



# REGAP

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

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*REGAP NEWSLETTER*

Fall 2002

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Where do we begin? We want to thank so many friends that wanted to make our dream their dream. These wonderful friends gave up their weekends and drove way out to Mendota to give us their time and help. Without you, we still wouldn't be housing our beautiful hounds. Thanks Mom and Dad for helping us so much! Thanks to: Dawn Milash, Jim Smith, John Smith, Jodi, Erika, Johnny, and Alan Katz, Jim Moore, H. Don and Laferne Wilson, Johnny Wilson, Mary and Terry Thompson, Dave and Diane Jorns, Donna Nowak and the Scouts of Troop 102 Kent Lewis, James Wallace Stephen Wallace, Tom McGill, Jacob Leonard, Brandon Miller, Roger Hill, Dr. Lewis, Keith Minder, Dean Vandry, and Dan Baxter.

Rose Scola and Donna Nowak donated 24 Egyptian Towels (only the best for our Hounds). Donna also donated much needed medical stuff. Dave and Diane donated a power washer. Art and Sharon Stefanski donated a wonderful bucket of cleaning junk. Rosemary Budzis donated paper towels. We are sooo lucky to have you all for friends! Thank You so much!!!

Our wonderful friends Susan and Henry Nelson are raising money for us to help pay for the kennel. We had to borrow to finish it. The Candlelite Bowl is going to be greyt fun! This couple has worked tirelessly on getting the Bowling Alley, selling tickets and getting raffle prizes. Thank You both so much for making this happen.

We have wonderful friends who have also donated to the raffle prizes: The Stefanski's, The Wards, Donna Nowak and The Budzis'. You are always helping us. We appreciate it! You're the Greytest!!!

Our Kennel looks marvelous! The brilliant Donna Nowak invented a unique bed for the hounds. We have 15 kennels at the present time. They are all 4x7 with a "Nowak Bed" high up off of the floor for the kids comfort. The visiting dogs get to listen to the wonderful music of "The Beatles". Aren't these Greyhounds lucky?

We still have Greyhounds at Franbee. Half will be here and half will be there. Thank You Shelley and Glenn for EVERYTHING!!! Special Thank You's to Jodi and Dave. These fine people take extra care of our hounds while at Franbee. Jodi washed all of the new dogs when they arrived at Franbee. You are the best!!!

A big huge Thank You to the Perkins-Harwood Family. They have been bringing all kinds of goodies to Franbee for the hounds over the last year. They also have their daughter, Jamie, donate her time.

Thanks to Dr. Wahl, Dr. Davis and Staff for taking such wonderful care of our Greyhounds. Without you, we couldn't continue.

We also want to Thank so many of you who have made it to the many Meet-n-Greets! Colleen Clement, George Pluta, Denise Sullivan, Donna Nowak, Dave and Diane Jorns, Karilynn Stachowicz have given so much time to the stores and to special events we want to Thank them so much. Without all of you, our Greyhounds would never have a home. Please try and make more Meet-n-Greets. Remember this is how many of you met your first Greyhound!

Okay, so maybe we are nuts! George and I are the new proud parents of "Grasshopper". He is a 15 week old puppy that was stepped on by his momma dog. She broke his back right leg. He was wrapped, but his leg would never have been good for racing. Lucky Us!!! What a cutie! (No Jodi, you can't have him.) LOL Get on the Website to see our new boy or come out to see him before he gets too big.

The main message here is: Thank You Everyone! We Love You All!!!  
Love, George & Mona

## NEW ADOPTIONS

Given Name	Registered Name	Adopters Name
Santanna	Santanna	MaryAnne La Shure
Steel Star	Bodhi	The Hudson-Grooms
Star Rocket	Star Rocket	The Meade-Magruders
Dutch	Dutch	The Mecca-McGraths
Slick Step	Gracie	The Nelson Family
Ringleader	Ringleader	The Druse Family
Barron	Barron	Vince Fillippini
Two Face	Ace	MaryAnne La Shure
Osage	Osage	The Domkowski's
P.B.	Payton	The Kinser Family
Grandma B	Mollie	The Kinser Family
Cajun Avalanche	Avalanche	The Wagner Family
Grasshopper	Grasshopper	The Moore Family



**OCTOBER** - TJ, Brandy Bjornson, Black Tears, Magic Man, Real Deal, Firecracker, Firechief, Highhanded, Ben, Sky Pilot, Rush Fijol, Sorcerer, Highroller, Hi Jacker, Kramer, Milky Way, Roman, Sandfly, Sanddollar, Isabella, Sand Lily, Road Agent, Sand Storm, Free Stone, Roadrunner, Free Wheel, Freelance

**NOVEMBER** - Ashlee, Bambi, Jade, Jaguar, Smooth Sumac, Wrangler, Landslide, Tigershark, Dragster, Headliner, Back Lash, Tory, USA News, Rubbersole, Hey Jude, Sgt. Pepper, Landmark, Drag Racer, Ned, Power Pack, Nighthawk, Hercules, Master, Sky Hawk, Red Hawk, Power Play, Power Blast

**DECEMBER** - Four Flush, Temper, Ramsey, Wild Chase, Wild Force, Foursquare, Winnepeg, Witchcraft, Fortyniner, Wizard, Champ Fontanetta, Buster, Fourstroke, Fourhanded, Rusty, Fourwheels, Avalanche, Brandy Damien

## MOONGLOW PICKETT

Moonglow was adopted about 1 year ago. She had a toe fungus. Her family with the help of Dr. Wahl have been doing everything they can to help her. She was told that she needed to see a specialist. The Specialist wants to remove her toe. The cost is going to be around \$600.00. The Pickett's are a retired couple on a fixed income. They have already paid out over \$500.00 on just blood work. REGAP is going to make our little Moonglow the donor dog for the Tree of Hope. If you can spare a buck or two, it would be greytly appreciated. You can send your donation to 4107 E. 3rd Road, Mendota, IL 61342-9703. Please send a note for "Moonglow". The Pickett's and Moonglow Thank You!

## REGAP COOKBOOK

Karrilynn Stachowicz is requesting your dogs favorite recipes. She is making a cookbook to sell for the Tree of Hope promotion. She would love it, if you could send her your recipes by November 15th. Her address is: 1206 Homestead, La Grange Park, IL 60526 or e-mail to davklhitch@aol.com. Please send them in, we need to help Moonglow!

## I.D. TAGS

Please ALWAYS have ID's and collars on your dog. If the collar tag noise bothers you, tape them together. Too many dogs have lost their homes because they faced the world naked. REGAP is still looking for Iron Will who has been missing for many years.

## DEAD WAX

Wilbur Sutphin owns a record store (yes vinyl) called Dead Wax. He displayed REGAP Greyhounds in his window for an adoption program they were doing in his neighborhood. He raised \$30.00 for REGAP. Thanks Wilbur for thinking of us! Wilbur is the Uncle of Ashlee, Duke, Pharaoh, and Punky.

### *Dr. James Wahl*

We can never say enough about our Dr. Wahl and his staff at the Avenue Animal Hospital in Tinley Park. If you haven't visited Dr. Wahl, you are really missing out on knowing a very special man. He is REGAP's best friend. Without him, we couldn't exist.

## HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!!!

The holidays are always a time of parties, family get together's and so on. Please be very careful with doors, food thawing, and candy.

Make sure that your hound is NOT in danger of escaping. Please let your guests know that you have a sight hound living with you. They don't know the dangers of traffic. It would be an awful Holiday if your pet got hurt.

If you must thaw your food in the sink, make sure your hound can't get to it. Many a Thanksgiving Turkey has been eaten, precooked, because of hounds being able to get to it. The Greyhounds have a one track food mind. Protect them. Thanksgiving and Christmas is no fun spending it in the Emergency Clinic.

Halloween is so delicious with all of the Chocolate Candy. Halloween starts the season for baking with Chocolate. Chocolate can kill dogs! If your dog has swallowed some Chocolate you may do the following: You will need a 50/50 mixture of water and Hydrogen Peroxide, and a turkey baster. Bring your dog outside. Suck up as much of the 50/50 mixture as you can with the baster. Turn your dogs nose up towards you. Insert the turkey baster, squeeze at back of throat and hold your dogs mouth shut. Rub neck, make dog swallow mixture. Move Back! Your dog will throw up anything is has eaten. It may continue for some time. Hopefully, you will never have to do this to your dog. Be careful!

## PICTURES WITH ELVIS

The Hodgkins Petco is doing a Picture with Elvis day, October 26th. This will also be their Halloween Contest Day. The \$5.00 per picture is a donation for REGAP. Elvis will be our own, George "Elvis" Moore. (Something tells me that we'll be having many more Elvis sightings) We will also have a kissing booth. You may kiss a Greyhound for a buck! Cute huh? Come out and support REGAP. The hounds are depending on you!

## GET WELL WISHES

Carole Genovese  
Ralph Ball  
Shelley Wagner  
Nancy Krska  
Betty Weiss  
Alice Budnauro-Wozniak  
Ruger Moore  
JD Moore  
Maui Menary-Perkins-Harwood  
Shamus Domkowski  
Swift Fox Roon  
Maddux Stachowicz

## The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of Heaven is a place called the Rainbow Bridge. When a hound dies that has been especially close to someone here, that hound goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

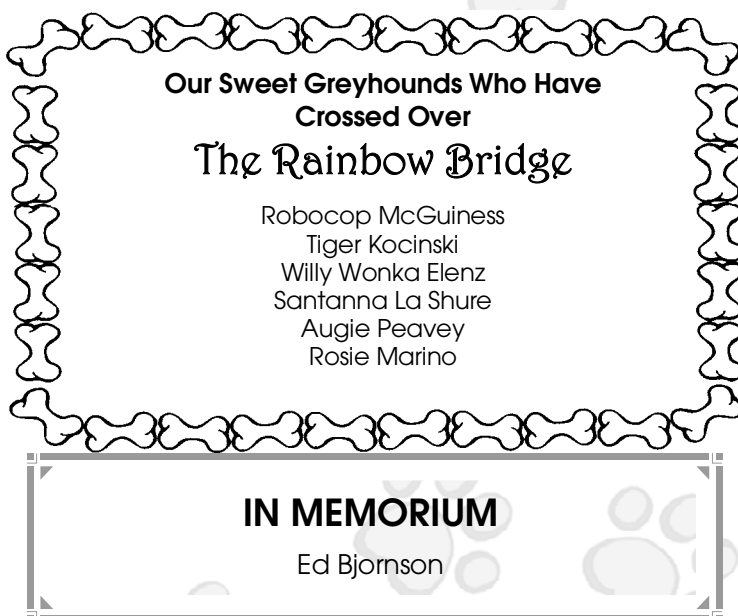
All the hounds that are old or ill are restored to health and vigor: Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The hounds are happy and content, except for one small thing, they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. The bright eyes are intent, the eager body quivers. Suddenly, he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.

- Author Unknown



## REGAP PICNIC

We would like to Thank all of you who made it to our Picnic! We all hope that you had a Greyt time! We did!! The day was perfect! Our official count is 114 dogs (8 non-Greyhounds) and 140 people. Not bad for a first time picnic.

We had the Rev. Francis Olsen blessing each and every dog that was there by name. It was so special to have her there. I don't think that there was a dry eye in the house when George brought out JD. When she blessed JD everyone felt how special the day was. We all Thanked God for the health of our hounds. God Bless JD.

It was greyt to see so many of the hounds that never get a chance to run, run for fun! We saw the happiest smiling hounds and their owners. This was the first time many of the families got to see their dogs run. We did have bandannas for each dog with their names and coordinated by color. (Each color represented a different age group. We wanted to have the younger dogs run with the younger dogs. The older dogs to run with the older dogs. We didn't want anyone to drop from a heart attack.) But, we didn't need them. Everyone was so responsible! No one let a lot of dogs run at the same time. This was greyt!!! There was no chance of anyone getting hurt. We just wanted to say Thank You to all for being so greyt. We never had to worry about anything.

When we do this again next year, we have to figure out a better way with the flies and bees! Any ideas??? We had fogged earlier that morning. It just wasn't enough. We hope that everyone had enough food. Thanks to all that brought a dessert, if you are missing a dish or pan contact Mona. We thought the caterer's did a greyt job, greyt food!

We have to Thank all of our Judges for our contests; Michael Williams, Joey Nelson, Don Wilson, Joe Lyman, Kevin Williams, Sarah Yurnich, and Arielle Dominguez. These kids cracked us up. They were Greyt! Thanks also goes to Rebecca Howey for using her brain to add up all of the totals. These were the winners of the contests: SMALLEST DOG - Stormy Stinson, LARGEST DOG - Osage Domkowski, PRETTIEST EYES GIRL - Perci Ward, PRETTIEST EYES BOY - Osage Domkowski, PRETTIEST SMILE - Dragracer Lyman, SMALLEST WAIST - Zoie Nowak, LARGEST WAIST - Peter Gatterdam, SHORTEST TAIL - Ashlee Peavey, LONGEST TAIL - Osage Domkowski, BEST COSTUME - TJ Wagner, LOOK A LIKE - Temper Wagner/Buster Moore, BEST TRICK - Cannonball Stachowicz, QUEEN OF REGAP 2002 - Off Ramp Jorns, KING OF REGAP 2002 - Osage Domkowski.

We hope that you all had a GREYT time!!! We can't wait until next year! Check out our website for pictures from the event! Special Thanks to Uncle Jeff for taking pictures. Rose Scola, Dawn Milash, Dave Williams, and Maggie Taylor for manning our REGAP booth. You're the Greytest!!!!



### CANDLELITE BOWL

Henry and Susan Nelson (Discjockey, Rockobye, and Gracie) are organizing a Candlelite Bowl to help REGAP with the kennel. The Candlelite Bowl will be at the Montclair Lanes on Harlem/Diversey on Saturday, November 9th at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$60.00 per couple. This includes: kinner, bowling, and fun!!! We have plenty of things to win and raffle.

Thanks to our friends, The Stefanski's, The Ward's, Donna Nowak and The Budzis Families for their donations! Thanks also goes to Adeline Katsion for her wonderful flyers!

Hope to see you there!!!

For information call Susan at 708-452-9622.

### POLO SHIRTS

REGAP now has Polo Shirts available. These shirts are embroidered with our logo on left side of shirt. They are available in Royal, Navy, Red & Silver. In sizes M, L, XL, XXL and the cost is \$20.00.





## 'IF A DOG WERE YOUR TEACHER'

### You would learn stuff like...

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

And MOST of all.....

- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



## Rescue Me

(by Terri Onorato)

Rescue me not only with your hands but with your heart as well.

I will respond to you.

Rescue me not out of pity but out of love.

I will love you back.

Rescue me not with self-righteousness but with compassion.

I will learn what you teach.

Rescue me not because of my past but because of my future.

I will relax and enjoy.

Rescue me not simply to save me but to give me new life.

I will appreciate you gift.

Rescue me not only with a firm hand but with tolerance and patience.

I will please you.

Rescue me not only because of who I am but who I'm to become.

I will grow and mature.

Rescue me not to revere yourself to others but because you want me.

I will never let you down.

Rescue me not with a hidden agenda but with a desire to teach me to trust.

I will be loyal and true.

Rescue me not to be chained or to fight but to be your companion.

I will stand by your side.

Rescue me not to replace one you've lost but to soothe your spirit.

I will cherish you.

Rescue me not to be your pet but to be your friend.

I will give you my undying love.



Greyhound therapy.

## WINTER COATS

Winter is just around the corner. It's time to get a coat for your dog. You may purchase one at Rompets! 405-799-3653 for \$65.00 plus shipping. Rompets are the originators of the Greyhound Coat. Marge designed it in the 80's. Many other groups have copied her style. You can't get any better than her coats. Well worth the money! You may also contact Mona for a different coat pattern if you can sew. Either way, if you must walk your dog, you must have a coat!

## GREYHOUND BEANIES

Thanks to Rose Scola and Scola Specialties, we have the cutest Greyhound Beanie Babies! The beanies are all Gray. Each has a bandanna. The bandanna has our logo on it and comes in Royal, Red, Dark Green, Light Green and Purple. If you would like to purchase one, contact Mona or Shelley. You may also purchase them at the Meet-n-Greets or at the kennels. They would make a Greyt Christmas stocking stuffer! The cost is \$10.00 each plus shipping.

## PICTURES WITH SANTA

The Hodgkins Petco will once again be hosting the Pictures with Santa. You will have to contact the store for the dates and times. If you ever have been to this store, you know what a wonderful Santa we have! Tab Photo's will once again be giving the \$5.00 sitting fee to REGAP. Thanks Tad! The pictures are worth the trip! The Hodgkins store is located in the Quarry Shopping Mall, Joliet Rd./La Grange Rd. Hope to see all of you!!!  
**708-485-7387**



## REGAP WEAR

Show your allegiance, brag a little by sporting some REGAP items which are now available.

HATS	Navy, Royal, Red, Black	\$10.00 ea.
JERSEYS	Grey, Black, Green, Royal L, XL \$20.00 ea.	XXL \$22.00 ea.
T-SHIRTS	Red, Royal, Yellow, Purple L, XL \$10.00 ea.	XXL \$11.00 ea.
SWEATSHIRTS	Red, Royal, Purple, Black L, XL \$20.00 ea.	XXL \$22.00 ea.
BARREL BAGS		\$10.00 ea.
TOTE BAGS		\$10.00 ea.
LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS		\$3.00 ea.

## REGAP WEBSITE

Write up a profile of you and your family and join our website. Think up a web name, join us and get all the news about our group and upcoming events. Thanks Bill - Leafer and Forcer's Dad. Bill's the Webmaster.  
<http://communities.msn.com/REGAPofIllinois>



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## WISH LIST FOR KENNEL

There are many items needed to care for our Greyhounds waiting for adoption.

We will be grateful for all contributions.

Blankets	Paper Towels
Bleach, Detergent	Cotton Balls
Towels	Q-Tips
Sheets	Stamps

and, of course, cash donations are always welcome to purchase additional items, such as shampoo and food.