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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25: *Greyt Friend*
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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100: *Hound Hero*
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$250: *Greyt Heart*
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500: *Winner's Circle*
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000: *Top Dog*
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,500: *Resting Crate*
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500: *Headin' Home*  
*Cubbyhole*
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000: *Greyt Spirit*

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\_\_\_\_\_ A donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ (Optional) I'm happy to help;  
no appreciation gift is needed.

**Make checks payable to:  
FastFriends**

**Please send this form  
with your donation to:**

**FastFriends Membership Drive  
1210 N. Cypress St.  
La Habra Heights, CA 90631**

Contact us at (800) 298-5743 or  
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From: **Joyce McRorie, President**  
*FastFriends Greyhound Adoption*

What a year it has been! We made a difficult decision after years of affiliation with Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) – we are now an independent entity and our new name is:

***FastFriends Greyhound Adoption.***

What else has changed? Not a thing.

- Our mission – to find forever homes for ex-racing greyhounds – is exactly the same.
- Our volunteers are the same – the most amazing group of generous, caring individuals you could ever hope to know.
- Our resolve to find a loving home for every greyhound that comes to us, regardless of injuries, health or age, is as rock-solid as ever.

And your help as a volunteer, supporter and donor is more critical than ever before.

As an independent organization, we can now make decisions based on the needs of the greyhounds that come to us, rather than needing to align with national requirements that may not apply to our situation. Funds that we generate go directly to the dogs that we find homes for – we will support other less successful groups as we choose, rather than by mandate. From our perspective, recreating ourselves as ***FastFriends Greyhound Adoption*** enables us to focus solely on what we do best – finding wonderful, loving homes for ex-racing greyhounds.

As tracks continue to close, our resources are stretched to the limit. As always, we do what the dogs require, simple or complex, to prepare them for adoption; we'll find a way to pay for it somehow. Your generous support will ensure that we have the resources to respond in these uncertain times and can continue to hold wide open *the door of hope* that every racing greyhound deserves to run through when his racing days end.

# 2010 Membership Drive



*As the tracks close ...*

## ***Keeping open the door of hope***



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Fewer than 10 states currently allow greyhound racing. Last year alone, seven tracks closed, leaving many dogs without a place to go. When greyhound racing is banned across a state, hundreds of greyhounds are suddenly no longer earning their keep. While some breeders may ship a few of their best dogs elsewhere for racing, most are forced to sharply reduce their kennel size. Some simply shut down operations entirely. This leaves literally hundreds, sometimes thousands, of racing greyhounds displaced all at once.

That's what makes groups like **FastFriends Greyhound Adoption** so essential. Unless these unwanted greyhounds can quickly be taken in by rescue groups dedicated to finding them homes, they have no future. Sadly, we all know too well how ex-racers with no future have been dealt with in the past. Thanks to many years of hard work by dedicated volunteers, most greyhounds now make the move from racer to pet. But when thousands of dogs must be dealt with on short notice, even the most dedicated rescue groups can't respond to the need without significant support.

Rescue groups can't form one day and start taking in dogs the next. The people, processes, knowledge and facilities must be in place and operational; groups must be highly competent just to deal with the normal flow of dogs. As tracks close, rescue groups' resources will be stretched to the limit. The only way to keep open the door of hope for every greyhound is with generous support by those who care about them.

*With your help,  
the door of hope need never close.*

## 2010 Membership Donation Levels

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>FastFriends' Gifts of Appreciation for You</u>
\$25	<i>Greyt Friend</i>	2010 <i>FF</i> Membership window decal
\$50	<i>Pack Member</i>	2010 <i>FF</i> Membership window decals (2) <i>plus</i> a large <i>FF</i> window sticker
\$100	<i>Hound Hero</i>	2010 <i>FF</i> Membership window decals (2) <i>plus</i> 2 free admission tickets to the <i>FastFriends</i> Picnic
\$250	<i>Greyt Heart</i>	2010 <i>FF</i> Membership window decals (2) <i>plus</i> a free dog wash at a <i>FF</i> dog wash <i>and</i> an exclusive <i>FF</i> -logo T-shirt
\$500	<i>Winner's Circle</i>	2010 <i>FF</i> Membership window decals (2) <i>plus</i> a free dog wash at a <i>FF</i> dog wash <i>and</i> an exclusive <i>FF</i> -logo sweatshirt
\$1,000	<i>Top Dog</i>	2010 <i>FF</i> Membership window decals (2) <i>plus</i> an exclusive <i>FF</i> -logo T-shirt or sweatshirt <i>and</i> two tickets to the 2010 <i>FF</i> Wine Tasting event in Temecula in the fall (chartered bus ride included!)

### *Special limited personal / corporate naming opportunities:*

- \$1,500** *Resting crate* in barn (9 available)
- \$2,500** Hound Hauler "*Headin' Home Cubbyhole*" (11 available)
- \$5,000** *Greyt Spirit*: One of each acknowledgement gift noted above

### **FastFriends Greyhound Adoption**

is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization (Federal ID #33-0677770).

Donations, less the value of merchandise received, are tax-deductible.

We are a 100% volunteer group; there are no paid or salaried positions within our organization. All donations are gratefully used to defray the costs associated with preparing greyhounds for their new homes.

*Membership is not required to receive the 45 MPH Couch Potato Newsletter  
or to participate in FastFriends activities.  
We always look forward to seeing you!*