



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

This issue of **GCNM News** is dedicated to "**Lite**" **Hagan-Murray**, one of our most dedicated ambassadors and best friend to **Dave Hagan** and **Marja Murray** for six years.

Dave and Marja first met Lite at the **2003 GCNM Reunion**. At the time, he and another greyhound, "**Sweetie**," were looking for a forever home. Dave and Marja have a long history of adopting greyhounds from GCNM and know the breed well – they adopted Lite and Sweetie on the spot. In Marja's words, "Lite immediately began to show he was not like any other greyhound we'd had."

After proper conditioning, Lite became a hiking and backpacking companion extraordinaire. Wearing protective rubber booties and his own backpack, Lite explored New Mexico with Dave and Marja. He climbed Mount Taylor, hiked the catwalk in the Gila Wilderness, and backpacked deep into the forests of both the Jemez and Pecos wilderness areas.

Marja and Dave were amazed at how Lite figured out many ways to express what he appeared to be thinking and he never ceased to amaze them with his understanding of the English language, his expressive nature, and his capacity to give loving affection.



Lite was a very special greyhound and left an indelible impression on all he met. Dave and Marja lost their best friend, but his memory will live on in the work they do to help GCNM protect and rescue other greyhounds.

2009 GCNM Reunion Closes Decade With Record Numbers

September 27th, 2009 is a date that will go down in **GCNM** record books as the most successful reunion ever!

PETCO Foundation once again came through as our "**Big Dog**" sponsor, making it possible for us to host an event that will be remembered for years to come. **GREY2K USA**, **Long Leash on Life**, and **Flying Star Café** joined our distinguished group of sponsors as well.

Set up crews arrived at day break at our beautiful new location, **Snow Park** in **Albuquerque**. Our usual early birds, **Kent Mathis**, **Cara Balestrieri**, **Barb Wells**, **Tony Romero**, **Paul and Judy Paulsen**, **Debee Risvold**, and **Tammy Fiebelkorn**, were joined by out-of-towners **Ginny Burgess** and **Jennifer Parker**.



Too many to fit in one photo

Ann Perkins did a great job organizing volunteers needed for the many activities. Keeping the silent auction running smoothly, **Barb Wells** and **Tammy Fiebelkorn** created the illusion that it's an easy feat when in actuality, it's the most labor intensive part of the entire affair. **Eric** and **Kathy Jackson** provided an array of entertaining games in spite of being cut short of time by a few other activities. Ribbons for the games were donated by **All Sports Trophies**.

And a **big thank you** to **Jan Brady** and her **Sandia High School "Best Buddies"** volunteers, who assisted with numerous activities.

What a terrific assortment of raffle prizes and auction items we had! Antique collector pieces enhanced an array of gift certificates, gorgeous gift baskets, jewelry, paintings, sculptures, greyhound coats, sweaters and collar/leash sets, books, and even some zesty hot sauces prepared and bottled by a Colorado friend of GCNM's.

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

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The Grand Prize this year was a trip for two to **San Diego, CA**, including three nights, airfare, hotel, and a rental car – graciously donated by **Sandy Levinson**, owner of **Aquila Travel** in **Albuquerque**.

A special award was presented to veterinarian, **Dr. Phil Ries** and internal medicine veterinary technicians, **Dani Elisco** and **Liz Davila**, for their outstanding expertise and compassion.

The handsome custom plaque, donated by **Kent** and **Sara Mathis** and **Heather Fredrickson** of **All Sports Trophies**,



*Liz Davila, Dani Elisco,
and Dr. Phil Ries*

was awarded as a token of appreciation

for all the **GCNM** greyhounds benefitting from the commitment of **VCA** on **Montgomery Boulevard** in **Albuquerque**.

Thanks to hundreds of attendees and their greyhounds (over 150 greyhounds attended, but we didn't count the people!) this reunion netted a record amount of money – \$9,200.00! Unfortunately, the steep decline in donations encountered by most, if not all, non-profit groups over the past two years has affected GCNM as well, so we can't celebrate our success at the reunion too much. *Please consider sending a donation to help GCNM continue the work to which we are fully committed. (Send to GCNM, P.O. Box 22053, Albuquerque, NM 87154-2053)*



Guests arriving



Starting to get busy



Getting an early start at silent auction tables



Jan Brady with "Best Buddies" volunteers

Volunteer Spotlight: Ed Woods

Ed Woods got his first greyhound in the early 90's while living in **Portland, Oregon**. The idea of having an adult dog appealed to him because he was working full time and felt a puppy would need more supervision than he could provide. His first greyhound, "**Moon**," was adopted from the local greyhound rescue group. This was the beginning of Ed's journey into greyhound adoption and fostering.

Ed adopted "**Isaac**" soon after Moon passed away as he had come to enjoy the company of greyhounds. Isaac earned his name after demolishing a book by science-fiction author, **Isaac Asimov**. Though Isaac the greyhound started off on shaky ground, he soon became a trusted companion.

Three years ago, Ed decided to start spending winters in **Albuquerque**. Isaac had passed away by then so Ed made the trip to **New Mexico** alone.

Soon he found himself missing the company of a greyhound, but his frequent travelling since retirement would create some obstacles to adopting. That's when Ed called **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** to volunteer as a foster parent.



Ed Woods with one of many fosters

Ed says it's hard to resist adopting, but he enjoys the procession of personalities presented by the foster dogs. He's fostered just about every color, personality, and size – some more challenging than others – but all provide great company while he's in New Mexico for the winters.

All the greyhounds fostered by Ed are introduced to stairs, sliding glass doors, TV, and lots of walks in the neighborhood, meeting other people and dogs. Ed thinks he's lucky to have all these opportunities to meet more greyhounds, but we think the greyhounds are just as lucky to have Ed as a foster! Thanks Ed!

Want To Be A Foster Parent?
If you'd like to experience the adventure of fostering,
please contact Judy at 505-281-7295.

My apologies to Ginny Burgess for failing to mention her as our Farmington, NM representative in the last newsletter. Ginny has been a member of our "team" since adopting her first greyhound from GCNM in 1998.

Volunteer Opportunities

Want to start out the new decade by bragging about your greyhound at various events? We have taken a hiatus from our monthly adoption clinics at pet supply stores, but are going to start up again. We'll have teams of volunteers – usually two volunteers to a store, once a month who'll spend anywhere from 2 to 4 hours giving others a chance to get to know greyhounds and discussing adoption and the plight of the racing greyhound. If you love taking your dogs places and showing them off, you'll enjoy these outings. Normally, the volunteers take their own dogs to these events, but when we have greyhounds available for adoption, we show them off, too! It's a fun way to spend a few hours once a month. If you're interested in helping out with these clinics, please contact our volunteer coordinator, **Cara Balestrieri** at cara_balestrieri@yahoo.com (there's an underscore between the first and last name).

Track Closings - Seeing the Forest Through the Trees By Jennifer Krebs

There has been a lot of press coverage lately regarding the most recent track closings in Arizona, Wisconsin and Massachusetts. The closings of Phoenix Greyhound Park and Wisconsin's Dairyland Greyhound Park are good news, in that they are more evidence of the gradual implosion of the dog racing industry. The closing of Raynham Park in Massachusetts is even better news, as it is the result of the first-ever dog racing ban achieved through the citizen's initiative process; Massachusetts Ballot Question 3.

of groans from members of both camps. The last thing that people on either side of the issue wanted to see was panic-driven misinformation.

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One well-known member of the adoption community has repeatedly expressed concerns to the media about the track closings, saying the number of dogs becoming available for adoption exceeds the number of adoptive homes.

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Unfortunately, much of the press coverage and public discussion of the track closings hasn't painted it as positive progress for the greyhounds. Many of you have seen the news referring to the 'glut' of dogs displaced by track closings... and dire predictions of a so-called 'greyhound tsunami'.

My response is, since when is that a new problem? There have never been enough adoptive homes for ex-racers whether a track is closing or not.

A fraudulent e-mail was widely circulated, stating 900 greyhounds at Dairyland were going to be euthanized when the track closed, if they weren't found homes immediately! It is rare that there is agreement between the racing community and greyhound advocates working to end racing, but that e-mail was met by a chorus

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Though opinions differ on the number of racing greyhounds euthanized every year, everyone agrees that it's happening. Statements by the dog racing industry and their affiliated adoption groups are the same – that 90 percent of all registered greyhounds are adopted or 'returned to the farm'. While I have serious doubts that figure is anywhere near accurate, it still begs the question: what about the rest?

The racing industry and its supporters state that 'the goal is to achieve 100% placement'. But the realities of dog racing prevent that from ever being possible.

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some of the fatalities those records have revealed. Those records have also proven that dogs with perfectly fixable injuries, like broken legs, are routinely euthanized.

Another intrinsic part of the racing business is the process known as 'grading off'. As faster dogs at 'higher end' tracks slow down, they are graded off and sent to 'lower end' tracks. When they arrive, they displace the slower dogs at that track. Tracks like Tucson Greyhound Park are the end of the line – many of the dogs that go there, go there to die.

The conditions of both the track surfaces and the kennel facilities at lower end tracks are worse, the chance of injuries increases, and the rapid turnover of dogs exceeds the abilities and resources of nearby adoption programs to take them all in. Additionally, the income earned by the kennel operators, trainers and kennel staff is lower, as the amount of money paid in winnings is less. The investment in the maintenance and medical care of the dogs directly

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reflects that – treatable injuries and illnesses are much more likely to be a death sentence at tracks like these. Finally, there have always been seasonal tracks, such as Ebro and Melbourne in Florida and Wonderland Greyhound Park in Massachusetts (until Question 3 took effect). These tracks close for several months out of the year, and these seasonal closings generate a sudden, albeit expected, surplus of dogs. That surplus puts dogs at risk at both the track that is closing for the season, as well as at other tracks that are open year-round.

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Zoe campaigns for the greyhound protection act

Racing fatalities, the euthanasia of injured dogs, and the constant displacement caused by grading off and seasonal track closings are inherent to the business. There will never be a day that the lives of racing greyhounds aren't cut short in the name of money.

So, while the number of dogs entering the adoption system increases in the wake of a track's final closing, that increase is temporary. The immediate problem is real, but it is one that can be prepared for in advance. The benefits of a track's closing, however, are permanent and far-reaching. Greyhounds will no longer be injured and killed in Phoenix, Kenosha, and Raynham. Thousands of dogs will no longer live for twenty or more hours per day in small cages inside warehouse-style kennels there.

The number of greyhounds bred every year for racing has decreased steadily through the years. The number of dogs retiring from racing also continues to decline, slowly easing the burden on

overloaded adoption groups across the country. Already, adoption groups in the Northeast and Midwest are looking forward to the ability to take dogs from the South and the West, where the highest concentration of racetracks exists.

Until greyhound racing is phased out in every state, the work of adoption groups will remain vital. While every adoption group helps the greyhounds in immediate need, I personally believe that the best work is done by adoption groups concerned not only for the welfare of existing racing greyhounds, but for the future of the many greyhounds bred for the purpose of racing.

As of the 1st of this year, there are 23 operational tracks remaining in just eight states – Arizona, Texas, Iowa, West Virginia, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Alabama and Florida. The market demand for dog racing continues to decline, and

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greyhound advocates will continue to work to help put this cruel industry out of business. The end of dog racing will mean that future generations of greyhounds won't have to bear the suffering of so many in the past.

For me, every time a dog track closes, the light at the end of the tunnel burns a little brighter.

About the Author: Raised on a small farm and living with animals all of her life, Jennifer has long had a passion for animal rescue. Jennifer adopted her first greyhound in 2003, and has volunteered in many different capacities for several greyhound adoption groups, including racetrack-to-rescue transport and fostering. She and her husband have adopted six retired racers in seven years, and currently share their home with three of those greyhounds, along with their rescued cat. Jennifer lives in Georgia and operates a small business dedicated to the loving in-home care of companion animals and is a board member of GREY2K USA.

(GREY2K USA offers adoption referral information at <http://grey2kusa.org/adoption/links.html> to help the thousands of dogs still racing. Twenty-four tracks have closed since the formation of GREY2K USA in 2001.)

Greyhound Central Clearinghouse to Organize Efforts to Help Greyhounds

As dog tracks continue to close across the country, more greyhounds are becoming available for adoption. To help coordinate efforts among adoption groups, race tracks and kennel owners, Greyhound Central Clearinghouse (GCC) has developed a website to assist all parties with finding transportation and adoption groups to help move these dogs into forever homes.

Visit the website at www.greyhoundcentral.org for more information on how you can help, too.

From Kennel To Couch How It All Happens

By Eric Jackson

Communications Director

Greyhound Companions of New Mexico

With the closing of greyhound parks in the news recently, there are hundreds of dogs becoming available for adoption. How do the dogs get from their life on the track to their life in a new, permanent home? Most adopters have no idea of the process, we just pick up the dogs or a volunteer delivers them to our home; we don't realize that it is the culmination of a lot of time and effort by a small but dedicated group of greyhound lovers.

When we adopted Fancy, one of the "Phoenix Seven," we got to see part of the process. I was

curious about what went on before we received our dog, so I asked **Judy Paulsen** to give me an idea of what has to happen to make a track dog into a new pet. Here's the rundown...



Fancy Jackson testing the couch

First, someone reaches out to let **GCNM** know that there are dogs available. This initial notice may come from the track (either the owner or trainer), from an adoption coordinating agency (like **Greyhound Central Clearinghouse**), or from a shelter. These calls go to a number of agencies to place as many animals as possible. If GCNM has adopters waiting, or there are foster homes that can take dogs, Judy tries to make matches with the available



Seven happy greyhounds

dogs. Hopefully, there is information about the personality of the dogs, their medical needs, and any special issues. Those details help determine which dogs will best fit into specific homes. The matches have to take into account the makeup of the home – do they have other pets, do they have kids, are they willing to take a “special needs” greyhound? GCNM would love to take every dog offered, but we have to make sure they are going to an appropriate home. Judy then contacts the potential adopters to let them know we have dogs coming in and to ensure they are still ready, willing, and able to adopt. When the dogs have been matched to their adopters, Judy calls the agency back to let them know which dogs we can take.

That’s the ideal situation. Sometimes we don’t have the luxury of selecting dogs, or we don’t have information about the dogs, or it’s a crisis situation and the dogs have to be moved with great haste. When that happens, the scramble is on to get those dogs here and then into foster homes until they can be adopted.

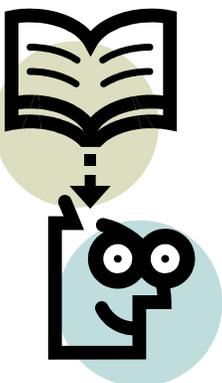
Once GCNM knows there are dogs available and that they have adoptive homes ready for them, or there are foster homes available, we have to get those dogs from their current location to New Mexico. If we’re really lucky, there is a transporter available to deliver the dogs. Often, Judy has to make arrangements to either have the dogs delivered or picked up by volunteers and their “greyhound taxis.” These journeys can take the volunteers to **Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Wisconsin**...anywhere there are/were dog tracks.

Did You Know...

- **There is controversy** about the necessity of a reduced protein diet for dogs with kidney problems? **Kenneth C. Bovee, DVM of University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia** says, “A number of false assumptions about the need for reduced protein intake in regard to renal disease have been perpetuated in the literature for many years...” (See entire article at http://www.dogfoodcoop.com/support-files/bovee_protein_renal.pdf.)
- **There are some great websites** for people who want to know more about what they are feeding their dogs? Check out: **www.truthaboutpetfood.com** and **www.dogfoodcoop.com** for some valuable information.
- **There is now a vaccine** for canine flu? But whether you should rush out and get your dog vaccinated is a much debated issue right now.
- **Tramadol** (commonly prescribed for moderate to moderately severe pain) can cause seizures? Be sure your veterinarian is aware of this, especially if your dog has a history of seizures.
- **A greyhound’s ID tags** should be worn on a collar to which a leash is not attached? If they pull out of the collar with ID tags, their ID will no longer be on them.



- **The “greytest” greyhound calendar for 2010** is available at www.grey2kusa.org? Loaded with fantastic photos AND important information for all greyhound advocates.
- **Greyhound bloggers** are busy educating the public on the plight of the racing greyhound? Hard to see humor in the subject, but **Ironicus Maximus** succeeds. For gut-splitting, sophisticated humor on the subject, visit **Ironicus Maximus Friday Hound Blog** at <http://ironicusmaximus.blogspot.com> (Ummm, the hound blog is only on Fridays!) And be sure to visit <http://jenkrebs.blogspot.com> for poignant observations on life with greyhounds and for current events related to greyhound racing and rescue.
- **Ohio State University** has a Greyhound Health and Wellness Program? Excellent information at their website: <http://www.vet.ohio-state.edu/GHWP.htm>. Please share this website URL with your veterinarian – it could save your greyhound’s life.
- **Greyhounds don’t sit** as often or as easily as other breeds? They can learn to sit on command, but the traditional



method of pressing down on the hips should not be employed. Old injuries and musculoskeletal characteristics can make sitting more of an effort for retired racing greyhounds.

While the dogs are being transported, Judy stays in contact with the driver. These trips can take several days, and she needs to know if there are any new concerns or issues arising. Meanwhile, prior to the arrival of the dogs, temporary holding crates, bedding, electric fans or heaters, water bowls and food all must be prepared. And muzzles are made ready, if the dogs aren’t already traveling with their own.

Upon arrival, the dogs are immediately turned out, with muzzles on, to stretch and relieve themselves. That initial turn out is also the first step in evaluating the new greyhounds. This time is used to look for signs of injury, lameness, and intestinal parasites. Yes, that means digging through fresh poop looking for worms! The dogs are then brought in and placed in their individual crate, sans muzzle, to await the next steps in the process.

This is the end of step one – getting the dogs – but it’s definitely not the end of the process. This was, in some ways, the easiest part. Now the process becomes far more hands-on with the dogs.

Each dog is taken from their crate for a more thorough inspection and bathing. Judy actually has a “bathing” room built into her house. The room has a hand shower, a raised tub, and a floor drain. The dogs are checked over for ticks, fleas, injuries, bumps, lumps, bruises, etc. Their ears are cleaned with solution. Their eyes are checked for discharge or injury. Their paws are checked for injuries, broken toes, damaged nails, and rocks or other debris that may be caught within the pads. Their mouth is checked for signs of infected or damaged teeth. Then the dogs are bathed with a canine shampoo and conditioner. After a good towel drying, the dogs are returned to their temporary crate. If the dog was



From bottom left going clockwise, Barb Wells, Don Stack, Suzanne Stack, Eric Jackson, and Kathy Jackson with new arrivals from Arizona

exceptionally dirty, or had fleas or ticks, then the bedding in the crate is changed out before the dog goes back into the crate.

Finally, the dogs having been bathed and inspected, are ready to move on to their new homes. If the adopters or fosters can pick up the dogs, great, Judy is happy to give you directions to her East Mountain home. Frequently, though, the dogs have to be delivered. Each dog now comes with its own "goody bag" with a leash, collar set, toy, and food sample. Judy arranges for the dogs to be seen by a vet for complete health assessments. These dogs need heartworm tests, microchipping, spaying or neutering, and dental care. Greyhounds coming from the tracks usually have dental issues due to the nature of their diet. At best, they need to have their teeth cleaned. At worst, they need to

have teeth pulled. Occasionally, the dogs are transferred to an agency between the track and GCNM who may address the basic veterinary care issues before the dogs are transported (spay, neuter, dental). In most cases however, after the dogs arrive at Judy's, appointments have to be made, the dogs transported to and from the vet, and then they need recuperative care.

It's a pretty amazing process that goes on in the black box of time between the dogs leaving the track and arriving at their permanent home. Most of this work is done by Judy Paulsen, but she has a dedicated group of volunteers who assist her when receiving the dogs, including **Barb Wells, Marea Leavitt, Cara Balestrieri, Buffie Nelson, Roger and Judy Gumble**, and many others.

Read about The Phoenix Seven at CableMuse.com. These dogs arrived in NM from AZ on December 5th and their stories became the subject of a multi-part story now published online at:

<http://cablemuse.com/thephoenixseven2009cmn.html>

The author interviewed the adopters of these greyhounds and is doing a seven-part series – one dog a day – starting with the lead-off story published on Monday, January 11, 2010.

Eastern New Mexico University Administrators Ignore Pleas From Greyhound Advocates Nationwide

In **October 2009**, **Animal Protection of New Mexico (APNM)** received a phone call from a concerned student at **Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)**. ENMU was finalizing plans to acquire two greyhounds as mascots, despite apprehensions expressed by constituents of the ENMU community. Frustrations were mounting among those opposed to the idea, but the small, autocratic committee in charge of acquiring the dogs forged ahead with their plans.

A group of concerned ENMU student senate members began circulating a petition citing ENMU's "decision to purchase two greyhounds without adequate regard for the diverse opinion, concerns and questions among all members of the ENMU community.....requesting transparency concerning the acquisition.....and the formation of an objective

and unbiased committee to weigh the diverse concerns among the ENMU community."

While circulating the petition for signatures, two of the student senate members were "escorted" to the office of ENMU vice president, **Ronnie Birdsong**, where they voiced their concerns for the welfare of the dogs. And on this day a clash began between the mascot acquisition committee and



a statewide, then nationwide faction's appeal for ENMU to reconsider obtaining live mascots for ENMU.

The primary concern expressed by most was that the dogs would not be living in an adoptive home with one family, but instead would be shuffled from student to student as graduation and holidays would dictate. Other universities have live dog mascots....**Loyola University** in **Baltimore, MD**; **Moravian College** in **Bethlehem, PA** – both have greyhound mascots. And then there's **University of Georgia** with bulldog mascots. However, *all these dogs live in adoptive homes on a day-in, day-out basis as members of a family unit.*

After seeing various media reports of ENMU's intentions, **University of New Mexico** psychology professor, **Eric Jackson**, emailed ENMU president **Steven Gamble** expressing his dismay. Citing the concept of "diffused responsibility," Jackson explained, "The more people you have caring for the dogs, the less any one individual will understand their needs. Subtle changes in behavior or attitude can be the only early warning of impending illness, disease, or physical problem in animals. When there are multiple people tasked with caring for the animals, these subtle cues may be overlooked until the animal is in severe distress." Gamble's dismissive reply was simply, "we will do our best to care for them and provide a good home."

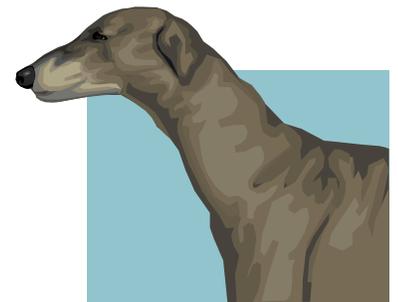
A visit to ENMU by two APNM staff members proved fruitless in discouraging the acquisition of the dogs. Attempts at persuading ENMU administrators to at least find a permanent adoptive home for the dogs were disregarded and the dogs arrived at ENMU on December 1st.

And yet to be answered by ENMU is the question of what will be done with the dogs when they get too old to perform as mascots. Disposing of an old mascot costume is easy, but what to do with two aging greyhounds creates a whole new range of problems – something ENMU apparently does not want to discuss right now. Maybe they're hoping to trade the dogs in for newer, fresher "models" when they no longer serve as crowd pleasers at ENMU events.

Some say the group from whom the dogs were obtained (**GPA-New Mexico Greyhound Connection**) should be held accountable, but so far all the criticism has landed squarely on ENMU administrators. Few who are engaged in greyhound rescue would have agreed to place these greyhounds in this unstable environment.

Interviews on TV and with other media seem to focus on what a great thing this is for the students and how much they are learning from their interactions with the dogs. But what about the dogs? The greyhounds appear to be more of a class project for the benefit of the students than an effort to provide the best possible home for these two dogs.

Maybe **New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson** will step in if he hears from enough advocates for these greyhounds. After all, he did "pardon" the two "K9" dogs living at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility kennels last month to provide for their permanent housing in adoptive homes. Oh, by the way, if you'd like to call the Governor's office and express your concern for these two greyhounds, the number is **505-476-2200**. ENMU is a state university funded with taxpayer dollars, so it *is* our business.



Condolences:

“Misty”	Noel and Peg Rexford
“Swagger”	Debi Frank
“Ruben”	Keith and Tara Saunders
“Gracie”	Christina Anderson
“Bodhi”	Frank Wechter
“JayLou”	Michelle Mitchell
“Lite”	Marja Murray and Dave Hagan
“Baby”	Tom Severinghaus
“Austin”	Kim Amaral
“Kitty”	Sarah Khanlien
“Trevor”	Dan Feinmark
“Rocket”	Phil and Kim Owen
“Guber”	Jason Dickman
“Abbi”	Richard and Susan Haas
“Martini”	Marja Murray and Dave Hagan
“Sparkey”	Sara Wilkinson
“Patches”	Mike and Lynn Rice
“Bashti”	Claire Simpson
“Katy”	Dan Feinmark
“Cresta”	Scott and Buffie Nelson
“Maggie”	Robert Yurgae

GCNM lost two of its dearest family members last year when Adele Anderson and Nancy Rogers passed away. We wish to express our deepest sympathies to their families.

Nancy and her greyhound, Kellogg, were frequent visitors to numerous facilities in Albuquerque and neighboring areas, as Kellogg was a certified therapy dog. Nancy was also a gifted artist who donated for our silent auction two beautiful prints of a sketch of Kellogg, sleeping.

Adele and her greyhound, Stormy, were members of the therapy dog community also and paid many a visit to ailing residents at nursing homes and hospitals.

Both Nancy and Adele will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know them.



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