



# REGAP

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

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REGAP NEWSLETTER

Summer 2004

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Welcome to REGAP and Hello to Old Family!

It's been brought to my attention that many of you don't want to bring your hounds to outdoor events i.e.: parades, meet-n-greets, dog walks, craft fairs, Taste of Diversey, Frontier Days, Fall Festivals, The REGAP Picnic, etc. Nothing says that to participate you must have or bring a Greyhound with you. We want to see YOU just as much as your Greyhound. Believe me, there is plenty of things to do as a participant without your dog. Examples: You can walk with a REGAP shirt on passing out brochures. You can bring water to the other walkers for their dogs or pour water on the dogs to cool them. You can be our official "\_hit picker upper". You can pull the Water Wagon. You can carry the REGAP Banner or you can just participate to show your support for our group. NO MORE EXCUSES FOLKS! Let's hope that more of you come to these special events, with or without your dogs. Remember, this may have been the way you met your first Greyhound. VOLUNTEER! It's GREYT!!!

Love, *Mona*

## PALOS FRONTIER DAYS

This was the most successful Frontier Days Festival! The weather was perfect! We had many people show up to support REGAP. Diane Hubka made these wonderful donation jackets for the dogs. Denise and Colleen came up with fun guessing games for the event. The total raised was \$270.00!!! WOW! Thanks for all who supported us: The Mooneys, Off Limits & Patches, Diane Hubka & Wild Chase, Phyllis Adamitus & Turbofuel, Liz Lyman, her son Will, Drag Racer & Chevron, The Thompson's & Earthshine and especially Denise Sullivan and Colleen Pluta, Winnepeg, Witchcraft & Jack Frost.

## REGAP YARD SALE

This was the most successful Yard Sale Yet! \$3500.00 + we still have a few things to auction. Thank You for all of your cool stuff. Thanks to George & Jim Moore for picking up the treasures. Thanks to Chris Chinchilla and Beth Marszalek for pricing many of the antiques. Thanks to Cyndi Ashley, Karilynn Stachowicz, Mary Ann Schmid, her friend Joan, Connie, Tom, Leah, & Jeff Mistrata, Jim Moore, Laferne & Don Wilson, Carole Genovese, Karen Keefe, Beth Marszalek, Ron & Sally Smith and George Moore for helping with the set up, selling, and the take down of the sale items. Everything that was left over was donated in the Greyhounds name to "Nightingales" a non-profit clothes shop for needy people. People are allowed to fill a brown bag for a dollar. The dollar pays for utilities. They were so grateful. They wanted everyone to know how much they appreciated the donations. The things that they couldn't use was donated to the Salvation Army. We all did GREYT!!!

## BARK IN THE PARK

It was a rainy, cold day for a dog walk. It always amazes me how the Anti-Cruelty Society always has a good turnout! As usual, Mike Caplan and Roz Veron were greyt! Thanks for the entertainment! Many Greyhounds from other groups were there. Unfortunately, none of them had coats/raincoats on their dogs. We were shocked to see this. Mike Caplan gave us a cheer for best pre-paired group. We didn't have many people show up. What a pity. Thanks for all who came: Alan and Paula Butella, Rosie Koch, and George and Mona Moore. We hope more people join us in the future. It's a lot of fun, and worth it to support the other animals.

## NEW ADOPTIONS

Given Name	Registered Name	Adopters Name
Manny	Maneuverer	The Moore's
Al	Alpine Star	Christine Biang
Patches	Ok's Dicks Folly	The Mooney's
Kia	Poker Gal	Kia's Folks
Firechief	Firechief	The Mistrata's
Bypasser	Bypasser	The Schneider's
Broadcast	Broadcast	The Eisenberg's
Griddy	Grid Iron	The Bower's
Tug	Tug of War	The Petrichenko-Lozovatsky's
Cornhusker	Cornhusker	The Griffin's
Turbofuel	Turbofuel	The Adamitus'
Strike Zone	Strike Zone	The Kunsman's
Holly	Holly	Donna Nowak
Chad	Waubun Chadwick	The Moore's
Bambi	Sixpence	The Moore's
Casey	CC Farr What	The Young-McBride's
Stoney	Stone Cold	The Marszalek's
Skeeter	Skeeter	The Rea's
Sparrow	Chorusline	The Novinski-Redington's
G Force	G Force	The Cullen's
Stumblebum	Stumblebum	The McMahon-Zeller's
Smokey	Smoky Hill	The Griffin's
Ice Skater	Ice Skater	The Walter's
Toastie	Bahama Bay	The Holstein's
Turtle Bay	Turtle Bay	The Rea's
Ogle Bay	Ogle Bay	The Kruglyanskaya's
Sweetheart	Backstabber	The Beemsterboer's
Ally	Galavant	The Borg's
Spy	Spy Plane	The Bobula's
Speed	Speedweek	The Zack's
TJ	TJ's Boggart	Donna Nowak

## 3rd ANNUAL REGAP PICNIC

Our annual Picnic will be Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 am to Dusk at Wil-Moore Farm & Kennel. We will be having the Blessing of the Hounds at noon followed by our annual Greyhound Memorial. The International Greyhound Memorial weekend is on July 24th and 25th but we decided to add it to our Picnic instead of having two separate events. The weather is so hot and unpredictable during the end of July. Remember last year? Now we know what a thunderstorm really looks like in farm country. We will read the names of the greyhounds who have passed since last July and then write their name on a balloon and send it to the stars. If you would like to write something about your loss, that would be greyt. You can then read it yourself or have someone else read it, just let us know.



Bring your whole family for a fun filled day of food, contests, shopping, fundraising, raffles, etc. Send \$15 per person (this includes: 1 hamburger, 1 hot dog, 3 side dishes, and pop) to Mona before September 10th or pay

\$20 per person the day of the picnic when you arrive.

TAB Photo will be taking pet portraits. Tad has been helping REGAP raise money for years by taking his wonderful photos for special events. You may want to get your holiday photos done early.

We will have some vendors, along with plenty of REGAP items for sale. It's a greyt way to raise money for the greyhounds. We are also in need of raffle items! If you have anything you would like to donate or sell (it doesn't have to be a greyhound item), please contact Mona at 815-538-DOGS. Donations to REGAP are tax deductible. We appreciate anything!



We have screened in tents but you should be prepared for any type of weather, hot or cold. We will have dog pools, hoses and water dishes to cool down your hounds. Bring your cool coat, if you don't have one we will have some for sale. Bring sunscreen, bug spray, hats, chairs, muzzles (they can't run in the field without it), blankets, x-pens, canopy (if you have one). Please Frontline your dogs!!

Check out our website for up to date details and directions on how to get to the farm at <http://groups.msn.com/REGAPofIllinois>.

**Newest Adoptions will be in next Newsletter**

## TASTE OF DIVERSEY

Greyt Fun! Greyt Food! It was a pretty cold day for a food fest. But who cared! Yummy, is the best way to describe it! All kinds of GREYT FOOD, BEER & WINE! All for FREE!!! The Taste of Diversey was at the Diversey Yacht Club. Karrilynn's Dad is the Commodore. We get very special treatment. Hopefully, next year more people will make it. Thanks to all who came: Pat Teeder & Sally Cogginshall with their family, Valerie Peavey, Mike & Corinna Farrell, Dave & Karrilynn Stachowicz and a special thanks to Karrilynn's Dad, Frank Gagliano.

## BROOKFIELD 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

What a groovy day for a parade! It was 75 degrees and overcast, we even had a few raindrops. The people & kids LOVED the Greyhounds. People were so impressed at them keeping their patriotic hats on. Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Barr Topinka came by to say Hello to her favorite dogs. She was in the group behind us. She took some pictures with REGAP. Very nice lady. Check out her website: <http://www.state.il.us/treas/> she has something special for all of us under "Treasured Pets". Thanks to Rose Scola and Tom Mistrata for driving the dogs back to Rose's house after the parade. Thanks to Tom for pulling our Water Wagon. Thanks to all that walked: Connie, Tom & Jeff Mistrata, Beth Marszalek, Rose Scola, Ida & Stephanie Seebeck, Stephanie's boyfriend Mike, Cheri, Mike, Ryan and Samantha Mooney, and Mona Moore. If you didn't make it, you really missed out on a Greyt time!!! Hopefully, we'll be invited back again next year!

## LA GRANGE PET PARADE

Greyt Day for a Parade! Thank you to Lois Flood for giving us the #35 in the parade. She knows how important it is for the hounds to finish early. Lois, you're the Best! Let's hope that we will be invited back next year. We didn't have very many of you joining us. Too Bad. It was a lot of fun! The parade was greyt, the kids loved the dogs and the dogs had fun! We got a lot of exposure. After the parade we all went back to Karrilynn and Dave's house for a BBQ. Thanks Karrilynn for the hospitality. Mike Farrell can cook a mean burger. Thanks to all who supported REGAP in the Parade: Mike & Corinna Farrell, Barb & Cathy Szostak, Beth Marszalek, Rose Chojecki & friends, Alice Urbauer, Valerie Peavey, Karrilynn Stachowicz, and Mona Moore. Special Thanks to Bob Vizza for getting the goods to Karrilynn in time for the parade.

## MOKENA FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR

Rained Out! Thanks for trying Diane Hubka and everyone. Next Year will be better.

## WORTH DAYS

This is the first year we are a participant in this carnival/festival. The festival runs September 9th through the 12th. Come out and show off your hounds. We will have up-to-date details on the website or you can contact Denise Sullivan at 773-581-2435 or Colleen Pluta at 708-479-6640 for more information.



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

Perfect day for a parade. We were #27 (I know Ron Domkowski had something to do with that...wink) We were done within 30 minutes. No cool coats needed. Yeah!!! Thanks to the Firemen who filled our 20 gallon container. Thanks to George for pulling our Water Wagon. Thank you to all that came to support the Greyhounds: Valerie Peavey, Karen Stelling, Paul Farina, Peggy O'Donnell, Alice Urbauer, Bill McKas, Suzy, Henry, & Lauren Nelson, Cyndi Ashley, Beth Marszalek, and George & Mona Moore. You all did a Greyt job!!!

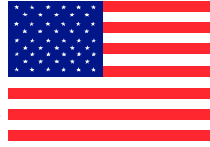
## UNITY FEST OF ELGIN

This was the first year we were a participant in this festival. The weather was wonderful, considering it was July 17th. The day before the fest there was an article in the Daily Herald about Octane's "lost and found" adventure this past winter, how as a group we worked together to help find him and that we would be at the fest along with Octane. Many people from the area came just to see our local celebrity, Octane. The fest had Medieval Re-enactors, Pony Rides, Bingo for Prizes, Kids Games, Raffles, etc. We had a lot of fun and they've already invited us back next year. Thanks to Elaine, Rick, Huey & NorthStar Van Wambeke, Judy & Honey Honig, Judy's daughter, Christine Byers (the author of the Daily Herald article), Robin, Vivian, Octane & Jade Leabhart & friends, Patty, Obstinate & Orchid Bunton, Alice & Atlas Urbauer, Jeff & Bypassner Schneider, Ida, her children & Cornflake Seebeck, Sue, her children, Cornhusker & Smoky Hill Griffin, Russ, Ann, their children & Bomber Joe LaBarge and especially Donna, Caitlin & Holly Nowak and Diane, Obsie, Off Ramp & Octagon Jorns.





## IN SERVICE



We would like to wish God Speed to our family member Petty Officer C.W. Speight (C.W. and his wife, Emily gave a wonderful home to Shamrock until he passed earlier this year and is now Dad and Mom to Beans (Black Hill). He will be leaving for the Middle East at the end of July. He may be there anywhere from 6 months to 1 year. C.W. is in the U.S. Navy. We will be putting his address online when it becomes available. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Come home safely. Thank You and Emily for your sacrifice.

## HOUND WEAR

If you are interested in greyhound coats (Winter, Spring/Fall, Cool, Rain) or if you need a martingale style leash please contact Donna Nowak. If you have an old leash that you purchased from REGAP you can now exchange it for a new one for a discounted price. All proceeds go towards helping the hounds.

The Cool Coats are wonderful this time of year. 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 grey! We use them for any outdoor event that might get too hot.

For more information and prices, contact Donna at [dmnngirls@elnet.com](mailto:dmnngirls@elnet.com).

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Monetary donations not only help us care for the greyhounds just rescued from the track but also to help take care of some of the other rescued greyhounds (*many of them are seniors*) who need medical attention. We recently rescued two greyhounds with broken legs that needed repair and we had to cover the cost of the vet visits. There are many items needed to care for our Greyhounds waiting for adoption, some of the items needed are: dog food (*Nutro Lamb & Rice*), blankets, sheets & towels (*new or old*), Kuranda dog beds (<http://www.kuranda.com/shop/donate.asp>), bleach/detergent, paper towels, cotton balls, Q-tips, stamps. Don't throw away your old muzzles, coats or leashes, send them to Mona, we can use them. All donations are tax deductible. Check if your employer matches your donation, this way you can help twice as much. We are grateful for all contributions.

## BE ALERT!

With Summer here you might want to carry pepper spray or a walking stick with you on a walk. Many of our adopters and their greyhounds have been attacked on walks in the past years by loose dogs. 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).*

## 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 after the sun goes down. 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. Please be careful.

## ROUND UP FUNDRAISER

Come out and join us at the Petco Round Up Fundraiser July 25th through August 15th. Check out our Events Calendar page of our website for details.

### *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.

## CALLING ALL CRATES/COATS

If you rented a crate or borrowed a REGAP coat from us, please return it to Mona (815)538-DOGS or Shelley at Franbee Kennels (708)349-0116 as soon as possible. We have new dogs arriving and we need to have these items available for new adopters.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## July

Bea, Doodle Bug, Peter, Dee Dee, Exploder, Henry, Tyler, Pentagon, Parachute, Litespeed, Extinguish, Speedweek, Star Trek, Jake, Zorro, Henry Lee, Kacy, Sirius Star, Rockobye, Moonwatch, Sable Star, Trap Rock, Willie, Rim Rock, Honey, Moonglow, Movie Star, Rock Candy, Rosie Mecca, Chalupa, Neon Star, Vegas Star, Sahara Star, Star Rocket, Bodhi, Taylor, Goal Line, Goal Post, Goal Tender, Goal Keeper, Airstrike, Traveler, Tug of War

## August

Pharoah, Magistrate, Lily, Megabucks, Emily, Gunfire, Alley Cat, Oakie, Sharpshot, Purdy Red, Pathfinder, Fairy Tale, Epic Star, Duke, StarThief, Angelwings, Star Brite, Chloe, Speedzone, Star Stroll, Marshall, C2A, Sea Legs, Trixi, Star Zone, Starstrobe, Sea Breeze, Music Star, Paprika

## September

Flo, Fast Talker, Convict, Pokie, Buddy Katz, Riley, Finish, Fort Polk, Osiris, Fortune, Disc Jockey, Kia, Wild Dash, Zoie, Lighting Bill, Piper, Rosebud, Bomber Joe, Atomic Bomb, Cessna, Blakmaler, Caterpillar, Cat Walk, Kenny, Watergate, Shyster, Fancy, Citation, Lace Wing, Toll Road

## GET WELL WISHES

Pat Wiklacz  
Dawn Selep  
Sharon Stefanski  
Debi Stefanski  
Kacy Stefanski  
Jim Damien  
Dana Petrick  
Nancy Krska  
Alan Kakazu

Lenore Thompson  
Betty Weiss  
Alice Budnauro-Wozniak  
Mollie Kinser  
Betty Harwood



## CANDLELITE BOWL

Saturday, November 6th is the next Candlelite Bowl. We need raffle items for this event. If you would like to donate an item it is tax deductible. 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 \$65.00 per couple. The tickets are first come first serve. Tickets must be paid for in advance. Last day of tickets is October 1st.



## 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.

Our website is a wonderful place to go for advice and ideas from fellow greyhound parents. Below is a recipe submitted by Sharon Stefanski. *Remember to ask your vet before you use anything new on your hounds. This is not a substitute for the Frontline and Heartguard or Interceptor applications you should be using every month.*

—Take a big FAT lemon or two (the more rind the better) & slice it paper thin, or regular slices if it's easier.

—Place slices in a bowl with a tablespoon of dried crushed rosemary leaves (I think fresh works better...use a 6 inch sprig of fresh).

—Pour over with a quart of hot, nearly boiling water. Let steep overnight.

—Strain and put into a large spray/mister bottle. Keep it in the fridge. Shake well before each use.

—During the height of flea and tick seasons, spray daily on the belly and feet to repel more effectively. Supposedly, this works well for hiking and camping, we've never tried that though.

The d-lemon in this spray along with the rosemary oil will give your dog a beautiful shiny coat and keep fleas and ticks away...including mosquitoes.

If your dog has very dry skin or allergies, add a 1/2 teaspoon of tea tree oil or crushed lavender (if very sensitive skin, go with lavender) and a tablespoon of aloe pulp. Use the spray at least twice a week.

SPECIAL NOTE: If the dog gets wet you will have to re-apply and use good fresh lemons.

## WEBSITE NEWS

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

As an adopter of REGAP of Illinois, you have a wonderful support system and our website is one of those support system's. You can find helpful hints on how to care for your hound and you can post pictures of your hound.

If you don't see your adoption day photo posted or you would like to add a picture to our Rainbow Bridge Memorial page, you can add it yourself or send a photo with the name of your greyhound and a brief description of your greyhound to Diane at [greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net) or mail it to Mona at the address on the back of this newsletter.

## REGAP SHOP

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

NEW ITEMS ARRIVING EVERY DAY!! 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 and Shelley also have items available by them and we also have some items available at our Events.

## RECOMMENDED VETS

On our website we are putting together a list of vets that our adopters have used for years and have greyhound experience. Our adopters are from all areas of Northern and Central Illinois and it's always nice to have a list of recommended vets for the new adopters. So if you have a vet you would like to recommend, please go to our website message board (<http://groups.msn.com/REGAPofIllinois/messageboard.msnw>).

## 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

Beautukker Christensen  
Shamrock Speight  
Kellogg Moore  
Rocky Krska  
Chinook Nach  
Wolfie Potvin  
Happy Butler  
Moonbeam Poteracki  
Ellie O'Donnell  
Ben Genovese  
Highhanded Wood  
Real Deal Bandish  
Jolly Michael Bandish



### IN MEMORIUM

Ed Feeney  
Marilyn Menary



## ISABELLE'S STORY

It's been almost 9 years since I was first introduced to greyhounds by a co-worker and friend, Anne-Marie Keswick. I immediately fell in love with greyhounds – their strength, beauty, and amazing personalities that are so very willing to forgive the abuse they've suffered at the hands of unkind and uncaring humans when finally shown the love at rescue.

I adopted Izzy (formerly Pepsi) sight unseen. She had been returned to Mona after the family who originally adopted her claimed she was aggressive and kept her alone in a basement for almost 2 years (unbeknownst to Mona and George). I met her when I went to pick her up at Mona and George's house. I remember bringing her into my apartment in Chicago and feeling as if I should somehow entertain her. I soon learned that longing around, napping, and going for walks was entertainment enough! Not long after, Izzy and I moved in with my parents, Bob & Geri Sierzega, my younger sister, Danielle, and our wonderful family mutt, Chelsea. They all (even Chelsea) fell in love with this special, quiet little girl as I had. One of her favorite pastimes back then was stealing 2 pairs of slippers from my dad's closet – one shoe at a time – and placing them on her upstairs bed (after all, her downstairs bed would have been too obvious!). She was quite a sneak in her youth, but we all loved it because it was evidence of her learning to play – she had been so timid and easily frightened initially.

About 2 ½ years after adoption, one day – seemingly out of nowhere – a lump appeared under Isabelle's jaw line. Hoping for only an abscessed tooth, we instead learned that she had lymphoma. Our wonderful veterinarian, Dr. Martin Johnson (now at Carol Stream Animal Hospital) removed the tumor and suggested we try a then-experimental chemotherapy treatment developed at University of Illinois at Urbana (doxyrubricin). Amazingly, the cancer was pushed into remission and ultimately she was "cured". Izzy tolerated the treatments beautifully and was loved by all the staff – after all, how could you not love this sweet, beautiful, dignified, and quietly affectionate creature?

Approximately 4 years later, Isabelle began to favor her front left paw. Though we all hoped it was just a sore foot, we silently feared the worst. We took her to Dr. Marty (Johnson) who x-rayed her and informed us with great sadness that it appeared that Izzy had osteoblastic sarcoma in her left shoulder. Dr. Marty referred us to Dr. Joanne Graham, an oncologist at Arboretum View Animal Hospital in Downers Grove. Dr. Graham confirmed the diagnosis and recommended amputation and chemotherapy. Though we agonized over the decision as a family, we decided that we would do whatever we could to help Izzy to continue to live a good and happy life, as long as it was in her best interests. We felt the treatment would do this given how well it had worked for her the first time. Dr. Paula West performed the amputation and Dr. Graham followed up with the chemotherapy treatments. I cannot say enough positive things about these 2 amazing doctors. They are devoted, loving, compassionate, and extremely talented veterinarians. Our family was blessed to have such wonderful treatment for our girl. Throughout her treatment, Izzy was determined and as strong as her frail body would allow her to be. It was truly amazing to see how quickly she adapted to life on 3 legs (much faster than we did!). She was always a quiet fighter – always with dignity – always with love for her family. We were blessed with an additional 10 months with her. Our beloved mutt, Chelsea, also watched over her. She always watched over her and was always lying nearby and listening for her to get up or lie down. Tragically, we lost Chelsea unexpectedly this past Memorial Day when her spleen ruptured, presumably from a cancer for which she never displayed any signs. She too was an amazing, fiercely devoted, expressive, and wonderful dog whom we miss terribly.

Isabelle's last summer with us was a gift and she was able to go out and enjoy the smells, sounds, and sunshine. Mona had always told me, "She will let you know when she is ready to go" and indeed she did – despite our desire to hang on. Over the course of a week, Izzy stopped eating and wagging her tail and the spark in her eyes was virtually gone. We would not let her suffer and she deserved to leave this earth with the dignity she always displayed. Dr. Graham helped us to free Isabelle to go meet Chelsea at the Rainbow Bridge. The whole family was in the room to say goodbye and I had the awesome privilege of looking into her eyes and telling her how very much I loved her in those last few moments. Although Izzy and Chelsea are buried side-by-side at Hinsdale Pet Cemetery, we prefer to picture them romping around with canine and human friends and family at the Rainbow Bridge.

Isabelle touched our lives beyond measure and made us better people through her example of quiet strength, courage, ability to move beyond her painful early beginnings, but most of all, through loving us with all of our faults. We will miss her and Chelsea forever.

Michelle Sierzega Drohan



## REGAP CALENDAR

We are doing Meet n Greets 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:

Crestwood Petsmart—for dates and times contact Mike and Ida Seebock at icbock1@comcast.net.

Hodgkins Petco—for dates and times contact Rose Scola at Greytkids@aol.com.

Northbrook Petsmart—for dates and times contact Dave and Diane Jorns at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net.

Orland Park Petco—for dates and times contact Colleen Pluta at 708-479-6440 or Denise Sullivan 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 dmnngrls@elnet.com.

Vernon Hills Petsmart—for dates and times contact Dave and Diane Jorns at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net.

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

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



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### WEBSITE ADDRESS

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