



January 2008

Racy Tails

GPA – Southern Nevada



The Roo & BBQ Las Vegas Was a Fabulous Hit!

I know I had a greyt time, how about you? Greyhounds and their families everywhere I looked. Thank you to everyone who made the October 20th picnic as special as it could be. The weather was perfect, not too hot, not too cool; in fact just like the Famous Dave's BBQ - PERFECT. Psychic Jean was on her best psychic wave and the silent auction had over 100 greyt items.

Thank you to GPA-AZ for trailering greyhounds from the Phoenix area for us. GPA National President Rory Goree' was kind enough to act as our auctioneer and having John Fredericks of Channel 3 News open the event with a poem was truly special.

The annual event helps us raise the funding necessary to keep GPA-SN active in our mission of placing greyhounds in loving homes in the Las Vegas community. Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers, we could not place greyhounds into homes without volunteers giving so lovingly and generously of their time. Please take our survey on the last page of this newsletter to help us make the 2008 Annual Picnic event better!

**2008 Celebrating Greyhound Calendars
Roo & BBQ Mouse Pads and Tee Shirts**

Engagement/Desk Diary - \$15.00

Roo & BBQ Mouse Pad: \$5.00

Roo & BBQ Tee Shirts: \$ 15.00

Just send order through PayPal at: info@lasvegasgreyhounds.org

Nate's Greyhound Antics by Shel McCann

Nate & I were the only Pet Therapy team invited to participate in a community wide Open House for Nathan Adelson Hospice's Center for Compassionate Care just before Thanksgiving.



Nate was ever the gentleman and good will ambassador, until he was approached by a woman doctor wearing a wrap-dress. When the doc knelt down to visit with Nate, he promptly placed his nose down her dress and sighed.

The woman laughed for ten minutes and said she couldn't wait to tell her husband! Somehow, I don't think this will ruin Nate's career; rather, he might have scored points as a genuine charmer! Nate is just as popular as ever.....

Shel is a GPA-SN adopter and also owns McCann'd Made Designs where you can purchase unique greyhound art:

www.mccannmadedesigns.com

Save the Date!
**The GPA-SN Annual Picnic is
slated for October 25, 2008.**

GPA-SN Receives PETCO Donation

Not only do we raise awareness in our community each time we take our greyhounds to a PETCO or PetsMart event, we also can turn those trips into donations for GPA-SN.

During Greyhound Planet Week, our participation at PETCO in Henderson netted a donation to GPA-SN of \$382.00.

Placement Representative and Foster Home Training

Jan Valentino, past president, graciously offered to conduct a training class for GPA-SN Placement Representatives and Foster Homes in November. The class was held at the Spring Valley Library and offered our volunteers a wealth of information.

Cindy Roragen, GPA-SN Placement Representative Coordinator and Dee Dee Freeman, GPA-Secretary Treasurer and also our Foster Home Coordinator were on hand to both learn and lend their knowledge. Some of the attendees were new recruits, have never fostered or conducted a home visit, others had years of experience.

Foster homes are the backbone of our program. Without the generosity of foster parents we would not be able to place as many greyhounds as we do.

Help needed: Meet & Greet Coordinators

Please contact us at 45mph@cox.net if you can set up or assist with a meet & greet in your area of town.



Additions to our Greyhound Family

The Sauls's adopted **Ethel**

Mark Dion & Don Tenney adopted **Brody**

The Bischoff's adopted **Lily**

Janice Klien adopted **Mimi**

The Manning's adopted **Amy**

The Corrao's adopted **Molly**

Ashleigh and Michael adopted **Maya**

Bowie was adopted by the **Iulucci's**

Sally & The Hulk were adopted by

Elaine & Dale

The Milmeister's adopted **Rosie**

Gordo was adopted by Sally

Simon was adopted by the Schecters

The Mihalčík's adopted **Gus**

Did you know?

It is estimated that approximately 120,000 Greyhounds live in homes as pets, compared to 55,000 Greyhounds in racetracks. In the past few years, private Greyhound adoptions ranged from 15,000 to 18,000/year (Gary Guccione, National Greyhound Association).

Greyhound adoption is becoming more popular as people like you generate interest just by taking your greyhounds out to Petco or PetsMart, even just to the doggie park.

Last year GPA-SN placed 33 greyhounds into their forever homes. Those 33 homes will generate more interest in greyhounds as pets and as the community learns what loving, loyal pets they are.

American Greyhound Council Grant

The American Greyhound Council (AGC) allocates a sizeable portion of its budget for grants to adoption groups in the US. Our chapter applied for a grant of \$1250 for foster home supplies such as bedding and food and for collars and leashes for the incoming greyhounds.

Our grant proposal was awarded in full and we now offer a new bed for each



foster greyhound that can follow the hound to their forever home. We have also purchased a supply of beautiful new collars and leashes for each of our 'new' adoptees.

You can check out AGC's website at www.agcouncil.com for information on greyhound racing, greyhound welfare, animal rights and current news in the world of greyhounds.



Paypal is an easy and convenient way to donate to GPA-

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GPA-SN 2007 Roo & BBQ Survey



In order to improve on the annual picnic, we are asking that you complete the following survey and send it back to our planning committee so we can keep the components you liked and perhaps improve on the things you might have thought needed to be done differently.

You do not need to sign the form or identify yourself.

1. Did you think the 11 am starting time is appropriate? Yes No (circle one)
2. Did you think the closing time of 4 pm is appropriate? Yes No
3. Did you feel the silent auction needed more items or less items? More Less
4. Did you think the live auction needed more items or less items? More Less
5. Do we need more vendors? Yes No
6. Did you like the food? Yes No
7. Do you have a suggestion for food at future picnics?

8. Did you miss the costume contest? Yes No

9. Do you have suggestions for contests and games?

10. What was your least favorite part of the day?

11. What was your favorite part of the day?

12. Please give us your thoughts on improvement.

Thank you for participating.

Please complete and mail to : GPA-SN PO Box 36748 Las Vegas, NV 89133