

Bay Grey's Gazette

Bay Area Greyhound Adoption's, Inc. Newsletter and Current Events April 2008

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Emma the greyhound and Jake the Doberman are getting along swimmingly and Emma as you can see and according to her new family has become the meaning of the word "couch potato".

A FEW ITEMS OF INTEREST

OUR PICNIC IS COMING THIS MONTH!

Please see page four to get details for our upcoming picnic on April 27, 2008 at Al Lopez Park. Please feel free to attend and bring your Greyhounds.

SPECIAL NEEDS GREYHOUNDS NEED YOU!

We have recently taken in three greyhounds with broken legs. They are Herb (Atascocita Herb), Oscar (Sendahl Survivor) and Prize (Prize Boy). We are trying to raise enough money for their surgeries. We have already received a grant for \$1,000 from Greyhound Protection League's Circle of Compassion Fund. Francie Field of Green Turtle Cay Greyhounds made a substantial donation. In addition, Dr. Brian Korte made a sizeable donation to help Prize, who he had met. He and his wife also adopted Desdemona. We thank these wonderful groups and individuals who make it possible for us to take in and help special needs Greyhounds. Special needs Greyhounds are not always about broken legs. They can also be a special needs dog because they need daily eye drops or medication to help their thyroid for example. These are all valuable and wonderful pets and would be a great addition to any home and family who is willing to do just a little extra for them.

This page is dedicated to the health and welfare of your Greyhound with some invaluable information about treatment centers and treatments.

BAGA has recently become a distributor for two new products that can really help your greyhound have a healthy and happy life. The first is Flexicose, which is a liquid joint supplement containing glucosamine, chondroitin and MSM complex. It is the best supplement for arthritic joints we have ever used. Once you use the Flexicose, you will recognize a difference in your dog, and can often avoid giving Rimadyl or other pain medication for arthritis. We recommend it for senior dogs (over 7 years old) or any greyhound that has sustained a racing injury. A 64 day supply is available for \$25.00. For more information please go to the following website, www.flexicose.com.

A new product we are really excited about is Pet-Z-Life Oral Care Gel and Oral Spray. This is the first product we have seen which will actually remove plaque on a dog's teeth. Several of our volunteers have tried it on their own dogs, and are very happy with the results. It was used at the last session of the S.C.A.L. prison program in Michigan with equally good results. When used regularly, Pet-Z-Life can eliminate the need for most yearly dental cleanings and the risk to your greyhound from anesthesia. The ingredients are all natural so it is perfectly safe for your pet (it works for cats as well as dogs). The main active ingredient is grapefruit seed extract. We have 4 oz. gel for \$25.00 or spray for \$22.00 which will last 2-3 months when used as directed. We also will have a starter 2 oz. size of the gel for \$15.00. All adopters will now receive Pet-Z-Life gel in their adoption kits. For more information on Pet-Z-Life and how it works please go to, www.petzlife.com.

A message from: Brenda Fulcher

Of: the Florida Veterinary Specialists and Cancer Treatment Center Blood Bank

Those of us who have pets feel a strong bond with our animals and many of us feel that our pets are part of the family. We love and nurture them, care for their special needs and nurse them when they are sick or hurt. We each have our own personal motives for doing what we do for our four-legged children. For some, the reason may simply be the love of a breed, and for others, perhaps it's the horror of euthanasia as a method to control pet overpopulation. In fact, some of you may be like I am and wish that you could save them all. You may not be able to take them all off the streets and give them a home, but there is another way that you and your pet can help those in need.

Just as in human medicine, there is a constant need in veterinary medicine for donated blood. Animals need transfusions for a variety of reasons-blood loss due to trauma, immune-mediated diseases, coagulation disorders from heat stroke, and so on. Florida Veterinary Specialists and Cancer Treatment Center (FVS) is a specialty referral and emergency veterinary hospital that currently has an active blood donor program and we are in the process of instituting a full-scale high-volume blood bank. Therefore, we need to expand our donor base. Our three hospitals (FVS, Brandon Veterinary Specialists and New York City Veterinary Specialists) alone perform an average of 370 canine and feline transfusions per year, or approximately 31 per month. To achieve our goal of providing adequate supply of blood products for FVS and her affiliated hospitals along with other veterinarians, we must recruit many more donors.

Greyhounds are the preferred donors for several reasons:

- They are usually very calm and well behaved during the procedure and they rarely need any kind of sedation.
- They have easily accessible veins for the donation.
- Most greyhounds are what we consider to be the universal donor.

Potential canine donors need to meet the requirements below:

- Be between the ages of 1 and 8.
- Dogs must weigh at least 50 pounds and cats at least 10 pounds.
- Be neutered or spayed with no prior pregnancies.
- Should have no prior transfusions.

OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Sadly, we have lost some wonderful greyhounds recently.
Our hearts go out to all.

Jeanie Huff lost Woody, her blue brindle boy to cancer. Woody had suffered an injury as a pup, so he never raced and Jeanie adopted him when he was just a little over a year old. He was very special to her and even though he was relatively young, he had a good life as a pet for a long time.

Pamela Courtney and her family also lost their brindle girl. Money, who had just turned 12 years old on January 1st.

Kathryn O'Brien had recently adopted Tebow (Pull the Cork). He was a big white boy with lots of ticking and a face that was reminiscent of a Panda Bear (so cute). Sue made him a Florida Gators coat and collar. Kathryn came home from work one day to find that he had died. They do not know what happened. He only had a home for a short period of time but was very loved.

Barry and Gabrielle lost their wonderful girl, Daisy to cancer. Daisy was a brood greyhound and was very beloved by all who knew her. She was a sweet and gentle girl.

Judy Prescott lost her beautiful blue brindle, Shelby.

Francie Field and Donna Moore lost Bow Jr. (Cayman and Went) to cancer. Donna wrote a very moving tribute to Bow Jr. on their website. Bahamamahgreyhounds.typepad.com.

UPDATES ON GREYHOUNDS

Ken and Karen's Greyhound Henry is doing very well and Dr. Kane states his leg should be healed soon. No sign of the cancer reoccurring at this time.

Herb may have to have a second surgery to fuse the joint because there was too much damage to repair his leg in the normal way.

A DOG'S PURPOSE

By an unknown Vet

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound name Belker. The dog's owner, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangement, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience. The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane who had been listening quietly piped up, "I know why". Startled we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life – like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right? The six year old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long".



Bay Area Greyhound Adoptions, Inc.

Spring Picnic

Sunday, April 27, 2008

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Al Lopez Park

4810 N. Himes Ave

Tampa, FL

Shelters 303, 304, 305, 306

(All proceeds go to the Greyhound Orthopedic Fund)

Please bring your Greyhounds only. Some Greyhounds are not small dog friendly.

RSVP by: April 25, 2008...813-272-2332 or baga@tampabay.rr.com

(Please respond with the number of people attending and your choice of lunch entrée)

Picnic Lunch

\$5.00

Meat Entrees:

BBQ Pork

BBQ Chicken

Hot Dogs

Food

Drinks

Bake Sale

Auction

(Weekend at TradeWinds, St. Pete Beach)

(Weekend in the Florida Keys)

(Sports Memorabilia)

(Ceramic Greyhound)

Raffle

Vendors with Greyhound Products

Greyhound Costume Contest

Donations Needed!

If you are attending the picnic and would like to help the Greyhounds, please bring an item to donate.

We especially need:

>Canned or Dry Dog Food

>Canned Pumpkin

>Dog Biscuits

>Toys

>Used Comforters or Blankets

>Baby Gates

>Printer Paper

>Pre-Paid Gas Cards (for the kennel truck)

>Gift Certificates to Staples, Walmart, or Office Depot

***** Please use Goodsearch.com as your search engine. *****

Helpful Phone Numbers for Lost and Found:

24 hour pet watch: 1-866-597-2424 or www.24petwatch.com

BAGA Hotline: 813-272-2332

TO: LINDA LYMAN OUR PRESIDENT FROM ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AT BAGA

You are the foundation of our success and without you we as a group would be nothing. A few words from your fans:

We have known Linda for four years now and met her when we adopted our first of many Greyhounds. She is one of the most giving people we know and the most caring. She always has time for the Greyhounds no matter how tired she is or how much daylight is left, she finds a way to squeeze in one more call or letter or whatever else is needed. Linda handles almost all event scheduling, takes in more than her share of fosters, finds homes for them, takes them back in when returned, and the list goes on and on. Linda was also instrumental in organizing and continuing the Second Chance at Life Prison Program which requires hours of her time. She works with all the Vets for the Broken Leg and Special needs dogs and does a lot of our groups fund-raising for food and supplies for the Greyhounds. Linda finds new foster homes and she drives the kennel truck transporting the Greyhounds to our meet and greets and other events. Linda handles TV interviews and Newspaper items. She coordinates with companies to get good quality products at wholesale prices for us. She ensures all of the foster Greyhounds stay current on their heartworm medications and flea and tick treatments. Linda networks with all of her contacts when a Greyhound is lost to help get it back to its home as soon as possible. She has created a large network of veterinarians in our area that work with our group and give special rates. She does countless public speaking events and speaks at schools about the Greyhounds. She conducts a lot of the in-home visits for the potential adoptive families of the Greyhounds. Linda sponsors kennel tours for our volunteers and adoptive families.

Bay Area Greyhound Adoptions, Inc could not do all the things we do without Linda Lyman. Linda is a wonderful person. She gives more than anyone we know and asks for nothing in return except good homes for the Greys. Linda loves Greyhounds and will do anything she can to save as many as she can. Linda has taught us a lot about Greyhounds and we try and pass on that knowledge to the people we meet. Linda has formed a great organization full of people who care about the Greyhounds and love what they are doing and also ask nothing in return.

LINDA, YOU ARE SIMPLY THE "BEST"!

Thanks To:

All of our volunteers: Without all of you we would not exist. Your dedication and tireless efforts do not go unnoticed. We are so proud of all of you and the things we have accomplished so far with this organization. We began this group in July of 2004 with just a handful of volunteers and we have grown so much since then. It is thanks to you we have been able to do what we do which is rescuing our beloved Greyhounds and find them good homes.

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 Greets" 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.

PETCO Warehouse in Orlando: Who donate pallets of dog food for our foster program.

Vincent



Maxx



Maxx and Alexis



Shadow



Aspen

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