



REGAP

RETIRED GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

REGAP NEWSLETTER

Winter-Spring-Summer 2005

FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Happy 2005! We hope everyone is having a good year so far! Let's hope for Peace, Health and Happiness.

We are later than usual with our quarterly newsletters, so we are combining the Winter, Spring and Summer issues. Before we know it, the Fall issue will be due!

We have been a very busy group! We adopted out over 100 dogs in 2004! We hope to see all of you at the annual reunion picnic scheduled for September 24th. We want to thank all of you that have been to our many events over the past year. We hope that REGAP continues to prosper and adopt many, many more of our wonderful hounds to loving families like yours. These are the most special dogs in the world. Just ask any of us!

Sadly, we've sent many friends and greyhounds to the bridge and we want to thank all of you who sent condolence cards and came out to support our families with a greyhound honor guard. It means so much to a family when they've lost a loved one. A greyhounds love is unconditional. They help make that day easier.

We want to welcome the adopters and greyhounds of the Peoria Greyhound Adoption group. We will fill everyone in on the story of PGA in our next newsletter. Welcome!!

One year ago, in February, our beautiful Octane was lost and then found, three weeks later and 45 pounds lighter. He is doing greyt! His family is so grateful to all that helped in his search. How lucky we all were in finding him. Our REGAP family and friends never gave up! Please feel the pride!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that do many of our meet n greets and events. We hope that we've listed everyone: Valerie Peavey, Anne Carey, Allison Quick, Alice Urbauer, Sue Griffin, The Farrell's, Patty Bunton & Eric Pedersen, The Honig's, The Meenaghan's, The Speight's, The Dixon's, The Diamond's, Jenie Brooks, The Vance's, Mary Anne LaShure, The Van Wambeke's, The Schneider's, The Kowalski's, The Seebock's, The Mooney's, Phyllis Adamitus, Diane Hubka, Liz Lyman, Dana Petrich, Rose Scola, Barb Szostak, Karen Stelling, The Mistrata's Kathleen Domkowski, Peggy O'Donnell, The Nelson's, Beth Marszalek, The Sorenson's, The Shore's, Tony Remich,

Cheryl Carroll, Becca Baker, Kathy Laurent, Chris Russell. Many thanks as always to all of our wonderful reps: Colleen Pluta, Denise Sullivan, Karrilynn Stachowicz, Mark & Susan Peavey, Mike & Carole Genovese, Donna Nowak and Dave & Diane Jorns.

Special thanks to Diane and Donna for manning the MSN website. Greyt Job! Speaking of websites, go check out our new website at www.regapgreyhounds.org. You can purchase items online to help raise funds and promote greyhound adoption. We are also putting together an E-Bay store called "Greyhound Gifts and More". Thanks also to everyone in Donna's sewing club. Your help is greytly appreciated! We could always use additional sewers, please contact Donna at dmmnngirls@elnet.com.

Thanks for all of the beautiful pictures with your Christmas cards. It's so nice to see how happy the dogs are. Send pictures any time of the year, we love to see them! Many of you also donated to REGAP and the Wolfie/Wrigley/Legal Fund. Thank you very much!

Wrigley's little foot had been fighting an infection in the bone and his leg had to be amputated. He recovered nicely and is back to his wonderful puppy self. Sadly, our news about Wolfie isn't as good. The baby went in for surgery to correct his leg and he died coming out of the anesthesia. He was a very sweet boy. He was in so much pain, otherwise we never would have attempted the surgery. He will be forever loved and remembered.

The Legal Fund for the REGAP suit. We still haven't gone to court yet. Many, many steps to finally get to the real deal. So far it's cost over \$15,000. Think how many dogs we could have helped. The big winner of the Plasma TV was Mike Serratore (Airliner's Dad). Thank you everyone for your support. We have the BEST family!

Kiss the kids!
Love,
George and Mona

NEW ADOPTIONS

4th ANNUAL REGAP PICNIC

Given Name	Registered Name	Adopters Name
Wolfie	Wolfgang	The Jorns'
Wrigley	Wrigley	The Pluta's
Disco	Disco Star	The Potvin's
Aristocrat	Aristocrat	Paul Szachnit
Hoolie	Hooligan	The DeArmond's
Stoney	Stepnstone	The Speight's
Stoney	Stone Age	The Kowalski's
Portia	Ladyportia	The Settle's
Tiger Lily	Tiger Lily	Nancy Petersen
Guy	Strike Out	Ted Gatterdam
TJ	TJ's Boggart	Tony Remich
Dewey	Dewey Heather	The Schneider's
Ivie	Sweetwater	Donna Nowak
Blue Eyes	Blue Eyes	The Szafaniec's
Blue Water	Blue Water	The Andree's
Bronzestar	Bronzestar	The Kong's
Cast Off	Cast Off	The Soltys'
Jack	Lumberjack	The Moore's
Sally	Side Track	The Ortiz's
Remy	Jahoda's Remy	The Meagher's
Somersault	Somersault	The Farris'
Kobi	JR's Andrew	The Ballard-Caiafa's
Osage	Osage	The Zack-Thomson's
Lucy	Lucyintskywdmnds	The Frey's
Ben Hogan	Ben Hogan	The Long's
Brick Top	Brick Top	The Dixon's
Doubletime	Doubletime	The Carlson's
Lola	Lotus Star	The Nelson's
Papertiger	Papertiger	The Hartman's
Pavarotti	Pavarotti	The Yorke's
Hope	White Hope	The Wiklacz's
Whitewater	Whitewater	The Perez's
Hunter	Atascocita Apex	The Van Wambeke's
Sadie	Sadie	Andy Rose

Our annual Picnic will be Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 am to Dusk at Wil-Moore Farm & Kennel. We will be having the Blessing of the Hounds at 11:00 a.m., followed by our annual Greyhound Memorial. The greyhound memorial is in remembrance of all of the greyhounds that have passed since last September. We write each of their names on a balloon and release the balloons. The greyhound memorial is also for all of the greyhounds throughout the world who never get the chance to have a loving home.

Bring your family and friends for a fun filled day of food, contests, shopping, auction 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. The lunch begins at noon, followed by auctions and raffles starting at 1:30 p.m. We had so many wonderful items donated last year for the auction, so don't miss it! After the auctions and raffles, we will start the Pet Contest. Be sure to send in your form with your check. You will be receiving the form in the mail with the invitation but you can also find it on our website.

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 chairs, blankets, canopy (if you have one), sunscreen, bug spray, muzzles (they can't run in the field without it), x-pen. Please Frontline your dogs!! If you plan on bringing any other breed of dog, please keep them leashed at all times, especially smaller dogs. We have several not small animal greyhounds and we don't want a tragedy. This day is for the greyhounds!

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. He truly takes the best photos of the hounds.

We will have even more vendors this year, along with plenty of REGAP items for sale. It's a greyt way to raise money for the greyhounds.

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 are collecting old cell phones and printer cartridges (ink/laser). Collect them from home, from your community, from work and then bring them to the picnic. It's a greyt way to raise money for the greyhounds!

Rooms are available at the Comfort Inn (815-538-3355) or the Super 8 Motel (815-539-7429) in Mendota, both allow pets with permission.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January

Beau Coup, Baron, Justin, Titleist, Streaker, Beau Ideal, Beautique, Basil, Beaugerik, Biddles, Cyrus, Pooh, Rush Hour, Ruby, Taurus, Ringleader, Santa Cruz, Buddy Sturgeon, Osage, Stone Fly, Mollie, Gulf Star, Callaway, Alpinestar, Astarfromthepast, Stone Cold, Stone Age, Yukon Star, Hooligan, Stepnstone, Ben Hogan, Lumberjack, Sadie, Hoodlum, Mobster

February

Buckeye, Greengrass, Greenleaf, Pee Dee, Rocky, Greenwood, Vibration, Bully, Lacey, Motown, Milestone, Freedom, Outburst, String Bean, Renegade, Sawbuck, Steamroll, Dominator, Strike Out, Switch Hit, Strike Zone, Kobi, Dolly, Alex, Blue Eyes, Green Bay

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, Rody, Corn Flake, Ice Flow, Cornhusker, Grid Iron, Chadwick, Candy Corn, Viking Star, Crownroyal, Cornflower, Corn Poppy, G Force, Icecrystal, Iceskater, Skeeter, Cornpicker, Iceberg, Dear Mr. Bahama, Sneakers, Gracie Marrs

April

Cinnamon, Pixie, Nessie, Debi, Flashflood, Heartbreak, Time Zone, Slap Shot, Gangster, Streaker Griffin, Red Cloud, Belle, Ace, Paeden, Luther, Aribella, Spyder, Spy Plane, Ziplock, Zodiac, Bambi, Lucy Nowak, Wabash, Watoosi, Cosmo Marszalek, Timekeeper

May

Pearl, Star Ship, Touchdown, Folger, Gatsby, Ellie, Sweetheart, Monty, Mohican, Navajo, Sharkey, Unruly Star, Chipmunk, Sabotage, Icey, North Star, Willy, Galavant, Aspen, Cannonball, Chiseler, Penny, Starlink, Maddux, Rhyno, Kayla, Chevron, Starfrenzy, Noelle, Mia, Nickie, Tumbleweed, Agreement, Star Craft, Polar Star, Star Charm, Top Hat, Top Secret, Tampa Bay, Quartzstar, Galahad, Maneuverer, Missileman, Sparrow, Bronzestar, Cast Off, Eagle Bay

June

Rachel, Oreo, Winston Boggess, Magic Hour, Quick Trip, Amber, Jack, Magic Force, Joy, Brianna, Hightime, Highstrung, Bella, Grasshopper, George, Kopi, Hydraulic, Arsenal, Phillip, Caitlin, Cosmic Star, Starchaser, Adventurer, Tamarack, Cyrano, Sinbad, Broadcast, Bypass, Holly, Clearwater, Ice Water, Peter Pan, Wrigley, Hunter, Rivercliff, Oscar, Aristocrat, Lucy, Ivie, White Hope, Whitewater, Bluewater, China Sea, Orion Star, Lunar Star, Bottleneck, Debater, Meteorstar, Stillwater

July

Bea, Doodle Bug, Exploder, Henry, Tyler, Pentagon, Parachute, Litespeed, Extinguish, 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, Air Power, Crash, Blue Ice, Blueribbon, Blue Angel, Blackcloud, Dewey Heather, Remy, Storm Star, Jammin Star

August

Pharoah, Magistrate, Megabucks, Emily, Gunfire, Alley Cat, Oakie, Sharpshot, Purdy Red, Pathfinder, Fairy Tale, Epic Star, **Happy 15th Birthday Duke**, StarThief, Angelwings, Star Brite, Chloe, Speedzone, Star Stroll, Marshall, C2A, Sea Legs, Trixi, Star Zone, Starstrobe, Sea Breeze, Music Star, Paprika, Gracie Krueger, Disco Star, Papertiger, Regina, Rose Carroll, Sable Carroll

September

Flo, Fast Talker, Convict, Pokie, Finish, Fort Polk, Osiris, Fortune, Disc Jockey, Kiki, Wild Dash, Zoie, Lighting Bill, Piper, Rosebud, Bomber Joe, Atomic Bomb, Cessna, Blakmaler, Caterpillar, Cat Walk, Kenny, Watergate, Shyster, Fancy, Citation, Lacewing, Toll Road, Tiger, Ladyportia, Brick Top, Flanakins

WORTH DAYS

This festival and carnival is located at 7425 W. 115th Street in Worth, Illinois. It runs from September 8th to the 11th. There will be a lot of food booths, arts & crafts and plenty of fun music! REGAP will be there on Thursday from 5 pm to 10 pm, Friday from 5 pm to 11 pm, Saturday from 2 pm to 11 pm and Sunday from 2 pm to 10 pm. We will set up a canopy and will have electric fans to keep the dogs cooler. Come out and join us with your hounds, even if it's just for an hour. You can contact Denise Sullivan at 773-581-2435 or Colleen Pluta at 708-479-6640 for more information.

PALOS PARK FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is always a fun time, it's located at the Children's Farm in Palos Park (12700 Southwest Hwy). This will be a day of old-fashioned country-fair fun for "kids of all ages". Besides games, kid's crafts, prizes, farm tours, hayrack rides, and horse rides, there will be craft and collectibles booths, a farmers market with freshly picked pumpkins, refreshments from the grill and live music. Plan to spend a day of delightful fun at the farm! For more information contact Colleen Pluta at 708-479-6440 or Denise Sullivan at 773-581-2435. The festival is Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GREYHOUND PLANET WEEK AT PETCO

Come out to Petco and show off your greyhounds during the week of September 12th through September 18th. Greyhound Planet is a time chosen each year to honor the Greyhound throughout the world. The purpose of this international event is to raise the public's awareness of the wonder and magic of Greyhounds as pets, educate others on the current status of Greyhounds around the world and to honor those Greyhounds who have left us already. Check out our Events Calendar page on the website for locations, date and times.

CHANNEL 7 NEWS - PERFECT PET

Many thanks to Mike Caplan of ABC Channel 7 News for inviting REGAP to be a guest on his pet segment. Benny Hill was featured and he did a greyt job!

GILBERTS FEST

We were at Gilberts Fest in Gilberts, Illinois on Saturday, June 18th and Sunday, June 19th. This was the first year and we had a greyt time! It was a wonderful opportunity to show off our hounds and they were a hit, of course! We had a booth, under the shading of a tent, and a table where we sold items to raise money for the greyhounds. Special thanks to Shirley Sorenson and her boss, Cheryl Callahan, who work for the Village of Gilberts. Many thanks to all who came; Donna Nowak with Zoie, Mia, Caitin, Holly, Ivie & Lucy, Diane Jorns with Obsie, Off Ramp & Octagon, The Sorenson's with their daughter & Blueribbon, Eric Pedersen & Patty Bunton with Obstinate & Orchid, The Brooks Family with Zora and Josh & Jennifer Novak with Big Shot.

BARK IN THE PARK

Thank you to those of you who came out to this years Bark in the Park, the walk for Chicago's Anti-Cruelty Society on Saturday, May 7th. REGAP has been a participant since the walks conception, 11 years ago. The walk is at the beautiful Chicago Lakefront. Thank you for participating: George, Jim & Lumberjack Moore, Rosie, Force, Belle & Regina Koch, and Bonnie & Stoney Bagdon. We would have liked to see more of you, so please come out and join us next year!

ANTI-CRUELTY—BREED RESCUE SPOTLIGHT

REGAP of Illinois was the featured guest at the Anti-Cruelty shelter, "Breed Rescue Spotlight" on June 12th. Thank you for coming to support greyhound adoption: Mona & Lumberjack Moore, Chad & Green Bay McKinney, Jackie, Jim & Jordan Heafer and Mark, Anne & Addie Cloherty.

UNITY FEST IN ELGIN

REGAP of Illinois was at Elgin's Unity Fest on July 16th. Boy was it hot!! The fest raises money for different causes each year, this year it was to purchase animal oxygen masks for the Elgin Fire Department. The fest had shopping, food, Medieval re-enactors, pony rides, bingo for prizes, kids games, raffles, and a pet contest. Many thanks to those who braved the heat; Donna Nowak, Diane Jorns, Elaine Van Wembeke, The Brooks Family with Zora (who seemed fine with his cool coat on) and Mike & Linda Bruce with Major & Missy.

WEST DUNDEE MEMORIAL PARADE

Thank you to Shirley Sorensen (Blueribbon's Mom) and her boss, Cheryl Callahan who got us into the parade and took really good care of us. We had a wonderful day and we had a greyt turnout, which is wonderful to see. Many thanks to Diane, Dave, Obsie, Off Ramp & Octagon Jorns, Shirley, John & Blueribbon Sorensen, Donna Nowak, Elaine, Rick, Star & Hunter Van Wambeke, Robin, Vivian, Jade & Octane Leabhart, Liz, Fred & Story Shubert, Ed, Carol, Chyna & Cloudy Vance, along with their granddaughter, Taylor, Mary Anne & Ace LaShure, along with her daughter, Faith, Kay, Becca & Lucy Frey, Zora Brooks, along with his sitters Kristie & Jordan, Tami, Angel, Heaven, & Callie Shore, Jackie, Jim, Hannah & Jordan Heafer.

PALOS FRONTIER DAYS

The Frontier Days festival is always a fun time. It was Saturday, June 4th at the Children's Farm in Palos Park. The fest was greyt until the skies opened up! Thank you to all who came; Denise Sullivan, Diane & Chase Hubka, Liz, Drag Racer & Chevron Lyman, Phyllis & Turbo Adamitus, the Mooney family with Off Limits & Patches, the Mistrata family with Quartzstar & Firechief, the Nader family with Watoosi, Mike, Sara & Crash Serratore and Mike, Vicky & China Sea Welch. Special thanks to Colleen Pluta, Denise Sullivan and Diane Hubka for organizing the event and donating REGAP's space for the fest.

LAGRANGE PET PARADE

The LaGrange Pet Parade, was on Saturday, June 4th. We were #27 in line and we had a wonderful time as usual! The weather was perfect and we had a greyt crowd! Thank you to those who came to support REGAP; Karrilynn, Cannonball, Highstrung, Rhyno & Maddux Stachowicz and the kids from the neighborhood who helped, Barb, Woody, Wheelie & Buckeye Szostak, Sally Coggshall with Galahad & Dominator, Mike, Sara & Crash Serratore, Val & Sarah Peavey, the Levy family & Winterstar, Beth, Stoney & Cosmo Marszalek, Rose, Shadow & Dixie Chojecki, Jill & Dotty Hansen, Donna Nowak and Tad (our wonderful photographer) & his girlfriend, Cathy. Thank you to Dave & Karrilynn for having their annual "After the Parade BBQ".

ELMWOOD PARK 4TH OF JULY PARADE

We have been a participant in this parade for the last 12 years. We had a greyt time, the parade was on Monday, July 4th. Thank you to all who came; The Nelson's, The Wiklacz's, Alice Urbauer, Bill McKas & Atlas, Beth Marszalek with Stoney & Cosmo, Peg O'Donnell with Mohican, Val Peavey with Sarah, Jeanni Tiedje, George & Mona Moore with Grasshopper & Lumberjack.

TASTE OF DIVERSEY

The Taste of Diversey was on June 18th at the Diversey Yacht Club. Karrilynn's Dad is the Commodore. We get very special treatment. Greyt Fun! Greyt Food! It's a wonderful fest and a wonderful place to show off our wonderful greyhounds! All kinds of GREYT FOOD, BEER & WINE! All for FREE!!! Hopefully, next year more people will make it. Thanks to all who came: Karrilynn Stachowicz with Cannonball, Rhyno, Highstrung, Maddux & Kiki, Valerie Peavey with Sarah & Pearl, Mona Moore with Grasshopper, Nancy Petersen with Tiger Lily, Rosie Koch with Force, Belle & Regina, and Bonnie Bagdon with Stoney. Special thanks to Karrilynn's Dad, Frank Gagliano.

REGAP YARD SALE

Thank you to everyone who donated absolutely wonderful items for the annual Yard Sale. We raised over \$2,000 and we still have quite a few things to auction! Many thanks to George Moore who used his vacation time to pick up all of the items. Thank you to all of you who came out to help set up and to help sell the items. A special thanks to John & Martha Ward for their help, we couldn't have done it without you!



SCHAUMBURG SEPTEMBERFEST PARADE

We may be participating in the Schaumburg Septemberfest parade on September 5th. They have accepted many applications and will let us know soon. This is a big, big event and if we are included we want a huge show of support, so write it on your calendar and check the website for up to date info. This year the parade is a 50's theme, so we'll have Elvis there walking with the hounds and we plan on making poodle skirts, except we'll replace the poodles with greyhounds! If you can help sew please contact Donna at dmnngirls@elnet.com.

BLOOMINGDALES - THE SHOPPING BENEFIT

DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP???

Many thanks to Janet Lineberry (Ned & Dragster's Mom), and her boss, Maryann Parks, who work at the Oak Brook Bloomingdale's store. Because of their help, we will be a participant in this year's multi-charity fundraiser, "The Shopping Benefit", which takes place on Wednesday, August 31st at the four Bloomingdale stores - Oak Brook, Old Orchard and 2 locations in Chicago. This is an amazing opportunity for REGAP and we could use your help!

REGAP of Illinois is selling \$10 tickets (see the enclosed order form in this newsletter) and REGAP gets the full \$10. Each ticket entitles the bearer to a 15 - 20% savings certificate, with few exclusions, valid only during The Shopping Benefit event on August 31, 2005. This is a discount on top of whatever is already on sale. When you walk in to the store you hand your ticket to the volunteer at the door, they tear off the bottom portion and return the top portion to you. You will use the top portion of the ticket when you purchase your items. With each bottom portion collected at the door with REGAP's stamp on it, REGAP gets another \$5. You can purchase as many tickets as you want but you can only walk through the door with one ticket. So if you buy a few tickets, just hand them out to family and friends and have them walk through the door with a ticket. It's also a greyt gift idea! You can help even if you aren't planning on buying anything, because the more tickets that walk through the door on that day, the more REGAP gets.

You can shop a week in advance of the sale, you get the sale prices plus the discount, you just can't take your purchases home with you until the day of the sale (or any day after). Also, if you open a Bloomingdale's credit card during this sale you receive an extra 15% off on top of the 20% discount and the sale price. Bloomingdale's goes all out for this event, with great sale prices, raffles, giveaways. Last year they had a drawing for a BMW!

This is a community-wide fundraising effort and we can raise much needed funds for REGAP. You can help by selling tickets to your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and they will benefit by having a day of shopping with a discount. If you would like to volunteer to help sell tickets, go to our website (www.regapgreyhounds.org) and print the order form or you can contact Diane Jorns at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Janet and Maryann also helped to get over \$3,000 in merchandise donated to REGAP from the Oak Brook Bloomingdale's to help raise funds at our Picnic and Candlelite Bowl fundraisers!

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

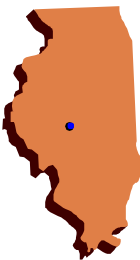


Our Sweet Greyhounds (and friends) Who Have Crossed Over The Rainbow Bridge

Funny Boy Moore	Arielle Nowak	Lady Scola
Wolfie Jorns	Gracie Nelson	Lily Nowak
Fortress Ortiz	Charlie Zack-Thomson	Sorcerer Weiss
Ivanhoe Abbott	Fortune Mitchell	Brandy Damien
Huey Van Wambeke	Riley Myler	Emmy McConville
Rush Fijol	Dee Dee Levy	Starstrike Regap
Back Spin Gold	Alice Buonauro	Delta Budzis
Shadow Harris	T.J. Wagner	Seminole Masias
Whiz Kitty Pluta	Stormy Lyman	Milo DeArmond
Mungo Bunton	Sasha Bowers	

TREASURED PETS

In 2002, the Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka, began an initiative called "Treasured Pets" to help connect pets to owners. Because this program became the first of its kind to be offered by any state treasurer, Topinka is encouraging other states to follow in her footsteps due to its success. REGAP of Illinois became one of their "Treasured Pets" rescue groups last year. Check out the website of <http://www.state.il.us/treas/> and click on "Treasured Pets".



Subject: CHAT: Rescue help needed

HELP NEEDED ASAP:

Please help!!!! After two long years of being on a waiting list for an agility dog, we have been notified by the breeder that, at long last, our number has come up and ...WE ARE HAVING A PUPPY!!!

We must get rid of our children IMMEDIATELY because we just know how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be and it just wouldn't be fair to the children. Since our little puppy will be arriving on Monday we MUST place the children into rescue this weekend!

They are described as:

One male - His name is Tommy, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), light blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Temperament tested. Does have problems with peeing directly in the toilet. Has had chickenpox and is current on all shots. Tonsils have already been removed. Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained & gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little training he should be able to read soon.

One female - Her name is Lexie, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), strawberry blonde hair, green eyes quite freckled. Two years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Has been temperament tested but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy & can be affectionate. Gets along well with other little girls & little boys but does not like to share her toys and therefore would do best in a one child household. She is a very quick learner and is currently working on her house training-shouldn't take long at all.

We really do LOVE our children so much and want to do what's right for them; that is why we contacted a rescue group. But we simply can no longer keep them. Also, we are afraid that they may hurt our new puppy. I hope you understand that ours is a UNIQUE situation and we have a real emergency here!!! They MUST be placed into your rescue by Sunday night at the latest or we will be forced to drop them off at the orphanage or along some dark, country road. Our priority now has to be our new puppy.



FLEA AND HEARTWORM SEASON

It's that time of year again. We suggest that you get a Heartworm test in April. Once you have received a negative test result, start giving the first pill no later than May 1st. Heartworm pills work 6 weeks 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. Your greyhound's vaccinations must be updated every year. This includes: Rabies, Distemper, and Bordatella vaccinations.



We recommend the following choices:

HEARTWORM PILLS - Interceptor or Heartguard.

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

DO NOT USE REVOLUTION on your hounds. It has killed Greyhounds. DO NOT GET THE SIX-MONTH SHOT EITHER.

Heartworm Pills / Flea protection is given once a month starting no later than May 1st through Dec. 1st or second killing frost. If you are not sure about anything, please give us a call or e-mail us at regap1@juno.com.

SCHOOL VISIT

Thank you, Karilynn, for visiting the Elizabeth Ide School in Darien, with Highstrung and Rhyno. The students enjoyed your wonderful PowerPoint presentation. Thank you to Jill Hansen for inviting us to her school, she also brought her greyhound, Dotty, to school with her. Many thanks to the students at the school for raising \$350 in a bake sale and donating it to REGAP of Illinois.

WELCOME HOME!!



We would like to welcome home REGAP family member, Petty Officer C.W. Speight. C.W. and his wife, Emily adopted Beans (Black Hill) a little over a month before C.W. was sent to the Middle East at the end of July, 2004. While he was gone, Emily adopted Stoney (Stepnstone), who is looking forward to meeting his Dad for the first time.. Thank you, C.W. and Emily for your sacrifice and we are glad to have you home safe!

ANIMAL CPR CLASSES

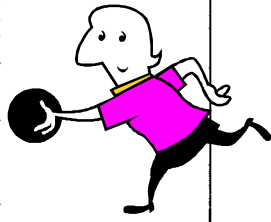
Would you be interested in attending a Animal CPR class? Mona has spoken with two facilities about having classes for our rescue group.

At the Anti-Cruelty Shelter in Chicago, cost \$40
or
At a facility in Ottawa, cost \$30

Each would be a few hours long, between 3-6 hours. If you are interested, please contact Diane at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net. You would leave your greyhounds at home.

CANDLELITE BOWLING

We want to thank everyone who came out to support REGAP at our last Candlelite Bowl fundraiser. We also want to apologize to everyone for having to wait in line for food. We did not know this was going to happen, we've always had family style service and it's always been wonderful. We received this letter of apology from Mont Clare Lanes, promising this will never happen again. We always have many wonderful donated raffle items, auction items, greyhound items for sale and even if you don't know how to bowl or you don't bowl very well, it's still fun because most of us don't know how to bowl either! So please join us again this November for our Candlelite Bowl fundraiser, it's always been so much fun and it's a wonderful way for us to raise funds for the greyhounds!



Mont Clare Lanes

32 Lanes of Brunswick Automatic Scoring
Featuring Cosmic Candlelite Bowl

December 8, 04

Mr. Henry Nelson
2934 78th Avenue
Elmwood Park, Il., 60707

Dear Henry:

This letter is to apologize for your disappointment and inconvenience caused by our "buffet style" candlelite without your knowledge and for the disappointment with your group.

Please be assured we will serve your group the family style dinner on future reservations.

Thank you, Henry!

Sincerely,


MARK L. RANALLO
Manager

GREYMEADOW FARM

LOOK AT THE PUPPY PHOTOS!!! Did you ever wonder what your greyhound's Momma dog, Daddy, Brother or Sister looks like? Well, we may have a picture of them on the website! Take a look at the pictures we took while out at the farm in Kansas picking up some greyhounds.



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ADOPTION DAY PHOTOS

If you adopted from REGAP of Illinois and you don't see your adoption day photo on our website, please contact Diane at greyhoundmom3@sbcglobal.net or you can mail a picture(s) of your greyhound with his family (or just the hound) to Mona Moore at 4107 E. 3rd Road, Mendota, IL 61342. Some of the more recent adoptions we are looking for photos of are: Sneakers, Doubledare, Blackcloud, Green Bay, Orion Star, Side Swipe, Shine On, Crownroyal, Sidesaddle, Blue Angel, Hoodlum, Malibu Bay, Jammin Star, Pikes Peak.

Losing a pet

Losing a pet, a heartdog, a soul mate, a furkid is a pain that eats into the soul. Because we hold these beloved creatures in our hearts and because we accept the responsibility of ensuring the highest quality of life for them, we are also bestowed with the awesome responsibility of safeguarding their dignity and their essence. It is both a burden and blessing that we are able to ease them gently into that good night, although we ourselves rage against the dying of the light they carry. We rage because we cannot help them, we cannot rescue them from this final challenge; we rage because we do not know how we will carry on; we rage because we must. Do not take us to task for our rage - it is born from the soul's anguish. It is, above all else, an expression of love that transcends time, space, and eternity.

Beverly McCartt

WOLFGANG "WOLFIE" JORNS

As many of you have heard, we lost our beautiful and precious puppy, Wolfgang. Thank you everyone for your wonderful cards and messages of support. We still can't believe that our shining light is gone.

Wolfie's momma dog stepped on his front leg when he was just days old. When we received him two days before his 4 month birthday, the leg was already bowing. You would never know it by the way Wolfie played and ran around, but each day his pain became worse. We brought him to Ancare Vet Clinic in Mendota and the surgery to fix his leg was very complex. Wolfie's heart just stopped when coming out of anesthesia, it was probably a blood clot that formed while in surgery. Dr. Steve Dullard and his staff in Mendota were wonderful, and he did everything he could to give Wolfie a chance at a good life, free of pain.

Wolfie was our once in a lifetime greyhound, so extremely special beyond words. We loved him with every ounce of our being for the glorious 74 days that he was our son. He was the happiest boy we've ever seen, he loved life to the fullest for the 6 months and 9 days that God gave him. We wouldn't trade one second of time that we had with him, even if we knew the outcome. We were so excited to see him grow up to be the big beautiful boy that he was going to be (he was already 60 pounds at six months of age!). We are glad he was able to experience snow, he just couldn't get enough of it. We loved to listen to him "roo" and play with all of his toys. Thank you to Jack & Mary Butler for letting us experience our beautiful boy. We took a family portrait (thank you, Aunt Donna) two days before he passed. We have added it to the "Jorns Family" photo album on the website at <http://groups.msn.com/regapofillinois>.

In memory of Wolfie, we have set up a "Wolfie Memorial Fund", in the REGAP account, to help cover the cost of his surgery but to also help Wrigley (another puppy that had injuries while he was just days old) through the continued medical needs that he will have. Hopefully the fund can also help the many, many greyhounds that REGAP of Illinois receives on a continuous basis all year long. And for the "future Wolfies" who we can hopefully receive and help to grow up healthy, pain free and with a loving family.

To make a tax deductible donation for the "Wolfie Memorial Fund", please make the check payable to:

REGAP of Illinois
4107 E. 3rd Road
Mendota, IL 61342

Would we do it again? In a heart beat.
Kiss your kids,

Diane, Dave, Obsie, Off Ramp and Octagon



Wolfgang "Wolfie" Jorns
May 27, 2004 - December 7, 2004
We love you baby and we miss you
every second

GET WELL WISHES

Sue Peavey
Mark Peavey
Don Wilson
Karrilynn Stachowicz
Sharon Stefanski
Richard Orseno
Wrigley Pluta
Nancy Kraska
Jimmy Damien
Betty Weiss
Mollie Kinser
Betty Harwood

Beth Marszalek
Mathew Broderick
Streaker Griffin

Isabelle Sullivan
Breezy Gray
Back Lash Ashley
Kiki Stachowicz
Rose Carroll
Sissy Unkrich
Pipe Bomb Plotz



HOW YOU CAN HELP

The best way that you can help REGAP of Illinois and the greyhounds, is by going to the meet n greets, the parades, the fests and show off your greyhound. Remember, this is probably the way you met your first greyhound. Carry a couple REGAP brochures with you when you take your greyhound for a walk or if someone asks about greyhound adoption, just give them our new additional website address www.regapgreyhounds.org, it's easy to remember. Buy a REGAP decal or magnet to display on your car.

We can always use Nutro Lamb & Rice dog food, blankets and towels (used are fine), bleach, liquid laundry soap, Kuranda dog beds, stamps, etc. Contact Mona (815-538-3647) or Shelley (708-349-8448) with any donations you may have. Many people have done "Blanket Drives" for us through their work/school, civic groups. We are also now collecting cell phones, please contact Donna at dmmngrls@elnet.com for more information. We can always use monetary donations as well. All donations are tax deductible. Over the years we have had several greyhounds who were older or had medical needs and were hard to place. So we set up a permanent foster home for each of these greyhounds but REGAP continues to cover their daily and medical expenses.

If you have any ideas about fundraising or if there are any festivals or events that you think would be fun for our hounds to be at to promote greyhound adoption, contact Mona at 815-538-3647.

AVID CHIPS & DOG TAGS

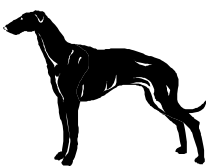
If you have moved, PLEASE contact AVID to transfer your owner information.

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!!!



PETCO

Thank you for allowing us to be in your stores: Orland Park, Hodgkins, West Dundee, South Elgin, Wheaton and welcome Naperville and Springfield.

Special thanks to Carey Levy at the Wheaton Petco. He makes REGAP the recipient of opened food bags and lots of other goodies. Thanks Carey, we need more friends like you!

PETSMART

Thank you for allowing us to be in your Crestwood, Northbrook and Vernon Hills stores.

Thank you REGAP reps and volunteers for making sure each store has plenty of greyhounds for the Meet n Greet. Kisses to you all for giving up your weekends. The greyhounds love you!

TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR GREYHOUND

Don't forget to brush your greyhounds teeth at least twice a week, keep their nails trimmed and clean their ears. All of these things help keep your hound healthier, longer.

IN MEMORIAM

Larry Frase
Eric Simpson
Carolyn Ashley

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 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. Never leave your greyhound outside unattended, no matter what the weather. They can get into things they shouldn't and anything can happen.

We do have Cool Coats available through 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 great! We use them for any outdoor event that might get too hot.

For information on Cool Coats please Donna at dmmnrgirls@elnet.com (proceeds go 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. We also have a greyhound natural recipe on the message board of REGAP's website, the thread is called Natural Bug Repellent.



MANY THANKS!!!

Thanks to Dr. Kim Peterson and everyone at Critter Care of Plano, for helping with the spays and neuters. You are wonderful, caring women!



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.

LEPTOSPIROSIS AND GIARDIA

Please make sure that your dog does not drink any water outside that might be contaminated. We have recently lost a greyhound to Leptospirosis. Leptospirosis is found in standing water. We have vaccinated for this but there might be a stronger form out there. Please make sure you always clean your bird baths frequently and fill with fresh water. Keep your hounds away from swimming pools and ponds. Dump any standing water after every rain, this also cuts down on mosquitoes.

We have seen an increase in greyhounds with giardia. They are infected if they come in contact with bird or animal feces or contaminated water. If your greyhound seems to always have loose stool, please ask your vet if you should have them treated for giardia.

***For more information on both of these organisms go to www.peteducation.com.*

LOST GREYHOUND

If your greyhound gets loose please contact us immediately! Please call George and Mona at 815-538-3647, Shelley Wagner at 708-349-8448 and one of our local representatives who live closest to you. You can find the list of representatives on the back of our brochure or on our website on the "About REGAP" webpage. We can get help out to you as soon as possible, giving a better chance for recovery. You should also post as much information on the Greyhound Amber Alert as soon as possible at www.greytalk.com. We also have a copy of the flyer we used to find Octane when he was lost, you can copy it and put in a picture of your hound with all the necessary information and put that flyer EVERYWHERE!!

BE ALERT!

With Summer here you may want to carry pepper spray, an umbrella or a walking stick with you when you take your greyhound for 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 usually won't protect themselves and their skin can tear so easily. Be alert, don't take any chances!!!

***Websites that offer dog repellents: www.petguys.com or www.safetybasement.com*



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>

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 haven't visited the site for a while, come back and see us!

www.regapgreyhounds.org

We also have a new "sister" website that is a little easier to tell people when asked what our website address is, www.regapgreyhounds.org. We also now have the capability to sell things online and accept donations online. We have many cool greyhound items for sale, including "Adopt A Greyhound" awareness bracelets and ribbon magnets, REGAP magnets and decals, stuffed greyhound toys, belly bands, and we're adding more items almost every day. We've been told it's very easy to navigate. So go check it out for yourself.



SHOPPING

If you do a lot of shopping online, you may want to shop AND help raise money for greyhound rescue at the same time. Go to

www.igive.com/regapofilgreyhounds.

REGAP SHOP

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. You can personalize almost anything. All proceeds go towards helping greyhounds.

COATS AND LEASHES

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. *For more information and prices, contact Donna at dmmnngirls@elnet.com.*

SPEAKING OF LEASHES

Have you ever wondered how strong your REGAP leashes are? George and Mona were driving home one day when they noticed one of their neighbors car was stuck in a ditch. They stopped to ask if they could help, their neighbor said yes. George then realized he had nothing to pull the car out with, so he decided to try to use one of the REGAP leashes. He attached one end to the bumper and the other end to the hitch. Believe it or not, it pulled the car out! We don't suggest you try this at home!



REGAP, Mona Moore
4107 E. 3rd Road
Mendota, Illinois 61342-9703

WEBSITE ADDRESSES

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and www.regapgreyhounds.org

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 & Ida Seebock at icbock1@comcast.net.

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

Naperville Petco—for dates and times contact Mike & Corinna Farrell at springteufel@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

Springfield Petco—for dates and times contact Cheryl Carroll at candeclaus@aol.com.

Urbana Farmers Market—for dates and times contact Kathy Laurent at kklaurent@yahoo.com.

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

West Dundee Petco—for dates and times contact Dave & 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.