



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

Biggest GCNM Reunion Ever!!



Wow, thanks everyone, for making the 2004 reunion the most fun and biggest fund-raiser ever!! Greyhounds and their people came from everywhere to help us celebrate our wonderful hounds and to learn about their plight. Our raffle and auction raised more funds than ever before!

Four Greyhounds were up for adoption and by the end of the picnic, all had wonderful homes! They were sporting American-flag bandanas to set them apart from the crowd and they got lots of attention!

PetCo provided our primary sponsorship this year with a cash donation (and goodie bags) to help with our expenses in presenting this great event. **PETsMART** and **Pet Vet Market** also contributed to our doggie goodie bags to make this the best package ever!! **The Ky-Jen Company** of Huntington Beach, CA, donated a huge box of some of their finest items for our raffle and auction. They sent some of their most popular (and expensive) toys, including their specialty toys to eliminate doggie boredom: **The IQube** and **Hide-A-Squirrel!** They also donated some of their exclusive "**Outward Hound**" products for the outdoorsy dogs!

The talk delivered by animal behaviorist, **Cameron Murphy**, was informative and entertaining. Cameron also mingled with the hounds and handlers during the picnic and "judged" various categories of behavior and appearance. Prizes were handed out for "most relaxed," "most sociable," "best look-alikes," and a few other interesting types, making for a fun diversion from the usual fare of games and contests. We also had hands-on demonstrations of canine CPR, provided by **Jeannine Smith** of **Inspire CPR**, who teaches first aid and CPR at seminars.

Special awards were given to all therapy dogs in attendance. And our "Beating The Odds" award went to "**Doc**" (adopters Shannon Gilbert and Beth Murray) who recently had a leg amputated as a result of osteosarcoma.

Overall, our attendees enjoyed a relaxing afternoon in the unrivaled New Mexico autumn weather; shopping our overflowing merchandise table and lazily strolling through the silent auction and raffle tables. We had so many items donated this year, we will be having either a spring garage sale or an eBay auction to utilize all the wonderful things people contributed. If we had more time, we could've put out everything, but people would've needed lots of time to ponder the entire selection and we would have needed a couple of days to do all the merchandise justice!

How about those great bandanas??!! Designed and donated by **Janice Wrhel**, and printed by **Mountain Top Tees**, these little gifts for each Greyhound in attendance really topped off a super picnic! Other highlights included **Black Horse Jewelry**, **Joyce Fay Photography**, **"Colors" the Clown Face Painting**, **DeAnza Animal Clinic** (micro-chipping), **Tony Romero Iron and Flagstone Art**, and most important of all, **THE GREYHOUNDS, 108 OF THEM** (and possibly some that forgot to register!!)

Thank you everyone, for making this a special day for all!!!



"I Stayed Awake for the Greyhound Reunion 2004"



Greyhounds – Big and Small



Buying Raffle Tickets



Getting Microchipped



Wearing an Important Message



Silent Auction



"Colors," the Clown & Kellogg



Handsome Hounds!

Shyness, Fearfulness and Induced Phobias in Greyhounds

by Judy Kody Paulsen

(The following article has been written from my experience and observations with dog rescues I have done over the years; mostly retired racing Greyhounds. I do not presume to be an expert in the field of animal behavior – I only possess a profound interest in the nuanced attempts of our animal friends to communicate with us through their behavior.)

Most everyone has seen a dog that appears to have suffered unthinkable abuses. Anyone with a heart and a soft spot for animals would likely imagine beatings or cruelty beyond comprehension when observing a dog trembling or retreating in fear at the sight of a human being. But not all shy or fearful dogs have been abused or neglected.

Just as in human beings, there are some dogs that have the genetic makeup which predisposes them to shy or fearful behavior. Dogs with this innate shyness can be especially challenging to convert. Extreme personality transformations – from introverted to gregarious – are not as likely or predictable in these dogs as in those whose shyness is circumstantial.

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Inadequate and infrequent handling of puppies at a very young age can also bring about an especially persistent type of shyness that can be difficult to reverse. Many Greyhound farms are populated with hundreds of dogs and little time can be spent with individual dogs when trainers evaluate them for performance standards. This lack of human attention coupled with socializing only among other Greyhounds can produce a dog that relies strongly on the presence of other dogs when placed into an adoptive home. These dogs and many Greyhounds in general will tend to prefer the company of other Greyhounds, at least initially, since that's all they've likely ever seen during their racing careers.

Some dogs who've been victims of cruel treatment will develop distrust for humans; conversely, there are some animals who will develop an intense bond with a human who has repeatedly abused them. This has been demonstrated with various training methods which are inarguably cruel and inhumane. An

animal may respond to physical abuse in the way a wolf pup submits to the alpha dog in a pack and is loyal and obedient regardless of the pain inflicted.

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Racing Greyhounds' lives are structured around the same routine everyday. Most racers are immune to the frenetic activity surrounding training and racing, however the more timid dogs may be adversely affected by various routines racers must learn to tolerate. At training farms the dogs are captured at the end of practice races in a maneuver requiring a human to lunge forth at the dog. Some dogs adapt readily to this procedure, however a timid dog may become intensely fearful of any movement resembling this action.

Induced phobias usually result from a sudden or prolonged exposure to a situation that traumatizes the dog. One extremely negative experience may forever affect certain dogs. Recurring incidents which frighten a dog will most likely remain in the memory and anything remotely resembling these situations will induce fear.

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It is not uncommon to see retired racers who have a baseball-cap phobia. Many workers at training farms and tracks wear this type of hat. If dogs associate rough handling or any negative experience with a human wearing a baseball cap, it is possible they will be reluctant to be handled or approached by anyone wearing similar headgear until they can overcome this phobia. Positive experiences with humans in baseball caps eventually instill confidence in these Greyhounds.

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converted back to its original social behavior (assuming it was a social animal to begin with). Retired racing Greyhounds who exhibit outgoing personalities while at the racing kennel will occasionally become extremely shy or fearful when removed from the care of a trainer with whom they bonded. Engaging in playful antics when with a trainer they trust at the track, they may become withdrawn and antisocial when transferred into an adoptive home. Some of this behavior can be attributed to the fact that these

dogs have always been in an environment full of activity and other Greyhounds. Difficulty in adapting to a completely new atmosphere devoid of other Greyhounds and familiar routines can induce fear or shyness in vulnerable Greyhounds.

Greyhounds who are known to be shy or unexpectedly become withdrawn when placed into adoptive homes need time and patience to overcome their fear. Loud, raucous behavior by family members and friends should be discouraged initially when in the presence of a timid or fearful Greyhound.

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Often, our first response to a fearful dog is to speak directly to him in a soft, soothing tone, hoping this will allay the fear that we pose a threat. The best course of action to pursue is to ignore the dog and let it determine when it's ready to start socializing. Allowing the dog to constantly retreat to an isolated area will slow the process of socializing. During family together-time, closing off doors to bedrooms, bathrooms, etc. is effective in bringing the dog closer without forcing physical contact. To help alleviate anxiety in an apprehensive dog, keep conversations and TVs at a low volume until his nervousness subsides. Children (and adults) should be discouraged from approaching the dog face to face. When the opportunity presents itself – if the dog is near and is aware of your presence – a gentle touch to the back or sides will begin to impart the message you can be trusted. Over time, increased physical contact of a gentle nature will reward you with a loyal companion who was once fearful or shy.

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GCNM Volunteer Spotlight: ***Rob and Sherry Mangold***

Little did **Rob** and **Sherry Mangold** know that on May 28, 1993, their lives were about to take a whole new direction. On that date, they adopted their first Greyhound, **Thatcher**, from **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico**. Rob and Sherry had been drawn to sight hounds for many years and had a whippet and two Italian Greyhounds when they adopted Thatcher.

In October 1997, the Mangolds decided they wanted to get more involved with Greyhound Companions of New Mexico and volunteered to foster a Greyhound that had been rejected by her previous home. Within hours of **Spencer's** arrival as a foster, Rob and Sherry decided she was not going to be leaving their home. As we put it in rescue terms, "They flunked Foster 101!"

After 28+ years of teaching at Eldorado High School, the Mangolds retired in 1999, but soon discovered they missed the feeling of doing something worthwhile with their lives. Deciding to substitute Greyhounds for teenage students, they began their journey into what would become a gratifying experience, not only for the Mangolds and the Greyhounds they helped, but also many other lives that would be touched by their mission to help others.

Sherry's mother had suffered a massive stroke and while residing in a nursing home, she was visited frequently by therapy dogs. Although she was unaware of the dogs' visits, they were the best part of Sherry's long, sad weekends spent by her mother's bedside. The Mangolds contacted Greyhound Companions of New Mexico to ask for help in locating a good prospect for a therapy dog. Soon, their growing canine family was joined by **Freddy**, a three-year-old, big black sweetheart of a Greyhound. Spencer and Thatcher, both being black, prompted neighbors to inquire if Greyhounds came in any other color when the third black Greyhound arrived!

Greyhound, Freddy, and Sherry soon became certified to visit numerous Albuquerque hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities. Sherry says this work is "doubly rewarding for it brings patients joy and also serves as an excellent way to demonstrate to the community, the dignity, warmth, gentleness and plight of the retired racing Greyhound."



Rob, Sherry, Milagro, Freddy and Winston Mangold

In 2003, Rob and Sherry adopted **Winston**, a big, *brindle* male Greyhound, putting to rest the neighborhood myth that Greyhounds only came in black. By now, the Mangold's whippet and one Italian Greyhound had passed on and the house was being overtaken by large sight hounds. Winston has also made the grade as a certified therapy dog and is now making his own rounds in various Albuquerque facilities.

The Mangolds were dealt a blow with the unexpected loss of Spencer in July, this year. To help ease their grief, they offered to foster a Greyhound for GCNM. Well, now they've flunked "Foster 101" twice! The latest addition to the Mangold Greyhound family is "**Milagro**," a petite, sprite-like 15-month-old female Greyhound. Sherry feels that once Milagro is "civilized," she, too will make a loving therapy dog.

Rob organizes and helps conduct the Greyhound Adoption Information Clinics for GCNM at the PetCo on Lomas. Making trips to Colorado to transport retired racers so they can be placed into adoptive homes and also doing home visits as Adoption Coordinators, the Mangolds have become an integral part of GCNM. Feeling fulfilled and having a sense of worth, Rob and Sherry's lives are now consumed with Greyhounds and the people whose lives they enrich. I think it would be safe to assume they are not having a problem adjusting to life as retirees – I guess this would apply to Rob and Sherry and all four of their retired racers!

Injuries Biggest Threat to Greyhounds

by Judy Kody Paulsen

The governing body for pari-mutuel dog racing, National Greyhound Association (NGA), has been encouraging Greyhound rescue/adoption programs to take heart in the fact that fewer racing Greyhounds are being destroyed annually. The NGA's pledge to reduce the slaughter of Greyhounds and to find homes for every "adoptable" Greyhound is admirable but disregards the *greatest threat* to the welfare of the racing Greyhound – *injuries and deaths while training and racing.*

The Greyhound racing industry has been unsuccessful in creating a racing/training environment that would eliminate or significantly reduce injuries and deaths among racers. Poor track conditions and collisions with the mechanical lure and its electrical components pose a serious threat to racers – causing mutilations, electrocutions and various injuries.

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Racers should be examined by a veterinarian at the track before and after races, but these examinations (if performed) are cursory and sometimes not even done as demonstrated this year in Florida when there was no track vet even employed by the Naples-Ft. Myers Greyhound Track for a period of time. This incident legitimizes the concern of Greyhound welfare advocates that racing Greyhounds at numerous tracks across the U.S. may be receiving little or no veterinary evaluation. States are required to maintain records of injuries during races; however one must question the accuracy of these documents if veterinarians are not present or not consulted at the time of a suspected injury. Trainers often hasten their racers away immediately after each race in preparation for the next group to race. The racers can then

quickly be taken to the transport trucks and injuries may not be detected or assessed until much later.

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Injuries, no matter how serious, are often tended to by trainers or helpers with no formal training, then the racers are returned to their crates with no veterinary attention at all. Wrapping broken legs with or without splints and foregoing necessary evaluations and radiographs to properly assess the extent of the injury is commonplace. Avoiding the expense of consulting a veterinarian and disregarding the pain and suffering of the dogs requiring medical attention assures the profit necessary to cover salaries and basic expenses at the kennel.

Improperly set broken bones and lack of veterinary care appears to be prevalent among racing kennels in every state. Evidence of this is

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in the numbers of dogs needing extensive veterinary attention once they are released to adoption programs. The burden of the expense is then placed on adopters or the placement programs since seldom is financial assistance offered from owners, trainers, etc. to assist in obtaining veterinary care for these dogs. Many more retired racers could be placed into homes if abnormally high veterinary bills were not a concern for prospective adopters. Adopting a retired racer with the possibility it may need corrective surgery due to inadequate veterinary

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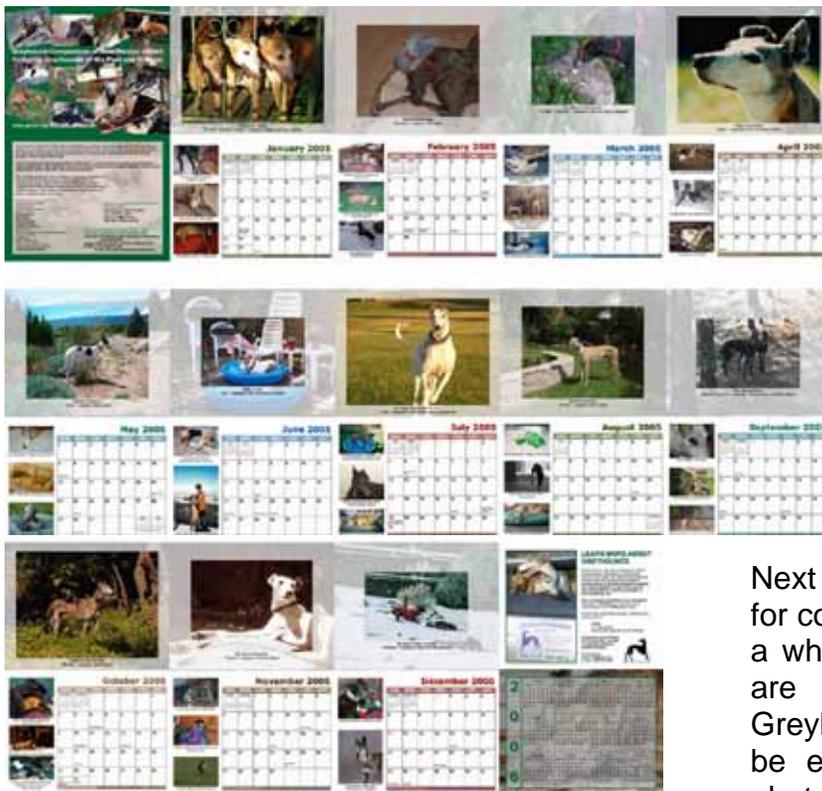
care subsequent to a racing injury is enough to discourage even the most eager potential adopter.

Even in a home environment and under the most guarded circumstances, Greyhounds get injured. The injury rate is significant when multiple dogs are running between 35 and 40

miles per hour and a mishap occurs on a track. As long as there is dog racing, there will be countless deaths and injuries these noble creatures will endure. The public outrage over the number of racers destroyed at the end of their racing careers should also be directed toward the inhumanness of the overall "sport" of racing due to the suffering it creates. A line must be drawn between entertainment and cruelty. Hopefully, as the public becomes more educated about the perils racing Greyhounds face, fewer people will support or ignore an industry that disregards the safety and welfare of the canine athletes it exploits.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." ...Mahatma Gandhi

GCNM Calendars Available NOW!



Be sure to get your **2005 Greyhound Companions of New Mexico, "Honoring Greyhounds of the Past and Present"** calendars while they are in stock. Featuring Greyhounds of our New Mexico friends, this calendar is a wonderful gift for yourself or any Greyhound fanciers. Of course you'll want copies for all your friends and family members, especially if your dog's photo is featured!

We want to thank **Marja Murray** for all her talents in designing this calendar and **Peg Rexford** for connecting us with the folks at **The Color Spot** who produced this gorgeous collection of photos in the excellent format of a wall calendar. The quality of this calendar makes it one you'll want to display at work and home. Call or drop by **All Sports Trophies** for your GCNM calendars today – 505-268-2436 – 2939 Monte Vista Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque, NM (sorry, no credit card orders; just checks, cash or money orders).

Next year we hope to get more photos submitted for consideration in the 2006 calendar. You have a whole year to start collecting shots you think are unique and capture your favorite Greyhounds in their best light! The photos must be either high-resolution digital or clear print photos (if scanning, use 300 dpi); no slides please. Unfortunately, we cannot return photos, so please don't send us the only copy of any favorite photo. Remember to include a caption for the photo(s) as well as your name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address (if any). Mail prints and/or CDs with digital pictures to GCNM, P. O. Box 22053, Albuquerque, NM 87154-2053 or email electronic pictures to calendar@gcnm.org.

We want to congratulate all whose photos have been published in the calendar:

Mark Hepler - Rowdy, Easy; Nancy Rogers - Kellogg; Marja Murray and Dave Hagan - Sweetie, Lite, George, Estilo, Greco; Chris and Jeff Spring - Diego, Pecos; Barb Wells - Roxy, Bev, Emily; Del Lindsay - Annie, George, Millie, Sahara; Peg and Noel Rexford - Smokey, Silk, Go-Go; Kay and Tim Reardon - Bo, Sophie; Dan and Sandra Kelley - Bel Canto, Trouper II; Cara Balestrieri - Fernando, Zeus, Hitman; Roger and Judy Gumble - Farrah, Judy, Connie; Thea Schneider and Rob Burnett - Phoenix,

Cimarron; Dave Moskowitz - Sadie; Tom and Nancy DeFeo - Hopi, Rita; Carmon Deyo and Mike Dibble - Birdy, Vannie, Mikey; Kent and Sara Mathis - Swifty; Jill Zeigler - Brandie; Cathy Thackaberry - Destiny; Rob and Sherry Mangold - Freddy, Winston; Wilma Nathanson - Spencer, Rosie; Heather and Chris Fredrickson - Suki; Chrissie Boyd - Cassie, Ben; Carl and Marie Schaefer - AJ; Joan LaMourie - Tache; Becky Hasty - Lexie; John and Danna Nelson - Shady Lady.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos this year.



New GCNM Items

If you'd like something unique to fill that blank space on the front bumper of your car, then you need one of our **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** license plates. Designed and manufactured by **Kent Mathis** at **All Sports Trophies**, these plates come in two color schemes. Put a smile on your car's face and help the Greyhounds in doing so – all proceeds go to the Greyhounds.



Our new tees (long and short sleeved) and sweatshirts are now available. A new take on a previous design, these shirts display our web site address on the back underneath "Greyhound Companions of New Mexico." Thanks to **Mountain Top Tees** who designed and printed the new shirts! Not all sizes are available in this new design as we had so many leftovers from the previous design in XL and above, but we have all sizes in one design or another!!

Go to our web site www.gcnm.org and click on "**GCNM Store**" on the home page for a full selection of the items that help us raise funds to help more Greyhounds.

Kellie Krasovec's Greyhound Crafts

If the name **Kellie Krasovec** rings a bell with a number of our readers, it's because you very likely have or had one or more of her dogs. Known for her love and exceptional care of the Greyhounds she trained for racing, she is now devoting her time to creating artful collections of Greyhound photos depicted on clocks and various other items. Please give Kellie a call if you'd like a brochure of her crafts: **719-232-6950**. She'll customize any of her items with photos of your own Greyhounds!

Animal Humane Association of New Mexico's 2004 Doggie Dash & Dawdle

On your mark, get set, Go! To the **22nd Annual Doggie Dash and Dawdle** at **Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park** on **Sunday, November 7th**. Participate in the 5K race or the 2-mile walk



(if you're bringing your Greyhound(s), we suggest you only do the walk since Greyhounds are not suitable running

companions unless you're doing a 50-yard dash!). Go to AHANM's web site for more information: www.ahanm.org

Visit **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** at our booth and buy one of our beautiful **Silk Road Collars** for your dog to show off and a **GCNM** tee shirt or sweatshirt for yourself! **Our 2005 Greyhound Companions of New Mexico Calendars "Honoring Greyhounds of the Past and Present" will be there too!**

Adoption Clinics a Huge Success

Thanks to our eager and dedicated volunteers, we've had a very busy summer of adoption information clinics at **PetCo** on Lomas, **PETsMART** on Eubank, **Pet Vet Market** on Montgomery and several locations in Santa Fe. Our Santa Fe representatives, **Janice Wrhel** and **Jason Dickman**, were joined by **Sandra** and **Dan Kelley**, **Pearl** and **Beau Pinkerton**, and **Pat Getz** to get the word out about **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** to Santa Fe area residents.

Our Albuquerque adoption clinic representatives, **Barb Wells**, **Barb** and **Glen Young**, **Judy** and **Roger Gumble**, **Marja Murray** and **Dave Hagan**, **Cara Balestrieri** and **Rob** and **Sherry Mangold** have been joined by **Noel** and **Peg Rexford**, **Mary Tilton**, **Linda Jones** and others dropping by to show off their Greyhounds. Kudos to all who have made these clinics educational and enjoyable for the many folks who drop by to pet and learn about Greyhounds.

Fostering for us this summer, **Ann Perkins**, **Thea Schneider** and **Rob Burnett**, **Judy** and **Roger Gumble**, **Tom** and **Nancy DeFeo**, **Rob** and **Sherry Mangold**, **Jeff** and **Chris Spring**, **Kristina Anderson**, **Phil Brooks** and **Debee Risvold**, **Kent** and **Sara Mathis**, and **Mary Tilton** – have really been a big help in transitioning their fosters into their new homes.

Driving up to Colorado to bring Greyhounds back to NM is a major undertaking and we are very grateful to **Barb Wells** for numerous trips. **Tom** and **Nancy DeFeo**, **Sherry** and **Rob Mangold**, **Kent Mathis** and **Judy Paulsen** pitched in a time or two as well!

Overall, it's been a successful summer for finding homes for Greyhounds and educating the public about their plight. With all the help from our many other volunteers, we will continue our mission to protect Greyhounds and act as their voice since they cannot speak for themselves.



Santa "Claws" Photos at PETsMART

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 12th** to come to **PETsMART on Eubank** to have your animals and your family photographed with Santa Claus! We'll be there from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – dress yourselves and your Greyhounds in holiday attire and strike a pose for the camera! These photos are perfect to include in your cards this year. PETsMART will donate **50% of the proceeds to Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** on that day, so please come – your photo purchase helps us help more Greyhounds!



Condolences

Trisha Harrison lost her beloved "**Ursula**" on July 10th to spinal stenosis. Ursula would've been 14 years old on July 12th. Adopted along with her "kennel sister" **Cher**, Ursula shared the abundance of love in the Harrison home and was euthanized in her favorite spot there. Trisha's life was forever changed by the adoption of these girls and she and



Ursula and Cher Harrison

her remaining Greyhound, **Dorcus**, will miss them greatly (**Cher** passed away in 2002).

Rob and **Sherry Mangold** wrote the following for "**Spencer**," who passed away on July 21, 2004, of cancer:



Spencer Mangold

Spencer came to us as a foster dog, but we all know how that goes. From the beginning, she suffered back problems which became more

and more debilitating with age, but her condition never diminished her spirit. Spencer was always happy; she never complained. Spencer has taught us to believe in these lines of the Hopi Prayer:

Do not stand
at my grave and weep.
I am not there

I do not sleep.
I am a thousand
winds that blow...

Do not stand
at my grave
and cry:
I am not there,
I did not die.

Spencer has not died. Spencer lives not only in our hearts but also in our love for all rescued Greyhounds. (Spencer would've been 14 in December 2004.)



Darcy Bushnell and Chris Osnes wrote the following in memory of "**Devon**" who passed away on July 5, 2004: "What can you say about an eight-year-old

Devon Bushnell-Osnes

dog who crossed Bifrost just five days shy of his ninth birthday? That he was handsome and elegant. That he loved squeaky toys and walks and bananas and us. He was our companion. Our familiar. We will miss him. Big.

Jan Karcher wrote the following for "**Ace**" who passed away on August 16, 2004:

My buddy, Ace, lost his battle with osteosarcoma. Now he's pain-free and making new friends on the other side of the rainbow bridge. He never met a Greyhound he didn't like. He did have issues with other breeds, but he always made new Greyhound friends. He came to us as a foster dog who had already been in 2 different homes – one abusive and one neglectful. He found his forever home with us. His housemates, Ori and Matthew, cared for him during his last days and will miss him greatly. He was a gentleman always. I miss you, buddy.



Ace Karcher

Nancy Bourgeois wrote the following for "**Emma**" who passed away on June 3, 2004:

Our Emma, called Duffer in her racing days, came to live with us in February 1993 at 18-months-old. To say there were adjustments for



Emma Bourgeois

all involved is an understatement! Over the course of her time with us, we were honored to have learned as much from her as she did from us. The unconditional love, patience and pure joy she gave us along with her sweet temperament to humans and animals alike, inspired us to adopt another Greyhound. Emma would've been 12 in August 2004, and people have said what a long life she had. We, however, say it is never long enough when you love and are loved by one of God's most incredible creations. *Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.*

Adele Anderson adopted "**Stormy**" in October of 1993. Stormy became a licensed therapy dog and was one of the favorite visitors to the various facilities he and Adele frequented.

Always a significant part of Adele's life, Stormy went with Adele when, at the age of 88, she was moved into an assisted living home. Daily walks and visits with the other residents were Adele and Stormy's life together until Stormy was euthanized on August 9, 2004. Stormy



Adele Anderson with Stormy

broke his leg while playing with another dog and x-rays revealed the break was located at the site of an osteosarcoma lesion. Bone cancer took Stormy's life, but Adele gave him life for 11 wonderful years. Stormy will never be forgotten by all those whose lives he touched, and there were many.

Renee and Michael Brasher lost their sweet, shy girl, "**Magic**" to cancer on August 13, 2004. Magic was the subject of a story published in **GCNM News** when she became lost in a severe snow storm on the outskirts of Santa Fe, NM, in the winter of 1997. She had

escaped out her previous adopter's front door and became disoriented in the heavy snowfall. After three days in the numbing cold, we managed to capture her by luring her into a van with food and another Greyhound with whom she was familiar. The experience left Magic withdrawn and timid, but she soon warmed up to Renee and Michael and spent six happy years in their home until she succumbed to cancer. She will be greatly missed.

Kim Arnold lost her treasured Greyhound, "**Feliz**," on May 28, 2004, to heart failure. Feliz was a special-needs dog and lived with Kim for 5 years with her best Greyhound friend, "Austin." Her ashes were spread on Elk Mountain in the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge of Southwestern Oklahoma.



Feliz Arnold



Sadie Moskowitz

Dave Moskowitz lost "**Sadie**" to osteosarcoma on July 31, 2004. In Dave's words: Sadie was without question one of the sweetest dogs on the planet and will be missed terribly. I want to thank Greyhound Companions of New Mexico for giving me the opportunity to adopt a wonderful friend and companion. The last 6 years with Sadie has changed my life and I can honestly say I will never be without a Greyhound. She started it all for me.

Frank Pelligrini had only two brief months with "**Chase**" before he died suddenly after an insect bite in his mouth on June 26, 2004. Chase was aptly named because he loved to pursue anything flitting about in the yard. His endearing trait of trying to capture butterflies and other insects in flight ended up being responsible for his demise. Frank rushed him to the Emergency Animal Clinic when he began to exhibit swelling in and around his mouth. An emergency tracheotomy was attempted but to no avail and Chase died on the operating table. Although his time with

Frank was short, his outgoing personality and comical nature will be forever missed.

Stephen Karel adopted two Greyhounds from GCNM while living in New Mexico. **Starbuck** came first and then his littermate, **Jean-Luc**



Steve Karel, Starbuck (left) and Jean-Luc

was retired from racing soon after. Over the years, Stephen, Starbuck and Jean-Luc moved to Colorado, then to Los Angeles and finally settled in Connecticut. Starbuck succumbed to cancer last year and then Jean-Luc died this year after multiple health problems. Stephen wanted to express his heartfelt gratitude to veterinarians **Dr. Kristine Matz** and **Dr. Phil Bolton** in Connecticut, for their expertise, compassion and patience in the care of Jean-Luc during his protracted illness. Stephen has since adopted a Greyhound from We Adopt Greyhounds (WAG) of Connecticut, in memory of Starbuck and Jean-Luc – his name is "Q."

Dan Feinmark adopted "**Care Bear**" from GCNM in May of 1997. "Bear" died of heart failure on September 13, 2004 at the age of 11 1/2. Dan's second Greyhound, "Joe," along with Bear would patrol the yard together and delighted in visits from neighbors and other friends. Bear was a friend to all who met him and will be greatly missed by Dan and Greyhound, Joe.

Mike McCann made the difficult decision to let 12-year-old "**Buster**" go on September 21, 2004. Buster's health had been failing for several months and he had multiple health problems. This has been an especially bad year for Mike as his other 12-year-old Greyhound, Argin, passed away in February. Buster had been Argin's eyes for six years as Argin was blind. Buster's health worsened after Argin died – perhaps because he so relished his "job" of helping Argin maneuver his way around the house and yard. Both Buster and Argin were Mike's walking buddies and although they will no longer be physically present on these walks, they will most certainly be there in spirit.



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