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"Hurry to the Reunion! It'll be FUN!"





The 18th Annual QCGA Greyhound Reunion!

Saturday September 19, 2015

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maysville Park and Community Center

*** All greyhounds welcome***

Requested Admission: One item from our kennel wish list (page 4)

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Want a special edition T-shirt or two? You'll find the order form inside this newsletter.

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New for August!

Beginning this August, each person who volunteers during the month will be entered into a prize drawing! It's a small way the kennel kids can show their appreciation for all the hard-working folks who take such greyt care of them. Thank "Roo" to all our volunteers!

QCGA Hosts a "Special" Volunteer!

Some of you may know of "Waltah" and his wanderings. He's been to Disney World; he's met hundreds—some say thousands! - of greyhounds. And now he's been to the QCGA kennel! Waltah came by to help hand out treats to the kennel kids. But there was a problem... Waltah liked the treats too much and wanted all of them for himself! Since there are cameras everywhere these days, someone caught a picture of Waltah's attempt to take all the treats. Here's the proof:





Still, it was a fun visit and Waltah's welcome back any time he wants to see his extended family at QCGA. And who knows? Maybe if you volunteer, you'll be on hand when Waltah makes his return!

Volunteering: A little work and a lot of fun

As you probably know, QCGA is entirely volunteer-run. We all do what we do out of love for our wonderful greyhounds. And we have a lot of fun too as we help care for our kennel kids.

Sure it's a bit of work, but it's really rewarding and fun to work with exceptional dogs like our greyhounds. And very often volunteers gain a whole new round of friends in the process. Even a few hours a month will help, and we want to invite you to join the fun and learn more about volunteering at QCGA. You'll find information about volunteering on our website—www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org. Click on the "Help" tab and a small menu will pop up. Place your pointer on "Volunteer" and click. You'll find the volunteer application link on that page. We'd love to have you join us!

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Children at United Neighbors hand-made blankets for greyhounds at QCGA

Greyhounds received an early Christmas present from kids with the United Neighbors after school program in Davenport. They hand-made blankets and presented them to volunteers from Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption. The volunteers stopped by with three of their greyhound "ambassadogs" to accept the blankets. The children were excited to meet the greyhounds and learn how their blankets will benefit the dogs.

A special "Thank you" to Laura Chase-Smith for arranging coverage of this donation by KWQC.

If you'd like to view the short video, it's available on KWQC's website at this address: http://kwqc.com/2014/12/09/children-make-gifts-for-greyhounds-looking-for-homes/

Greyt Feature: Princess Leslie



After a few litters of pups, Leslie is ready to retire to a couch! Leslie is a very cool, calm and collected gal. She is very laid back, and she will lay her head in your arms and fall blissfully asleep! Looking for a greyhound "princess"? Come and meet Leslie!

"A Scorpio by birth and a Princess by right. This nine year brood is such a bright light. Adored by her neighbors and revered by our staff, Her energy and personality will make you all laugh.

But who else to share her day of birth with a star,

But sweet Leslie, oh yes, yes there you are. Likened to Grace Kelly who once shared her day, She'll bring joy to your heart, it's just her way.

But forget her not as she's been here a spell, "Her perfect home is found soon" is our wish for the well.

Lots of Rain Brings Flowers, Growing Lawns... and Pests

Unless you've been out of town and hanging out in the desert since winter, you're probably aware that we've had just a "bit" of rain this spring and so far this summer. That rain brings other things with it too.

Along with the pleasing flowers and extra lawn mowing, we also have a few "undesirable elements" - a particularly heavy flea and tick season.

Since both fleas and ticks can carry diseases that could harm your

greyhound, you want to be especially vigilant with pest protection this year. Be sure your greyhound is protected from the harm of not only fleas and ticks, but heartworms too. Check with your veterinarian about the available options, but remember that the chemicals in some of the pest preventatives aren't as safe for greyhounds as others, so be sure to get the safest preventative you can.

You can find information online, or in several good books about

greyhounds. Your grey will feel better, but more importantly, you'll be protecting them from the harmful diseases these pests can carry.

They'll appreciate it, and you'll rest easier knowing they have the protection they need.



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In Memory

Armada – Cindy Griggs

Belle - Deb & Brian Huch

Buddy – Joyce & Herman Grubbs

Carolina - Ann & Eric Love

Cash – Linda Evans

Chrissy – Juliette Schmidt

Christy − Rachel & Scott Temple

Decatur - Stephanie Latham

Gus - Tracy Toenjes

Harley – Cindra & Ken German

Hulk - Cindra & Ken German

Ivory - Kurt Stevens & Michael Naab

Kaner - Beth Rogiers & Craig Murray

Lucky Garcia – Cherle Diver

Magoo – Teresa Fitzgerald

Mia – Carol & Paul Lenox

Minute - Kathy Droll

Poach – Margaret Frueholz

Ramsey – Pamela & Roger Poe

Randy – Mary Kate

Red – Judy & Ken Franklin

Ruby - Skip Flynn

Sara – Jean Regenwether

Smoke - Cheryl Powell

Spinner – Susan Prepejchal & Thomas Dean

Stabler - Amy & John Mikelson

Tad − Ellie & Paul Bowe

Trixie – Trachele March

Vaughn – Jackie & Phil Harms

Vash – Juliette Schmidt

Vinny – William Huntsberger

Wonder – Deb & Tim Heberling

Current Kennel Needs

Canned GROUND dog food (Pedigree, Purina ONE, or Pro Plan)

Regular bleach

Postage Stamps

20x25x1 furnace filters

D.A.P. refills

Tall kitchen bags

Plastic bags to fit 55 gallon drums

Cash donations are always appreciated!

Beyond the Rainbow

As much as I loved the life we had and all the times we played, I was so very tired and knew my time on earth would fade. I saw a wondrous image then of a place that's trouble-free Where all of us can meet again to spend eternity.

I saw the most beautiful Rainbow, and on the other side Were meadows rich and beautiful -- lush and green and wide! And running through the meadows as far as the eye could see Were animals of every sort as healthy as could be! My own tired, failing body was fresh and healed and new And I wanted to go run with them, but I had something left to do.

I needed to reach out to you, to tell you I'm all right That this place is truly wonderful, then a bright Glow pierced the night.

'Twas the Glow of many Candles shining bright and strong and bold And I knew then that it held your love in its brilliant shades of gold.

For although we may not be together in the way we used to be, We are still connected by a cord no eye can see. So whenever you need to find me, we're never far apart If you look beyond the Rainbow and listen with your heart

~ C.G.



Available dogs

You can view the greyhounds available for adoption at our website: www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org

Just click the "GREYS" tab for a list. Remember to check the site regularly since we get dogs in at different times during the year.

Remember to use iGive and Goodsearch too!

The kennel earns money when you sign up and use goodsearch.com as your main search engine, or when you use igive.com for your online shopping. Thanks for helping out!





Attention Amazon Shoppers!

Did you know that your Amazon purchases can benefit QCGA? Well, they can! The program is called Amazon Smile, and a portion of your purchase—if purchased through smile.amazon.com—is donated to QCGA! All you have to do is sign up, and designate QCGA as the beneficiary of the donation. There is no cost to the purchaser, and you're still getting the same great deals through Amazon. Help out QCGA and sign up today!



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Join us for the 18th Annual QCGA Reunion at the Maysville Community Center Saturday, September 19th, 2015 11am-2pm

QCGA is celebrating 18 years, and all greyhound families and supporters are invited to help us celebrate! There will be vendors selling useful items and supplies for your greyhounds, along with some decorative greyhound-themed pieces you may not see anywhere else. We'll also have "50/50" raffle tickets for sale to benefit the kennel. As always, you'll be able to enjoy visiting with other hounds and their families. Even though you may only see

them once per year, it's still greyt to

see the greyhounds and other atten- **See you at the Reunion!** dees.

Lunch from Rudy's Tacos will be available, and feel free to bring anything you may need to enjoy the afternoon—blankets for your dogs, lawn chairs, sunscreen, or anything else you need to be comfortable and enjoy your day.

Please remember to check our "wish list" on page 4 for donation items to bring that we really need for our kennel.



Meet 'n Greet Highlights

Meet 'n Greets are a regular part of QCGA's outreach. We want as many people as possible to learn about how wonderful greyhounds are as a part of a family. If your hound likes to get out and meet new people—and get a few extra scratches behind their ears—then consider becoming a part of the Meet 'n Greet group. You can contact Kara Blanche at kbblanche@yahoo.com, or Laura Chase-Smith at laura.chase-smith@modern-woodmen.org . If you don't have email, then you can call the kennel number and leave them a message. 563-823-8900 It's a lot of fun, so give it a try!









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ROOOOOOOOOO......(thank you in Grey-speak)

We would like everyone to know that no donation goes unnoticed and all donations are very much appreciated. If we have missed anyone on the lists or sending a thank you—we apologize for that. All of your generosity past, present, and future help us to continue to find forever homes for the greys. So <u>THANK YOU</u>. And a big roo from the greys!

Barbara Brecht Beverly Quigley C. Symons

Catherine Nyderek Catherine Peterson

Cheryl Lange
Chris Huch
Christine Poe
Dan Caplan
Daryl Danvers
Dawn Dipple
Deb Heberling
Deborah Murray
Diane Geerts

Dianna Martin Dolores Flynn Dwight Quinn Eileen Fritz Ellie Bowe

Exelon Corporation Faith Damewood Frank Weinstein Gary Cangelosi Goodshop Herman Grubbs

Holly Hall James Dellitt James Kron Jay Rakus Jeff Junk

Jenilee Thompson
Jennifer Smith
Judy Carney
Julia Humphreys
Julie Paisley
Kara Blanche
Karen Kolwey
Katelyn Bignall

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Nancy Keith Nancy Rawlings Pat Steinbrecher Peg Rutger

Peter Evanofski Rebecca Alexander

Renee Ostrem Riverside Casino Robert Humphrey Sarah Wagner

Shari Cole Stephen Wootton

Sue Hamma
Susan Davison
Tamara Geertz
The Benevity
Thomas Flaherty

Tim Lane
Tom Toner
Trina Heath
Vincent Honts
Warren Angerer
Wells Fargo
William Hoffman

WoofTrax

Thank"roo" too!

An extra big thanks to these companies that continue to help out QCGA. Please patronize these businesses and tell them the greyhounds sent you!

- Sam's Club— for donating dog food and treats
- Nestle Purina- for donating premium dog food to our kennel
- Walcott Family Pet Clinic-Dr. Berger and Staff who take loving care of our kennel kids
- Gabrilson Indoor Climate Solutions for keeping our kennel residents and volunteers comfortable all year long!
- Kurt Hintermeister for plowing the kennel snow again this year
- Tri-City Electric for doing such a greyt and fast job at replacing our backup generator
- All our faithful volunteers who do their kennel shifts every month!

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Our Current Calendar

August 2015

8th, Saturday—Meet n' Greet at PetCo in Davenport

Meet n' Greets are a greyt way to meet greyhounds who have been placed with families. You'll see how they interact with people and with each other, and the participants will be happy to answer questions you may have. PetCo is on Elmore Avenue in Davenport, just north of Kimberly Road. Time is 10:30am to 12:30pm.

September 2015

12th, Saturday—Meet n' Greet at PetCo in Davenport

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19th, Saturday: 18th Annual QCGA Reunion

Join us from 11am-2pm at the Maysville Community Park to see some old greyhound friends, and maybe make some new ones! Lunch will be available, and remember to check our donation wish list for items we need for the kennel.

October 2015

10th, Saturday—Meet n' Greet at PetCo in Davenport

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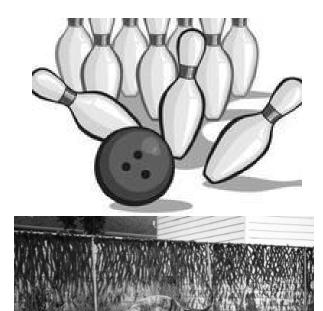
The 2015 Bowling Bash

The Bowling Bash is always a greyt fundraiser for QCGA, and this year's Bash was no exception. A huge crowd of bowlers descended upon Bowl-Mor in Davenport, on Sunday, April 26th, and they all had a greyt time!

Along with the fun bowling, attendees got to enjoy pizza, pop, and each other's company. This year, the donation for the proceeds of the Bowling Bash totaled just over \$3000.00!

A HUGE "Thank Roo!" goes out to Paul and Ellie Bowe, who did a fantastic job organizing this annual event—this year, and many times in the past. We sincerely appreciate all your time and effort!

And of course a large helping of thanks to all the bowlers who came out to support QCGA. Events like the Bowling Bash are a tremendous benefit to the kennel and all the greys. Thanks again to the Bowe's and all the attendees, and we'll see you next year!



"I got one, I got one!!" (said Galina)

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Join us at the Reunion!

Hot Weather Tips for Your Pets

While the summer can bring a lot of fun, it also brings some hazards for you and your pets. Your dog can't sweat, so they need to remain cool and have cool spots available to them in the heat. Otherwise, it won't take much for them to overheat—and this can lead to heat stroke and even death. Help protect your pet with some of these hot weather tips:

- Always have cool, fresh water available.
- Keep your pet indoors on hot days, or at least during the hottest time of the day. If they're outside for part of the day, be sure they have shade to lay in. If you leave your dog indoors and turn your A/C up while you're away from home, you may need to run a fan in their favorite area for them to keep safely cool.
- Walk your dog during the coolest parts of the day. Avoid the midday heat to protect your dog from heat stroke and to protect their paws from excessive heat on sidewalks. If you're not sure if the sidewalk is too hot, hold your hand on it. If you can't keep your hand down at least five to ten seconds, then the sidewalk is probably too hot for your pets paws. As a plus, you'll enjoy the cooler walk too!
- NEVER, as in NEVER EVER, keep your dog in a parked car in the heat. Even with the windows cracked open, the internal temperature in a car can soar up to 120 degrees in *minutes*.
- Keep your dog healthy with regular visits to their vet. A dog that is not healthy can quickly succumb to the heat, and heat stroke is more likely to be fatal in a dog not in good health.

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We are taking **Prepaid Orders** for the **2015 QCGA Reunion T-Shirts** so you can be sure you will receive the color and size you want. All t-shirts will have the QCGA logo screen printed on the front. The short sleeve t-shirts will have the past years kennel dogs listed on the back along with the year. Long sleeve t-shirts will only have the QCGA logo on the front. Please send the order form below with your check made payable to **QCGA** by **AUGUST 31, 2015** to—

Sue Hamma, 4035 W. Garfield St., Davenport, IA 52804.

If you are unable to pick up your shirts at the reunion or the kennel, we will ship them to you (please call Sue for the shipping charges 563-445-1212).

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS	LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS		
Azalea	Indigo Blue		
Antique Jade	Antique Orange		
S-XL \$20	S – XL \$25		
2XL - 3XL \$25	2XL - 4XL \$30		

2015 REUNION T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

<u>QUANTITY</u>	SHORT/LONG SLEEVE	SIZE	COLOR	TOTAL
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NAME				
ADDRESS				
PHONE				
TOTAL				