

Bay Grey's Gazette

Bay Area Greyhound Adoption's, Inc. Newsletter and Current Events MARCH 2007

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THIS ISSUE FEATURES OUR "SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE" PROGRAM



Bay Area Greyhound Adoptions, Inc. has been selected as a partner with the Second Chance at Life Greyhound & Inmate Prison Program Partnership (SCAL), in collaboration with the National Greyhound Foundation. When you adopt an SCAL greyhound, you will be helping both the greyhounds and the inmates. The SCAL Prison Foster Program gives the greyhounds a place to live from the time they leave the race track until they can be adopted. SCAL greyhounds come to us in excellent condition and are, of course, completely trained. They are normally adopted very quickly. Please check our website under "adoptable greyhounds" for the SCAL greyhounds available for adoption. Please contact us at baga@tampabay.rr.com or by telephone at 813-272-2332 to reserve an SCAL greyhound. For more information on this unique program and to see photos of the inmates with the greyhounds and a DVD about the program, please click on: www.4greyhounds.org/prison/adoption.html

Bay Area Greyhound Adoptions, Inc. is happy to report that we will be working with the Hernando County Jail facility as Florida collaboration partner. We will have five Greyhounds in the first class which will start the first part of April. Barry and Gabrielle Grandofsky will be coordinators for this effort. If all goes well, we hope to be placing greyhounds in other Florida prisons within the next several months.

A beautiful story from a loving family named Dodgen:

ChiChi has been with us since January 4th. She is incredibly intelligent and alert – maybe the smartest dog we’ve ever had, but she was skittish to begin with. She has relaxed and become the queen of all she surveys since then, but hates, hates, hates to be left alone. Did I mention she hates to be left by herself? She is Mom’s little glue stick, although in the past week or two she’s happy to veg out more. Because she is so unhappy on the occasions we have to all be out of the house, and because these dogs are the most gentle, loving, appreciative and agreeable animals on the planet, we (I) decided one was not enough. Yesterday Scooter came to us via Charlie and Andrea (thanks again, guys) who fostered him through the basics (get off the couch, off our bed, stop counter surfing, etc.) phase. He has adopted Mark as his main person, although he just wants to be with everybody. As you can see, he has dropped right into the mix almost as if he has always been here. Where ChiChi is the squeekie fiend, Scooter is a love monkey, who just wants to cuddle. Ever had a 65 pound lap dog?

So our little troop is now complete. Please encourage other folks to consider providing a home for one of these magnificent dogs, or support your local humane society or shelter. An if you’ve ever thought of having big racing dog would be demanding , these guys are complete couch potatoes who only run around in brief spurts a couple of times a day and are happy to snooze like cats the rest of the time. And they are like potato chips, you can’t stop with just one!

**Love to you all,
Patti**



Matching Set



Bookends



ChiChi



Scooter

Note to Patti: Thank you for your love of these beautiful creatures and you have learned what we all know. They are to be cherished!

News and Information from BAGA, Inc.

From the President, Lynda Lyman:

Several of us attended the Sandy Paws Greyhound Gathering last week at Jekyll Island, Georgia. It was a fun and relaxing time which we all enjoyed immensely. This event is the first weekend in March and is a great mini-vacation for you to spend time with your greyhounds and greyhound friends. Greyhound gatherings are springing up all over the country, which shows just how many people now have greyhounds as a part of their families. I know of no other breed of dog that has so many loyal supporters.

Our many volunteers, corporate sponsors, and caring people are the ones responsible for our success. We have received \$305 from PetsMart Charities for Santa Photos our volunteers did at Clearwater PetsMart. We also received \$657 from PetsMart Charities for the 2006 Holiday Wish Tree as well as a \$281 gift card from PetsMart. We received \$150 from the employees of Colonial Bank in Largo (BAGA was chosen as their charity of the week). Petco Foundation sent us \$1,305 from proceeds of the 2006 Tree of Hope. ASPCA has advised that they will contribute up to \$1,000 for our costs in setting up the prison program in Florida. All of this goes a long way toward helping us continue to do our work.

I cannot thank everyone enough for their support and hard work over the past months. Without all of us working together, we could not do what we do for the greyhounds. Many thanks to everyone and God Bless You.

On a sad note: Our group lost a wonderful person and greyhound lover recently. Dr. Bill Heim passed away at the age of 63. I like to think that his greyhounds, Dooley and Misty Blue enriched his life during his last years. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Cathi and their family.

From the Board of Directors:

Because of increased costs, especially for medications and vet work for our greyhounds, our board has voted to raise our adoption fees slightly. Effective March 1, 2007, our adoption fees are as follows:

\$225.00 which includes: All veterinarian work (spay/neuter, dental, complete physical with appropriate shots), matching solid color collar & leash (you can pay the difference for a fancy collar & matching leash if you choose), turn out muzzle and adoption guide.

Brand new adopters will receive the above plus a grooming kit which contains a hound glove, enzymatic toothpaste, toothbrush, clean-up bags and (just for fun) a toy fro their new best friend.

\$350.00 for Second Chance at Life Prison Program graduates which helps with the added costs of food and medications for three months for each dog, as well as transportation to and from the training facility. This also includes a grooming kit.

Greyhounds age seven years and older will be at reduced adoption fees.



**Bay Area Greyhound Adoptions
Spring Picnic
&
Volunteer Appreciation Day**

Sunday, April 1, 2007
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Al Lopez Park
4810 N. Himes Ave
Tampa, FL
Shelters 303, 304, 305

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

RSVP by: March 31, 2007...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

Special Guest Appearance by Champion and All-American Greyhound Cayman Went.

Food

Drinks

Bake Sale

Raffles

Vendors with Greyhound Products

Dog Training Demonstration

Nail Trimming

Special Salute to our Volunteers

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
- ❖ Old Collars, Leashes, Coats, Muzzles (to help the Greyhound rescue efforts in Spain)

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

A note to all regarding lost and found Greyhound's: Some helpful information:

24 Hour PetWatch: 1-866-597-2424 (microchipping)

Website: www.24petwatch.com

BAGA Hotline: (813) 272-2332

The petwatch line worked within 15 minutes recently with a lost greyhound. Please use all available resources to help find your pet. The more people who know about it the more help you will have finding your greyhound.

HEALTH AND OTHER TIPS FOR THE CARE OF YOUR GREYHOUND:

*We have known and recovered too many greyhounds over that last several months only to find out they were being kept without a collar while indoors or in a confined space. This does not prevent the possibility of the greyhound getting loose and it is very, very difficult to find the greyhound and get him/her returned to you without the proper identification. Please do not leave your greyhound at anytime without a collar with the Bay Area Greyhound tag, Your personal tag with your phone and or address on it and a microchip tag if your greyhound is microchipped.

*Please use a turn out muzzle when you and your greyhound are going to be out of doors and in the midst of other animals and multiple greyhounds. Even if your greyhound is perfectly calm and seems very disinterested in other animals, they can change their demeanor while in the company of other animals and in the open.

*Remember to always use heartworm for all of your pets to prevent heart disease and always use flea and tick preventative all year round to prevent infestation.

Spotlight Veterinarian:

Bay Area Greyhound Adoption's Inc. once again sends our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Callum Hay for his work with Hallo Tare Time (Or Mr. Wiggles as he is affectionately known now). Dr. Hay performed surgery on Mr. Wiggles earlier in the week to repair his leg. We are applying for a grant to help with expenses but would also appreciate donations. Dr. Hay as always is a driving force behind the success of our injured greys. Without his love and everlasting support, we would not be able to bring these wonderful greyhounds back to the physical health they so deserve.

Veterinary Surgical Services, Inc.
(Orthopedics, soft tissue, neurosurgery)
7512 Paula Drive, Suite 103
Tampa, Fl 33615
(813) 901-5100

Callum W. Hay, BVMS, MRCVS

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's" 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.

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