



# REGAP

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

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REGAP NEWSLETTER

Winter-Spring 2004

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Hello to all and welcome to our newest adopters! This newsletter is going to be a Winter/Spring issue. We need to catch up!

We want to thank people for all of the hard work they are doing for our beautiful hounds. Thanks to Carey Levy the manager at the Wheaton Petco. Carey has gotten 3 pallets of food donated to REGAP in the last year. He has also allowed us to do our pictures with Santa / Easter Bunny and any other things we might think of to raise money for REGAP in his store. We really needed someone to come through for us and he did. He also has a greyt staff of people!

Thanks also to Katy Novinski, the manager at the Vernon Hills Petsmart. Katy is the niece of Carole Genovese (a long time REGAP Rep) and Katy also used to work at Franbee. She was wonderful enough to remember what we do for the hounds and insisted that we be in her store. Since being there, there have been many adoptions from that area.

Once again we would like to Thank everyone who comes to the Petco/Petsmart Stores to promote Greyhound adoption. Without your help people would never know how terrific these dogs are. Thanks to: Howard & Judy Honig, Allison Quick, Valerie Peavey, Phyllis Adamitus, Mike & Cheri Mooney, Diane Hubka, Liz Lyman, Cyndi Ashley, Karen Stelling, Mike & Ida Seebock, Mary Anne La Shure, Mary & Rose Meenagan, Patty Bunton and her family, Mike & Corinna Farrell, Michelle Harr, Bob & Trish Vizza, and of course our wonderful representatives. We appreciate all of you.

Volunteer! It's Fun!!!

Love, George & Mona

## SPRING INTO PETS

It's that time of year again when our local Petco stores will be raising money for pet charities. Usually it is the entire month of April. REGAP will be participating at many of the stores. Check our website for stores, dates and times. We really need you to volunteer! Please help! The money raised from this fundraiser helps many of our families who need shots, heartworm pills, frontline or any other medical needs for their greyhounds.

It will be like a Meet-n-Greet, the only difference will be that you will be asking customers to purchase a paper bunny. REGAP will receive a portion of the money raised.

We will be doing pictures with the Easter Bunny at the Wheaton Store. Anyone want to be Bunny??? Call Mona if you are interested at 815-538-3647.



## BARK IN THE PARK

This years Bark in the Park, the walk for Chicago's Anti-Cruelty Society is Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. REGAP has been a participant since the walks conception. Our good friends Mike Caplan and Roz Varon (of Channel 7 News) are the emcee's. We would like to have as many people join us for the wonderful event! It is a \$20 entry fee. The fee is charged to keep spay/neuter programs low. You receive a T-Shirt and goodies for your hound. Please call Mona if you are interested in going. We always have such a greyt time. The walk is at the beautiful Chicago Lakefront. Hope to see you all there!

## NEW ADOPTIONS

Given Name	Registered Name	Adopters Name
Star	Astarfromthepast	The Meenaghan's
Cornie	Cornflake	The Seebock's
Quartzstar	Quartzstar	The Mistrata's
Caterpillar	Caterpillar	Rich Cieczczak
Berry	Berry Hill	The Trippi-Kerr's
Cat Walk	Cat Walk	The Karlson's
Kenny	Kenny	The Long's
Flow	Ice Flow	The Videka's
Picadilly	Picadilly	Julie MacGregor
Starchaser	Starchaser	The Jones'
Traveler	Traveler	The Stewart's
Galahad	Galahad	The Coggshall-Teeter's
Sadie	Paragon Sadie	The Zack's
Buckeye	Skimar Buckeye	The Szostak's
Dominator	Esodtwelve	The Moore's
Dominator	Dominator	The Coggshall-Teeter's
Lil' Missy	Brownie	The Elenz'
Maple Hill	Maple Hill	Dana Petrick
Addie	Adventurer	The Cloherty's
Shamrock	Shamrock	The Speight's
Tammi	Tamarack	The Wagner's
Strike Out	Strike Out	The Harr-Kreidi's
Chance	Watergate	The Smaga's
Switch Hit	Switch Hit	The Ashland's
Shyster	Shyster	The Dixon's
Cyrano	Aviator	The Desprat's
Atlas	Atlas	The Urbauer-McKas'
Sinbad	Duaney Duaney	The Zack's
Sheri	Schererezade	The Zack's
Holly	Holly	Donna Nowak
Beautukker	Beautukker	The Christensen's
Exploder	Exploder	Christine Piwowar
Motown	Motown	Sandra Dumont-Green
Chevron	Chevron	The Lyman's
Buck	Megabucks	The Stelling-Farina's

## REGAP YARD SALE

WE NEED YOUR JUNK!!! Please save all of your cool stuff for our REGAP Yard Sale, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. We will take ANYTHING!!! Remember, one man's junk, is another man's treasure. Tax deduction letters are also available.



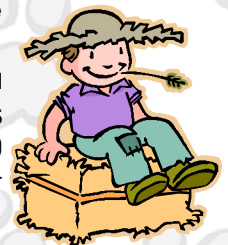
George will be picking up items for donation at Franbee Kennels or if you have furniture or big things to donate he will pick them up from your home. You must call him in advance to arrange a pickup. We would like to do a central location for pickup this year. If you really can't go to Franbee, we will make arrangements. Just call 815-538-3647!!!

## MOKENA FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

The Fair is on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Last year Diane Hubka donated 3 spaces for us, and she's doing it again. The Flea Market/Craft Fair is in beautiful downtown Mokena. If you would like to attend, please contact Diane at 708-479-5567. We need your help for set-up and Meet-n-Greet!

## PALOS FRONTIER DAYS

The Frontier Days festival is always a fun time. This year it's at the Children's Farm in Palos Park (12700 Southwest Hwy). This is an excellent event to bring your human kids as well as your Greyt kids to. It shows kids how a farm works. They have hay rides and crafts to make and crafts to buy! Last year was sooo cold. Hopefully, the weather this year will be perfect! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Colleen Pluta at 708-479-6440. The festival is Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Check out our website for more details.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## January

- Beau Coup, Baron, Beautukker, Kellogg, Justin, Winston, Titleist, Chinook, Streaker, Beau Ideal, Beautique, Basil,
- Beaugerik, Biddles, Cyrus, Pooh, Rush Hour, Ruby, Taurus, Ringleader, Santa Cruz, Buddy Sturgeon, Emmy, Arielle,
- Osage, Stone Fly, Huey, Mollie, Gulf Star, Callaway, Astarfromthepast, Alpine Star

## February

- Buckeye, Greengrass, Greenleaf, Pee Dee, Rocky, Greenwood, Vibration, Bully, Lacey, Motown, Milestone, Freedom,
- Outburst, String Bean, Renegade, Sawbuck, Steamroll, Dominator, Shamrock, Strike Out, Switch Hit, Strike Zone

## March

- Obstructor, Off Ramp, Octagon, Off Limits, Orchid, Obstinate, Octane, Rush, Bumble Bee, Artie, Andy, Finnegan,
- Patches, Dancer, Star Pilot, Windgust, Earthshine, Earthworm, Shofly, Jack Frost, Racey, Dutch, Scorcher, Shogun,
- Nacho, Nutcracker, North Pole, Nonchalant, Dracula, Earthquake, Rebound, Notorious, Scorpion, Starburner, Stretch,
- Showdown, Star Show, Earthmover, Roody, Corn Flake, Ice Flow, Cornhusker, Grid Iron, Chadwick

## April

- Ivanhoe, Saxony, Alice, Cinnamon, Pixie, Nessie, Michael, Kasper, Debi, Flashflood, Heartbreak, Time Zone, Slap Shot,
- Gangster, Streaker Griffin, Red Cloud, Belle, Ace, Paeden, Luther, Delta, Aribella, Spyder, Spy Plane, Ziplock, Zodiac,
- Bambi

## May

- Pearl, Star Ship, Touchdown, Folger, Gatsby, Ellie, Sweetheart, Monty, Mohican, Seminole, Navajo, Sharkey, Unruly
- Star, Chipmunk, Sabotage, Icey, North Star, Willy, Galavant, Santos, Aspen, Cannonball, Chiseler, Gracie Nelson,
- Penny, Starlink, Maddux, Rhino, Lady, Kayla, Chevron, Starfrenzy, Noelle, Mia, Nickie, Tumbleweed, Agreement, Star
- Craft, Polar Star, Star Charm, Top Hat, Top Secret, Tampa Bay, Quartzstar, Galahad, Funny Boy, Maneuverer

## June

- Rachel, Oreo, Winston Boggess, Magic Hour, Quick Trip, Amber, Brian, Lindsey, Jack, Magic Force, Zeus, Joy, Brianna,
- Foxy Lady, Shadow, Hightime, Highstrung, Bella, Grasshopper, George, Kopi, Hydraulic, Arsenal, Phillip, Caitlin, Cosmic
- Star, Starchaser, Adventurer, Tamarack, Aviator, Sinbad, Broadcast, Bypasser, Holly

## LA GRANGE PET PARADE



June 5<sup>th</sup> is the date for the 2004 LaGrange Pet Parade. We always have such a greyt time! Last year it was sooo cold that everyone had to wear coats. Watch the weather, be prepared! Last year, our wonderful friend Lois Flood had moved us up to the 35<sup>th</sup> spot. Hopefully, she'll be able to do that again. Maybe even Elvis might show up...

We hope that many of you can come and support REGAP by walking in the parade. We also will have an information table by the field house. If you would like to come contact Mona 815-538-DOGS! Hope to see you all there!!!

## ELMWOOD PARK 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE



We have been a participant in this parade for the last 11 years. If you would like to join us, we would LOVE to have you. It will be on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. They want us there by 8:30 am. Please decorate your hound with red, white, and blue. We will have things also, if you don't. Please bring with you; poop bags, water, and your cool coats. If you don't have a cool coat, you can purchase them ahead of time by contacting Mona. They are \$20 each, with proceeds going to REGAP. We hope to see you there!!!

## FLEA AND HEARTWORM SEASON

It's that time of year again. We suggest that you get a Heartworm Test in April and start giving the first pill May 1<sup>st</sup>. Heartworm Pills work 6 wks backwards. We also start the flea preventative the same day. While you are at your Vet's office you need to make sure your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date. We ask that you have Rabies, Distemper, and Bordatella shots.

We recommend the following choices:

**HEARTWORM PILLS** - Interceptor or Heartguard.

**SENTINEL** - Sterilizes the Adult Flea. Does not kill fleas or ticks (Heartworm Pill/Flea protection in pill form).

**FRONTLINE** - Kills Fleas, Ticks, Eggs, Larvae, Adults (liquid that you put on nape of neck once a month).

**CAPSTAR** - Kills Fleas in 4 hours (only kills what is on the dog, not for longtime use).

**DO NOT USE REVOLUTION** on your hounds. It has killed many Greyhounds.

**DO NOT GET THE SIX-MONTH SHOT EITHER.**

Heartworm Pills / Flea protection is given once a month starting May 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> or second killing frost.

If you are not sure about anything, please give us a call!

### IN MEMORIUM

Marie Madeleine Desprat

## 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

Trump Card Moore  
Mini Bon Bon Giangreco  
Glacier Regap  
Stretch Adamitus  
Highland Aaron La Shure

## OCTANE LEABHART

Many of you already know the story of Octane Leabhart. This beautiful boy had been on the run for 3 weeks and 1 day in some of the coldest weather of the season. The REGAP Family and friends had been looking for him everyday. They had hung over 1000 flyers to bring attention to him. They had contacted every Police Station, Fire Station, Animal Shelter, and Vet Office by e-mail or in person. They were able to have front page coverage in the local daily paper. Phew! What a wonderful group of people!!!



The REGAP family came from as far as Posen, Mendota, Deerfield, the Lakefront, Frankfort, Gurnee, as well as many other places. Everyone, not just one person, helped look for this boy. Thank You to everyone who couldn't get this boy out of their mind. Thank You for spending your time to look for him and thank you for all who couldn't come out to help but kept him in your prayers. The REGAP website message board was ablaze with concern, prayers and suggestions. Your commitment meant the world to his family and ours. You are truly special people. Special thanks to Diane & Dave Jorns, Liz Cardenas, Karrilynn Stachowicz, & Patty Bunton for co-coordinating the search and internet.

How did Octane get lost? The Leabhart's dog walker didn't check the gate before letting the dogs out. Jade, their other Greyhound, came right back and he just thought that Octane would also come back. REGAP was notified 4 1/2 hours later about Octane. Every second counts people, you need to let us know as soon as possible so we can saturate the area immediately. If your greyhound ends up getting found in 15 minutes, that's fine, then we'll all go home, but if he/she doesn't, you already have the resources out there helping you.

Not only was this beautiful boy on the run for 22 days, he also lost 43 pounds. Yes, 43 pounds!!! Luckily, he started out as a 90 pound boy and he is only 5 years old. After one week of being back home, he has gained 10 pounds and he keeps improving everyday. He is a strong boy and not all greyhounds would have survived what he went through but now we can all celebrate the fact that he is still with us.

Octane now is in doggie daycare with his other "O" siblings. Almost everyday his Dad, Robin drops him by his Aunt Diane for extra RR. He now is starting to enjoy running for fun again, not for his life!



Folks, please check your gates before letting your hounds out, especially in windy weather. We had a few adopters loose a section of their fence/gate during the last windy day. Go over the REGAP information with your dog walker. If, heaven forbid, your dog gets out, please call us ASAP. Don't wait hours. Let's all learn from poor Octane.



## AVID CHIPS & DOG TAGS

Many of the old Avid chip tags had stickers with the microchip number on them. As they have gotten old they are not readable. You may want to contact Avid (PETrac) about the brass tag they have available. You can also make your own with the Avid phone number and chip number on it. Just make sure the tag has the following information:

IF I'M LOST CALL PETrac (800) 336-2843  
AVID CHIP # \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Tags must be on your dogs at all times! If you can't stand the sound of jingle jangle tags, put a rubber band around them or tape them together. There is also a product that you can find on the internet called a "pocket" that your tags go into on the collar.

A dog without ID cannot find its way home!!!



## GET WELL WISHES

Sue Peavey  
Alan Kakazu  
Bob Vizza  
Bobbi Genemaris  
Nick Genemaris  
Carole Genovese  
Kevin Wagner  
Nancy Kraska  
Ralph Ball  
Betty Weiss  
Alice Budnauro-Wozniak  
Mollie Kinser  
Chinook Nach  
Chadwick Regap  
Beautukker Christensen  
Kia Regap

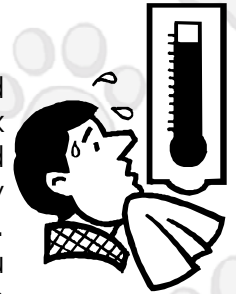


## BIG THANK YOU

A greyt big Thank You to Dr. John Fleming. This wonderful Vet gave Brandy Bjornson her Chemotherapy at his cost! We know this thank you is a long in coming, but greytly appreciated!

## HEAT & HUMIDITY KILL

With summer comes heat and humidity. If you need to walk your dog when it's hot and humid; walk only in the early morning and very late at night. If it's **really** hot and humid you may just want to take them out to do their business and get them right back into the air-conditioned house.



If you don't have air-conditioning in your car, leave the dog home! Cars get much hotter quicker than you might think. These dogs haven't any fat to cool themselves.

We do have Cool Coats available through Marge (Rompets) or Donna Nowak. These are coats made out of towels that you dip in cold water and are able to walk your dog when it's a little hotter than we would like. They are greyt! We use them for any outdoor event that might get too hot.

*For information on Cool Coats please contact Marge (Rompets) at 405-799-3653 or contact Donna at [dmnngirls@elnet.com](mailto:dmnngirls@elnet.com) (proceeds going to REGAP).*

## MOSQUITO PROTECTION

Dogs aren't typically the recipients of the West Nile virus but if the mosquitoes are as bad this summer as they were last summer, you may want to help your hound keep those buggers off. You can spray them with Skintastic for kids or put a little Avon Skin So Soft on them. Anything else may be harmful to greyhounds. Advantix only works the first week or so, then fades leaving your hound vulnerable.

### 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.

## THE HOLISTIC CORNER

by Lori Mitchell

Imagine your breakfast..... Tainted cattle meat meal, throw in a few beaks and feathers, add sugar syrup, chemicals and sprinkle on preservatives and dyes. Pressure cook the nutrients out of it, let cool and serve.

This sadly enough is what most dog foods consist of. Pet food manufacturers are allowed to use diseased animals, even euthanized cats and dogs. Chemicals and preservatives are believed to be causing an ever increasing number of chronic ailments in our pets. A list of ingredients to stay away from are: Sodium Nitrate, Corn Syrup, Corn Gluten Meal, Soy (good for humans, not dogs), Sodium Carboxymethyl, Potassium Sorbate, Ethoxyquin, BHA, BHT, Animal fat, Salt, Sugar and Dyes.

Many pet foods advertised as "Preservative Free" do contain preservatives. Almost all rendered meats have synthetic preservatives added before they are shipped to the pet food manufacturers.

Holistic veterinarians believe in feeding your pets either raw or cooked meats along with vegetables and grains (a table food type diet). The pet foods they most recommend are: Solid Gold, Earth Animal, Innova, Natural Life, Wysong, Precise Cornucopia, Petguard and Abady.

*\*\*This article was submitted by one of our adopters and contains alternative food choices, if you wish to take a more holistic approach. REGAP of Illinois still recommends Nutro Lamb & Rice (regular or dental) for our greyhounds.*

### BE ALERT!

With Spring and Summer coming you might want to carry mace or a stick with you on a walk. Many of our adopters and their greyhounds have been attacked on walks in the past years. You all know that the beautiful greyhound will never protect you or themselves. Be alert!!!

*\*\*Websites that offer dog repellents: [www.petguys.com](http://www.petguys.com) or [www.safetybasement.com/dogrepellent.htm](http://www.safetybasement.com/dogrepellent.htm).*

## CALLING ALL CRATES/COATS

If you rented a crate or borrowed a REGAP coat from us, please return it to Mona (815)538-DOGS as soon as possible. We have new dogs arriving and we need to have these items available for new adopters.

## WEBSITE NEWS

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

Become a member of our website and check out our message board. Your fellow adopters join in discussions regarding greyhound issues and contribute helpful information.



## REGAP GEAR

[www.cafeshops.com/REGAPofIL](http://www.cafeshops.com/REGAPofIL)

Show your support by shopping at our online store and wearing your REGAP of IL shirt, installing a REGAP license plate holder on your car, or drinking your coffee out of a REGAP mug. You can even personalize with a picture of your hound. All proceeds go towards helping greyhounds. Mona also has items available by her.

## HOUND WEAR

If you are interested in greyhound coats (Winter, Spring/Fall, Cool, Rain) or if you need a martingale style leash. If you have an old leash that you purchased from REGAP you can now exchange it for a new one for a discounted price. Please contact Donna Nowak at [dmmngrls@elnet.com](mailto:dmmngrls@elnet.com) for more information and prices. All proceeds go towards helping the hounds.

## WISH LIST

There are many items needed to care for our Greyhounds waiting for adoption. We are grateful for all contributions. Some of the items needed are: dog food, blankets, towels, sheets, bleach/detergent, paper towels, cotton balls, Q-tips, stamps and of course cash donations are always welcome to help take care of some of the older rescued greyhounds who need medical attention. All donations are tax deductible.

## 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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