



REGAP

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

REGAP NEWSLETTER

Fall 2003

FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Hello to All! Happy Holidays!!! We are so sorry that this newsletter is so late. So many things just got in the way. We will try and do better next year.

We will not be sending out a Regap Christmas card this year. We were not able to get it together for the card we wanted. Next year though, look out!

We do want to wish you and your family the very best for the Season and New Year. Please all stay healthy and safe.

We have to discuss some issues. If you have moved, or are planning a move, let us know. We have to put an address correction in to the NGA. You must notify AVID if your dog has been micro chipped. This is very important! If your dog gets loose, it needs to be able to find it's way home. If you would like to get a microchip for your dog(s), visit Shelley or Mona. It will cost you \$20 per dog.

The update on the Bjornson dogs, Rachel and Brandy, is....there is no update. After Regap paid for the Chemo on Brandy, Barb was to have had Brandy's teeth cleaned. She told her Vet not to give us ANY information on her dogs. We have no idea how these girls are. Barb will not answer her phone or give us ANY information. Her gratitude to Regap is amazing to us. Since this has happened, we now send a release to anyone Regap will be helping in the future and also on filling out applications/adoptions. Too bad people have to ruin a nice thing.

Congratulations to a few of our families adding children to their homes. If you have any problems or questions concerning your Greyhounds with your new children, don't be afraid to call us. In the last year we have been given back hounds that were in their homes many years before children. We have also received Greyhounds from other adoption

groups for the same reason. If you feel that you can't handle having your hound and a child, please give your hound back before they get too old to be placed. Most of our families have many children and many hounds. It just takes some families longer to adjust. Call if you need us.

We've also lost a very wonderful man, Stephen Lineberry. Stephen died suddenly before the picnic. Stephen and Janet are parents to Dragster and Ned. It was such a shock. We want to thank everyone who showed up at Stephen's Memorial. The Honor guard of Greyhounds was wonderful. Janet was very appreciative of everyone who came. Our Regap family is the BEST! Thanks also to Bob Vizza who stayed at the Lineberry home all day to take care of Dragster and Ned.

Sadness also in the Wahl household. Our wonderful Dr. Wahl lost his Mother, Ann to a heart attack. We know that we speak for everyone at Regap when we say "Our Deepest Sympathy to Dr. Wahl and his family."

We would just like to close this newsletter with a very big Thank You to everyone that comes to Meet N Greetings. Take a look at the adoptions that have been done since October. We're not even including everyone in this newsletter. (We have to have some for the Winter Newsletter) All the adoptions are because of YOU! Please if you can spare a few hours and show up at one of the Meet N Greetings in your area, that will help us so much. Remember this is how many of YOU first saw a Greyhound! Check the website for dates and places.

VOLUNTEER!

Warmest Wishes for the Holiday Season!

Love, George & Mona, Shelley, Mark & Sue, Mike & Carole, Colleen, Denise, Donna, Dave & Diane, and Karrylynn

NEW ADOPTIONS

Given Name	Registered Name	Adopters Name
Turboboost	Turboboost	The Chmelik's
Cat Eyes	Cat Eyes	The Vanden Basch's
Music Star	Music Star	The Wilson-Marcellis's
Zodiac	Zodiac	The Zack's
Joe Pezzi	Joe Pezzi	Alice Wolf
Blakmaler	Blackie	The Adams'
Airstrike	Airstrike	The Zack's
Embezzler	Cessna	The Smith's
Star Catch	Caitlin	Donna Nowak
Zip Lock	Witchcraft	Heather Romanoff
Stretch	Stretch	The Moore's
Fire Chief	Chief	The Musser's
NonChalant	Nonni	The Sierzega's
Scorpion	Scorpion	The Derfler's
Santa Cruz	Cruz	The Travis'
Backlash	Backlash	Cyndi Ashley
Orchid	Orchid	The Bunton's
Top Hat	Cleo	The Roon's
Sidesaddle	Purdy	The Melcher's
Gulf Star	Gulf Star	The Cook's
Bomber Joe	Joe	The La Barge's
Top Secret	Top Secret	The Seebock's
Atomic Bomb	Tommy	The Moore's
Arsensal	Arsensal	The Farrell's
Spyder	Spyder	The Lewis'
Spy Plane	Spy Plane	The Selep's
Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	The Drohan's
Philip	Philip	The Niemiec's
Often Easy	Pearl	The Peavey's
Millie	Millie	The Smith's
Cosmic Star	Cosmo	The Iskrzycki's
Paprika	Paprika	The Allen-Cox's
Callaway	Callaway	The Evan's

IN MEMORIUM

Stephen Lineberry
Ann Wahl

PICNIC 2003

We had over 180 people come and 150 dogs!!! Yeah!!! We had such nice weather for the picnic. It did get a little windy toward the end of the day. It was so much fun to see all of the very happy Greyhounds. Many we hadn't seen in a long time. Many were the newly adopted. Everyone including their families seem to have had fun! We are so fortunate to have such a greyt place to hold a picnic. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We had greyt food, greyt people, greyt dogs and greyt fun!!! Hope to see everyone again next year!!!

Bonnie Morris was there from The Mendota Reporter to report the event. Mendota has been very warm to our Greyhounds.

We want to thank all of you that donated many of the beautiful items for raffles. Thanks also to Sharon Stefanski, Diane Jorns and Karrilynn Stachowicz for solicitating different vendors for items. It's amazing what these three women were able to get.

Donna Morin from Bow Wow Bonnets donated ½ of her sales to Regap. Sally Johns donated her sales from her bumper stickers, jewelry, and screen savers to Regap. Tammy Smith from Tastefully Simple donated 10% of her sales from the day. Tab photos donated \$5 for every sitting he did that day. Rose Scola donated clocks and all kinds of neat stuff. Pam Savanovic made a beautiful patriotic throw! Denise Sullivan made greyt baskets! Alice Wolf got terrific tools donated. Peggy O'Donnell got cool bags donated. Jeff Niemiec donated lots of cool things for the raffle. Thanks to Rose Scola and Donna Nowak for running the Regap booth. We hope we didn't forget to thank anyone, but if we did...Thanks again everyone for your tremendous effort! Thanks again to Sharon Stefanski for running the Raffles.

Huge big thanks to Will Quick for the Blessing of the hounds and the memorial prayer followed by the releasing of the balloons with the names of our dearly departed kids on them. He did a wonderful job! It was quite a moment.

Contest Winners Were:

Prettiest Smile – Punky Peavey
Largest Dog – Skyhawk McHale
Prettiest Eyes – Obstinate Bunton
Smallest Waist – Orchid Bunton
Largest Waist – Peter Gatterdam
Longest Tail – tie – Philip Niemiec & Skyhawk McHale
Best Costume – Highstrung Stachowicz
Look – a- Like (dogs) – Ringleader- Cannonball- Roody
Look – a -Like (people) – Drag Racer & Will Lyman
Best Trick – Goalie Vizza
Best Entertainer – Cannonball Stachowicz
Shyest Greyhound – Scorcher Harwood
Queen of REGAP 2003 – Amber Katz
King of REGAP 2003 – Spy Plane Selep

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

TJ, Brandy, Tears, Magic Man, Deal, Firecracker, Firechief, Highhanded, Ben, Rush Fijol, Sorcerer, Highroller, HiJacker, Kramer, Milky Way, Roman, Sandfly, Sanddollar, Sandlily, Millie, Road Agent, Sand Storm, Stoney Bagdon, Roadrunner, Wheely, Freelance, Purdy, Picadilly

NOVEMBER

Berry Hill, Jade, Sumac, Wrangler, Landslide, Tigershark, Dragster, Headliner, Back Lash, USA News, Hey Jude, Sgt Pepper, Landmark, Ned, Peeps, Sabrina, Hercules, Drag Racer, Sky Hawk, Red Hawk, Power Play, Power Blast, Joe Cool, Joe Walsh, Joe Pezzi, Blue Hawk, Tomahawk, Back Spin

DECEMBER

Four Flush, Temper, Turbobooost, Wild Chase, Wild Force, Punky, Winnepeg, Witchcraft Pluta, Fortyniner, Wizard, Sadie, Buster, Brandy Damien, Fortress, Fourhanded, Fourwheels, Avalanche, Nexus, Four Cycle, Turbospeed

HEARTWORM/FRONTLINE

The season for Heartworm and Frontline is over. It is up to you, if you would like to continue your monthly medications for your Greyhound. We recommend May 1st through the second killing frost, usually this is Dec. 1st.

If you do not continue the monthly pills for Heartworm year round, you must have another test taken on your hound in the Spring before giving a Heartworm pill. If you give a pill and your dog is positive for Heartworm, your dog could die.

ANTI-CRUELTY OF CHICAGO

On October 18th the Anti-Cruelty of Chicago invited Regap to be their guest to promote Greyhound adoption. We were very honored to be a part of their program. Thanks so much for the friends who helped us out: Gabe & Laura Di Franco, Ina Rubloff, Mike & Corinna Farrell, & Christine Piwowar. You are the Best!

GREYHOUND ROUNDUP WEEKEND

Thanks to the Petco Stores. Every year Petco has what they call Greyhound Roundup Weekend. What they do in the stores is they ask a customer if they would like to donate their change to Regap. This year that one weekend raised over \$1,500.00.

Thank you everyone who participated in this event. You all did an outstanding job!!!



CANDELITE BOWL 2003

Henry & Suzy Nelson did it again!!! What a GREYt time!!! If you didn't come this year what a happening party you missed! We had over 80 couples this year! Next year we want a complete sell out! We had more Regap people there this year. The majority are still friends of the Nelson's. Come out for an evening, \$65 per couple, dinner, dancing & bowling! Saturday, November 6th is the date. Don't say we didn't tell you.

The Nelson's are just the BEST and they were able to get wonderful things donated again. Their friend Adeline printed the flyers. Thanks Adeline! Adrienne Wiclaw made and donated the beautiful Christmas Centerpieces. Thanks Adrienne! Special Thanks to Cheryl Jakubik, Tammy Patzelt and Cyndi Ashley for selling Raffles at the event. Thank you to all that donated wonderful prizes.

The Bowling Banquet raised over \$3,000.00 for Regap!!! Plus we had a Greyt time!!!

WINTER TIPS

Have a winter coat for your Greyhound if you must walk them. After every time you come in from a walk, make sure you wash your dogs feet thoroughly. Salt can make their feet crack or worse.

If you need to use salt on your property, you may want to buy the brand "Safe Paws" at your local Petco or Petsmart store. "Safe Paws" is safe for kids, pets and plants.

Ice can also do a lot of damage to our fur kids legs and feet, especially if the snow cover becomes ice coated. Have plenty of Neosporin, peroxide and Vet Wrap on hand.

HOLIDAYS

Aren't Holidays fun! All the candies, cakes, pies, food, drinks, presents and people. You must be careful of poinsettia plants since these plants are quite poisonous.

Chocolate can also harm your dogs, especially Bakers Chocolate. If your Greyhound were to eat Chocolate, you must make a mixture of 50% peroxide 50% water. You go outside with a turkey baster. Filling the baster with the mixture, point the dogs head straight up, insert the baster to the back of the dogs throat, squeeze mixture quickly into the dogs mouth. Hold the dogs mouth closed so the dog will have to swallow. Then stand back. The dog will barf up everything it has eaten.

With people coming in and out of the house during the holidays you may want to crate your dog, or put it in a room that may be safer than your dog roaming the house. It probably won't be your family letting the dogs out. It will be friends. You don't want to loose your dog or a friendship.

Be Carefull!

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SEW?

If you know how to sew, and would like to help us make leashes, coats, beds, cool coats, belly bands and anything else we can think of, contact Mona (815-538-DOGS) or Donna (dmnngirls@elnet.com). We need your help! We will send homework to your home.

WINTER COATS

If you are in need of a Winter Coat, contact Marge Penne at Rompets 405-799-3653. These are the original Greyhound Coat that everyone has copied. Marge has them ready to go. The cost is \$65 + shipping. Well worth it!

We also have coats available from Donna. Her coat is much different from Marge's. Donna's sells for \$45 + shipping. There is a wait on Donna's. You can contact her at 630-443-9387 or dmnngirls@elnet.com. All profits from this coat goes back to Regap.

Both coats are wonderful, it's your preference.

*If you have borrowed a coat or if you have a coat pattern from Mona or Regap, please return them.

Thanks.

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 her, 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

Our Sweet Greyhounds Who Have Crossed Over

The Rainbow Bridge

Kimmi Trippi-Kerr
Ashlee Peavey
Ramsey Bester
Rubbersole Mann-Lelio
Champ (Wild Times) Fontanetta
Flashback Seebock
Isabella Sierzega
Super Boy Weiss
Top Side Regap
Sky Rocket Cullen
Sky Pilot Pettit
Sonia Chojecki
Stoney Desprat
Monte Bobula
Bako Dion

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

We have two fun ways to shop and help raise money for Regap. First, you can purchase various Regap items online at <http://www.cafeshops.com/regapofil>. All of the profit goes towards rescuing greyhounds. You can order items with the REGAP logo on it or you can order a custom item with a picture of your favorite hound on it. Second, you can purchase just about anything from several different stores at <http://www.igive.com> and make sure you choose **REGAP of Illinois** as your designated charity.

ADOPTION DAY PHOTOS

If you adopted a greyhound from REGAP of Illinois and you don't see your adoption day photo on our website page "Adoption Day Photos", we would love to have one. Please send one to Mona. It can be a picture you already have of your greyhound with his family or take a new one.

GET WELL WISHES

Carole Genovese
Ralph Ball
Nancy Krska
Betty Weiss
Rosemary Budzis
Phyliss Adamitus
Alice Budnauro-Wozniak
Mollie Kinser
Chinook Nach
Trump Moore
Kellogg Moore
Highland Aaron LaShure

If you borrowed a crate from Regap please return it to Mona or Shelley at Franbee Kennels as soon as possible.

WEBSITE NEWS

<http://groups.msn.com/REGAPofIllinois>

If you haven't visited our website lately you should take the time to see all of the new pictures and updated information. If you aren't a member of the website, click on "join now" to become a member. Please write a short note to the managers to let us know who you are or what dog you have. Once you're a member you can add photos of your grey kids and join in discussions on our message board, which has helpful information on living with a greyhound. For you longtime greyhound parents, it will give you a chance to help out on any of the questions from those just starting out.

For any long time members of the website, make sure you update your information in the Member Details page and your member profile. You can update your member profile from the member tools page on the left menu. Go into "view your member profile" and it brings up the information. If you need to change anything click on "edit my profile".

We don't give out your e-mail address to anyone and it's only members who can view your information.

HELPFUL RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

Doggone Safe is a non-profit organization dedicated to dog-bite prevention. The tips are helpful for anyone but especially for families with children. The website address is <http://doggonesafe.com>.

Another internet resource for information is <http://www.greyhoundsupport.org/Resources.htm>. They have helpful hints on everything from training, seasonal safety, care for seniors and other topics.

We try to keep our website updated with information and links to other grey sites. But your best source for information is still Mona.



REGAP CALENDAR



We are doing Meet n Greet at the following stores, the dates change monthly so we added the REGAP contact name and how to contact them for each store or you can check our "Events Calendar" page on our website:

Hodgkins Petco—for dates and times contact Mike and Ida Seebock at icbock1@comcast.net.

Northbrook Petsmart—for dates and times contact Dave and Diane Jorns at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net or 847-854-9337.

Orland Park Petco—for dates and times contact Colleen at CKClement@aol.com or 708-479-6640 or Denise at 773-581-2435.

Oswego Petco—for dates and times contact George and Mona Moore at 815-538-DOGS.

South Elgin Petco—for dates and times contact Donna Nowak at dmnngirls@elnet.com.

Vernon Hills Petsmart—for dates and times contact Dave and Diane Jorns at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net or 847-854-9337.

West Dundee Petco—for dates and times contact Dave and Diane Jorns at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net or Donna Nowak at dmnngirls@elnet.com.

Wheaton Petco—for dates and times contact Karrilynn Stachowicz at davklhitch@sbcglobal.net.



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