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Spring 2014

QUAD CITIES GREYHOUND ADOPTION 2014 BOWLING BASH



Place: Bowlmor, 2952 Brady Street, Davenport

Date: Saturday, May 17th, 2014

Time: 1pm to 3:30pm

Cost: \$18 per person (includes 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, 2 pieces of pizza & pop with \$10 of fee going to QCGA)

Please call to reserve your spot!

We have 20 lanes we'd love to fill!

RSVP TO: Paul or Ellie Bowe 563-386-0918

or via email at paulbowe1@msn.com

*****50/50 Drawing, Raffle & Silent Auction*****

(All drawings will be held that day)

Fun for everyone! Non-bowlers are welcomed too!

There will be extra PIZZA sold by the slice with proceeds going to QCGA

In Memory of Tom Ryan

Visit our website: www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org

QUAD CITIES GREYHOUND ADOPTION

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Volunteer Corner

The volunteers of QCGA are truly a treasure. Each of them gives selflessly of their time and energy to take superb care of our wonderful greyhounds. We appreciate every volunteer, and are thankful you have chosen to give your time to our kennel kids. We've captured some pictures of volunteers in action that we want to share. Thanks to all QCGA volunteers for your dedication and efforts.



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!

Mc Kinley School chooses QCGA

On February 7th, QCGA volunteers Laura Chase-Smith and Sue Hamma, along with greyhound Roxi Hamma, met with students and staff at McKinley School. The student council at the school chose QCGA as a non-profit for the children to collect donations for the month of February. Everyone was very interested in learning more about our group and getting to meet a retired racing greyhound in person.

On March 16th, David Gamble, the teacher in-charge of coordinating the donations from McKinley school, dropped off the donations of dog food, dog treats and money for our kennel kids.

The greyhounds of QCGA would like to give a Big "Thank-Roo" to all of the students and staff at McKinley school for choosing our kennel and providing us with the wonderful donations.

A special "Thank Roooooo" goes to Reese Thomas and his family. Reese is a 3rd grader at Mc Kinley school in Mrs. G's class. He went home after our visit to the school and told his

parents that the greys needed their small refrigerator for vaccine storage. His parents agreed, and on March 7th Reese, his dad Jim, and his brother James brought the fridge to our kennel! What a wonderful gift from the Thomas' and especially Reese for caring enough to make it happen!



QCGA and the Kids from Smart Intermediate School

Students at Mrs. Daniele Busher's advisory class at Smart Intermediate have been involved in an important service project this year. The class found out that Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption in Maysville, Iowa needed blankets for the bottoms of the greyhounds' crates.



Greyhounds are very lean animals and will suffer from bed sores if they lack the proper bedding on the bottoms of their crates to cushion their bodies. The

class had already made 26 blankets by the end of January and are working to make more blankets.

Mrs. Pamela Douglas, another teacher at Smart, brought the greyhound she adopted so the students could see what a difference the blankets could make to the animals' well-being and learn more about the advantages of greyhounds as pets.



In Memory

Ali – Cully Ford
Boo Ray – Louise & Joe Collins
Carla – Deb & Chet Brees
Carrie – Kristin Harrington
Catwalk – Brenda & Charley Roberts
Chandler – Vickie & Kevin Leclair
Charley – Sue Payne
Dream – Cheryl Diver
Eddie – Kara & Neal Blanche
Foster – Amy & John Mikelson
Frank – Skip Flynn
Goody – Kathleen & Robert Harrington
Ivy – John Johnson
Joker – Judy & Larry Voss
Lucy – Vickie & Kevin Leclair
Marie's Try – Cheryl & John Ferguson
Millie – Angie & Josh Fullbright
Paula—Gary Black
Pearl – Vickie & Kevin Leclair
Puck – Sara & Brent Husser
Red – Laura Neitzke
Ruby – Bev & Stan Mizerny
Ruby—Kate Conger
Vespa – Juliette Schmidt
Wilma – Peggy & Doug Collins

Current Kennel Needs

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

Postage Stamps

Large Milk Bone type dog treats

Large Snaps! dog treats

No. 10 white envelopes

20x25x1 furnace filters

D.A.P. refills

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!



Please keep turning in your Purina Weight Circles! We turn those back in as cold hard cash for the kennel. It's right on the package of many Purina dog food products. Just cut the circle off and drop them off or mail them to the kennel. Please make sure it's the actual Weight Circle (as shown) as we have had other emblems mistakenly sent instead. And please note that we can only take Circles for dog food products, and not others. Thanks!

Looking back on 2013 Meet & Greets

We want to thank all of those who made the **2013** Meet & Greets possible, from the Meet & Greet volunteers, to the businesses that welcomed us, to the special Greyhounds who shared their time representing all the Greyhounds who are waiting for their forever homes.

Volunteers:

Brian & Deb H., Cathy, Tiffany, Tom, & Doug S., Deb & Tim H., Jennifer F., Kara B., Kathy H., Kristin H., Laura C. S., Linda L., Mona J., Natalia, Pat, Paul & Ellie B., Peggy, Doug, & Sean C., Sam N., Sue & Gene H.

Greyhound "Ambassadors":

Ace, Bella, Belle, Bud, Butterbean, Cola, Dooney, Fritz, Journey, Max, Sunny, Logan, Gabe, Goody, Gypsy, Licken, Naomi, Ozzie, Panda, Ralphie, Roxie, Splinter, Wilma

Businesses:

PetCo, Davenport, IA (10 Meet & Greets) Petco is now the where the greyhounds are for the 2nd Saturday of every month. People come specifically to see them there! Huge thank you to Petco for hosting us every month! Edward Jones Paul Schnell's Office, Christmas Walk, Village of East Dav-

enport, IA (2 Meet & Greets) People look for us at the Christmas walk every year now, too. A wonderful partnership with Paul Schnell!

Your support and your time make a difference for the Greyhounds – thank you!

Meet/Greet mission: to increase the awareness and interest in Greyhounds while promoting Greyhound adoptions at QCGA by showing what Greyhounds are like, especially once they have been in a home.

Here are some Meet n' Greet highlights from 2013...



Rooooooooooooo.....(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 THANK YOU. And a big roo from the greys!

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| Achim Schmidt | Ed Linn | Linda Smiley |
| Agnes Barnhouse | Eileen Fritz | Marcia Bornemann |
| Amy Pfeiler | Elayne Sexsmith | Margaret Mock |
| Animal Health International | Elizabeth Thomas | Marie Foster |
| Ann Holub | Ellie Bowe | Mary Bowe |
| Bank of America | Eric Brooks | Mary Stockdale |
| Berland Flying Eagle | Erin Irish | Melissa Koehler |
| Bob Rider Kennel | Exelon Corporation | Melissa Schmidt |
| Brad Hess | Gary Cangelosi | Merrill Lynch c/o Rhona Long |
| C. Symons | Grainger Matching Gift | Modern Woodmen |
| Calabro Greyhound Kennel | Hal Holman | Nancy Galusha |
| Carmelita Schneider | Hale Pet Doors | Nancy Keith |
| Carol McCall | Hayden and Addison Miller | Nancy Rawlings |
| Carol Miller | Herman Grubbs | Nicole Byard |
| Carole Taube | Hill's Greyhounds | Nina Brooks |
| Carolyn Walters | Holly Hall | Pam Swanson |
| Catherine Peterson | Iossi Construction | Pamela White |
| Catherine Wallace | James Hambleton | Patricia Blaser |
| Charles Kelsey | James Kron | Patti West |
| Cheryl Lange | James Stiman | Paula Williamson |
| Christien Rugh | Janet Kuttler | Peggy Collins |
| Christine Ewing | Jay Rakus | Petco |
| Christine Gaiden | Jean Regenwether | Phyllis Kreuser |
| Christine Lockmon | Jeff Junk | R&R Kennel |
| Christine Poe | Jenilee Thompson | Rachel Pulley |
| Christopher Huch | Jennifer Hochgesang | Rena Israel |
| Cindy Griggs | Jeri Chandler | Renee Ostrem |
| Cynthia Quinby | John Johnson | Rhonda Wolever |
| Dailygood | John Reinert | River Bluffs - Joe Lent |
| Dan Caplan | Jonathan Shimp | Robert Bowe |
| Darly Lynn Danvers | Judith Herlein | Robert Hardison |
| David Mattison | Judy Carney | Roberta Brooke |
| David Ward | Julia Humphreys | Sally Belk |
| Dawn Dipple | Julie Paisley | Sandy Brands |
| Dawn Hill | Juliette Schmidt | Sandy Hochgesang |
| Deane Warnecke | Karen Kolwey | Sara Andre |
| Deb Heberling | Karin Dixon | Shari Cole |
| Deb Huch | Kathleen Ransom | Sherry Roberts |
| Diana Tank | Kerry Strayhall | Simple Dog |
| Diane Geerts | Kurt Stevens | Skip Flynn |
| Diane Gibelstein | Lana Cassidy | SSAB |
| Donna Fiedler | Larry Voss | Steve Garafola |
| Donna Fowler | Laura Chase-Smith | Sue Hamma |
| Dwight Quinn | Linda Perrigoue | Tamra Vena |

Roooooooooooo's continued

Teresa Goode
 Teresa Lemon
 The Bank of America
 Tim Ertl
 Todd Whitlow
 Tom Toner
 Trachele March
 Trina Heath
 Valerie Wales
 Victoria Gilpin
 Warren Angerer
 WPG Solutions
 Younkers

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
- 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!

Our Current Calendar

April 2014

5th, 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 1pm-3pm.

May 2014

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

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June 2014

14th, Saturday—Meet n' Greet at PetCo in Davenport

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Bunny's Big Donation

Hello! My name is Bunny and I was adopted through QCGA about five years ago. Since then, my life has become pretty exciting and adventurous. Not long after I was adopted, Mom started a blog about us and people around the world started reading it. Sometimes I write for the blog, too. One of the things you need for a good blog is some great pictures, so Mom takes a lot of pictures of me.

There was a big conference for pet bloggers that Mom got invited to, and they have some awards. The next thing we knew, we found out that a picture of me was entered in the contest. To our great surprise, Mom's picture won the award for Best Blog Photo. It's a pretty prestigious award.



One of the best things about the award was that I got to choose an adoption group to get two hundred pounds of dog food and two hundred pounds of cat food for being a winner. As it turns out, a cat blogger won another award and wanted to donate her prize to a cat rescue, so we traded and her rescue got four hundred pounds of cat food and I was able to donate four hundred pounds of Natural Balance dog food to the dogs at Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption still waiting for their homes.

When I went to bed at night in my crate at the kennel, I never dreamed that one day I'd be able to give such a gift. I feel like such a lucky little hound to have come from such humble beginnings and be able to share my good fortune.

**Quad Cities Greyhound
Adoption**

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A Local Greyhound Meets a Rock Star!

I am one Lucky Greyhound...my Mom and I got to meet Bret Michaels and have our picture taken with him at Petsmart in Davenport. Bret is an awesome guy and Mom even bought me some "Pets Rock" toys!

Signed,
Naomi Hamma
QCGA Alum



Sponsor A Crate!

Would you like to help the greyhounds, but can't find the time to volunteer at the kennel? Are you looking for a holiday gift for someone who has everything? What about a unique birthday or anniversary gift you can give at any time of the year? Would you like to set up a memorial for a beloved pet that has gone to the Rainbow Bridge? Maybe you would like to adopt a greyhound but aren't in a position to have one at this time.

Whatever the reason, sponsoring a crate may be perfect for you!

Our crate sponsorship program allows you, or your organization, to sponsor a crate at the Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption kennel for any length of time with a donation of **\$20 a month** (minimum). This donation will help to provide a greyhound with food, medications and other necessary supplies. Sponsors are publicly recognized at the kennel and on our website during the month of their sponsorship.

We are a **not-for-profit 501(c)(3)** organization; your sponsorship is **tax-deductible**. (Tax ID #41-2230045)

If you are sponsoring for multiple months and prefer to pay one month at a time, we will be happy to email you a monthly payment reminder...please indicate your wishes below. Your sponsorship begins on the 1st day of the month following the date it is received.

Questions? Please call the kennel at **(563) 823-8900**; leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Please send this form and your check, made payable to **Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption** or **QCGA** to:

QCGA - Crate Sponsorship, 9525 New Liberty Road, Maysville IA 52773.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to find forever homes for retired racing greyhounds!

YES! I'd like to sponsor a crate at the QCGA Kennel!

Sponsor Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____ **E-mail :** _____

OPTIONAL: If you would like to sponsor a specific kennel dog--name of dog: _____

Is this sponsorship a **Gift** or **Memorial** ? ___ Yes ___ No

If *yes*, please circle which (above) and provide **Name(s) and Message** here:

Monthly donation amount (\$20 per month minimum): \$ _____

Number of months you are sponsoring the crate: _____

Payment Enclosed (One month minimum): \$ _____

Would you like a monthly E-mail reminder? ___ Yes ___ No