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Spring 2016



Quad Cities
Greyhound Adoption

2016 BOWLING BASH



Place: Bowlmor, 2952 Brady Street, Davenport

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

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

QUAD CITIES GREYHOUND ADOPTION

Greyt Tails

Visit our website: www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org

Volunteer Corner

Recognizing QCGA's Wonderful Volunteers!

Volunteers are essential to operating the kennel. The greys need each and every one of you, and we want to make your experience as rewarding as possible. So, since August 2015, we've been recognizing one volunteer per month with a goodie basket—a small token of our appreciation. Here are the volunteers we've recognized, from August 2015 to January 2016. Thank you all for your time, effort, and dedication!



Nick J., August 2015



Cheryl B., September 2015



Carol B., October 2015



Patty M., November 2015



Pat Mc., December 2015



Cindy K., January 2016

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!

Girl Scout Cookies and Greyhounds: A Winning Combination!

Sometimes unlikely combinations turn out to be big winners. A big Thank You goes out to Girl Scout Troop 4042, and we applaud their ingenuity. Gina, Emma, Dolores, Ella, Mia, Madison, Lucy, Jailyn, Kaydance, and Emilee, along with their troop Leader Amber Kowalke and Assistant Leader Bree Obertance, had a public sale of Girl Scout cookies at Lowe's.

Laura Chase-Smith brought her trusted sidekick Penney, and between the greyt cookies and a "sweet" greyhound, cookie buyers were easy to melt!

Laura and Penney spent some time with the girls, and we suspect that Penney helped to sell at least *some* extra cookies. That turned out to be a good thing for both the

Girl Scouts and QCGA, since the Troop donated part of the proceeds from this years cookie sale to the greys of QCGA!

What a greyt gesture from these wonderful girls! The greyhounds can't thank you enough (although there was probably some "greyhound grumbling" about not sharing the cookies!).

Thank you, girls and Troop Leaders of Troop 4042, for thinking of the greyhounds of QCGA. They're all greytful, even if none of the cookies came their way.



Penney resting with her Dad after a fun day of selling cookies with the Girl Scouts of Troop 4042

Warm Weather Brings Flowers, Growing Lawns... and Pests

Some may disagree, but this winter was, as winters go, fairly mild. That means it's likely more bug larvae survived. Add in warm temperatures, and you have an early need for preventatives.

If you don't use preventatives year-round, then it's definitely time to start.

Since both fleas and ticks can carry diseases that could harm your greyhound, you want to be sure to start pest protection early 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.

"Thank "roo" very much!"



In Memory

Andy – Laura Borman
Beth – Anne Myles
Cab – Wendy & Mike Ulbrich
Cali – Marie & James Foster
Chance – Mikki Razor & Jim Richardson
Clipper – Joyce Werning
Daisy – Linda Jamieson & Kevin Adam
Diesel – Denise & Mark Maxwell
Dude – Laura Borman
Frankie – Sandy & Fred Cook
Gage – Jan Riedesel
Heatwave – Vicki Leclair
Holby (Nailer) – Pam & Michael Shane
Lacy—Kathy Droll
Lark – Trina Heath & Gar Helming
Larry – Julie & Jerry Paisley
Logan—Mona Jones
Lois – Dwight Quinn
Maya – Bryn Lawrence
Moody – Lisa & Kevin Blechle
Porter – Susan & Tom Prepejchal-Dean
Red Rover – Jennifer & Michael Enstrom
Simon – Jan Riedesel
Zander – Robin Mittasch & Richard Rosenthal
Zeuss – Tracie & Bruce Abkes

MISSING YOU

I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep.
 I could see that you were crying. You found it hard to sleep.
 I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear,
 “It’s me, I haven’t left you, I’m well, I’m fine, I’m here.”
 I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea,
 You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to me.
 I was with you at the shops today. Your arms were getting sore.
 I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more.
 I was with you at my grave today, You tend it with such care.
 I want to re-assure you, that I’m not lying there.
 I walked with you towards the house, as you fumbled for your key.
 I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said “It’s me.”
 You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair.
 I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there.
 It’s possible for me to be so near you everyday.
 To say to you with certainty, “I never went away.”
 You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew...
 in the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.
 The day is over... I smile and watch you yawning
 and say “Good-night, God bless, I’ll see you in the morning.”
 And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide,
 I’ll rush across to greet you and we’ll stand, side by side.
 I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see.
 Be patient, live your journey out... then come home to be with me.
 – Colleen Fitzsimmons

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
 HE laundry soap
 Dry dog food
 Cash donations are always appreciated!

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!



Save the Date! QCGA Annual Reunion: Saturday, September 17, 2016

Enjoy a few highlights from last year's Reunion:



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 Lola.Chasesmith@gmail.com. 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!



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!

Achim Schmidt
Amanda Stump
Andrea Fish
Barbara Jakubowski
Barbara Lund
Cheryl Gipson
Cheryl Peitscher
Chris Huch
Christina Russell
Corinne Bromfield
Dana Lynn Moline
Daryl Lynn Danvers
Dawn Dipple
Deb Heberling
Debra Huch
Diane Holst
Dolores Flynn
Dwight Quinn
Eileen Fritz
Evalea McBride
Exelon
Faith Damewood
Gary Cangelosi
George Keating
George Ohanesian
Goodshop
Herman Grubbs
Hill's Greyhounds
Holly Hall
James Kron
Jane Artman-Andrews
Jenilee Thompson
Jennifer Franklin
Jennifer McDaniel
JJ Calabro Kennels
Joelle Jensen
Joseph Venhorst
Joyce Werning
JP Morgan - Timken

Judith Esterlein
Julia Humphreys
Julie Paisley
Kara Blanche
Karen Kolwey
Kathleen Harrington
Kelly Blondell
Laura Chase-Smith
Linda Perrigoue
Linda Smiley
Marianne Weis
Marilyn Walker
Mary & Robert Bowe
Maureen Vanwassenhove
ME Razor
Mega Racing
Melissa Koehler
Michael Jones
Mildred Hendrickson
Mrs. Edward Phelps
Nancy Keith
Nancy Rawlings
NGA
P.P. Robinson and Associates
Pamela Junkerman
Pamela Votroubek
Paul Goettsch
Paula Venema
Rice Family
Riverside Casino
Rudella Eberlein
Sandy Brands
Sarah Wagner
Shirley Niewald
Stanley Mizerny
Sue Hamma
Tana Liske
Tom Toner
Trina Heath

Vicki Boss
Victoria Gilpin
Vincent Honts
Warren Angerer
Virginia Kurtz
Wooftrax
Younkers/ Bon Ton

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
- Petersen Plumbing and Heating-For coming on the double to fix problems with our commercial washers. Just ask for Steve!!
- Tri-City Electric for doing such a greyt and fast job at replacing our backup generator
- Creative Marketing- for doing all of our t-shirts and design. Fast and smooth every time!
- All our faithful volunteers who do their kennel shifts every month!

Extra, Extra! Read all about it... Online!

You read that right! We have an online version of this newsletter available for readers who prefer to save some trees, and to help QCGA save on postage.

Any money we save goes to help our kennel kids, and they just might like that we can help save a few trees too! After all, having a few more "targets" for, um, potty breaks while out walking is good, right? Finding the newsletters on the site is

easy. Simply visit our website, www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org, and place your pointer over the "About Us" tab. A menu will appear. Move your pointer to "Newletters," click, and you'll be on a page that lists several of our most recent newsletters. Click on the one you want to read, and a PDF of that newsletter will be on your screen. You can even download a copy for offline reading, or if you want to

share some of the information in the newsletter with potential new adopters.

To have your name removed from the mailing list, go to the same tab—"About Us," and click on "Board of Directors" when the menu pops up. Send an email to Sue Hamma, and she'll be sure to update our list.

Thanks for helping us use our resources as wisely as possible. The greyhounds appreciate it!

Kennel Greys and Their new Families

Our kennel volunteers do a greyt job caring for our kennel kids, but we want the kids' stay to be as short as possible. Greyhounds make greyt additions to some families, and here are a few pictures of some QCGA greys in their forever homes. Be sure to help us spread the word, and show this newsletter to families who may be right for an adoptable greyhound. Thank "roo"!

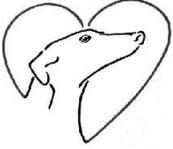


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Hot Weather Tips for Your Pets

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.