

Bay Grey's Gazette

Bay Area Greyhound Adoption's, Inc. Newsletter and Current Events March 2006

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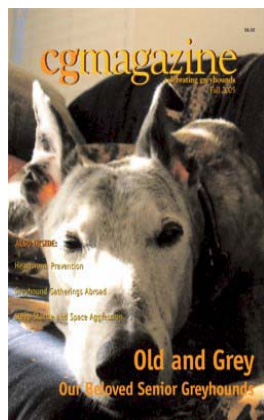
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Our thoughts this issue are over the Rainbow Bridge and our hearts are with those who have recently made the journey:



Snip: (Brass Button Gut) Owned by Will Shumaker was a 13 year old male. Snip recently became famous. He was awarded the coveted cover and inside first page of CG Magazine. The magazine featured articles about caring and loving senior Greyhounds titled Old and Grey, Our Beloved Senior Greyhounds. This was the Fall 2005, Volume 3 edition. Will states "I adopted Snip 8 years ago from GPA Largo. He was a Grade A racer until a broken toe led to retirement. During all those wonderful years I spent with him, Snip was always in a good mood, never lost his temper, loved to be petted and loved his treats even more. After battling a neurological back problem for a long time, Snip went to the Rainbow Bridge on 03/03/06. His smile is greatly missed.



Sydney: Owned by Linda and Tom Lyman who adopted him at 20 months of age. He wasn't much of a racer. He enjoyed a long life as a pet and attended numerous "meet and greets". He was a certified therapy dog, volunteer blood donor and had earned his CGC obedience title. Sydney was truly one special greyhound. He will always be in our hearts.

Brian: A foster dog who was a little red fawn who came into our lives and was taken from us all too soon. He was taken into surgery for a routine neuter and never came out of the anesthesia. We believe he had a heart condition that we were originally unaware of. He will be missed.

Stella (Woods Stellabelle): One of Linda Lyman's boarders who had this to say about her: "One of my favorite foster dogs who had been in a home for 5 yrs. She often stayed with me and Tom while her humans were traveling so she was almost a part of our family as well. Stella was 13 yrs old and had osteosarcoma."

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Petie: "The Dog that would not leave" by owner, Kathy Jeske. "Free" came to me, my first foster, as an 11 year old brood with a white face and gimpy back leg. She wailed her way into my bedroom the first night and into my heart shortly after. I tried very hard not to fail "Fostering 101" on my first attempt, but it was to no avail. Free would not leave and after 3 months, she became "Petie Jeske". I knew that adopting a senior, a very old senior would in all probability result in a short run. At our 1 yr. anniversary, I gave her a 3 yr. rabies shot, held her beautiful white face in my hands and told her she owed me never quite believing she would make good on that request. We had a good run. We camped, went to the park almost weekly for walks, took nightly walks all around the neighborhood to visit friends and she slept on my bed curled up close with at least one white foot touching me at all times. She ruled Bou! She was queen of the house. She tolerated the steady stream of foster dogs. Time passed all too quickly. She started faltering around her 14th yr but with frequent trips to Southpaw Animal Hospital, a remedy was always found that bought a little more good time. We took shorter walks. I lifted her upon the bed and into the SUV. At 15, she attended her last picnic, one last chance to see Deneen Ward. (Free/Petie was Deneen and Randy's 1st brood and Petie would always get so excited to see Deneen!). We had a "family" portrait taken with pictures of a smiling Petie sitting on my lap. True to her form as the dog that would not leave, Petie refused to go. She got older, frailer, with problems of old age, the problems from the remedies for the problems of old age and some problems that were distinctly Petie. We began fighting battles we could not win. Six months in to her 15th yr., it was time to go, but being Pete, she would not leave. She was not going to make it easy for me, but loving a greyhound demands hard decisions and since she would not go on her own, it was up to me to do right by my faithful friend. She left, being held close to my heart. I miss her. I would have wished for a longer run, but then no amount of time is ever enough. I have no regret - - memories of a beautiful, white-faced greyhound who would not leave.



Rose: Fostered by Kathy Jeske who had this to say about the sweet noble Rose. Dr. VB and Dr. Denjoska helped Rosie get the release she needed from her increasingly miserable existence. She had started falling heavily more frequently. She would also circle and circle and circle before lying down...almost as if she was trying to get up the courage to drop down to the bed. Almost 50% of the time I would have to lift her to her feet as she could not get up on her own. We can be comforted by the fact that she had 12 good days. Pain control, plenty of food and water, frequent bathing and position changes and lot of love. I will miss her as I had fostered her on several occasions. Even tonight (2-27-06), she limped into the bedroom with her big greyhound smile to supervise my changing out of my work clothes. "Kathy was a true friend to Rose and we appreciate all she did for her."



Tinto: Walked with us in the Dunedin Christmas Parade. He was adopted through BAGA by Bob and Clair Stapleton. Tinto was a sweet loveable grey who didn't know a stranger. He will be greatly missed.

SANDY PAWS 2006: by Linda Lyman:

Several of us attended the Sandy Paws Greyhound Gathering in Jekyll Island, Georgia the first weekend in March. What a beautiful place and what a wonderful sight to see so many greyhounds being loved and cherished. It was estimated that as many as 700 greyhounds and their families attended. At the first Sandy Paws in Jacksonville, Florida just three years ago there were 230 families with their greys. You can see from the numbers how popular the Sandy Paws weekend is and how popular greyhounds are. The weather was cool in the evenings and sunny during the day. The only problem was on Saturday morning during the beach walk when the gale force wind made it pretty cold and the sand was blowing everywhere. Sunday morning at the beach was beautiful and we enjoyed one last walk on the beach with our hounds before departing. During Friday and Saturday, there were several seminars, lots vendors with greyhound merchandise, walks along the beach, auction raffles, the Gilly's Dancing Greyhounds, a memorial service, ice cream social, bagel and biscuits breakfast (dog biscuits that is) and lots of good times with friends from far and near. Best of all, the Sandy Paws people are so nice. They work hard all year to put on this very special event and every cent of the money raised goes back to greyhound adoption efforts. Are there any more dedicated people anywhere than greyhound people?



Upcoming Events:

BAGA Spring Picnic&Greyhound Reunion: Sunday, April 2nd at Al Lopez Park from 12:00pm to 04:00pm. You will be receiving an invitation early next week. Jeb is once again providing some wonderful barbequed pork, chicken or hot dogs and side dishes. There will be a photo contest (\$1 donation), nail trimming "musical mats", raffle, auction, vendors and lots of greyhound merchandise. "Keep that Thought Photography" will be on hand to take portraits of your pets.

NOTE: Please bring any old collars, leashes, muzzles or coats that you want to donate. It would be a huge help to us for the Greyhounds in Spain.



BAGA PRESIDENT'S PAGE: A Message from Linda Lyman

We have accomplished more during the past year than I ever dreamed possible when we started less than two years ago. It is difficult to believe that we started with just a few volunteers when we held our first fund raiser (garage sale) to get enough money to purchase collars and leashes for our first foster dogs. I checked the classifieds every day for used crates and we picked up our first two foster dogs and had to deposit the money from our first adoptions before we could afford to take any more foster dogs to the vet. Through the generosity of our vets, the caring and dedication of our volunteers and the assistance of some pretty great kennel owners, we have been able to take in 180 greyhounds to date. We have participated in numerous events, usually two or three "meet and greets" showing our adoptable greys each weekend. We are active in pet therapy, have done many fund raisers, walked in parades, and have taken our greyhounds to schools and the Great American Teach In. We also have already held two very successful picnics/greyhound reunions with another one coming up soon. We have been most fortunate to have been invited to Francie Field and Donna Moore's Green Turtle Cay Greyhound Farm on several occasions so our volunteers and adopters can see how greyhounds are raised and of course, hug the puppies.

I was overwhelmed by the caring and generosity of everyone who came together to help raise the money for Bandit's leg surgery. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful group of volunteers. You work day in and day out doing what is needed. Most of you work full-time jobs and all of you have families. Yet you spend your precious few hours off helping with meet and greets, picking up dogs, taking them to the vets, helping with fund raising and just anything that needs to be done. Our foster families really go the extra mile by taking a greyhound (or two) into their homes. Our board members have been so supportive and helpful, Ken is on the phone every night answering the BAGA phone line, Karen handles our finances, Kathy spends hours making dog coats and prepares our minutes, Hal created a truly outstanding website, Emily has been more than helpful in taking Bandit to his weekly vet appointments and helping to pick up dogs, Dave and Ken pick up dog food, Terry and Karen have done our newsletters, Chuck and Yvonne in Tampa and Bob and Fran in Clearwater coordinate our pet therapy sessions, Will has set up some great meet and greets for us in New Tampa and is our liaison to the adoption group we assist in Spain, Bob set us up at PetsMart in Clearwater, and Jason coordinates our Pinellas County events and handles the adoptions. Many volunteers show up week in and week out to help at our meet and greets and if we need to do a home visit. I could go on and on, but you get the idea. Because so many dedicated people work together, we have been able to help a lot of greyhounds. I thank you all. May God bless you and our beloved greyhounds.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT: A MESSAGE FROM KEN GIBSON:

I just want to thank all of you for your wonderful support. This organization cannot survive without your generosity and help with all of our fund raising efforts. I want to send a special thanks to Julie Roche from Walmart for her generous donation of dog food for our foster program and to Iguana Graphics for our beautiful business cards and Dynamic Printing for the gift of our picnic flyers. Also, thanks goes out to Pet Edge for giving toys for our picnics and to all of you for the donations we receive for our raffles. A huge thanks goes out to Jeb Tanner and his family for all of the wonderful food he prepares for us at our picnics and the time he gives to our cause. He is a true giver. The phone line and website have been a huge success. Since our website has been linked to PetFinders, we have experienced a large response on our phone line. Thanks to all who made it happen. I appreciate you and look forward to a successful new year.

**Please don't forget to email or call us if you have an address or telephone number change.

HEALTH AND OTHER TIPS FOR THE CARE OF YOUR GREYHOUND:

*Always keep your greyhound's toenails clipped. A tip for the proper technique is to pull the leg up from the front to the back (like your going to put a shoe on a horse) and locate the cuticle. Clip just above the end of the cuticle.

*Always keep your greyhound on heartworm and flea and tick control ALL year around. This will keep them healthy and happy and will prevent infestation from eggs.

*Always keep a watchful eye on any unusual lumps or bumps on your greyhound. If it grows, turns red or changes in anyway, seek medical attention from an authorized veterinarian immediately. (List of good greyhound vets in this section).

*Never keep your greyhound tied up or allowed to run loose. Never lock your greyhound behind a closed door.

*Never free feed your greyhound. Free feeding means you leave food in their bowl at all times. Get them on a set feeding schedule. Usually twice a day with 1.5 cups per feeding. Place the food down, let them eat and take the bowl back up. This helps prevent what is known as "bloating" which is a very serious and dangerous condition.

Spotlight Veterinarian:

Bay Area Greyhound Adoption's Inc. would like to thank Dr. Callum Hay for all of his work and help with Bandit. Bandit's surgery was completed on 01-24-06 with wonderful results. He inserted a pin and titanium plate to stabilize his leg. He was in a splint for several weeks and is now a happy healthy greyhound pending adoption thanks to the efforts of Dr. Hay. One of the notes on Bandit's medical records was "Bandit is a lover". That says it all.

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Other Notes of Thanks Regarding Bandit's rescue and care goes out to Monica Rigo for rescuing Bandit just before he was to be put down.

And a Heartfelt Thanks to Emily Rutledge for all of the veterinarian visits and the wonderful care she took of Bandit. She is a true friend.

Thanks to everyone who donated the funds for Bandit's care. Because of all of you, we were able to raise \$1,974.53. What a wonderful tribute to our love for the Greyhound.

Thanks To:

All of our Vets: Without their support and love of the breed, we could not be as successful as we are.

All of our location sponsors: Their support allows us to conduct "Meet and Greet" so potential adopters can see feel and experience the Greyhounds.

All of the donators: Everyone who gives of their time, donates gifts and prepares food for our picnics. They have become more successful each time.

To our volunteers: Without you, we would not exist. You are the foundation of our success.

Green Turtle Cay Greyhound Farm: Pictures by Chuck Herkey:



“I’m cute. I know it”



**“We’re practicing the
cockroach position.”**



**“Hey, what are friends
for?”**

Greyhounds in Spain need our HELP: By Will Shumaker

At a previous BAGA picnic, we were collecting donations for Greyhounds in Spain and many people donated for this cause. I am happy to report we received notification from the rescue group there called “Greyhound’s in Need” that the donations had arrived. “Greyhounds in Need” (www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) is a group that helps greyhounds in the UK and Europe. They have a special interest in Spain, as the issue of the ex-racing Greyhound is far more extreme there than it is here. Through “Greyhounds in Need”, we contacted a group in Spain that needed our help. Your donations went to a group’s refuge, which is a cross between a foster home and a kennel. This refuge in Spain is known as Noah’s Ark (www.ibischos.com). Noah’s Ark works with ex-racing Greyhounds, Galgos, and other homeless pets. Greyhounds that race in Spain are usually from Ireland and race at the only track in the country, located near Barcelona. It is scheduled to close soon. Galgos is a cross between a Greyhound for speed and other types of dogs that have stamina. They are used for hunting in rural areas. As winter sets in, it is customary for the hunters to simply destroy the Galgos they used that year and get new Galgos for the next hunting season. This cycle repeats itself each year with many Galgos destroyed at a young age.

BAGA will continue to accept donations for “Greyhounds in Need” and Noah’s Ark as long as we can in an effort to help their fight against the destruction of Greyhounds and Galgos in Spain. Our donations will never totally solve this problem but they help these groups in countless ways as they continue their fight to manage this terrible cycle. Our donations may be just what a Greyhound or a Galgos needs over there to stay alive.

NOTE: Please see picnic info on page 3: Any items such as old collars, leashes, muzzles or coats will be accepted at the picnic for donation to the Greyhound rescue efforts in Spain. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FUN RUNS:

Greyhound Fun Runs take place every weekend, weather permitting at the following locations:

*07:00am Saturday mornings at Lake Park, 173202 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., in North Tampa.

*08:00am Sunday mornings at Mango Park, 11717 Clay Pit Rd., Mango (Close to Brandon/Valrico).

New Families:

Owners:	Greyhound Racing Name:	Pet Name:
Ellen Wombie & Cindy Ice	Dewey Ebonymoon	Ebonymoon
Bob & Pat Frank	Winning Wager	Catherine
Arnaldo & Laura Cintron	Confucius Say	Titan
Eric & Amy Scheffler	Casino Carlee	Carlee
Vadim Beznes	Mauiwowi	Maui
Stuart & Lisa Brown	Been Knockin	Reba
Rick VanArsdall	Mr. Jacaranda	Jack
Kathleen & Gillian Koch	Mb Gamblin Dodge	Dodger
Sue Lobasso	Wind Me Up Again	Joey
Denise Alvarado	Cucaracha	Laika
Kim Albert	P M Dallas	Dallas
Francisco Fernandez	Shigga	Sugar
Philippe & Ana Parodi	JC's Goldencloud	Cherry
Shery & Cory Deermount	Atascocita Cloud	Cloud
Thomas & Carole Campbell	Whytell Mr. V	Wiley
Linda Childs	Summer Wine	Pebbles
Theresa & Joe McShirley	Some Star	Star
Katherine Randall	Freeride Smerc	Angel
Rusty Meece	Awesome Angie	A. J.
Sharon & Jonathan McKinney	Kiowa Al Austin	Austin
Fred Vereb	A M Kapetto	Kapetto
Tony DeCaprio	Sendahl Starfire	Phoebe
Robert Bennett	Festive Event	Confetti
Debbie Alexander	Sea Moon	Sea Moon
Jackie & John Mitchell	Breezin' Manny	Manny
Diane Weizer	Just Add Rum	Honolulu
Tina Massman	ICU Cheaters	Cheaters
Karen Frelier & Mark Schaefer	Captain Randy	Randy
Gabrielle & Barry Granofsky	Our Shari Girl	Shari
Audrey Wagner	Wicked Wilbur	Wilbur
Lisa & Josh Caywood	Ladedda Patootie	Zelda
Sharlene Harmon	Barefoot Man	Malachi
Diana Demby	JC's Step N Time	Steppin
Julianna & John Krueser	Atascocita Honda	Honda
Sylvia & Angelo Sceba	"Not Registered"	Bella
Krista & Vincent Rosales	Gallant Dasher	Dasher
Carlos Castereiro & Mayra Damien	Sassy Carol	Carol
John & Vera Burke	Sol Hello	Helena

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