



REGAP

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

REGAP NEWSLETTER

Summer 2003

FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Hello to all and welcome to our newest adopters!!! Everyone did an outstanding job of getting the last group of Greyhounds adopted! Yeah!!! We just got in a new group so people do your magic!

We have some very sad news in the Moore family. Our beautiful Ruger, had died from cancer at age 12 1/2. He was our 1st greyhound. It has been very hard to loose our kids, Ruger was extremely difficult. He truly was Beautiful! Many greyhounds got their homes because of Ruger's way of "sucking up" to people. He and Sarah had a way of looking so sad. He also would make people laugh when we said, "Ice Cream!" his ears would stand so straight they would sometimes bend backwards. We hope that everyone kisses their kids extra hard tonight. They are so special, it hurts so much to lose them. We were very lucky to have had him for 11 years.

We also just lost our Master Drive, he was 13 1/2. He died of liver disease. We only had our Master since Jan. 02'. We never thought that he would live longer than a few days. He was very sick. He had a staff infection that was killing him. After clearing that up and pulling 15 teeth, he was amazing!

Having any greyhound past the age of 10 is a blessing. Enjoy.

Love,
George, Mona and the Fur Gang

PALOS FRONTIER DAYS

It sure was cold and windy. We packed it in early. Thank you to all who came. It usually is a picture perfect day. Colleen Clement, Denise Sullivan, The Thompson Family, The Mooney Family, Diane Hubka and Liz Lyman.

BARK IN THE PARK

What a perfect day for a walk! So many people and dogs were there. Our friends, Mike Caplan and Roz Varon from ABC 7 News came over and said their "Hello's". Grasshopper came home with BIG RED lipstick marks on his head, courtesy of Roz. He IS irresistible!!! Thanks to all who came: Christine Kopko (Exploder), Tracy and Brian Nach (Chinnook & Trixi), Bonnie Bagdon (Stoney), Gayle Mann (Willie & Solie), Rosie Koch (Belle & Force), Laura Frucella (Cinnabar & Chelsea), Kate Leeder (Red Cloud), Toni Fairbanks (Northstar), George Moore (Grasshopper & Sharkey).

YARD SALE

We were so lucky to have had a Greyt weekend! May 8th, 9th & 10th were perfect! We had all kinds of stuff donated! Thank you to all of you!!!

Special Thanks to the Stachowicz Family. They donated a car. Thanks to Dennis Keefe for bringing it to the sale! Hats off to George Moore, he used his vacation to pick up items. Some of you had things but were missed, we're sorry. The weather and time were a big factor.

We raised just under \$2,900.00!!! We have bought with the money, Avid Chips, T-Shirts, Beanies, 4 Canopy Tents, Dog Water Buckets, Dog Pools, Frontline & Heartworm pills.

We were so lucky to have had so much help during the Yard Sale. Thank You to all that helped: Karrilynn Stachowicz, Mary Ann Schmid, Karen Keefe, Laferne & Don Wilson, Christine Kopko, Sally Johns, Cyndi Ashley, Trish, Bob, Lexi, Abby & Robert Vizza, Jodi, Alan, Justin & Johnny Katz, Dave & Diane Jorns, Michelle Sierzega, Terry & Mary Thompson, Steve & Janet Lineberry, George & Mona Moore.

NEW ADOPTIONS

Given Name	Registered Name	Adopters Name
Turbospeed	Speedy	The Chevopoulos'
Star Pilot	Star	The Witkowski's
Star Zone	Star Zone	The Moore's
JC's Torqued	George	The Harwood's
Sirius Star	Sirius	Judith Reymond
Titleist	Titleist	The McKee Family
Goal Post	Goal Post	The Joyce Family
Goal Keeper	Goal Keeper	The Howey Family
Goal Tender	Goal Tender	The Stewart Family
Hydraulic	Hydraulic	Cyndi Ashley
Star Show	Star Show	The Vizza Family
Star Ship	Star Ship	The Drohan Family
Joe Walsh	Joe Walsh	Evie Kredich
RL Jordan	Huey	The Van Wombeke's
North Star	North Star	The Van Wombeke's
Back Spin	Back Spin	The Gold Family
Sea Breeze	Breezy	The Gray Family
RE Live	Rosebud	The Jurss Family
Driveshaft	Kopi	The Keswick-Post's
Lighting Bill	Billy	The Wolf Family
Highland Aaron	Aaron	Mary Anne LaShure
Slick Rush	Rhyno	The Stachowicz's
Earthmover	Earthmover	Cynthia Bauman
Magistrate	Magistrate	The Kakazu's



July - Bea, Doodle Bug, Peter, Dee Dee, Exploder, Henry, Tyler, Pentagon, Parachute, Litespeed, Extinguish, Speedweek, Star Trek, Jake, Zorro, Henry Lee, Sirius Star, Rockobye, Moonwatch, Sable Star, Trap Rock, Willie, Rim Rock, Moonbeam, Honey, Moonglow, Movie Star, Rock Candy, Rosie Mecca, Chalupa, Neon Star, Vegas Star, Sahara Star, Aaron, Star Rocket, Bodie, Taylor, Goal Line, Goal Post, Goal Tender, Goal Keeper

August - Pharoah, Magistrate, Trump, Megabucks, Emily, Gunfire, Alley Cat, Oakie, Sharpshot, Purdy Red, Gracie, Monte, Fairy Tale, Epic Star, Duke, StarThief, Angelwings, Bonnie, Star Brite, Chloe, Speedzone, Star Stroll, Marshall, C2A, Sea Legs, Trixi, Star Zone, Starstrobe, Sea Breeze

September - Flo, Fast Talker, Convict, Pokie, Buddy Katz, Riley, Finish, Fort Polk, Osiris, Fortune, Disc Jockey, Super, Wild Dash, Zoie, Lighting Bill, Piper, Rosebud, Bomber Joe, Atomic Bomb

4th OF JULY PARADE

The 4th of July Parade in Elmwood Park was Greyt!! It was short and sweet! The weather was just getting hot by the time we finished. We had a nice turnout of people. There was one person missed very badly, Ron Domkowski. Ron died June 25th. He lived with his wife, Kathleen and his 3 Greyt kids: C2A, Sage & Finish. Ron had pestered the parade guys to move us up closer to the front. (We have been trying to do this for the last 9 years with no luck). Ron got us moved up 40 spaces to be no. 30. We know he was walking with us proud of his accomplishment. Thanks to all who came: Mark & Valerie Peavey, Kathleen Domkowski, Peggy O'Donnell, Michael, Debbie & Sarah Yurnich, Jacynda & Cynthia Bauman, Henry, Suzy, Joey & Lauren Nelson, George & Mona Moore.

LA GRANGE PET PARADE

It was so cold and windy we couldn't believe it! Last year we were afraid that some dogs weren't going to make it. Thank God for the cool coats. This year we needed winter coats. Who would have thought that May 30th would have been so cold. Thank You Lois Flood for moving us up in the parade. Let's hope we'll be invited back again next year! Thank you to all that came out to support REGAP: Barb Szostak, Debbie & Sarah Yurnich, Paula Butella, Nathan & Laura McCoy, Brenda, Brian & Kevin Smaller, Trish, Bob, Lexi, Abby & Robert Vizza, Dave & Karrilynn Stachowicz, Laura Frucella, George & Mona Moore, and John Kerr (even though he didn't walk with US).

Special Thanks to Lexi & Abby Vizza for walking with our banner. You both did a GREYT job!!!

After the parade we all went back to Dave & Karrilynn's for a barbecue. We all had a wonderful time! Thanks for the hospitality. Dave cooks a pretty mean burger!

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.

IN MEMORIUM

Ron Domkowski

GET WELL WISHES

Betty Weiss
Nancy Krska
Ralph Ball
Shelby Simpson
Ashlee Peavey
Alice Budnauro-Wozinak
Rosemary Budzis
Mike Mooney
Colleen Clement
Shelley Wagner
Carole Genovese
Jordan Horton
Laferne Wilson
Sharon Borg
Karrilynn Stachowicz
Flashback Seebock

INTERNATIONAL GREYHOUND MEMORIAL

The International Greyhound Memorial Weekend is July 26 & 27. We are having our Memorial on July 27th, noon in Mendota at George & Mona's. We will be having a blessing of the hounds, and a reading of people and dogs that have passed. There will also be a moment of silence to remember the Greyhounds that have been abused and killed in the racing industry & in Laboratories. Since this is our 1st Annual, we will be remembering all who have passed from REGAP. Very informal, pack a lunch and hang out. If you would like to make sure your loved one is memorialized, please contact Diane Jorns by e-mail: dydee1@msn.com or call Mona at 815-538-DOGS.



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

Our Sweet Greyhounds Who Have Crossed Over

The Rainbow Bridge

Tango Tori Lienau
Heddy Krjlic
Kahlil Keswick-Post
Ruger Moore
Isabella Sierzega

Master Moore
Money Cloherty
Chelsea Sierzega
Cash Videka
Comet Katz

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

These people give up so much of their time for REGAP. We would just like to give them an extra Thank You: Mark & Susan Peavey, Colleen Clement, Denise Sullivan, Donna Nowak, Dave & Diane Jorns, Dave & Karrilynn Stachowicz, Allison Quick, and Mary Ann Schmid. These are the people who give up their weekends to do Meet n Greets. Without these folks many of you may have never met your 1st Greyhounds. Thanks Family!!!

Thank You to Carol & Randy Zart. They donated one pallet of Nutro Lamb & Rice. They also had Wonderful Chocolate Bars made with the REGAP logo on it to sell for fundraising. If anyone would like a Chocolate Bar, Shelley has them at Franbee a \$10.00 donation gets you one. Thanks Again!!!

Thanks to Henry and Suzy Nelson for organizing the Candlelite Bowl. (Nov. 1st) These 2 people raised so much money for us at last years event. They sold so many tickets, and got so many raffle items. Thank You!!!

Thanks to Rose Scola for the T-Shirts, Beanies and anything else Rose can put our logo on. Wait until you all see the new Beanies and the Greyhound keychains. Thanks, Thanks, Thanks and Thanks!

Thanks to the many Monetary Donations from these people: Mary Ann Schmid, Cyndi Ashley, Dave & Diane Jorns, Peggy O'Donnell, Donna Nowak, and Bob & Geri Sierzega. Thank You, Thank You!

Finally, Thank You for the support that Art & Sharon Stefanski has given us over the years. They have sent many raffle items for last years Bowling Banquet, and this years Picnic Raffle. John & Martha Ward, and Rosemary Budzis also donated many lovely things. Thanks for everything!

As you can read, we are a very lucky group of people. Lucky to have found a LOVE of Greyhounds.

MOKENA CRAFT FAIR

The Mokena Craft Fair turned out to be a Flea Market. Diane Hubka was wonderful to buy 3 spaces for us. It was a GREYT turnout!!! Thanks to all that came: Phyllis Adamitus, Stephanie Gendusa, Brian & Kerri Harwood, Dave & Rebecca Howey, Diane & Vito, Janet & Stephen Lineberry, Liz Lyman, Kim & Tom McBride, Vicki Young, Kevin & Heather McHale, Mike & Cheri Mooney, Mike & Lenore Thompson, Terry & TJ Thompson, The Vizza Family, and Sarah & Debbie Yurnich.

REGAP PICNIC

Our picnic will be Saturday, September 27th. We will be having the Blessing of the Hounds. The Blessing will take place at Noon.

TAB Photo will be taking pet portraits. You all have seen his work. Tad took the REGAP x-mas card last year. Tad also is our photographer at Petco for the Tree of Hope, Spring into Pets, Halloween and anything else we can think of. You may want to take your x-mas photo at the Picnic. Tad will sell you a disc and copyright.

We will have some vendors too! If you have anything that you might want to sell, contact Mona. PS. Have you all seen those cool Clocks that Terry Thompson is making? Take a look on our website. Very cool!

We have purchased 4 small 12x20 Canopy Tents with Mosquito netting. Last year we were over run with bees and flies. Lets hope this works. Please make sure you zip as soon as you enter.

We are also in need of Raffle items! If you would like to donate something to REGAP it is tax deductible. It doesn't have to be a Greyhound item. We appreciate anything!

Please bring a dish. Last year we asked for desserts, we had too much. Bring a dish, no mayo. Desserts are fine, hear that Adrienne?

See you there!!!!!!

CANDLELITE BOWL

Saturday, November 1st is the next Candlelite Bowl. We need raffle items for this event. If you would like to donate an item it is tax deductible. Suzy & Henry Nelson have already sold over 20 couples so far!!! If you didn't make it to last years event, you really missed out on Greyt fun! The food was Greyt!!! Suzy & Henry will have tickets available at the Picnic. If you would like to come to the Candlelite, contact Suzy or Henry at 708-452-9902. The cost is \$60.00 per couple. The tickets are first come first serve. Tickets must be paid for in advance. Last day of tickets is October 1st.

NEW BEANIES!

We have new Greyhound Beanie Babies! The dogs now come in different colors: Red, Brown, White & Black. They have purple, red, green, black or blue bandannas. They will be available at the picnic, Meet n Greets or call Mona. They are a \$10.00 donation + shipping. Thanks Rose!!

MOSQUITO PROTECTION

Dogs aren't typically the recipients of the West Nile Virus. If you have concerns about walking or being out at night, you may spray Skintastic on the dogs or use Avon Skin So Soft. The spray is much better than the Advanix. The mosquito protection in the Advanix starts to wear off in the 1st week. Use Skintastic or Skin So Soft, we know these are safe.

SUMMER TIPS

Cars are too hot for Greyhounds in the summertime. Opening car windows in 80 degree weather is not enough and remember humidity is a Greyhounds worst enemy. Please leave your Greyhounds at home. Also, only walk your Greyhounds in the very early morning or after dark, when it is cooler on hot, humid days. If you must walk your dog, make it a short walk. If your dog becomes overheated, stop and pour water on his belly and feet. Also, give small amounts of water to the dog to drink. Carrying a bottle of water with a squirt top is excellent. Wait until your dog has cooled down, before resuming your walk. We also have Cool Coats available for \$20.00 plus shipping.

COOL COATS

Donna Nowak has a different design of cool coat. You may either buy on from Marge at Rompet's (405-799-3653) or Donna has hers for sale at Franbee Kennels in Orland Park (708-349-0116). If you walk your dog in the summer, a cool coat is a must!

BE ALERT!

Some of our adopters have experienced serious encounters, while walking with their Greyhounds, this Spring. Several of our hounds have been attacked by strange, unleashed dogs. We checked with our police department and you can purchase a personal repellent spray which is legal at most hardware stores. Only use it, if the other dog attacks and when you return to your home notify your local police department. Leash laws are enforced.

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.



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

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

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.



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FLEA AND HEARTWORM SEASON

It's that time of year again. We suggest everyone, who hasn't adopted within the last 2 months, to make an appointment with Dr. Wahl or your Vet for a Heartworm test. While you are there check your vaccinations. Update if necessary. Give a 3 year Rabies shot if due.

Many medications Greyhounds cannot have, your Vet will let you know. Here is a list of things we recommend:

FRONTLINE - Kills Fleas, Ticks, Eggs, Larvae, Adults (Liquid that you put on nape of neck once a month)
SENTINEL - Sterilizes the Adult Flea. Does not kill fleas or ticks. (Heartworm pill/Flea protection in pill form)
CAPSTAR - Kills Fleas in 4 hours. (Only kills what on the dog. Not for longtime use.)
HEARTWORM PILLS - Interceptor or Heartgard

DO NOT USE REVOLUTION on your hounds. We feel that it's still too new, many Greyhounds died from this last year.

Heartworm is given once a month starting May 1st through December 1st or second killing frost. Flea protection is given the same time as the Heartworm pill. Frontline may be given every other month if you are not in a woody area. If you are not sure what to do, call us, we answer.

ACTORS NEEDED

REGAP is trying to put on a LIVE NATIVITY for a fund-raiser project. We need YOU!!! We have a Mary, we need Joseph, Wise Men, and Angels. We also need people to direct traffic, sell goodies and tickets.

We have a Stable, the Donkey and space. We are borrowing from Dillon's family, a cow and a sheep. We are in need of a Lama or Abacus. Know anyone who may have one??

Rose Scola is going to try and get 2 Vocal Groups for the Christmas Carols. We are talking to the Lion's Club, asking if they would like to bring their wiener wagon to sell food & drink. We need people for 2 weekends. Friday and Saturday nights. Please Volunteer!!! We think it will be lots of fun! Call Mona at 815-538-3647.

We hope to see new people at the Meet n Greets. Remember, this is how most of you met your first Greyhound. Let's help get more of them adopted!!!! VOLUNTEER!!!!



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