

The 45 M.P.H.

Couch Potato

UPDATE

UPCOMING

EVENTS

GPA DOG WASHES

April 27, July 27, Oct 26
1210 North Cypress Street
La Habra Heights, CA

AMERICAN FAMILY PET EXPO

April 4 - 6, 2003
Orange County Fairgrounds

PICNIC IN THE PARK

May 3, 2003
The Park, La Habra Heights

AVOCADO FESTIVAL

May 17, 2003
The Park, La Habra Heights

HOME & GARDEN SHOW

August 2003
Anaheim Convention Center
*(Please note: Do not bring your
greyhound unless you are a
scheduled worker.)*

PICNIC UP-DATE

This year, Canidae has been kind enough to sponsor our picnic. Their financial contribution will allow us to put more of the revenue from the picnic, directly into the care of our beloved greyhounds. Additionally, Canidae is donating the Grand Prize of one full year of kibble to the lucky winner. We can't thank them enough for their support. They will have a booth at the event, so please stop by and thank them personally.

Our new venue at The Park in La Habra Heights is so great, we are still pinching ourselves. Aside from the fact that the City is wonderful to work with, all of the problems we had at the other venue, have been solved. There is ample parking right at the site, lots and lots of shade, plenty of trash cans, clean and inside bathrooms, a children's playground, etc..

During the day, Liebe Aire will be demonstrating agility, and helping you with your dogs, as they work their way through the course. The Frisbee Team that performs at the Pet Expo, will be there as well, with their outstanding canine gymnasts. We are also trying to get a fly-ball team to attend. In addition, The Red Cross will be teaching Animal CPR all day.

The following vendors have already confirmed that they will be there; many more will be doing so as the time gets closer.

Canidae
Dr. Van Nice-Animal Dental Services
Northcoast Greyhound Support
Silk Roads Collars
Special Leash Company
Paws of the Planet
Creature Leisure
Duds 4 Buds
Veterinary Pet Insurance
Sassy Suds
Wild Things for Greys, etc.
Doggy-Dental, Inc
2GreatGirls
Harvest

Animal Ambulance
Liebe Aire Acres
Vanity Hair Studio, La Habra
Consolidated Pet Foods, Inc.
Lost Animal Network
PetCo, La Habra
Teena's Avo-Chips
The Pet Psychic, Isabel
Propped-Up Pillows
K-9 Designs by Sharee
Pet Pix
OxyFresh
La Habra Heights Garden

We will be hosting the merchandise of Run With it Embroidery, Critter Gallery and more.



**Greyhound Pets of America/
CA-OC&GLA**
Saturday
May 3, 2003 10 am - 4 pm
La Habra Heights
The Park

Enjoy a day with your Greyhound or other canine companion in a beautiful park. Check out the foster Greyhounds waiting for a home. Take Hacienda Blvd. south from the 60 freeway or north from Whittier Blvd. Please see www.fastfriends.org for driving directions from your location.



**BRING A SALAD;
WIN A COLLAR,
TAG COLLAR & LEASH!!**
 HELP! In order to help make the picnic a huge success this year, we need salad donations. If you are too busy to make one, then just stop at your local deli or Costco and pick one up. Please, no green salads as they tend to wilt. GPA will supply serving spoons. All donations large or small, homemade or store bought will be appreciated. A special raffle for one of Lynn Ikers beautiful collars, tag collars & leash (you pick it) will be held for all people bringing a salad.
 Please contact Tammy Brookhart at 562-802-0937

Please Save
 Used leashes, sleeping bags, comforters and quilts. We need these for the greyhounds in transition from track to couch. Please bring these items to the picnic.

DONATIONS NEEDED
 Raffle prizes are needed for the picnic. If you can support this event, please contact Diane Dodson at ((714) 834-4145 or email [<DIANED@jwmd.co.orange.ca.us>](mailto:DIANED@jwmd.co.orange.ca.us)

GPA FUNDRAISER DOG WASH

Sunday, April 27 - \$20 per Dog
 Appointments Begin at 9 am

PRICE INCLUDES:

Shampoo & Conditioner - Designer Scarf - Ears cleaned - Toenails cut
 Covered & Heated washing and drying area in case of incimate weather

AS AN ADDED BONUS:

Breakfast and lunch will be available at a small cost
 Plus a romp in the corral

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

Call Freddie Sainz (909) 674-9906

TO BE HELD AT:

1210 North Cypress Street, La Habra Heights, CA 90631



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR INFORMATION ON SHOW AND TELLS OR OTHER EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT
 WWW.FASTFRIENDS.ORG AND CALL THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED FOR THE EVENT.
 EVENTS HAVE BECOME TOO DYNAMIC TO BE KEPT UP-TO-DATE HERE.

CALIENTE BUS TRIP

Mark your calendars on October 11, 2003 for the Annual Caliente Bus Trip - good food and a fun day with the animals. Plans for this year will be the same as last year. Watch the next newsletter for more details.



OKTOBERFEST

Mark your calendars now, for the best dang Oktoberfest around. Circle September 27, 2003 from 5 PM 'til ? , and join us at **The Park** in La Habra Heights for a night of food, fun and more. We will be serving sauerbraten, bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato pancakes and German desserts, along with assorted drinks including beer! Warm up your Polka, don your Lederhosen and join us for a night to remember.....Look for more information in our next newsletter.



This year, we will be featuring a commemorative, 8th Annual Picnic T-Shirt designed by Kim Parkhurst. These new 6 color logo (pictured above) T's will be available for sale at the April 27th Dog Wash and as a pre-sale item, for \$12.00. T-shirts may be pre-ordered and delivered at the picnic. They will also be available at the picnic, for \$15.00. We are able to offer these shirts, at such a low price, due to the sponsorship of Canidae.

Keep checking our web site, www.fastfriends.org, for the fast breaking picnic news!

Clip below & mail to: Beth Glavosek, 1021 Lockhaven Drive, Brea, CA 92821 (562) 690-9997

Registration fee includes Picnic lunch.

If pre-registered, check in at registration table.

Registration: \$12.00 per person in advance. (\$15.00 per person on day of picnic.)

Personal checks by April 20, 2003 payable to GPA

Enclosed is check for \$

For _____ people, Dogs FREE. Number of dogs attending _____

Persons Name _____

Persons Name _____

Persons Name _____

Persons Name _____

Picnic T's sizes & quantity S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ at \$12 each

I cannot attend but would like to donate the enclosed amount \$ _____

Newsletter Opportunity Drawing

Our Newsletter Opportunity drawings are catching on! We have held two drawings and have 2 lucky, happy winners. Our first winner was Hattie Gable of Palos Verde. Hattie won the beautiful Alabaster Pair, which retails on our website for \$150. Our second winner was Donna Konrad of Rowland Heights. Donna's \$2 purchase of 2 raffle tickets won the Marble Dust statue, valued at \$130. Congratulations, ladies!

Remember, it only takes \$1 to win a beautiful prize like this newsletter's Trio of Greyhounds.



Couch Potato Update Opportunity Drawing - Trio of Greyhounds Closing Date: May 15, 2003

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ # of Opportunities: _____ at \$1.00 per opportunity = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

Our third Opportunity Drawing will feature the Trio of Greyhounds statue. This elegant piece is made of durable resin composite. It is finished in a metallic copper finish. The statue measures approx. 9 1/2" high x 18" long and stands on a wooden base. A unique work of art for Greyhound lovers! This item can be viewed on our website www.fastfriends.org (click on shopping) under Brass and Bronzestone statues. Drawing minimum for this piece is \$100. Drawing will close on May 15, 2003.

Mail completed form, with check or money order **payable to GPA**, to:

**GPA c/o Lisa Boepple
20692 Cottonwood Rd.
Yorba Linda, CA 92887**

Please check one of the following. If entry is received after close of drawing, or if the drawing minimum is not met:

- Please refund my money.
- Please enter me in the next drawing.

If not checked, you will automatically be entered in the next drawing.

Cars4Causes

If you have a car, truck, RV or boat you could donate and help us help the greyhounds. Call **Cars4Causes** at (800) 766-CARE (2273), FAX (805) 988-9203, <http://www.cars4causes.net>, email c4c@cars4causes.net. You get the full tax deduction and can designate which non-profit organization gets the proceeds.

Animal Ambulance



24 Hr Emergency Ambulance

- Long Distance Transport
- Home Euthanasia
- Cremation Services

(877) 957-4968

Toll Free

GPA MERCHANDISE

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For inquiries: (714) 693-9205 or lbboepple@adelphia.net

For the Human

Item No.	Item Name	Price	Description
Book01	Down Under Jones	\$12.00	Story about a first year English teacher who adopts a huge brindle male greyhound named Down Under Jones and decides to race him. The book covers a series of adventures from Montana to Florida. This book is autographed by the author.
Book02	Moose, Bruce and the Goose	\$8.00	Story of a young track star, a lost greyhound and a goose. They form a partnership and become famous all over Montana. This book is autographed by the author.
Book03	Greyt Recipes	\$10.00	Features illustrations by Kim Parkhurst, recipes from Greyhound Adoption groups all over our country, and includes everything from doggie first aid tips to gourmet main dishes.
Book04	Adopting the Racing Greyhound	\$13.00	By Cynthia Branigan. Packed full of practical and interesting information on the retired racing greyhound. This book is a must for every greyhound owner, and will help prospective greyhound owners make the right decision.
Book06	Greyhounds: A Complete Pet Owner's Manual	\$8.00	By Carolyn Coile. A new addition to the retired racer library. It gives a comprehensive survey of adoption, purchase, care, nutrition, behavior, and training and includes a number of great pictures.
Book07	Brynna & Mungo's Dream Book	\$25.00	Judith Brody uses an artist's eye and a poet's soul to remind us that we are stewards of the love given so freely by the dogs who bond so ferociously to their human companions. True love comes accompanied by a cold nose.
Cloth01	GPA Nouveau Logo T-Shirt	\$15.00	A limited run of our "nouveau" logo exclusive to GPA/CA GLA&OC. The back of this t-shirt has our 800 number and website in red lettering at the nape of the neck. Limited quantities available in sizes adult medium to XL.
Cloth02	7 th Annual Picnic T-Shirt	\$3.00	Was \$12. A 100% combed cotton commemorative t-shirt from our 2002 Annual Picnic in the Park. Limited quantities in sizes adult medium to XL.
Cloth03	GPA Traditional Logo T-Shirt	\$13.00	Traditional GPA logo t-shirt in 50/50 blend. Available in Ash with black logo, navy, forest green, purple, and royal blue with white logo, and white with navy blue logo. Sizes adult medium to XXL.
Cloth04	GPA Traditional Logo Sweatshirt	\$27.00	Traditional GPA logo in 50/50 blend. Long sleeved, black logo on ash only.
N/A	GPA Logo Pin	\$20.00	Commissioned by North Coast Greyhound Support. GPA logo in sterling silver with black enamel.
N/A	License Plate Frame	\$5.00	A "must have" for every greyhound owner. White plastic frame with black lettering encourages others to "Make a fast friend. Adopt an ex-racing greyhound".
N/A	Fast Friend Bumper Sticker	\$2.00	"Make a fast friend. Adopt an ex-racing greyhound" sticker available in white or yellow, both with black lettering. Please indicate color.
N/A	Adopt a Greyhound Bumper Sticker	\$2.00	Let your bumper spread the word. Sticker encourages greyhound adoption and includes GPA's 800 phone number. White background with blue and black lettering.
N/A	Window Clings	\$5.00	GPA logo on window cling includes GPA's 800 number. Use static cling to affix to the inside of your car window. Comes in white or blue lettering. Please indicate color when ordering
G/TIE	Necktie	\$35.00	It all started with the classic navy tie, then cranberry was added, and this year forest green. Ties are jacquard woven of a polyester blend to really promote the breed in fine fashion. Dry clean only.
G/G TOTE	Black tote bag	\$36.00	Always too much to carry but not enough room. This tote bag is 20" W X 16" L. It has a full zipper on top to be sure to keep everything inside and a bonus zippered 7" pocket inside. Long straps that you can shoulder.
Art05	2003 Desk Calendar	\$15.00	For the first time. A greyhound desk calendar!

See reverse side for additional items and order form.

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For the Hound

Item No.	Item Name	Price	Description
N/A	Premier Collar	\$8.00	Sizes small (8" to 12" by 3/4" wide) and medium (10" to 16" by 1" wide). Colors include black, royal blue, deep purple, teal, green, red, tan and pink.
N/A	Premier Leash	\$7.00	Leash is 6' long by 1" wide. Same colors as collars above.
N/A	Grooming Mitt	\$6.00	Your greyhound will love the feel of this glove, and you'll love the way it makes him look. Sturdy and inexpensive, your Greyhound will love it.
N/A	Squawker	\$17.00	A great attention getter for greyhounds. Use as a training tool to have your greyhound come to you. Trainers of racing greyhounds use this device. Also called a "predator call", it emits a high pitched "squawk".
N/A	Guardian Angel Collar Tag	\$5.00	Depicts a dog with angel wings. Sentiment on back of tag reads "Guardian Angel watch over me, guide me home safely, and keep me from harm's way". Beautiful addition to your greyhound's jewelry collection.

For the Home

Item No.	Item Name	Price	Description
Art01	Renaissance Picnic	\$30.00	A companion piece to The Hounds of Royalty, painted by artist Jesse Holt. It recalls the special place accorded greyhounds in the Renaissance era. The full-color lithograph of this work is 18 inches by 22 3/4 inches.
Art02	Call to the Pack	\$25.00	A print to remember September 11, 2001, your favorite breed roos for peace and unity. This print frames beautifully and can be matted in a standard 8X10 mat to display or hide the date.
Art04	2003 Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar	\$12.00	A yearly tradition for greyhound lovers. This calendar features 14 full months from December 2002 to January 2004. Each month will feature photos of former racing Greyhounds from around the world. Adoption contact listings for more than 250 referral, support, and adoption groups around the world.

To view item pictures and additional items, please visit our website www.fastfriends.org and select the link **SHOPPING**.
 See reverse side for additional items.

SHIP TO (please print):

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

TO ORDER:

Mail completed form, with check or money order payable to GPA, to:

GPA c/o Lisa Boepple
 20692 Cottonwood Rd.
 Yorba Linda, CA 92887

For inquiries only:

(714) 693-9205
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Prices subject to change.
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ITEM NO.	ITEM NAME	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL PRICE
Shipping: \$15.00 and Under \$3.95 \$15.01 to \$25.00 \$5.95 \$25.10 to \$40.00 \$7.95 \$40.01 to \$60.00 \$9.95 \$60.01 to \$80.00 \$11.95 \$80.01 to \$100.00 \$13.95 \$100.01 to \$150.00 \$15.95 Over \$150.00 Add 10%					SUBTOTAL SALES TAX 7.75% (CA Residents Only) SHIPPING DONATION TOTAL	Thank You!

ADOPTIONS

Asteroid	Grace Sheldon of Long Beach
Michaelangelo, (Bob)	Dan & Mary Warren of Lancaster
Cezanne	Brian & Betsy Liebenow of Vandenberg AFB
Cicada	Donald & Elaine Irving of Venice
Bendix	Brian & Ruth Ann Gottry
Honeybee	Nicole & Edward Deng of West Hollywood
Hansen	Karolyn & Nick Rocha of Rancho Cucamonga
Devon Rex	Chuck & Lena Becker of Alta Loma
Tax Man	Donald & Elaine Irving of Venice
Beta	Lorraine & Randy Holman of Cypress
Eevee	Anthony & Shelley Sokolis of Orange
Roper	Vicki and Alonzo Pedrin of Orange
Tannenbaum	Paul & Ann Dibble of Palm Desert
Christmas	Kimberly & Yong Choi of Riverside
Jolly	Tonya Snider of LaHabra
Navidad	Amanda & Sean Fitts of Van Nuys
Jingles	Jeremy Yamamoto of Canyon Country
Alameda	Ron & Pat Griffin of West Covina
Amador	Freddie Sainz of Wildomar
Sonoma	Ken & Ruth Meints of Diamond Bar
Sutter	Chris & Steve Belanger of Claremont
Ventura	Jamie & Marty Smith of Monrovia
Walt Whitman	Andrea Davis of Torrance
H.W. Longfellow	Deborah Strehlow of Norco
Carl Sandburg	Darby Jennings of Long Beach
Marianne Moore	Kathleen & David Shell-White of La Mirada
Emily Dickinson	Lucinda & Eric Cavazos of Tustin
Tympani	Alison Yasso, DVM of Yorba Linda
Celeste	Megan Henning of Manhattan Beach
Maraca	Kathy Bent of Yorba Linda
Banjo	Tom Dean of No. Hollywood
Fiddle	Donald & Jeanne Scheer of La Mirada
Harmonica	Joan Morgan of Paso Robles
Whistle	Jane Wick & Steven Nelson of Pasadena

The following greyhounds were transported for placement by other groups:

GPA/CA-Greyhound Adoption California: Mina Loy, Rudyard Kipling, Alpine, Yuletide, Ogden Nash, Marimba, Calaveras, Kings, Dashaway, Bongo, Clarinet, Taiko and Yolo.

GPA/CA-River City Racers: Amy Lowell-(Katy), Humboldt-(Hummer), T.S. Eliot, Siskiyou-(Cisco)

Nevada Greyhounds Unlimited: Elf, Nevada, Plumas.



Dear Lilah,
I have pimples all over me and, when they pop, my hair falls out. To tell you the truth, I look like an old, moth-eaten rug in Osama bin Laden's cave! Mom keeps rubbing stuff on me and giving me lots of baths, but they are not working. Am I going through another teen age experience, or is something else wrong?

Scratching in Sacramento

Dear Scratch,
Most of these pimple things are diagnosed as Pyoderma; a bacterial infection of the skin. Frequently, there are pustules, but crusting, hyper pigmented spots and other manifestations occur as well. You have a trip to the vet in your future, my dear. Most of the time, these things are caused by a Staph infection, but not always. It is important for your vet to determine the correct cause, so that the proper treatment is given and you will be beautiful for our Annual Picnic on May 3rd.

Dear Lilah,
I am 14 years old, and sometimes I just go off my feed. As you might expect, I am a little on the thin side, which I am sure has contributed to my long life, but I can't stand to lose any more weight. My Dad has found a way to kick start my appetite; he primes the pump with Gerber's Lamb and Gravy baby food! I don't know what he means by these words, but it sure does work. Could you pass on this suggestion to my greyhound pals?

Baby Food Lover in LaMirada

Dear Baby,
Your dad has hit on a tried and true remedy. It also works in any situation where dogs are reluctant to start eating again. After surgery, stressful and fearful situations, when ill or reaching the close of his life, etc. Thanks for sharing.

Dear Readers,
I guess you have noticed my new picture at the beginning of this column. It was taken by my friend, Jackie Snell, of Pooch Portraits. Jackie is the person who provided those great Christmas Cards for us with our pictures on them. She will be at the next Dog Wash and at our picnic, taking pictures and talking about her work, and taking orders. GPA receives a very nice percentage of her sales.

Lilah

Editor's note: We apologize for Lilah's blatant exploitation of her position, to push GPA's fund raising events, but we sure hope it works!

VIDEO AVAILABLE

The GPA video that depicts the trail your greyhound traveled from the track to your couch is still available. It is professionally produced and suitable for local television. Take the trip your greyhound took on his way to you and enjoy it from the comfort of your home. Watch your greyhound's reaction to some of the scenes. This video will be available at the dog washes, bus trip and Christmas party in addition to other events. The cost is \$20 plus \$3 shipping if not obtained at an event. Call Lisa Boepple at (714) 693-9205 (lbboepple@adelphia.net)

SPECIAL THANKS

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
Katella Animal Clinic
10712 Katella Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92804
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VCA Lakewood Animal
Hospital
17801 Lakewood Blvd.
Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 633-8126

Dr. Julie Forbes, DVM
Brea Veterinary Hospital
675 S. Brea Blvd.
Brea, CA 92621
(714) 529-4988

Dr. Jose Arambulo
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19139 Bloomfield Ave.
Cerritos, CA 90703
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Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
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**WELCOME
IDEXX
TO THE TEAM
Thanks, Dr. Judy**

**GPA would also like to
thank the following
businesses for their help
in our efforts to find
homes for ex-racing
greyhounds.**

Liebe Aire Acres
Michael & Priscilla O'Malley
12200 Knoefler Drive
Riverside, CA 92505

Great Central Transport
Claire and Ed Irving
2113 W. 17th Street
Long Beach, CA 90813

Miller Distributing
Bill and Susan Nims
6431 Flotta Street
Commerce, CA 90040

A special thank you to the many volunteers and their greyhounds who participate in our Show and Tells. Not only do they help find homes for these great dogs, but also they educate the public that greyhounds are gentle, loving animals.

**There is no
success without u.**

Meet Dr. Alison Yasso, DVM

Question: What do the following items have in common: a length of dental floss; a button; three feet of yarn; a bladder stone the size of a racquetball; a length of curling ribbon; decorative white quartz landscaping rock; an open safety pin; a sewing needle — still threaded!; wire from a Christmas wreath; six feet of embroidery thread.

Answer: All of the above items have been removed from a dog or a cat by Dr. Alison Yasso at Circle of Friends Veterinary Hospital in Yorba Linda.

Many of you know Dr. Yasso already. You are either a client or have met her when your foster dog was spayed or neutered. For those of you who don't know her, here's an introduction.

Dr. Yasso's first Greyhound patient was owned by Brooke Bartholomew, a GPA volunteer who has since moved out of the area. She asked Dr. Yasso to join the group of veterinarians who either donate their services or provide discounted services to GPA. The rest is a flurry of pointy noses and wagging tails. To date, Dr. Yasso has seen about 170 GPA dogs! Since her first Greyhound patient, the practice has grown to include numerous Greyhounds. She estimates that they make up ten to fifteen per cent of her patients. We don't know if the reason for this is communication among Greyhounds or communication among Greyhound owners. If it's the former, the reasons might go something like this. "My new doctor is just great! When I go in to see her, she gets right down on the floor with me. She is usually talking to me and patting me before she even looks at my mom or my dad, and she gives great treats! She thinks I don't see that little flea comb coming at me, but she's so quick and so gentle, I really don't mind." If the latter, the reasons are probably the same, but you could add a gentle heart and two gentle hands. Besides all that, how could anyone with that much dog hair on her butt be anything but our kind of people?

Dr. Yasso considers herself a local gal. She lives in Yorba Linda with her dogs, Morgen, Mindy and Mitzi, and her cats, Emily, Max, Miranda and China. Dr. Yasso graduated from Esperanza High School in 1987, from UC Irvine (undergraduate studies) in 1991, and from veterinary school at UC Davis in 1995. In December of 1998 she opened Circle of Friends Veterinary Hospital in Yorba Linda. The name 'Circle of Friends' was suggested by her friend Mary (now her receptionist) and was "borrowed" from a Maeve Binchey book of the same name. While most of her patients come from Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda, La Habra and Whittier, some of them come from as far away as San Clemente, San Diego and Temecula.

Dr. Yasso says she always wanted to be a veterinarian. What really clinched it for her was an experience she had in veterinary school. One patient at the school hospital was a Sheltie who became paralyzed. Dr. Yasso was responsible for her physical therapy after surgery. Witnessing the improvement in the dog and the happiness that the Sheltie brought her owners assured her that veterinary medicine was her calling. Dr. Yasso says the best thing about being a veterinarian is being able to help owners when they think their pet's time is almost over. Many times, medical conditions exist that can be treated, extending the pet's life and quality of life. She especially enjoys getting to know her clients and their pets, and adding them to her extended "family".

Dr. Yasso feels fortunate to have a career she loves, and attempts to share her good fortune by giving back to the community. In addition to working with GPA, she also works with German Shepherd Rescue, Cats in Need (YL), Cats in Need (Santa Ana), PURRR and the Orange County SPCA. She recently finished a term on the SPCA Board of Directors.

When asked what surprises her most about being a veterinarian she replies, "All the other stuff that goes along with the job". Dr. Yasso mistakenly thought she was going to be a doctor. What she is, is a doctor, employer, business manager, purchasing agent, etc. When asked what she is most proud of, she responds, "My staff." She receives many compliments on her caring and friendly employees. Her staff includes:

Debbie (since 2001), a Licensed Vet Tech who enjoys hiking and camping;

Amy (since opening day), a Licensed Vet Tech who enjoys jet skiing;

Kathy (since 1999), a Vet Tech (and new grandma) who likes to ride horses;

Mary (since 1999), a receptionist who enjoys antiquing and refinishing furniture;

Lisa (since 2000), a receptionist and GPA Volunteer who enjoys sewing and Greyhounds;

Jennifer (since 2002), a Vet Assistant and student at Fullerton College who likes movies; and

Erica (since 2002), a Vet Assistant and student at Chapman college, who plays roller hockey.

Dr. Yasso's hospital is a bustling, but happy place. Services at the hospital include (but are not limited to) general medicine, examinations and immunization, surgical services, dentistry and preventive teeth cleaning, pet bathing, sales of pet supplies and veterinary diets. If you don't know Dr. Yasso yet, perhaps you will meet when dropping off a foster dog for care. Be sure to ask your dog about the experience. And remind Dr. Yasso to brush off the back of her pants!



Editor's Note: Dr. Yasso recently succumbed to the charms of a beautiful black Greyhound and was adopted by Tympani, now known as Holli. You may meet Holli as the official greeter at Circle of Friends.

JAIME, THE ULTIMATE VOLUNTEER

We had a great idea at our last Board Meeting: we decided to add the names and responsibilities of our core volunteers, to our web site. Diane and Gary, Sandy and Sandy were easy. We followed with Jodi, Tom, Carlos, etc., but when we got to Jaime Macias (right), we stumbled, finally coming up with the title of Project Assistant. You see, Jaime is the grease that turns the wheel. He is the guy you call when all else fails. He is a problem solver, our translator, our beast of burden. An extraordinarily hard worker, he is the first to arrive and the last to leave. He is our friend, but most of all, he is a friend of the greyhounds.



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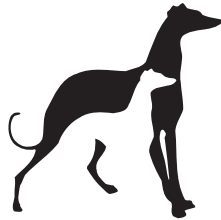
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