



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

Summer's Here – Get Your Kiddy Pools Out!

Wow, we're starting off with a hot summer this year! Be sure to keep your greyhounds cool. One of the best ways is with a plastic wading pool in the back yard. Greyhounds are accustomed to being cooled off with water from a hose or by being submerged into cool water after they race. They're likely to climb right into a kiddy pool if it's available.



Remember to limit their access to slippery surfaces when they are wet and be sure the yard is clear of obstacles. They tend to get a little silly when they're wet and cool – a quick dash through the yard is fun to watch unless it culminates in injuries.

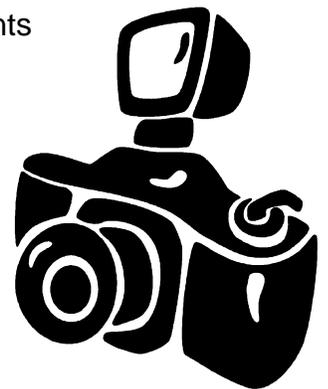
Enjoy the summer and let your hounds do the same – keep your hounds cool, get a kiddy pool!

Submit Your Calendar Photos

Please be sure to submit your photos for consideration in the **2007 GCNM Calendar**. The deadline is August 11th. Get the whole family in the photo or just the greyhounds – either way, all photos will be judged for clarity, composition, and originality.

Each year, there are many photos submitted which cannot be used due to inability to reproduce into sufficiently large, clear images. Please follow these guidelines:

- ❖ High-resolution digital (minimum 640x480 pixels for small prints; big prints require at least 1000x750 pixels) or
- ❖ Clear print photos (if scanning, use 300 dpi)
- ❖ No slides, please
- ❖ Professional photos qualify, but you must have permission from the photographer to publish the photo
- ❖ Include a caption for the photo(s) as well as your name, the dog's name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address
- ❖ E-mail digital photos to calendar@gcnm.org
- ❖ Snail-mail prints and/or CDs with digital pictures to GCNM, P. O. Box 22053, Albuquerque, NM 87154-2053



Let's set a record for submissions this year! (If the number of submissions is down from last year, we will not publish a 2007 calendar.)

Bring Your Greyhounds to the Annual GCNM Reunion

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Tenth Annual GCNM Reunion** on **Sunday, September 24th!** From **11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** we'll be celebrating our tenth year of sharing the fun and beautiful park atmosphere. Please join us at **Bataan Memorial Park** on **Lomas**, just west of Carlisle in Albuquerque. Arrive on time and get a great goodie bag for your dogs. Last year we dispensed 125 bags, but we had 140 greyhounds in attendance, so the late shows went home without a gift bag! This year, we'll have 150 goodie bags, thanks to our sponsors, so get there on time!

Bring your lunch and a blanket, and water for your greyhound(s) – a spray bottle with water would be a good idea so you can keep your hounds cool if it's a particularly warm day.

The prizes for our silent auction and raffle are bigger and better than ever, with the grand prize being donated by **Aquila Travel**: *a trip for two to San Diego, CA!! The package includes airfare and three nights' hotel stay.* Thanks to **Sandy Levinson**, owner of **Aquila Travel** for donating this fantastic prize!

You'll have the opportunity to see (and buy!) wonderful greyhound jewelry on display by **Black Horse Design** (www.black-horse-design.com). **Carmon Deyo** and husband, **Mike Dibble**, design some of the most artistic, stunning jewelry and other original art depicting greyhounds and horses.

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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Every year, Carmon and Mike donate exceptional items for our raffle/auction, and this year is no different. This year, they have donated two collars that were designed by **Mike Sheldon** of **Desert Raven**, using **Black Horse Design** sterling silver jewelry. One collar is for a standard size greyhound and the other is for an Italian greyhound.



Mike S. has retired from the collar-making business and is joining Carmon and Mike D. in donating these gorgeous pieces for our raffle/auction this year. There will never be another one of these beautiful handmade leather collars, so take advantage of this unique opportunity to own one or both of these collars. Remember, all the money goes to helping us help the greyhounds!

If you'd like to donate something for the raffle/silent auction, please contact Barb Wells at 286-6325.

We'd like to thank our sponsors: **PETCO Foundation, PETCO Stores, PetsMart, and Pet Vet Market** for continuing to provide their support each year for this worthwhile event. Our ability to continue our work to protect greyhounds is made possible by the funds generated at this annual event – please be a part of our efforts to help greyhounds – buy raffle tickets and bid on our exceptional auction items.

Ya'll come!!

Please call Sara Mathis at 881-9034 if you'd like to volunteer to help at the reunion.

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Greyhound Bloodwork

By Suzanne Stack, DVM

This article was reprinted, with permission, from the website www.greythealth.com. Dr. Stack has many years' experience with racing greyhounds and resides in Arizona.

Greyhound bloodwork has enough differences from "other dog" bloodwork to sometimes make it deceptively "normal" or "abnormal" if one isn't familiar with these differences. The salient differences are discussed below.

CBC = Complete Blood Count

RBC = Red Blood Cells

Hgb = Hemoglobin

PCV / HCT = Packed Cell Volume / Hematocrit

WBC = White Blood Cells

Platelets

NORMAL VALUES FOR:

	<u>Greyhounds</u>	<u>Other Dogs</u>
RBC:	7.4 - 9.0	5.5 - 8.5
Hgb:	19.0 - 21.5	12.0 - 18.0
PCV:	55 - 65	37 - 55

Greyhounds have significantly more red blood cells than other breeds. This elevates parameters for RBC, hemoglobin, and PCV / HCT, and is the reason greyhounds are so desirable as blood donors. Most veterinarians are aware of this difference. Never accept a diagnosis of polycythemia - a once-in-a-lifetime-rare diagnosis of pathologic red cell overproduction - in a greyhound.

Conversely, never interpret a greyhound PCV in the 30's - low 40's as being normal just because it is for other dogs. A greyhound with a PCV in the 30's - low 40's is an anemic greyhound. Here in Arizona, a greyhound PCV < 50 is a red flag to check for Ehrlichia.

WBC

Greyhound: 3.5 - 6.5

Other dog: 6.0 - 17.0

Other greyhound CBC changes are less well known. The greyhound's normally low WBC has caused more than one healthy greyhound to undergo a bone marrow biopsy in search of "cancer" or some other cause of the "low WBC."

Platelets

Greyhound: 80,000 - 200,000

Other dog: 150,000 - 400,000

Likewise, greyhound platelet numbers are lower on average than other breeds, which might be mistakenly interpreted as a problem. It is thought that greyhound WBCs, platelets, and total protein may be lower to physiologically "make room" in the bloodstream for the increased red cell load.

Confounding these normally low WBC and platelet numbers is the fact that Ehrlichia, a common blood parasite of greyhounds, can lower WBC and platelet counts. So if there is any doubt as to whether the WBC / platelet counts are normal, an Ehrlichia titer is always in order. The other classic changes with Ehrlichia are lowered PCV and elevated globulin and total protein. But bear in mind that every greyhound will not have every change, and Ehrlichia greyhounds can have normal CBCs.

Chem Panel

T.P. = Total Protein

Globulin

Creatinine

T4

NORMAL VALUES FOR:

	<u>T.P.</u>	<u>Globulin</u>
Greyhound:	4.5 - 6.2	2.1 - 3.2
Other dog:	5.4 - 7.8	2.8 - 4.2

Greyhound total proteins tend to run on the low end of normal - T.P.s in the 5.0's and 6.0's are the norm. While the albumin fraction of T.P. is the same as other dogs, the globulin component is lower.

Creatinine

Greyhounds: .8 - 1.6

Other dogs: .0 - 1.0

Greyhound creatinines run higher than other breeds as a function of their large lean muscle

mass. A study at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine found that 80% of retired greyhounds they sampled had creatinine values up to 1.6 times as high as the top of the standard reference range for "other dogs." As a lone finding, an "elevated creatinine" is not indicative of impending kidney failure. If the BUN and urinalysis are normal, so is the "elevated" creatinine.

T4

Greyhounds: .5 - 3.6 (mean 1.47+/- .63)

Other dogs: 1.52 - 3.60

These figures are from a University of Florida study of thyroid function in 221 greyhounds - 97 racers, 99 broods, and 25 studs - so it included both racers and "retired." While greyhound thyroid levels are a whole chapter unto themselves, a good rule of thumb is that greyhound T4s run about half that of other breeds.

Urinalysis

And lastly, the good news - greyhound urinalysis is the same as other breeds. It is normal for males to have small to moderate amounts of bilirubin in the urine.

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GCNM Gets Approved by CFC

In the last newsletter, we announced that we had applied for inclusion in the approved charities for the **Central and Northern New Mexico Combined Federal Campaign**. We are happy to announce we've been designated by the Federal Coordinating Committee as an approved, certified non-profit charity!

If you are a federal employee, watch for our name in the new CFC Approved Charities brochure, and please consider us as recipient for a donation this year.

Thanks, in advance, to all who include GCNM in their gift-giving plans for charities this year.

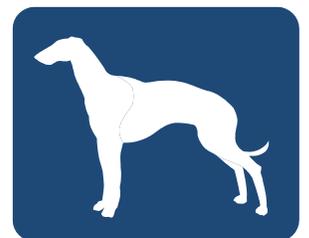


Considering Adopting Another Greyhound?

Anyone who's had a greyhound can attest to the fact that they are a unique animal companion! Unlike any other breed, sometimes they can be frustrating (just try calling one to come when it's concentrating on something, like a bird on a fence!), but they can be your most loved friend and a joy to watch as they blossom into a family member.

If you are feeling a void in your life, it might just be that you need another greyhound! There are still thousands of racing greyhounds being killed each year. The lucky ones - the ones that will eventually be adopted - are patiently waiting in crates all across the U.S., hoping they'll be next in line to share a home with someone. Please call us today and let us match you with a greyhound that's waiting to be loved.

*We don't always have photos of the available dogs posted on our website, so please call 505-281-7295 for information on dogs needing homes. **If you can't adopt, but would like to foster, please let us know, as we are always in need of qualified foster homes.***



Hounds Looking for Loving Homes

"Clint" is a four-year-old greyhound that's big and affectionate and loves attention and wagging his tail! He is a very happy dog that gets along great with other dogs. Has not been tested with cats yet. Clint would make an excellent therapy dog and/or ambassador at adoption clinics as he is such a sociable fellow!



Refusing to accept this explanation, Barb adopted the little guy so that he could be further evaluated for his physical problem. The problem involves his penis, which will not stay retracted into the sheath. After several phone calls to area vets, it was determined this is a relatively easy problem to correct surgically. He is currently scheduled for the surgery on July 7th. He will be available for adoption as soon as he has recovered, which should be soon after the procedure.

He is being called "**Andre**" and he is very young. His age is estimated at about 2 years old. He's



as sweet as he is handsome. He loves toys and loves being held. He was briefly placed in a home, however the adopter has cancer and is facing a long stay in Phoenix for surgery. They did not want to give up little Andre, however, circumstances will not permit

them to take him along while in Phoenix. He gets along well with other dogs.

Please call **505-281-7295** if you are interested in adopting Andre, the Italian Greyhound.

"Lucky" is 18 months old and absolutely loves life. Only problem is, life has not loved her back. Suffering a severe injury to her back left leg in April 2005, Lucky almost bled to death. Unfortunately, the vet only sutured the surface



skin, neglecting tendons, ligaments and bone. The joints in the leg are completely frozen into a locked, forward position. Lucky has learned to cope and is quite agile on three legs, but she has been in

a pen with no obstacles, since the injury. In order to give her the freedom to move about unencumbered by the useless leg, she may need an amputation. She is a very outgoing, friendly girl. Please let this charming greyhound into your life. GCNM will pay all expenses involved in the surgical repair or removal of the leg.

In May, GCNM volunteers, **Barbara Wells** and **Judy Gumble** showed up at the east side shelter to check on an Italian Greyhound that had been turned in as "lost" and never claimed. He had been declared "unadoptable" by the shelter vet due to a medical problem. Barb and Judy were told he would be euthanized the next day.



"**Shelly**" is a two-year-old female who's currently in a home with cats, dogs, and horses. She gets along great with all of them. She has to find a new home due to changes in her current home that prevent her people from spending enough time with her. She's energetic and outgoing

and would love a playmate or even a kitten to nurture! She's a beautiful lightly brindled girl with striking white marks. She had a leg injury and does limp at times, but is otherwise healthy.

"Hail" is an 18 month-old friendly, playful boy. He is white except for a blue brindle patch around one eye and a small spot on right side of face. He's a large boy who loves to play, but doesn't love the racetrack!



We also have three brindle females available, two dark and one red. All are friendly and young and on the small side. No pictures available yet, but watch our website for photos and more complete descriptions.

GCNM Expanding Adoption Information Clinics

Greyhound Companions of New Mexico is now conducting seven adoption information clinics in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Please drop by with your greyhounds and visit us at any (or all!) these locations:

- ❖ **Petco** on Lomas, east of Eubank in Albuquerque; **First Saturday each month**
- ❖ **PetsMart** on Eubank, south of I-40 in Albuquerque; **Second Saturday each month**
- ❖ **PetsMart** on Mercantile, west of I-25, north of Montano in Albuquerque; **Second Saturday each month and Fourth Saturday each month (this schedule begins in August). In July, there will be a clinic at this location on July 17th.**
- ❖ **Pet Vet Market** on Montgomery, east of Juan Tabo in Albuquerque; **Third Sunday each month**
- ❖ **Teca Tu** in Santa Fe; **Second Saturday each month**
- ❖ **Agora Market** in Eldorado (north of Santa Fe); **Fourth Saturday each month**

To volunteer for any clinics, please contact the following people:

- ❖ **Judy or Roger Gumble** for PetsMart on Eubank: 821-7588 or roger@gumble.net
- ❖ **Del Lindsay** for PetsMart on Mercantile: 857-9541 or rlindsay17@comcast.net
- ❖ **Cara Balestrieri**: 286-2365 or cara_balestrieri@yahoo.com (there's an underscore after cara and before balestrieri)
- ❖ **Barb Wells** for Pet Vet Market: 286-6325 or ghound5@msn.com
- ❖ **Pat Getz** for Teca Tu in Santa Fe: 473-9419 or pat_getz@yahoo.com (there is an underscore after pat and before getz)
- ❖ **Kathy Pallis** for Agora Market in Eldorado: 466-4481 or palliskc@comcast.net

Be sure to watch our website for new events and event changes – go to www.gcnm.org and click on GCNM News for a listing of all events.

Special Needs Dogs Rescued This Summer

GCNM veterinary expenses this summer will probably surpass those of any summer since our inception, due to some special needs dogs we have rescued. The \$175.00 adoption donation we receive for each dog we adopt out helps alleviate some of our expenses, but in order to cover the vet needs of all dogs we bring into our program, we need help. *If you can help us out by contributing to our veterinary fund, we would greatly appreciate it.*

Among the special needs dogs we will help this month, a little brindle female called **Lucky**, who severely lacerated a leg in April 2005, and almost bled to death. Lucky's leg injury resulted in a frozen joint which prevents her from bending one back leg – it protrudes straight forward. The owner asked the trainer to “kill” the dog, but the trainer decided to breed her instead. The breeding produced puppies who were not good racers. Once again, the owner asked the trainer to kill Lucky, but instead, GCNM was contacted to see if we would take her. Of course, the answer was, “Yes!” Lucky is 18 months old.

She most likely will need an amputation, however, GCNM has promised to leave no stone unturned in pursuing the best possible solution for Lucky.

Andre, the Italian Greyhound, will require surgery to correct his medical problem as described in the Hounds Looking for Loving Homes section of this newsletter. We don't have an estimate on this procedure yet, but it will be

expensive. Very much worth it, though, when you consider he was being placed on death row at the shelter.

Two other special needs dogs, **Dixie** and **Kiss**, have required multiple vet visits and diagnostic tests. Both Dixie and Kiss have found forever homes but their impact on our vet fund was substantial.

Another retired racer, **Chet**, had a broken leg that was improperly repaired. After pins were removed from the leg, it was discovered the leg was still not healing. An external fixation device was attached to the leg. If you've ever seen anyone with a severe head injury and they were wearing a “halo,” this is what Chet had on his leg. It was discovered that the device was not adequately implanted into the leg bones and the leg was still not healing. There appears to be permanent nerve damage to Chet's leg as he is unable to use it.

Chet has been adopted by **Trisha Harrison** of **Santa Cruz, CA**. Trisha has adopted three greyhounds from GCNM over the years and all have since passed away. Trisha has volunteered to pay all veterinary expenses for Chet.

Chet and one other greyhound will be going to Trisha, thanks to drivers **Randy Self** of **Albuquerque, NM**, and **John Hendrickson** of **Henderson, NV**.



Yard Hazards for Greyhounds

It seems like every time I turn around, I'm getting an “Urgent” email about something that's detrimental to animals or people. Many times, these warnings are blown out of proportion or are flat-out fabrications. But one recent warning proves to be legitimate.

Since May 2003, the Internet intermittently is peppered with warnings spread via email regarding a mulch used in gardens: **Cocoa Mulch**. Figuring I'd have heard something from other sources if this were truly a health threat for animals, I filed it away as something to revisit in coming months/years. Again the email appeared in June 2006, so I decided to see what I could

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find out. A visit to a website called **Snopes.com**, produced valuable information. Unlike warnings circulating in the past regarding Swiffer Wet Jets and Febreze odor eliminator causing deaths in pets, the stories about Cocoa Mulch appear to be factual.

Snopes.com is a clever site designed to inform visitors about various newsworthy stories circulating in the media. Their site description states, "We don't expect anyone to accept us as the ultimate authority on any topic, which is why our site's name indicates that it contains *reference* pages. Unlike the plethora of anonymous individuals who create and send the unsigned, unsourced e-mail messages that are forwarded all over the Internet, we show our work. The research materials we've used in the preparation of any particular page are listed in the bibliography displayed at the bottom of that page so that readers who wish to verify the validity of our information may check those sources for themselves."

Cocoa Mulch is a product available at several retailers who sell garden supplies. It contains an ingredient called **theobromine**, which can be lethal to dogs and cats. The mulch consists of **cocoa bean shells**, a source of theobromine and also caffeine. The fresh mulch possesses a sweet chocolate fragrance which can be very appealing to animals, especially dogs.

Information found on Snopes.com refers to findings of the **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)** which confirms the potentially deadly effects of theobromine and caffeine on dogs:

"Cocoa beans contain the stimulants caffeine and theobromine. Dogs are highly sensitive to these chemicals, called methylxanthines. In dogs, low doses of methylxanthine can cause mild gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea, and/or abdominal pain); higher doses can cause rapid heart rate, muscle tremors, seizures, and death.

Eaten by a 50-pound dog, about 2 ounces of cocoa bean mulch may cause gastrointestinal upset; about 4.5 ounces, increased heart rate; about 5.3 ounces, seizures; and over 9 ounces, death. (In contrast, a 50-pound dog can eat up to about 7.5 ounces of milk chocolate without gastrointestinal upset and up to about a pound of milk chocolate without increased heart rate.)

According to tables examined by Snopes.com staff, cocoa mulch contains 300-1200 mg of theobromine per ounce, making cocoa mulch one of the strongest concentrations of theobromine your pet will encounter in any chocolate product.

The debate goes on, however, and is addressed by Hershey's (manufacturer of Cocoa Mulch) in a statement that says, "...studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees, however, 98% of all dogs won't eat it." The accuracy of this statement is questionable.

Gastrointestinal upset is, by far, the most common symptom which prompts calls to GCNM from concerned adopters.

Anyone who has had greyhounds knows they'll eat just about anything. These dogs don't have very discriminating taste buds. As far as they're concerned, if it smells good, it must be

edible! Gastrointestinal upset is, by far, the most common symptom which prompts calls to GCNM from concerned adopters.

The diagnosis of Irritable Bowel Syndrome/Disorder is frighteningly common among greyhounds presenting to veterinarians with a history of intermittent bouts of gas, diarrhea and sometimes vomiting. The more likely cause of mild/moderate/severe gastrointestinal distress is from ingesting something that isn't tolerated well by the sensitive greyhound's stomach.

Eating too much of anything can cause gastric upset in animals (and people!) and result in diarrhea and occasionally, vomiting. Introduce toxins into the equation and you have a recipe for possible disaster and expensive trips to the vet's office.

The bottom line is, just because *you* don't think it would make your animals sick, doesn't mean it's safe. Keep your yard and home free of anything your animals show interest in eating. Fruit fallen from trees, birdseed, birdbath water, fish ponds, animal feces (particularly bird droppings) – all can be harmful to your pets. Trees and bushes can drop berries or seeds that may also be toxic to your pets. Don't assume that because you wouldn't eat them, your

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animals wouldn't. Remember, greyhounds will eat almost anything! It's safe to say that if you have Cocoa Mulch anyplace that is

accessible by your pets, the stuff needs to be removed. Be wise, protect your pets – keep an eye out for anything on the ground that might go into your greyhound's mouth. Treat them as you would an infant – don't leave anything out that could go into their mouths, unless it's designed to be eaten by them.



Congratulations, Delventhal Family!

A record has been set for number of adoptions by one family in one day! On Sunday, June 4th, the **Delventhal** family of **Farmington, NM**, drove to Albuquerque to adopt a greyhound, possibly two, but when all was said and done, they left with three! Three lucky hounds went to their forever home that day.



Adopting their first greyhounds many years ago from a racetrack in Connecticut, Dana and Bruce knew they'd want to rescue more when those were gone. June 4th was a lucky day for greyhounds **Taz**, **Stan**, and **Deena** when they met this exceptional family.

What a happy day for everyone! Thanks Delventhals – you're the greatest!

Juarez Racetrack Owner's Name Surfaces in FBI Investigation: Drug Trafficking Connections Suspected

A former FBI chief was indicted by a U.S. District Court grand jury after allegations of various involvements with **Jose Maria Guardia**, owner of the now-defunct **Juarez, Mexico** greyhound racetrack.

Failing an FBI polygraph test in 2003, Guardia has been under suspicion of drug trafficking and money laundering activity. His attempt to revive greyhound racing at the Juarez racetrack last summer has been controversial in that he was

getting greyhounds from the U. S. In past years, greyhounds did not fare well at the track in Juarez. Upon the first closure of the Juarez track several years ago, the greyhounds rescued from there were in abysmal condition.

Guardia's pipe dream of creating a "Las Vegas-like resort in Juarez, capable of handling \$20 billion in bets daily" has collapsed and the racetrack has closed for a second time.

Juarez Dog Track Closes Again: How Many Greyhounds Didn't Make It Back Alive?

Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) – a national greyhound adoption group with ties to the racing industry – is publicizing the return of 126 greyhounds to the U.S. from the **Juarez Racetrack**. That 126 greyhounds survived their stint at the Juarez Racetrack is cause for celebration. The sad news is that there are still no records being produced to account for the number of greyhounds that went there to begin with. These records could have provided a safety net to guarantee the return of every greyhound transported into Juarez.

Last summer, GPA president, **Rory Goree**, volunteered that GPA would “catalogue” the greyhounds going into **Juarez, Mexico**, in order to allay fears among greyhound welfare advocates that many racers would never return. Problem is, those of us interested in counting heads cannot locate this catalogue nor has anyone professed to know where it is being kept.

National furor arose last year after 8 greyhounds (later, the number rose to 10) died while being transported in searing desert temperatures from **Tucson, AZ**, to the then-newly-reopened Juarez Racetrack. Rather than joining the national effort to discourage sending more of America’s racing greyhounds to Juarez, Goree chose to facilitate the acquisition of racers by promising to find adoptive homes for every greyhound that went to **Jose Maria Guardia**, owner of the Juarez dog track. Sounds good on the surface.

Hoping to deflect nationwide criticism of his role in dealing with Guardia, Goree promised that GPA would microchip and record every greyhound that was slated for racing in Juarez. GPA chapters in **Albuquerque, New Mexico**, and **El Paso, Texas**, announced their support of this plan and showed their solidarity with Guardia by sitting down to dine with him for a night at the races in Juarez. Other GPA chapters were siding with the majority of greyhound-lovers in objecting

to what appeared to be a cozy arrangement for Guardia to get spent racers from the U.S.

Live greyhound racing in Juarez discontinued in December 2005. Not until several months later did GPA announce this. Why this information was not immediately announced by GPA remains a mystery, especially since their El Paso chapter president was said to have been doing frequent inspections of the Juarez racers and their kennels.

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GPA is mum on details surrounding everything except for their broadcast that 126 greyhounds are coming

back to America. When contacted, GPA representatives state that the dogs from Juarez are posted on their website, however they evade direct questions about records regarding the racers that were shipped to Mexico to begin with.

From research being done by greyhound watchdog groups, it is clear that the list of dogs on the GPA website does not constitute **all** the dogs that went south last summer. Information regarding every dog shipped to Juarez has

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proven impossible to find, although each shipment of dogs was known to have been documented at some point.

Why would GPA not produce this infamous catalogue of greyhounds sent to Juarez? These documents would validate claims that their only concern was for the safe return of all greyhounds in Juarez. Until these records surface, there will continue to be unrest among greyhound welfare advocates.

Weem's Artfest, 2006

GCNM will again participate in the annual Weem's Artfest this year. Last year, we were one of only a few animal rescue groups to be invited and we're honored to be asked to return for 2006.

A renowned juried art show, Weem's Artfest attracts artists and buyers worldwide. We will be there with our greyhounds and our message on **November 3rd and 4th, 2006**. Please come visit us and browse this magnificent display of art.

Watch our website, www.gcnm.org, for more details (click on GCNM News for information on all events where GCNM will be present).

If you'd like to volunteer for this fun event, please call **Sara Mathis** at **881-9034**.



In Memory Of:



"Irene" - John and Pat Aspinwall adopted "Big Irene" in Minnesota. A perfect example of the greyhound "couch potato," Irene adopted an overstuffed leather chair in her new home and it soon became hers as there was little opportunity for anyone else to occupy it. She eagerly shared her home with two chow-chows and a greyhound adopted from GCNM when the Aspinwalls relocated to New Mexico. Irene collapsed of heart failure on April 21st at the age of eight years. John and Pat and their entire family were overwhelmed with the sorrow that came with such an unexpected passing. They have since adopted another greyhound, "Dixie," a special needs dog who's doing her best to honor the memory of Irene.



Irene Aspinwall

osteosarcoma. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

"McGee" - Susan Stiff and Jennifer Novak made the wrenching decision to let McGee pass on in their arms after he was diagnosed with advanced osteosarcoma. McGee was 10 ½ years old. He was a good friend to all and will be remembered as a mellow, affectionate companion.

"Autumn" - Buffie and Scott Nelson had to endure the grief of losing their second greyhound within only a few months of having lost Bear, their male greyhound. Autumn lost consciousness and died in their home after an undiagnosed illness. Autumn was only six years old.

"Rocky" - Marsha and Frank Fewell enjoyed Rocky's company for 9 years before cancer claimed his life at the ripe old age of 14 ½. Rocky had the pleasure of traveling with the Fewells to Germany and Italy after he was adopted from GCNM in March 1997. A special needs dog because of learned aggression, Rocky soon developed into an affectionate and loyal companion, eager to socialize with people and dogs. The Fewells performed no less than a miracle with this dog in that he had been declared "mean" by the people who had first adopted him. Memories of Rocky are still vivid to those of us who saw him the first few days when he arrived, full of wounds from dogfights. He had been isolated in a back yard far too long. Rocky's spirit lives on in our hope that life will improve for all the greyhounds who deserve to be companions, not objects.



Brolonda Dickman

"Brolonda" - Jason Dickman let his "sweet little girl" go on May 5th, after a battle with the effects of osteosarcoma. In Jason's words: "She brought so much love and joy into my life. I know she will be close by when I see an excited kid running in a grassy field or when a juicy piece of chicken is unaccounted for." Brolonda was 12 years old.

"Kiva" - Monique Kourdae said goodbye to her companion of 9 years, when Kiva, at the age of 12, took her last breath in Monique's arms. Kiva had been diagnosed with advanced



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