I've got...what's she buttering me up for? Oh, oh...it's Devon and she's got a sharp, pointy thing in her hand...here she comes...OOWW, that stings and that's my blood in the tube...whaddya mean...only 3 more...shots?...ooh, ahh, ooh...done! Thank goodness! Dr. Uyeno, I heard you were a great Vet - can't you see these needles hurt? Blaghgh, blaghgh, yuk! Joyce stuffed 2 of the biggest yellow pills down my throat...couldn't she just ask me to swallow nicely?...she said they would take care of any "critters" inside me...I bet! I'm outta here...just give me my new collar, leash and GPA tag and I'll be on my way...bye, Lynn...you were the nicest one in the vet tent—never laid a hand on me...but I could feel the sympathetic vibes just rolling off you when they were drawing my blood for all their tests.

No, Jeff, that wasn't fun—now can I go lay down and snooze for awhile? Oh, wait...stop...there's Sue making a great snack after all her hard work...I heard how Tammy can cook, too...let's eat, huh, huh? No? We've got to get back to the corral for a romp with a cat and a small dog?...You bet! That's as good as food any day...let me at that cat...I'm gonna get it...little doggie too...I just spent 5 years chasing little furry things that I never caught...you think I'm not going for these two? Hah! Tee, hee, hee...Becky must be on my side...she just beaned that stupid old cat with a ball...what fun! Even Marcia's laughing and she's holding the cat...watch out for those claws, Marcia. Hey, you're messin' up my pretty new collar with that piece of blue yarn knotted to it...so I don't like cats...do I have to go around with this tied to my collar all my life? Here's what I think of that...I've been waiting all day for this...here, Julie, Julie...I saw you go for the scooper before...here's another one for you...smile! Glen, turn off that camera...this isn't my best side, you know!

Well, darn...fun's over, I can tell...now I'm stuck in a crate for awhile...on my back, four legs in the air...now that's

comfort! I can just see Bonnie and Tammy...course they're standing on their heads from my viewpoint...but they're talking about "pets" and "foster homes" while they get the blood stuff ready for Leslie to take to the lab...oh, that's what a "pet" is...we all go home with somebody and become a "pet"...somehow it has to do with love, hugs, kisses, comfort, people, greyhounds...I dunno...sounds like it might be something good...here comes Lisa and Joyce...you know the other Joyce...not the



first one...the second Joyce...and it's not the first Lisa either...it's a different one, too...well, shoot...you figure it out...makes me tired...They've decided I'm going to a "foster home" with somebody named Jeanne...no, not that Jeanne...another one! Here we go again...I'll never in this lifetime figure out why people all name their babies the same thing!!! Pretty silly idea if you ask me...but then again, they don't name their babies after Bugs, either! And while we're at it, what the heck is a "foster home?" Never heard of that either, but I guess I'll find out soon...I'm so confused!

New place! New place! 2 more greyhounds! 2 new people! Jeanne calls the young one...Robert, I think...Ok, check it out...upstairs...downstairs...in the

kitchen... out the door...check out the patio...oops...watch that greyhound on the couch...she might be Alpha...upstairs...Jeanne's bedroom...stuffed lion...I'll just grab that now...downstairs...out the back door...in the back door...to the bathroom...upstairs... downstairs...drop the lion...yarrgghh! Oops, I guess I did something wrong, Jeanne grabbed my collar...settle down, it's all right, you're home, chill, she says...aaahhh, soothing hands, quiet voice, loving words, guess I'll flop down right here and ponder.

So, this is a foster home, eh?...this is where you find out you can't run through a sliding glass door...the kitchen floor is slipperier than the far turn at Caliente... nice dogs don't doo-doo in the living room...vets do nasty things when they put you to sleep...couches were built especially for greyhounds...and love flows through the air like a soft breeze. Think I'll stay...WHAT! I can't

stay...I'm going someplace else for my forever home? Well, pooh...that's not fair...Jeanne's cool, Robert's a love and even the old lady who lives here is sweet...I want to stay here...wonder if stomping all four feet and roo-ing loud and long will help.

Ha-ha-ha, whatever Fostering 101 is...Jeanne just flunked it and that means I get to stay. She says I'll be her little Honey Bee forever and ever. Roo-o-o-o!

...Honey Bee McMillen, 2002

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