



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

Due to excessive veterinary expenses this year, our newsletter frequency will be affected, at least temporarily. Once we recover from this setback, we hope to resume the previous format and a quarterly delivery again. The dogs and their needs will always come first for GCNM. Although we feel the newsletter is an important function of imparting our message and helping greyhounds, providing necessary medical care for the dogs is our main priority. Thank you for understanding.

This newsletter is dedicated to "Sweetie" Hagan-Murray and "Pumpkin" Mathis, who both passed away in September 2006.

In the summer of 2003, "**Sweetie**" was found in the desert outside **Las Cruces, New Mexico**. Left for dead with a gaping wound to her throat, a blistered tongue, and covered with ticks, Sweetie was found by animal control officers and taken to the local animal shelter. Assuming she could not recover from such extensive physical trauma, she was scheduled to be euthanized the following day.



Sweetie Hagan-Murray

The next day, Sweetie was making a valiant effort to stand and even showed interest in the goodies being handed out to other dogs in the shelter by employee, **Ann James**. Ann took note of this and promptly made arrangements for Sweetie to be transferred to a nearby veterinarian's office. **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** was then contacted to see if we would be interested in taking on this desperate case. Sweetie was moved from Las Cruces to Albuquerque as soon as she was strong enough to make the trip.

Six weeks later, Sweetie was recovered enough to be placed in an adoptive home. In September 2003, **Dave Hagan** and **Marja Murray** attended the GCNM annual reunion, which happened to be Sweetie's first outing after her recovery. It was love at first sight when she lay her head in Marja's lap. Soon, she was a permanent member of Dave and Marja's family.

Initially fearful of everyone and everything, Sweetie quickly became a valuable ambassador at GCNM adoption clinics and basked in the attention she received from everyone she met. What a miraculous transformation; from fearful introvert to exuberant extrovert, Sweetie was a remarkable example of greyhound resilience.

Sweetie succumbed to the effects of cancer (hemangiosarcoma) on September 28, 2006. Dave and Marja treasure fond memories of Sweetie begging for belly rubs, doing her cute dance for treats, and cuddling next to them on the bed (along with their other two greyhounds, Lite and Estilo). Images of her running across a vast baseball field and thousands more will be with them forever. Sweetie was a miracle dog, indeed, and will be greatly missed by all who met her.

In 1996 “**Pumpkin**” (a.k.a. ‘Punkin’ Pie) was found tied to a tree in **Deming, New Mexico**, where her previous family had abandoned her when they moved. After three days with no food or water, someone noticed her in the back yard and contacted the humane society in Deming. GCNM was then contacted and one of our volunteers, **Sara Mathis**, drove to pick up this starving, neglected dog.



Pumpkin Mathis

Named Pumpkin for her orange color, she was timid at first, but began bonding with Sara on the trip back to **Albuquerque**. Sara and **Kent Mathis** didn’t know this at the time, but Pumpkin was about to become the fifth greyhound to join the family.

Realizing Pumpkin had some behavioral problems, likely resulting from neglect and abuse in her previous home, Sara and Kent vowed to do whatever was necessary to integrate her into their home. About a month after settling in at Kent and Sara’s home, they enrolled her in obedience class to help socialize her with other dogs and to improve her trust in people. Kent says she was incredibly strong, and trying to get her to sit was a challenge which was never met - but, she did graduate!

Pumpkin then moved on to become one of the most requested canine “therapists” at the **Youth Diagnostic and Development Center (YDDC)** in Albuquerque. Sharing her affection with troubled teens detained at YDDC, Pumpkin’s true talents became evident. A regular fixture at GCNM adoption clinics and various events, she reveled in the attention and could lean on people for hours.

One of her favorite activities was spotting and barking at hot air balloons. Kent and Sara would call out, “Pumpkin, come look at the balloons!” and out she’d go, head up to the sky, ready to defend her territory. She had one last look at the balloons on September 2, 2006, just hours before her passing. Pumpkin’s body had been invaded with cancer.

Greyhound Companions of New Mexico, Inc. (GCNM) is a licensed non-profit organization concerned for the welfare of racing greyhounds. Tens of thousands of greyhounds bred for racing are destroyed annually. GCNM is supported by donations from those who feel as strongly as we do that these gentle creatures need protection from exploitation, neglect, abuse, and destruction. All our work is done by volunteers; we have no paid staff.

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For ten years, Pumpkin’s happy, outgoing, vibrant, and beautiful presence made a mark on many who felt honored to know her. She was a vital member of the Mathis family and will never be forgotten.

Pumpkin and Sweetie were exceptional examples of the indelible spirit possessed by most greyhounds. Despite the abuse and neglect, greyhounds appear to be capable of forgiving and forgetting and moving on with their lives. What great role models we have in the gallant greyhound.

Why Muzzle a Greyhound?

By Judy Kody Paulsen, Founder, GCNM

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Over the years of doing greyhound adoptions, I have had the misfortune of seeing and hearing of the tragic results from greyhounds running unmuzzled in groups of dogs. Many of the articles I have written over the years (published in the GCNM newsletter and website) refer, at least in part, to aggression in greyhounds. It is not that the greyhound has more of a predisposition to aggression than other breeds; it is that they have been trained to compete with other dogs, particularly running dogs.



The purpose of this article is to alert all greyhound adopters that injuries to the dogs are not the only product of aggression or competitiveness among dogs. An equally traumatic and increasingly more common outcome of scuffling among dogs is the ever-present threat of legal action.

In 2001, one such case developed after a group of greyhound adopters had gathered to allow their dogs to run and play in a fenced area. Some, but not all of the dogs, were muzzled. In a sudden flurry of play that escalated into a pack fight, one dog was gravely injured, others had multiple superficial wounds, and two people were injured trying to intervene. This group of people and dogs had been meeting for several months to enjoy the beauty and enthusiasm of greyhounds running freely and had never observed any aggression among the dogs. Months later, all dogs had recovered completely; however, the emotional suffering of their adopters was beginning to take its toll.

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The couple who owned the dog with the worst injuries sued the adopter of one of the unmuzzled greyhounds that was thought to have done most of the damage. The adoption group that facilitated the adoptions for all these people also was sued. The case was settled out of

court, but the defendants ultimately paid more than monetary damages as so much emotional and physical stress was encountered during the legal process, that life will never be the same for any of them. The defendants have since avoided all gatherings where people let their dogs socialize, even though their own greyhounds had no history of aggression until that fateful day at the park.

The moral to this story is “stuff happens.” Always be aware that animals, just like people, can have disagreements over things that in the past had not created conflict. Given the right circumstances, a friendly exchange can develop into a heated argument. Take into consideration that dogs often rely on teeth and claws to demonstrate their enthusiasm while playing. If an errant tooth or claw should strike an unsuspecting recipient, that dog will likely attempt to defend itself against what it perceives to be an attack because it caused pain.

In the case of racing greyhounds, the fact that they have been trained to compete can alone be the catalyst for play to erupt into a serious sparring match. These dogs have been discouraged from playing while in training for racing. Their job was

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to chase a lure with the intent to catch it. No matter how long these dogs have been away from the track, you cannot predict when or if the urge to pursue will resurface. In human terms, you could relate the racing greyhound's personality to that of a person with post-traumatic stress disorder, wherein past memories can invade one's mind unexpectedly and produce unpredictable consequences. Memories of training procedures used to increase the prey drive of racers could conceivably engage at any time the dog is exposed to situations that may mimic that training.

In the words of one of the defendants in the above-described case, "It's about accepting responsibility." Humans must take it upon themselves to anticipate situations where they may find themselves and/or their animal companions in compromised situations leading to a less-than-desirable outcome. Educating yourself about the characteristics and tendencies of your pets can be of great benefit. Knowing what to expect before you adopt or purchase any animal is paramount in behaving responsibly around other pet owners and their pets. Read and heed information to help in determining if a particular pet is appropriate for your home. In the case of adopting a retired racing greyhound, consideration should be given to the fact that you must be willing to implement certain safeguards if you wish to share your home and recreation time with these unique dogs.

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animal companions to interact in public with people and/or other animals, you need to do it responsibly. Muzzle your greyhound any time it is allowed to run freely with other dogs, but keep in mind that a muzzle can come off especially during rough play or in the case of a fight. If you are in the company of other dogs that appear to play aggressively, don't allow your dog to participate. Not all dogs are predictable in their behavior and one may seem perfectly sociable most of the time, but can change in an instant if the conditions are right.

The larger the area to which they have access for running and play, the more likely you are to have an incident if one should experience pain from any source and then turn upon its playmates. The more obstacles there are in a

running/play area, the more injuries and fights you are likely to encounter. A "pain-response" fight can happen anytime, anywhere, even among animals that have shared the same living space in apparent harmony.

Our animal companions rely on us to be sensible in our actions and reactions that affect their lives

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as well as ours. It helps to understand that whenever you have animals, especially when there is more than one present at any time, there is the possibility for disputes. Only we can observe situations that may ultimately lead to problems among our animal companions. We must be prepared for any outcome if we choose to allow conditions to persist that may cultivate aggression among our pets. Even under the best of circumstances, there will be the occasional disagreement among pets at home, but it is possible to avoid public situations that could escalate into a vicious brawl among normally compatible animals and an eventual showdown in the courtroom.

The adopter/defendant involved in the above lawsuit describes her experience as a 15-month nightmare from which she has not yet recovered. She states that "It doesn't matter how well you know the people or that they all agreed to allow

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their dogs to run together. It doesn't matter if the dogs have always gotten along without any problems in the past...reason often leaves the scene when pets are involved. People are as unpredictable as a dog fight..." She hopes that anyone reading this article will learn from her experience.



Saving Greyhounds - Is Adoption Enough?

By Judy Kody Paulsen

Finding homes for greyhounds is a noble cause. However, this goal is complicated by the fact that greyhounds, because of the dog racing industry, are the most persecuted breed of canine. More greyhounds die annually than any other single breed of dog. The sheer numbers bred and "retired," combined with the severity of injuries while training and racing, result in the destruction of tens of thousands of greyhounds annually. Despite the existence of over 200 greyhound adoption groups across the U.S., we still cannot quell this annihilation.

Many adoption groups subscribe to the theory that as long as they find homes for some of the greyhounds, they are doing their part and that no other involvement is warranted. Nothing could be further from the truth. Taking an active position to protect greyhounds from exploitation will, in the long run, accomplish more than just the Band-Aid approach of finding adoptive homes for them.

Adoption **and** advocacy are compatible missions and the ultimate objective should be to end the current and future suffering and destruction of racing greyhounds. If all greyhound adoption groups were to join together in demanding change within the industry, the movement would command more respect. As it stands now, some of the largest greyhound adoption groups are pandering to the racing industry rather than working to eliminate the conditions responsible for untold suffering of racing greyhounds.

Greyhound advocacy groups monitor and hold accountable an industry unable or unwilling to enforce its regulations. People, who were once naïve about the term "neutral" in describing their position on greyhound racing, are beginning to realize neutrality is not an option when it comes to preventing the continued suffering of racing greyhounds. Emancipated from adoption groups

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which promote and defend the dog racing industry, many individuals are now joining the ranks of those of us who pledge to protect the dogs.

Susan Netboy of **Greyhound Protection League** (www.greyhounds.org), **Joan Eidinger** of **Greyhound Network News** (www.greyhoundnetworknews.org), **Christine Dorchak** and **Carey Thiel** of **GREY2K USA** (www.GREY2KUSA.org) have for years been

blazing a trail for other advocates to follow. Exposing atrocities, corruption, and people with bad intent, these organizations are at the

forefront of the national movement to educate people on the plight of the racing greyhound.

In the state of **Kansas**, racing greyhounds have been declassified as dogs so that they don't fall under the protection of animal cruelty statutes. This kind of legislation, particularly in the state that is home to the **Greyhound Hall of Fame**, is a blatant indicator of the lack of compassion for the dogs who are the very backbone of the racing industry.

These laws must change, but they will not unless advocates lead the way. **GREY2K USA** board member and Vice President of **Kansas City Retired Greyhounds as Pets**, **Kevin Neuman**, is spearheading the campaign to change this law in the next Kansas legislative session. GREY2K USA believes the key to protecting racing greyhounds is to end dog racing by changing laws, and they are hard at work doing exactly that.

Greyhound Protection League (GPL) recently reported the disappearance of approximately 190 greyhounds from the **Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP)**. The track was paying a Colorado trainer \$150.00 per dog to remove them from the premises. Asking for no proof of where he was taking the dogs, TGP employees helped him load the dogs onto trailers headed for parts unknown. As of this date, approximately 8 of those dogs have been accounted for.

During hearings with the AZ racing stewards in charge of the inquiry on the missing dogs, the Colorado trainer has been unable to provide documentation of where he took the dogs. Thanks to Greyhound Protection League, a reward for up to \$15,000.00 has been offered for information leading to the recovery of the dogs. The story has gained national media attention and has revealed one of many reasons this industry must be monitored by greyhound welfare advocates.

The penalties for such transgressions within the dog racing industry are minimal. Relatively small fines and short suspensions are commonplace. The above-mentioned Colorado trainer has been in trouble before, but previous disciplinary actions by the state racing departments have failed to deter his continued illicit dealings. If not for the greyhound advocacy groups working together, few, if any of these cases would be investigated or pursued by the dog racing industry.

Adoption alone is not the answer. Fortunately, for the greyhounds, there are many of us so

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committed to the plight of the racing greyhound that we are immersed in multiple efforts to protect them. Scrutinizing an industry that is hopelessly myopic in its view of what constitutes compassion for animals, should be the goals of all who claim to have concern for the welfare of racing greyhounds.

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help the greyhounds by doing everything possible, not just scratching the surface of what can be done. Visit the websites listed above to find out what you can do to help. Please read "Public Awareness" on the **GCNM website (www.gcnm.org)** for articles that can help you understand why advocacy is so important for our beloved greyhounds.

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2006 GCNM Reunion Bigger than Ever!

Each year we see a bigger crowd and we have more fun at our annual greyhound reunion. This year was a particularly special celebration as it was our tenth reunion. The weather couldn't have been better and the prizes for our raffle and silent auction were unparalleled!



*What a Glorious Day –
GCNM Tenth Annual Reunion*

Heather Fredrickson received an award for her boundless energy and talent in assisting customers at **All Sports Trophies** with selecting “fashion accessories” for their greyhounds (designer collars and other items). Hailed as the GCNM Fashion Coordinator, Heather's flare for fashion comes in handy.

Scott Phillips won the grand prize of the raffle: a trip for two to San Diego for three nights - airfare and hotel included - and unlimited admission to the **San Diego Zoo** and **Wild Animal Park**. This prize was donated by **Sandy Levinson**, who owns **Aquila Travel Agency**.

Vendors included **Black Horse Jewelry**, **Doggie Door Door Company**, **We Luv Dogs.Com**, and **The Flower Company**.



*Presenting Awards - Gorgeous
Totes by Mary Jacobs*

Special awards were presented to special people and dogs. This year's awards were spectacular, thanks to **Mary Jacobs** of **Aiken, South Carolina**, who crafted and donated some

gorgeous totes made of fabric emblazoned with a striking greyhound. Each tote was stuffed with lots of surprises from GCNM.

Judy and **Roger Gumble** were recognized as “**Fantastic Fosters**” for their exceedingly generous contribution of time and effort in fostering and providing medical care to greyhounds for GCNM. Their most challenging foster in 2006 was providing post-operative care for leg amputee, “**Lucky**.”

Cara Balestrieri, **Del Lindsay**, and **Barb Wells** received awards for infinite hours and efforts to conduct and organize events, help with transporting greyhounds, and countless other tasks to help GCNM fulfill its mission.

For years, Heather and her parents, **Kent** and **Sara Mathis**, have made their store available for adopters to come and shop for greyhound items. Heather and her parents often have their dogs with them at the store, making it a perfect place for dog lovers, especially those of the greyhound variety, to gather and brag about their dogs.

Pat Getz and **Kathy Pallis**, GCNM's **Santa Fe/Eldorado** area representatives, were awarded for their work in heightening public awareness through radio shows, writings, and for conducting adoption clinics and other events in their area.

Special awards were also presented to dogs who “Beat the Odds.” “**Lucky**,” who survived a leg amputation and various complications during and after surgery, was present with adopter **Todd Howell** to receive her bag of goodies. Scampering about on three legs and furiously wagging her tail, Lucky happily accepted her gift.

And for the first time ever, an Italian Greyhound was awarded as a dog who beat the odds. “**Tiny**,” adopted by **Sherry Mangold**, was one of thirty Italian Greyhounds confiscated from an Albuquerque breeder in 2005, eleven of which were placed with GCNM in protective custody. Tiny's health was tenuous initially, but after several surgeries and treatment for various ailments, she is now a happy, healthy member of Sherry's family.

For the third reunion in a row, “**Doc**” has been able to accept his award for beating the odds against bone cancer. **Shannon Gilbert** and **Beth Murray** were thrilled to accompany Doc for

his award. An extremely rare case where a dog has survived longer than two years, Doc appears ready to go for another year. He loves these awards!

Our primary sponsors this year helped make this a reunion to remember. We are grateful for the continued support of **PETCO Foundation**, **Pet Vet Market** (on Montgomery in Albuquerque), and **PetsMart**. And to our newest sponsor, **GREY2K USA**, we are especially grateful for their generous monetary support and for the important work they do to help greyhounds.

Many businesses and individuals donated terrific items for our raffle and silent auction. Among the many contributors for this year's gift items, we'd like to thank, **Aquila Travel; Flying Star Café; Toastie Coats; Peg Rexford Coats; Cards by Cara; Black Horse Jewelry; Spectators Bar & Grill; The Flower Company; Dr. Karl Eisbach; Mark Pardo Salon; Long Leash on Life; Three Dog Bakery; Jubilation Fine Wines & Spirits; La Casa Sena of Santa Fe; Bodhi Bazaar of Santa Fe; Teca Tu of Santa Fe; Santa Fe Outlet Mall; Art of Detail; Greytart; Wiggles, Wags and Whiskers; Kijrstin Minarsich, Massage Therapist; Olympus Financial Advisors; Greyhound Protection League; GREY2K USA; New Mexico Sports and Wellness; Radiant Health; Mary Kay Cosmetics;**



Frank Pelligrini and Jerry Quintana Presenting Jerry's \$1,000.00 Donation to GCNM Directors, Judy Paulsen and Kent Mathis

Voyagers K9 Apparel; PETCO; PetsMart; Pet Vet Market; The Voyagers Jewelry; Weluvdogs.com; The Back Porch Day Spa; and Ky-Jen Pet Products.

And to individuals who worked so hard to get donations and for donating items, a *giant thank you to*, **Cara Balestrieri; Robert Yurgae and Lin Fairchild; Liz Surh; Mary Jacobs; Barb Wells; Tomi Balestrieri; Gloria Shapiro; Tammy Fiebelkorn; Susan Williams; Pat Getz; Viki Elkey; Kent & Sara Mathis; Tony Romero; Tina Gilmore; Judy & Roger Gumble, David Goldberg; Rachel Miller; Esther Clair; Marja Murray; and Marty Rosenberg.**

Funds from this year's sales set an all time record! Initially, it appeared as though there was a decline, but after tallying all the sources of sales, we had a pleasant surprise. Good thing, because we had greater veterinary expenses this year than ever before. Our dream of building an adoption and holding kennel for greyhounds waiting for homes is still on the back burner, but eventually, it may come to fruition.



Greyhounds and People - Great Combination!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our tenth annual reunion such a huge success.

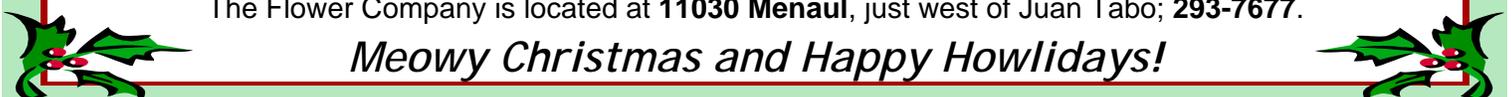


It's Raining Cats and Dogs!
No, it's just the cat and dog Christmas tree at **The Flower Company!**

During the month of December at The Flower Company, purchase any cat or dog ornament, treat, plush animal, or giftware and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** and **Albuquerque Cat Action Team**.

Give that cat or dog lover a gift they will love, AND benefit two groups that do so much for animals. The Flower Company is located at **11030 Menaul**, just west of Juan Tabo; **293-7677**.

Meowy Christmas and Happy Howlidays!



GCNM 2007 Greyhound Calendar

Get your GCNM 2007 Calendars before they're gone! A great collection of greyhound photos for only \$12.00. They're at All Sports Trophies. Call 505-268-2436 or drop by at 2939 Monte Vista, NE, Albuquerque, NM.



(Oops - we made a mistake in the calendar! Our apologies to **Pat Getz** for erroneously identifying "Godiva" as "Kellogg" Rogers on the front cover.)

Holiday Gift Idea

Unique Storyteller greyhounds are available at All Sport Trophies. Jemez Pueblo artist, Bonnie Fragua, has captured whimsical greyhound poses in the art of sculpting storyteller dolls in clay pottery. Bonnie does other breeds, as well. The perfect holiday gift! (Visit the GCNM website at www.gcnm.org and look in "Store" for photos of these precious sculptures - many others are available.)



Thanks PETCO!

PETCO Foundation has been a greyhound advocate for many years. For five years, **PETCO** stores have held a celebration for one week each year in honor of retired racing greyhounds. During this week, dubbed **Greyhound Planet Week**, PETCO customers are asked if they'd like to "round up" their purchase to the next dollar. That amount is then donated to designated greyhound rescue groups.

GCNM has been conducting adoption information clinics at the PETCO on **Lomas** in Albuquerque for the past four years. This store is unique in that its managers, **Rick Garcia** and **Suzanne Herrera**, truly are animal lovers and advocates as well. This year, not only was

GCNM designated as recipient of Greyhound Planet Week proceeds from the **Lomas** PETCO, but another store chose us as well.

PETCO of **Farmington, New Mexico** chose GCNM for the greyhound rescue group to receive proceeds from their Greyhound Planet Week. A great big THANK YOU to Suzanne Herrera of the **Lomas**, Albuquerque store for nominating GCNM!

Please show your appreciation for their support by shopping for your pets' needs at the **Lomas** PETCO in Albuquerque and the Farmington PETCO, too!



Weems Artfest Loves Animals!

For the second year in a row, **GCNM** was invited as an exhibitor at the **Weems Artfest**. And this year, Weems organizers had a surprise for us; they presented us with a big donation to help our efforts in saving greyhounds!

This art show is known as New Mexico's #1 Arts and Crafts fair. For the 18th year, **Mary Ann Weems** has produced a wonderful, internationally famous art show at **Expo New Mexico**. Celebrity guests this year were **Sophia Loren** and **Whoopi Goldberg**, whose art was displayed.

GCNM is honored to be one of only two breed-specific rescue groups to be invited to this

spectacular show. Along with **Animal Humane Association of New Mexico** and **New Mexico Animal Friends**, GCNM and the **Great Pyrenees Club** greeted the crowds with our animal ambassadors and adoptables hoping to find homes. Other animal educational groups were present to promote their messages about the link between wild animals and the balance of nature so important to the earth's future.

Be sure to show your appreciation for Mary Ann Weems by visiting her gallery and framing shop at **2801-M Eubank Blvd., NE** in the **Eastdale Shopping Center**, Albuquerque, NM.

Thanks, Mary Ann!

Animal Humane Association of New Mexico's Doggie Dash and Dawdle Wins BIG

2006 saw the largest turnout ever for the **AHANM Doggie Dash and Dawdle**. The crowds were so big, cars had to be directed to an overflow parking lot! The **International Balloon Fiesta Park** was the location once again and in

perfect weather, over 1000 dogs and 1705 runners and walkers set their marks to GO!

GCNM has been participating as an exhibitor at this event for ten years! We look forward to next year and hope you'll come join us there!

Special Dogs Needing Special Homes

"Shonto" is a 21-month-old male that had a bad start in racing. So bad, in fact, he never qualified for the track. The process of training was so traumatic for Shonto and his littermate, Vestar (shown below), that they developed a fear of humans. However, both are in foster homes (separately) and are doing well. Shonto's blue brindle patches on white and his golden eyes make him a striking specimen. His nature is very sweet around people and dogs. He has not been around cats, but likely will do fine if introduced properly.



"Prophet" - this handsome three-year-old boy has a great personality and has been living in a home with cats. Only problem is, he doesn't seem to want to share his home with other dogs, at least not the ones he's living with right now! He loves toys! Might do best in a home as an only dog, but may do well with one other dog as currently he's in a multiple dog home and he may feel the need to compete for attention in that environment.



"Vestar" - see the story above. Vestar has red patches on white and is more timid than his brother, Shonto. Both of these dogs will overcome their shyness, but will need time and patience in a quiet home in order to do so.



"Olive" is a very affectionate, shiny black three-year-old female. She has lots of personality and is cat safe. She is good with kids and loves toys!



If you've never had a shy dog, you may not know that having one can be a very gratifying experience. Watching them blossom is your reward, and the bond that a shy dog forms with its humans is unmatched.

Please call 505-281-7295 to adopt one (or all!) of these dogs.

Volunteer Spotlight: Kay and Tim Reardon

Kay and Tim Reardon adopted their first greyhound, **Flying Amtrak**, in 1993. Since then, there have always been two or three greyhounds at a time hanging around the house. They have adopted young and old, male and female, shy or outgoing, "repos" and right off the track. Their only desire was to give a greyhound a home.

Kay and Tim, with the occasional help of daughter **Caitlin** and son **Sean**, have committed their time and their greyhounds to a variety of volunteer outings. They have appeared with **"Annie," "Minnie," "Beau," "Sophie,"** and **"Blitz"** throughout the years at a wide variety of events and they always find a way to help at the annual **GCNM** reunions.

One year, GCNM provided “models” for the **International Veterinary Acupuncture Society Convention**, held at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel. Kay was there with one of her dogs to pitch in. The dogs were used only to demonstrate the points at which acupuncture is administered, no needles were used.



Caitlin and Sean Reardon with Sophie

Tim is also known for his sense of humor. One of his favorite inside jokes is that of elevating the greyhounds to “light speed” when he’s asked, “How fast can they run?” Tim’s response varies anywhere between 75 and 1000 miles per hour. Of course he’s always sure to steer the conversation back to the facts so nobody is misled!

These days, Kay is the main volunteer for her family. However, she manages to find time to keep the GCNM adoption database updated in between her many other commitments. This database contains information about all dogs and adoptions handled by GCNM and allows us to access that information in the event of lost and found dogs.

For over 13 years, the Reardon household has been “littered” with greyhounds. Interestingly, their greyhounds have never tried to get on the furniture, but they have certainly made themselves very much at home, commandeering rugs, floor space, shoes, and stuffed animals!

Tim always takes a turn as Santa when GCNM hosts the Christmas photograph fundraiser (*GCNM is not participating in the PetsMart Santa Paws promotion this year*). This is no easy feat, considering the suffering all our Santa volunteers must endure in the heavy Santa suit! But Tim shows up every year and dons the personal sauna - now that’s commitment!

Tim works as a paralegal for an immigration law firm in **Albuquerque**, and Kay is a computer instructor in the **Moriarty School District**. They live near **Edgewood** in the East Mountain area outside Albuquerque.

Some of our earliest and most devoted volunteers, we applaud their continued devotion to the greyhounds and to GCNM.

In Memory Of:

(Due to the number of greyhounds that have recently passed, and cost and space limitations, we are forced to condense the condolence section in this newsletter to a list. Each dog was special in many ways and I regret that we cannot publish individual eulogies. Please accept my profound apologies if your greyhound’s name has been omitted from this list - it is certainly not intentional.)

“Diego” - Chris and Jeff Spring
“Cimarron” - Thea Schneider/Rob Burnett
“Bowzer” - Mike and Lynn Rice
“Bandit” - Bill and Cherry Temple
“Shannon” - Amy Glenn
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