



June 2007

Racy Tails

GPA – Southern Nevada

SAVE the DATE!
Saturday October 20, 2007 is the GPA – SN Picnic!
Sunset Park, Area C is the location this year.

It's in the planning stages and will have all of the fun and games, the picnic lunch with greyhounds, family and friends, the contests and booths and the silent auction.



Racing to the GPA-SN Picnic!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the picnic. If you would like to help us put together this day of fun for all, please email greyhounds@cox.net.

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GPA-SN Past Board

As most of you know by now, the GPA-SN Board of Directors has changed. Jan Valentino, Past-President has made the move to Montana with Henry (and Peaches and Jack) to pursue a slower pace.

Jan and Vice-President Lee Minardi took the '*little chapter that could*' and made it into the '*little chapter that has*'. Under their guidance GPA-SN has placed hundreds of Greyhounds

into their forever homes and grown this Chapter into a viable, successful non-profit organization.

Without the hard work of both Jan and Lee over these past 6 years, GPA-SN would not be the '*little chapter that has*'.

Both Jan and Lee along with their husbands Henry and John (respectively) continue to volunteer with GPA-SN as much as possible.

A GREYT BIG THANK YOU to both!

Do dogs feel love?

Reprinted From PetCentric

We feel tremendous love for our dogs, and our dogs sure seem to love us. But is a dog really capable of emotions? Or are we just projecting our feelings onto our dogs?

Scientists avoid the subject because part of what sets humans apart from the animals is our ability to experience feelings. To say that animals actually have feelings, in the same way we do, would change everything – perhaps disrupt our entire position and standing in the animal kingdom.

However, any dog owner knows that dogs love completely and have a greater capacity for love than most people. If one were to describe the main characteristics of a dog, they would have to be:

1. strong affection
2. warm attachment
3. unselfish loyalty and benevolent concern for others

Wait a minute – those are the Merriam-Webster Dictionary definitions of love. Probably why the author of *Dogs Never Lie About Love*, Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson writes, “dogs are love.” So there isn’t a question of whether dogs love, the mystery is how they have such an enormous capacity for it. Dogs who are neglected or abused still show love for their human and wag their tails in hope of a little affection.



Dogs taken from abusive situations hold no grudges toward the human race. A half an ounce of kindness from a new person results in an abundance of affection from the formerly mistreated dog. Humans rarely have the capacity to so completely forgive and love under those circumstances.

Probably the biggest reason the dog has become man’s best friend is because we know that when it comes to love, a dog can always outdo us. The highest form of love, agape love, which is completely unconditional, is something that people often have to work at or grow into. Agape love seems to come naturally between parent and child, but it’s more difficult between husband and wife, and harder still between friends. To love someone regardless of what

wrongs they have done you is very difficult for humans.

A dog, however, is born with an endless capacity for agape love, and doesn’t even have to work at it. You can be a complete grouch, ignore your dog, and refuse him your love. When you decide you’re ready to be sociable again, your dog doesn’t pay you back by ignoring you too. He’s just happy you’re there. More amazing still, is that the love that dogs and owners feel for each other lasts a lifetime. This is the ideal love humans strive for, but often fail at.

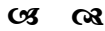
As Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson so beautifully writes in *Dogs Never Lie About Love*, “Learning to know somebody intimately is often the beginnings of dislike, sometimes even of contempt. Among humans, love often does not survive a growing acquaintance, but in a dog, love seems to grow with acquaintance, to get stronger, deeper. Even when fully acquainted with all our weaknesses, our treachery, our unkindness, the dog seems to love strongly – and this love is returned by most dog-loving humans. We, too, seem to love our dogs the more we get to know them. The bond grows between us and our dogs.”

This is why we need dogs. They do something for us that rarely a human companion can do. No matter how much you mess up your life, or how much wrong you do, no matter how many mistakes you make or how often you make them, regardless of your looks, income or social standing, your dog never judges you. He always thinks you are wonderful and loves you with all his heart.

Did You Know?

The Greyhound is the fastest breed of dog.

One of the most celebrated of many Greyhound owners in history was General George A. Custer. Custer was especially fond of coursing breeds - Greyhounds and "staghounds" - and traveled with a hound pack that numbered about forty. One book reports that Custer's dogs were about to run a matched race the day before he left on his fatal expedition to Big Horn River in 1876. The first knowledge of the Greyhound comes from the Tomb of Amten, in the Valley of the Nile, regarded by Egyptologists as belonging to the fourth dynasty, which in modern chron would be between 2900 and 2751 B.C.



Additions to our Greyhound Family

The Zarfl's adopted both **Xena** & **Dallas**

The McNeil's adopted **Farley**

Mary Behnke adopted **Zoey B**

The Bussey's adopted **Eva Marie**

George Coffman adopted **Simon**

The Vogel's adopted **Scarlett**

Evan Hyde adopted **Elwood**

JP & Jennifer adopted **Sophie**

Michael & Apryl adopted **Gage**

Angie Miller adopted **Chinelle**



FOSTER FAMILIES ARE NEEDED!

If you can open your home to a foster greyhound and teach him/her the ropes of retirement please email us at info@lasvegasgreyhounds.org

Remember this one?



Our Own Cover Models Bryce, Buddy and Bart!!

The May/June 2007 edition of Lucky Dog magazine features star quality cover models Bryce, Buddy and Bart dressed in their finest martingale collars.

A two page layout features the story of how Don Tenney and Mark Dion came across their love for the greyhound breed.

Lucky Dog magazine is available at many locations in the valley including pet supply stores and veterinary offices.

www.LuckyDogMag.com



Would you be interested in a Whine & Cheese Social? Or perhaps a Spring Picnic event?

Maybe you would rather see a Greyhound Art Exhibit? Let us know - send an email to 45mph@cox.net and tell us know how you like to be foolish and party like a greyhound!



7. Greyhounds love sunshine, so don't overdo the caution, but don't rely on them being sensible on a hot day! Air temperature and wind make a big difference, as do the level of exertion and the age and fitness of the dog.
8. If you think your hound may need medical attention, he probably does. Get him to your vet.

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Rainbow Bridge

Losses to our Greyhound Family
Our Sympathies to:

Tequila is missed by the Hickeys
Snowshoes is missed by the Iulucci's
Lily, aka Lily-Pup, missed by the Minardi's



How to keep your Greyhound safe in Hot Weather

Reprinted in part from the Retired Greyhound Trust

Because they don't sweat, our dogs can't cope with hot weather as well as people, and because Greyhounds generate a lot of heat from their muscles when moving, they are particularly at risk from heat stress. It can happen that a Greyhound will suddenly collapse and die from heat stress, so follow these tips for keeping the risk low:

1. Inactivity is the best protection. If it's hot, let your dog doze and leave walking until it's cooled.
2. Don't put them in a car after a walk until they've really cooled down.
3. If you've had to park in the sun, cool the car down before you load your Greyhound. Bear in mind the upholstery and interior store heat and will take a while to cool it down before loading your hound.
4. If your Greyhound is panting persistently, put a damp towel on him. If he's lying on one side put it over the tummy area, it will cool the area underneath. Make sure you don't let it dry out though, or it will have the opposite effect! If he seems distressed, rub water directly into his coat for an immediate reduction in his body temperature.
5. Watch out for sun shining through the car windows - even A/C won't offset the heating effect if the sun's directly on your dog.
6. If your normally active greyhound show signs of fatigue take it as a serious warning, get them out of the sun and let them lie down.



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