



"Until man extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace..." Albert Schweitzer

"Doc" Gilbert

This newsletter is dedicated to "**Doc**" who survived longer than any greyhound in **GCNM's** program, after amputation for bone cancer.

At the age of nine, Doc lost a front leg to osteosarcoma. Having been diagnosed within a week of his initial symptoms, Doc's chances for at least a year of good-quality life were good. Four years and three months later (one for the record books, as most do not survive beyond a couple of years) Doc died after suffering a stroke. The end was quick and painless for him, according to **Shannon Gilbert**, his loving companion for almost ten years.

Four years in a row, Doc received an award at GCNM's annual reunion, for "Beating the Odds." Never missing a meal or a treat and always looking to steal a toy from "**Greta**," his German shepherd buddy, Doc relished his good fortune with Shannon until the very end. He will be greatly missed by all who met him.



Shannon Gilbert and Doc

The Greyhound Sanctuary



Greyhound Companions of New Mexico is happy to announce our newest venture in saving greyhounds is getting closer to fruition. GCNM **Santa Fe** team leader, **Kathy Pallis**; GCNM Founder, **Judy Paulsen**; and greyhound adopter/animal welfare advocate, **Relaena Sindelar**, have been busy laying the groundwork for the greyhound sanctuary. This project, when complete, will house up to 50 greyhounds at a time, many of whom would be considered unadoptable by the racing industry.

The greyhound sanctuary site is located on 20 acres of land adjacent to and granted by **Heart and Soul Animal Sanctuary** in **Glorieta, NM**. The proposed name for this project is "**Greyhome - A Greyhound Sanctuary**." Please visit our website, www.greyhome.org, which is in the developmental stages, to read more about our mission and our sanctuary ambassador, **Heidi**.

Greyhome will serve as a retirement home/hospice care for greyhounds and will house greyhounds awaiting their forever homes. Our mission is to provide love, care, and housing for greyhounds whose various



Kathy Pallis with Her Greyhounds

handicaps often result in their demise when they are no longer useful to the industry.

Currently, we are inviting all who would like to volunteer their services to contact

Kathy Pallis via email palliskc@comcast.net. We hope to start construction within one year and be fully operational within two years or less. Many volunteer opportunities are available in this exceptional project, even before we move in, so please contact Kathy to add your name to the list.

(In order for your donations to be tax deductible, they must be made payable to GCNM. All donations to GCNM go directly to our expenses for the dogs, but if you would like to specify a donation that is to be used only for

Greyhound Companions of New Mexico, Inc. (GCNM) is a licensed, non-profit organization concerned for the welfare of racing greyhounds. Thousands of greyhounds bred for racing are destroyed and suffer heinous injuries annually. Our mission is twofold in that we find adoptive homes for failed racers in addition to actively campaigning for their humane treatment. Holding the racing industry accountable for actions which threaten the safety and welfare of racing greyhounds is of paramount importance and we vow to uphold that pledge. All our work is done by volunteers. We have no paid staff.

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sanctuary expenses, please indicate this in the lower left-hand corner of your check.) (Send donations to GCNM, P.O. Box 22053, Albuquerque, NM 87154-2053.)

Watch for our new publication which will combine GCNM News and Greyhome, The Sanctuary News!

Animal Psychologist

Knowledge of human **and** animal behavior would be a valuable combination for anyone who has animal companions. Acquiring a Psychology Degree and a Doctorate in Animal Psychology and Behavior is likely out of the question for most people, but having access to someone with this degree of education is only a phone call away if you need help with your dogs.

Kari Mastrocola, Ph.D., has over twenty years of experience in animal behavior. Her philosophy is based on the oneness of animals, people, and nature, with mutual respect for all. As a lobbyist for animal welfare issues, Kari helped pass and implement state and local legislation in many jurisdictions. Her most important efforts to date include California laws and programs that recognize the links between animal abuse and child abuse.

Author of several publications, her works include collaboration on a book about greyhound rescue. She serves on numerous animal welfare advisory committees and humane society boards.

While training or consulting, Kari takes into account that each animal is different. She uses individualized methods with an emphasis on positive reinforcement.

Phone consultations are welcome. Kari can be contacted at **928-925-0812** or email kmzowie@hotmail.com.

*(Kari currently resides in Arizona, but GCNM is working hard to convince her she belongs in New Mexico – preferably at **Greyhome - A Greyhound Sanctuary** – our project in Glorieta, NM.)*

Unadoptable Greyhounds – The Racing Industry’s Dirty Secret

By Judy Paulsen

Ignoring the fate of hundreds of thousands of greyhounds since the inception of pari-mutuel dog racing, the racing industry has effectively turned its back on dogs who could have lived to a ripe old age. For years now, the dog racing industry has been promising to find homes for 90 to 100 percent of what they term “**adoptable**” greyhounds, while refusing to address why there are **unadoptable** greyhounds and what happens to them. Even the so-called “adoptable” greyhounds are still being destroyed in shocking numbers.



Sadly, there continues to be a crisis regarding the number of racing greyhounds needing homes when their racing careers are over, particularly those who are difficult to place in homes because of age, injuries, or illness. Although fewer greyhounds are being bred for racing and more tracks are shutting down, the industry’s hemorrhaging of spent racers persists.

Humans too often consider animals as disposable and undeserving of compassion and humane care. In the case of racing greyhounds, one might assume only the racing industry has been careless in its approach to protecting greyhounds; however, it is becoming increasingly more apparent that others are equally responsible for the perpetuation of the industry which exploits then tosses aside the dogs which support it.

Greyhound adoption has become a cottage industry and for opportunists in bed with the racing industry, discouraging or even prohibiting speaking out *against* dog racing has become the norm. With their refusal to discuss the darker side of dog racing, these groups secure a promise from the dog racing industry to receive money and various other perks. The only guarantee for the racing greyhounds in this arrangement is that they are losers both on and off the track.

Subliminal promotion of greyhound racing has become an art for many who claim to have the racing greyhound’s best interests at hand. Sadly, the racing greyhound is often NOT the recipient of any good to come from misdirected individuals who insist they are helping to “save” greyhounds. Those whose

ulterior motive is to perpetuate greyhound racing so as to further enhance their own opportunities have proliferated over the years, while others, whose purpose is to end the suffering and killing of racing greyhounds, struggle to meet expenses for rescuing and placing ex-racers.

The racing industry continues to churn out thousands of dogs to compete on fewer tracks.

Although the number of greyhounds bred for racing is declining, racers coming off the track still far exceed the capacity for adoption groups to find homes for the excess dogs.

Albeit a minuscule solution to the overabundance of retired racers, a few greyhound sanctuaries are providing refuge for at least a small percentage of those who would otherwise be destroyed. Adoption helps, too, but is yet another Band-Aid approach to a problem that needs a permanent and far-reaching solution.

Why hasn’t the dog racing industry stepped up to the plate to provide long-term care for the dogs it is mass-producing? The common rhetoric for racing proponents is that they are concerned for the welfare of the racing greyhound. Where’s the proof? Funding adoption groups who conceal the dark side of racing is hardly an all-out effort to provide optimum care for the industry’s excesses. Why not establish and fund greyhound sanctuaries across the country?

Dog racing’s dirty little secret is out – let’s start a dialogue about it now: What happens to the “unadoptable” greyhounds and why has this subject been buried beneath the industry’s claims that they “care” about its surplus, spent racers? Why accept that thousands of greyhounds must die annually in order to promote the few who make it to the top?

Please let your conscience be your guide if you truly want to help racing greyhounds. The dogs we strive to protect deserve our allegiance and full disclosure of the facts. The truth will set you free, not to mention the tens of thousands of greyhounds who will benefit as well! The next time someone asks, “What happens to the racers who don’t go into homes?”, you owe it to the greyhounds to answer with honesty.

GCNM to Acquire Black Horse Design's Greyhound Jewelry

Our dear friend and fellow greyhound lover, **Carmon Deyo**, has experienced numerous health problems in the recent months and is now coping with the diagnosis of malignant melanoma. I was shocked and saddened by this news when Carmon notified me. Master of design and production for **Black Horse Design**, Carmon is well known for her creative and unique artwork. Anyone who has ever shopped for greyhound jewelry has likely come across Carmon's stunning work depicting everything from horses, dogs, and cats, to Celtic themes as well.



All original designs, Carmon's jewelry is of exceptional quality – the kind that is breathtaking to see and particularly to wear!

The good news is that Greyhound Companions of New Mexico will be taking over the production and sale of Carmon's greyhound items and ALL profits will go to our rescue efforts and latest endeavor to help greyhounds; **Greyhome – A Greyhound Sanctuary**.



**"Vannie" Deyo-Dibble
1995-2008**

I wondered how she could possibly take care of her medical needs and still meet the orders that come into her website on a regular basis. Thinking she may have to abandon this labor of love in order to pursue the full-time job of getting well, I was elated to hear she was considering selling the business so that her designs would continue to flourish among those of us who can't seem to get enough of her greyhound jewelry.

You'll be able to shop for items on our website as soon as we can get it up and running with Carmon's assistance. Carmon is scheduled for surgery on November 3rd and our thoughts and prayers go out to her and husband **Mike Dibble**. When Carmon is feeling better, she'll be spending time with us to get things up and running, but our first concern is Carmon's health and recovery. We aren't making any promises about when we'll have everything ready to go, only that we'll be sure to continue making this fantastic jewelry available! Stay tuned and watch our website "Store" at <http://www.gcnm.org/store.html> for updates.



Borzoi Rescue, Too?

On August 10th, 2008, **Cody**, a six-month-old Borzoi, was out for a walk with his new family. Having spent the night in Albuquerque, traveling from Mesa, AZ, to his new home in Chicago, Cody was feeling pretty good about things. Suddenly everything changed as Cody found himself with no human at the other end of the leash.

Cody, young and slightly skittish, had bolted away from his people. In unfamiliar surroundings, confused and frightened, Cody did what sight hounds do best – he ran.

Soon, there was a full-fledged search joined by **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** volunteers and other concerned citizens. **Heather Fredrickson, Kent and Sara Mathis, Ann Perkins**, and numerous others immediately sprang into action and headed for the area where Cody was last seen. Posting fliers, contacting shelters and veterinarians,



Heather with Cody

and establishing "grids" to maximize the searchers' efforts, day turned to night and Cody was still missing.

Three nights passed, when on August 13th Heather received a phone call from a woman who had Cody in sight, hunkered down not too far from where he had gone missing. She had seen the numerous signs for the missing dog and obtained the contact number from the nearest one. Heather dropped everything and dashed out the door.

Thankfully, bystanders had surrounded Cody to ensure he did not escape, though he likely had little energy to do so. Heather carefully approached the exhausted and hungry Cody and led him to her van. Safe at last, Cody began to relax and soak up the abundant affections lavished upon him while in Heather's care. His owner was giddy with joy when she learned of his rescue.

Cody was taken to **DeAnza Animal Clinic** for a physical and the next day he was reunited with his family in Chicago.

(Cody's family sent a very generous donation to GCNM in appreciation of our assistance in mobilizing the search and for Heather's persistence in securing this happy outcome.)

Santa Fe GCNM Volunteers Busy This Year

GCNM is fortunate to have a spectacular network of volunteers around **New Mexico**. The **Santa Fe** area volunteers have been especially busy this year with numerous events in addition to their regular adoption clinics.

Kudos to Santa Fe volunteers **Kathy Pallis, Brian Martinson, Pearl Pinkerton, Janice Wrhel, Pat Getz, Carol Gelinias, Greg and Marsha Lauck, Joey and Ferdi Serim, Cathy Sherman, and Lee Rosen** for keeping our message out there and for sharing their homes with their adopted greyhounds.



At Renaissance Fair

Speaking of Volunteers....

For many years, GCNM has been blessed with committed volunteers all over the state. One in particular has given selflessly, not only of her time, but as a result of her employment with **Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories**, GCNM has been the recipient of generous funding through their Employee Community Service Award program.



Barb Wells and Tony Romero

Barb Wells volunteers over 1000 hours per year to GCNM. This extraordinary contribution of her time is one of the main reasons GCNM is able to continue the work we do. Lockheed Martin/Sandia

National Laboratories has awarded Barb the **Community Service Award** three years in a row, as a result of her commitment to greyhounds and the work of GCNM. In Barb's name, a generous gift has

been presented to GCNM for each of these three years.

Barb's husband, **Tony Romero**, also volunteers a good deal of time to GCNM and his hours are also awarded by donations through Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories to GCNM. Our sincerest appreciation goes out to Barb and Tony for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the greyhounds and GCNM. And a big Thank You to Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories for encouraging and rewarding volunteerism in our community.



Our sympathy goes out to Barb and Tony for their greyhound, **Bev**, who passed away on October 15th, after succumbing to osteosarcoma. She accompanied Barb to many adoption clinics and served as a great ambassador for GCNM at numerous events over the years.



Bev



Slippery Floors? Get Traction for Your Greyhounds

We found a great product to help your greyhounds maneuver across slippery floors. They're called **Paw Pads** and can be ordered from www.inthecompanyofdogs.com or you can call the toll free number **800-544-4595**. They're not boots; they are adhesive pads that stick to the pads of your dog's feet! Easy to apply and very effective, we used them on a dog who had a brain injury and was having difficulty walking, particularly on slippery floors. He soon was navigating all the rooms without difficulty. Great for older dogs and those recovering from surgery or injury.

Watch the GCNM Website for Current Events



Please visit our website often for information on events where GCNM will be present. You'll find this information at <http://www.gcnm.org/news.html>. The *GCNM News* newsletters can also be found here, dating back to the Winter 2003 issue.

Cowboy's Miracle Story

Last newsletter featured the dogs available for adoption through GCNM. One of them was a stunning black male named **Cowboy**. This is one very lucky dog!

One afternoon at his foster home, Cowboy was out in the yard when a horse escaped from the corral and decided to romp among the trees and grass. Unfortunately, Cowboy happened to be within striking range of the powerful horse's back hooves when he gleefully kicked up his heels. A direct hit to Cowboy's skull sent him flying and he collapsed, unconscious on the ground. Luckily, his foster parent was there when it happened and she immediately took him to an emergency animal care hospital.

The report was not good. Cowboy began having seizures and was unresponsive. He was transferred to **VCA Animal Hospital on Montgomery in Albuquerque**. There, he was evaluated and kept under close observation. Within days, under the care of veterinarian **Dr. Phil Ries** and clinic staff, Cowboy began showing signs of

improvement and began walking, albeit a very unsteady gait.

Cowboy was released to the care of **Kent and Sara Mathis**, who over the years have rehabilitated several GCNM greyhounds who required special attention for medical problems. Slow to recover, but showing promise, Cowboy continued to improve under watchful eyes at the Mathis home.



Heather and Cowboy

Cowboy's calm and affectionate manner is evocative of now-deceased special-needs dog, **Anico**, a greyhound adopted years back by **Heather**, the Mathis's daughter. Heather spent as much time as possible at Cowboy's side during his convalescence at her parents' home and soon grew so attached, she decided to adopt him.

Cowboy, the jet-black greyhound with a telltale dent in his skull, is now fully recovered and spends his days as a greeter at **All Sport Trophies** when Heather is working. The rest of his time is spent squeaking his toys and romping with the family dogs, blissfully unaware of his close brush with death.

Pet Loss Support Group



Ann Beyke, M.A. LPC, pet loss and bereavement counselor, has worked with people and animals for more than twenty years. Her Master's degree in counseling and working at **Animal Humane New Mexico** have given her exceptional insight into the human/animal bond, and she knows losing a pet can be devastating for some people. For this reason, Ann has started a counseling service for individual or group support.

Knowing the effect losing a pet can have on one's life, Ann wants to make her services available to anyone, regardless of income or ability to pay. There are fees for the sessions; however, sliding scale fees are available to ensure all needing this help can receive it.

For more information, please contact Ann at **505-265-3087** or **505-239-8794** or email her at petlosscounselor@aol.com.

Greyhound Behavior – Knowing the Risks of Having a Retired Racer

Through our website at www.gcnm.org we frequently get emails from people who want to share their bad and good experiences regarding their retired racers. Due to the extent of greyhound behavior articles available on our website, a quick

search via Google or Yahoo for greyhound behavior most often steers the query to our website. People are often shocked to discover behavioral problems in retired racers are common enough to warrant such an extensive collection of articles on the subject.

Many adopters of retired racers have taken possession of their greyhound with relatively little information to prepare them for the uniqueness of this dog. Normally calm and affectionate, these dogs can bewilder the uninformed adopter when they behave like they were expected to while at the track. Most incidents reported through our website should come as no surprise if you consider what these dogs have been painstakingly trained to do: focus on and chase the lure.

The one incident that gets reported through our website most often is that of a greyhound that unexpectedly attacks another dog. One such report came through our website on May 1st, 2008 from **L K Carson**, who asked that we please share this with our readers:

"I had a close call just a week ago when the two greys I've owned for years were excited about an imminent car ride. I opened the gate and was walking towards the car with them when an elderly lady walking a Chihuahua happened by. Paul, the male greyhound, was after the small dog in a flash and had him in his mouth before I fully realized what had happened. I yelled at him and grabbed him and

he immediately dropped the Chihuahua, but had the little one not been on a leash, Paul would have probably taken off down the street with him in his mouth and it would have been the end of the story. Fortunately, no harm was done. It was entirely my fault because I dropped their leashes and let them walk to the car, expecting they would jump straight in, as they'd done dozens of times before. However, the car was parked on the street, not in the driveway, and the lady walked by with her dog between us and the car, and the greys were very excited.

Lesson learned. Please publish this so others can learn from this near-catastrophe."

This is just one of hundreds of calls/emails conveyed to us over the years, and often the outcome is not so benign. Anyone who has retired racing greyhounds must understand these dogs take more supervision than dogs not trained to race and chase little furry objects. Remember, it's up to you to keep your hound out of trouble!

Please read all articles at <http://www.gcnm.org/behavior.html> to be a better-informed guardian of retired racers.

Dog Food Formula Changes: What's Going On Here?

By Judy Paulsen

Recently, we've been receiving comments on our website (www.gcnm.org) about digestive tract problems in greyhounds who had previously been asymptomatic and had no changes in their diet. My own greyhound, **Strider**, happened to have been having problems a month prior to receiving some of these emails from around the country. My curiosity compelled me to do some research.

My greyhound had been eating Canidae dry food for about two years and had always tolerated it well. Recently, I noticed the packaging of the food had changed. When I inquired about this (the package was smaller, but the cost was the same), I was told by a store employee that there had been a formulation change that justified the increase in expense. I felt this was a satisfactory explanation and because I had always trusted Canidae foods, I purchased the new bag of food.

Within a couple of days or less, I noticed my greyhound had diarrhea and also had some really noxious gas! Thinking he may have gotten into

something not normally included in his diet, I watched him for other symptoms. Days, then weeks passed, and never suspecting the Canidae food, I began to eliminate other things from Strider's diet. When the symptoms did not abate, I began thinking Canidae food might be the culprit. I switched him to another food. Within two days, Strider was gas-free and had solid stools.

A visit to the **Consumer Affairs** website at <http://www.consumeraffairs.com/pets/canidae.html> revealed complaint upon complaint registered against Canidae for having adjusted their formulation without adequate notice to the public. Many of the consumers' pets had severe reactions that required emergency veterinary care. Canidae reports the only change was: "increased levels of meat protein, lower carbohydrates, and an increased overall complex carbohydrate quality."

My own personal opinion and that of many of those who registered complaints is that formula changes of this nature would seem to be benign and hardly the

cause for so much suffering in animals who consumed the product. Another thing I considered is that greyhounds, while racing, are on high-protein diets consisting of kibble and raw meat, so it's not as if these dogs are new to diets high in protein content. So what's really going on here? Are we on the verge of another pet food crisis?

And what about DDGS? Distillers dried grains with solubles are the leftovers created from processing grain for ethanol and are now being touted as safe for use in pet foods. PetfoodIndustry.com "The online community for pet food professionals" features an article which essentially endorses DDGS as a safe protein source for pet foods (read full article at <http://www.petfoodindustry.com/ViewArticle.aspx?id=22862>). Some of the "value brands" have already added this ingredient in their foods.

Although the author, **Greg Aldrich, Ph.D.**, seems perfectly comfortable in supporting the use of DDGS in pet foods, he does make some concessions at the end of the article: "One drawback to DDGS is the potential to concentrate mycotoxins, especially given that fermentation and distilling do not destroy these mold metabolites. Nor is the ethanol industry obligated to operate under the same restrictions as the food and feed industries. In one extension report from South Dakota State University, mycotoxin concentrations for 2000 through 2007 were reported to be measurable in each testing year."

The dangers of mycotoxins were outlined in an article on the subject in our Summer 2000 issue of *GCNM News*. Entitled, "**Hidden Killers in Dog Food**," this article was reprinted from *The Whole*

Dog Journal of July 2000. Author, **Cindy Cramer**, recounted what happened to her German shepherd, **Xeus**, in June of 1999, after eating a dog food contaminated with a mold-based toxin called aflatoxin. The cause for her dog's illness was not immediately known, in fact, it took the involvement of the State Department of Agriculture to determine that food ingested by her dog contained the toxic mold, aflatoxin, one of many mycotoxins.

In researching mycotoxins, the author found there are more than 200 mold toxins commonly found in animal feeds. These toxins affect different animals to varying degrees – and some may show no symptoms at all. According to her research, the most common signs of aflatoxin poisoning are lethargy, vomiting, heart problems, and liver damage.



Now, back to DDGS...Author, Dr. Aldrich, states, "the inclusion of DDGS at up to 30% of dog diets was reported to be acceptable; but, digestibility, stool consistency, and palatability were measurably diminished." The key words here are "**measurably diminished.**" Would you want to feed your dogs anything that measurably diminished functions that

normally are indicators of compromised health in animals? Stool consistency is a good gauge when it comes to determining whether an animal is tolerating its diet well.

Using DDGS in pet foods is a good way to cut costs for manufacturers, but is it really safe for our animals? I think not, but you can form your own opinion on this. It's time that pet food manufacturers practice full disclosure when it comes to not only the ingredients, but the source of them as well.



One of the most valuable functions of GCNM volunteers is to provide temporary housing for the dogs we bring into the program and to prepare them for adoptive homes. We always need more foster homes, so if you've considered it before, please seriously consider it now and give us a call (505-281-7295) to volunteer as a foster. The following will help you determine if you would be a good foster home:

Requirements for Fostering GCNM Dogs

Remember, your foster dogs will be going into a forever home which may not have the same rules you do in your home for your dogs. *Undesirable behavior is the number one reason for greyhounds being returned to adoption programs.*

As much as we want these dogs to feel like part of the family when they are being fostered, it is important to understand the time in your home is their opportunity to learn behaviors that will make them desirable as pets to any home. Behaviors that we may find "cute" in our own dogs may be seen as unruly, aggressive, or just plain unwanted in the eyes of a potential adopter.

Fostering should be viewed as the first step to success as a family member in a forever home. The more effective you are as a foster, the more likely the dog is to integrate successfully into its adoptive home and remain there.

GCNM pays for all veterinary care needed for dogs while in foster care. If your foster needs vet attention for any reason, *please contact us immediately (505-281-7295)*. In case of emergency, and if you are unable to get your foster to a veterinarian recommended by GCNM, we will pay for a visit with any vet; however, please keep in mind we have limited funds and must take this into consideration. The veterinarians we recommend are particularly well acquainted with the peculiarities of the greyhound breed, which is especially crucial in getting appropriate care for our dogs.

GCNM has been fortunate in having very generous foster homes who provide food for their fosters; however, we are happy to reimburse you for food in order to make fostering more affordable. Please check with us on what foods and treats are acceptable for your foster.

First and foremost, please print out all articles from our website by going to <http://www.gcnm.org/adoptioninfoandapplication.pdf>. Even if you've read these articles before, it's important to refresh your memory from time to time with this information.

- Feed two times a day (for dogs with compromised health, it may be necessary to feed several small meals during the day – GCNM will assist you in determining how often and how much to feed your foster).
- No free-feeding of any animals in household. (Free-feeding is when bowls of food are left out so the animals have free access to them and this is dangerous for many reasons.) Even if you don't foster, free-feeding should not be your method of providing food for your pets.
- Treats are great as a reward for good behavior, but please avoid random, excessive treats or people food.
- Don't allow fosters to hover at the table during family meals – and definitely do not give your foster anything from your plate while in the vicinity of the table as this encourages begging.
- No bones or rawhides unless with direct supervision.
- Cat litter boxes and cat food must NOT be accessible to greyhound.
- Crate should be available in the event there are signs of separation anxiety or foster is recovering from surgery and must be confined to reduce activity or if there is concern for aggression among household animals, especially while humans are not present.
- Muzzling may be necessary for introduction of new dog to household pets. Muzzles should be available at all times, and should be used when dogs are allowed to interact with one another during play. (What starts out as play can easily escalate into aggression, especially if dogs are running.)
- ALWAYS introduce your foster to the other household pets ONE AT A TIME – preferably on “neutral” ground (not inside the house or back yard). The most successful introductions happen while the dogs are on a leash and walking in an uncongested area. Normal conversation among the handlers tends to relax the dogs and distract them from any concerns about territory. Take a leisurely stroll with the dogs, then head back to the house and walk through the house to the fenced area and continue your walk until the dogs show little or no interest in one another. In most instances this routine won't take longer than 5-10 minutes; however, if the dogs show any signs of aggression toward one another, you may need to continue your walk until they ignore one another.
- Don't encourage foster to get on furniture or sleep in your bed with you.
- Don't allow foster to jump on people.
- Intervene if play among animals appears to be escalating (excessive growling or yelping, indicating a possible ensuing fight).
- Don't allow dog to chase other household pets, even if you feel this apparent play won't escalate into aggression.
- Don't allow dog to chase any animals (squirrels, birds, neighborhood cats that may wander into your yard).
- Encourage good manners among animals – don't allow growling or excessive barking.
- Don't encourage “rooing” (howling, which is common in greyhound kennels – when one starts

howling, they all go for it!) If you teach your own dogs to do this and find it entertaining, just remember it could be the reason a dog gets returned if it is disturbing neighbors or other household members when in an adoptive home.

- Don't encourage rough play (tug-of-war, wrestling) as this can be dangerous for the dog to engage in when children or other pets are in the area.
- Do take your foster for short trips in your vehicle so they become relaxed travelers.
- **NO DOG PARKS** for your foster unless there are no other dogs in the park besides yours. Always muzzle all greyhounds when running in large areas (fenced, of course!).
- Do be consistent with housebreaking – ALWAYS be sure to turn out early in the morning and last thing at night before going to bed. ALWAYS observe to be sure s/he does something besides wander aimlessly around the yard, before coming back into the house. Even if you have a dog door, you must be sure your foster accomplishes what s/he goes out to do; otherwise s/he may not understand the door is there for any reason besides entertainment!
- If you are a late riser, you will likely have trouble housebreaking your foster as they are in the routine of being turned out very early in the mornings while at a racing kennel (anywhere from 5-6:00 a.m.) and then again three to four more times before the kennel lights go out between 10-11:00 p.m.
- Don't let your foster "train" you to get up in the middle of the night to go out. In some instances, this may be a necessity, especially if there have been signs of intestinal distress (diarrhea), but most often it is mere restlessness or curiosity about where you are.
- Please let GCNM know if your schedule is not conducive to instilling good house manners in your foster, OR if you feel you do not have the time or inclination to be consistent in training. Good behavior can mean the difference in a forever home or a frustrated family who ends up returning their dog. Please be realistic in evaluating your capacity to prepare a greyhound for a successful integration into an adoptive home.

Thank You Gloria Shapiro!

GCNM is so fortunate to have many generous donors, not to mention talented ones at that! **Gloria Shapiro** is one of them and has designed and produced more donation coats for GCNM dogs to wear while doing special events. These coats have clear plastic pockets on the sides for money or personal checks. When you volunteer to help out at any clinics, we will provide a coat for your dog to wear while working the event. They are real attention-getters!



Fundraiser Wrist Bands for GCNM/The Greyhound Sanctuary

Ann Perkins, one of Albuquerque's most popular radio personalities, has donated rubber wristbands which are engraved with "GCNM.ORG The Greyhound Sanctuary." We are selling these as a fundraiser for Greyhome – A Greyhound Sanctuary and they are available at **All Sports Trophies - 505-268-2436**. Drop by and get yours today!

Available Dogs

Aztec

"Aztec" is a two-year-old male who is sweet, affectionate, and very handsome. Gets along great with other dogs, but not cat tested yet.



Cherokee

"Cherokee" is a two-year-old female who has a great personality in addition to being drop-dead gorgeous. Gets along great with dogs and people, but not cat tested yet.



Seminole

"Seminole" is a very petite (50 pounds) extremely sweet, two-year-old female. She is playful and curious and gets along great with other dogs, but not cat tested yet.





Spider

"Spider" is a ten-year-old retired stud. He must've really wooed the ladies, because he has a wonderful temperament and acts like a teenager instead of a geriatric dog. He's very handsome and outgoing and incredibly affectionate. An oldie, but goodie, Spider will make a great pet for someone whose heart can welcome the notion of giving a "mature" dog some great years ahead.

Thrill Ride

"Thrill Ride" is a three-year-old female who gets along great with everyone. She's a happy girl and very affectionate.



Condolences

Sadly, GCNM lost one of its most ardent supporters on July 5th, 2008. Lin Fairchild passed away on that day after a long battle with cancer. Lin leaves behind her loving husband, Robert Yurgae, their three greyhounds, Maggie, Buddy, and Bailey, and many close friends whose lives she touched and changed for the better. Lin will always be remembered for her love of greyhounds, horses, and her family and friends. She is missed by all who had the pleasure of getting to know her.

"Bev"	1997 – 2008
"Vannie"	1995 – 2008
"Siya"	1994 – 2008
"Getty"	1995 – 2008
"Doc"	1995 – 2008
"Lampkin"	? – 2008
"Magic"	1995 – 2008
"Athena"	? – 2008
"Lila"	2000 – 2008
"Rosie"	1998 – 2008
"Willow"	1996 – 2008
"Cody"	1997 – 2008
"Setari"	1997 – 2008
"Puggy"	2000 – 2008
"Weed"	1995 – 2008
"Bruno"	1999 – 2008
"Potter"	2000 – 2008
"Katy"	1992 – 2008
"Happy"	1996 – 2008
"Judy"	1996 – 2008
"Cayenne"	? – 2008
"Wally"	2001 – 2008
"Martini"	1996 – 2008
"Clint"	2006 – 2008
"Mulder"	1995 – 2008

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