

Tails from the Northwest



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Spring 2010

3rd Annual Dog Lovers Valentine Benefit Gala And Sighthound Fashion Show

Many a "Wow" was heard as people and canines entered the Kleiver Armory for the Third Annual Dog Lovers Valentine Gala on Saturday, February 20. Well, the canines may not have been saying "wow" - their open mouths could have been an attempt to get one of the canine hors d'oeuvres!

One of the volunteers for this year's Gala was Kacey Montoya, anchor for KOIN6 television. Kacey even secured donations from three companies, D3 Production, Royce's Prop Shop and West Coast Drape as well as several additional donations. These companies not only provided the draping, light and sound for the Gala environment, but they set it up as well. Kacey worked tirelessly for a month prior to the event, getting donations and putting together spots to air on KOIN6. She was able to get a promotional piece for the event on television numerous times during the weeks leading up to the event.

The result was the highest attendance to date for the event including Greyhound adopters, racing owners and a number of first-time attendees who all support our cause. A beautiful "wine garden" area and a dramatic overall Gala. Tables were graced with lovely bouquets of flowers donated by Flowers By Mary Beth Bartel and during the cocktail hour guests enjoyed the chocolate fountain and hors d'oeuvres table in the "wine garden".

The evening started off with a welcome by Kacey and her co-anchor, Eric Taylor. While dinner was served, guests were entertained by the magic of Joel Iwanaga, from KOIN6. In recognition of their 31st wedding anniversary, a special cake was presented to sweethearts, Hubert and Eva Tillmon (*Hubert is our auctioneer*), who travel from Olympia Washington to join us each year.

While Hubert and Eva enjoyed their anniversary cake and other guests had their dessert, the red carpet was cleared for the Sighthound Fashion Show.

Kacey and Eric introduced the models and escorts for the fashion show. Although the stairs were a bit daunting to a couple of models, they definitely strutted their stuff on the red carpet. Janice Jones, designer of the canine fashions, along with the help of Rachel Fishback who made some matching garments for the escorts, put together the best fashion show in Gala history. In addition to Greyhounds, this year's show featured Eleanor and Ferguson - a pair of Wolfhounds, and Gita, Bados and Appley - three Silken Windhounds, Elway the Italian Greyhound and Duncan, the Whippet.

The evening concluded with a live auction conducted by Chris Harper and auctioneer, Hubert Tillmon. This year's auction included a number of wonderful items such as an Evening at The Opera, which included two tickets to the opening night of Barber of Seville and a \$50 gift certificate for dinner at Carafe French Bistro. Tickets to a Blazer's game, tickets for the ballet, one night stays at the Hallmark Resort, the Hotel Vintage Plaza and a 3-day weekend at a private condo in Lincoln City were highly sought items. Artwork this year included a very unique set of three antique Chinese reverse glass paintings of Greyhounds in various settings. The auction concluded with "Be Mine" pledges for the special needs Greyhounds in the Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest adoption program.

The efforts of all the volunteers, donors and attendees to the event not only made for a festive evening but raised enough funds to prepare at least 30 dogs for adoption this year. We'd like to thank everyone who gave of themselves or their resources to make this Gala a success. ■



A Message From The Board Of Directors

Maybe you didn't recognize the name on this newsletter at first. We have a new name but we are still the same group we have always been with the same mission and goals. Our name change initially had much to do with a need for more clarity of the work we do in our name. Read on to find out more about our new name and what we expect for 2010.

In most years we would have already had an Annual Meeting and you would be receiving the Annual Report to update you on the accomplishments of 2009 and the plans for 2010. The past few months changes were in the wind for our organization and now that those changes have occurred we wanted to communicate with you as quickly as possible.

After many years as members of Greyhound Pets of America National, the activities of its leadership over the past year have caused the leadership of our chapter concern. The Board of Directors of our chapter have been closely monitoring the situation these past months with an increasing concern that our association with Greyhound Pets of America was becoming an impediment to our ability to fulfill our mission to find homes for Greyhounds for a number of reasons. These reasons include; a change in the way dogs were deemed "adoptable," a move away from the center of neutrality, and the condoning of non compliance with IRS regulations on the part of other chapters – something that puts the tax exemption shared by all chapters at risk.

In the final months of 2009, our Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and many of the Committee Chairpersons met to discuss the situation and decided to obtain our own tax exemption to ensure that we could operate on our own if necessary. By February 2010 it was quite clear association with National Greyhound Pets of America was no longer an asset, it was a liability.

After long consideration and a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Board of Trustees, the Committee Chairpersons and legal counsel our chapter's resignation was tendered as a member of Greyhound Pets of America. We are now a separate entity and can put all of our efforts into our mission to find homes for Greyhounds in the Northwest. The use of the name Greyhound Pets of America and the associated logo is no longer appropriate. It was a difficult decision but from our perspective, becoming Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest enables us to focus solely on what we do best. Although we are no longer associated with Greyhound Pets of America - we do maintain excellent relationships

with many groups still participating with that organization. In addition, we retain the important alliances we have had with other Greyhound adoption groups, owners, trainers, and transporters across the country. Support for our independence has been great and we are moving forward without any change in our work or mission.

What does this mean for our group? Beyond the name change and the move to independence, the mission of Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest remains the same, operations remain the same and we continue on course. Work has already been completed to change our brochures, website and other printed materials to reflect our new name. The old 800 number was not controlled by our group and we no longer have immediate access to information gleaned from that number. Therefore; since we cover a large area and a number of area codes, we have obtained our own 800 number which is (800) 767-5139. We also maintain a local telephone number (503) 784-1285.

To ensure we can provide the same level of protection to the Greyhounds in our program, we have ordered new dog tags which reflect the change in name as well as the change of 800 numbers. Page 3 of this newsletter contains a "New ID Request Form" for you to complete and return in order to receive your new replacement ID tags. Your Greyhound will be registered in our database with the new tag number and continue to be safe.


We have been working in Oregon and Southern Washington for over 25 years, placed well over 4,500 Greyhounds into homes, weathered many difficult times and are now stronger than ever. Our volunteers are doing amazing work and we continue to increase our placement of Greyhounds into homes each year. During 2009, we brought 192 Greyhounds into our program and placed 148 of them into permanent homes. With a number of track closures being foretold, 2010 is already shaping up to be a very busy year for Greyhound adoption – one that is going to require all of our resources. With the need to reprint our public advertising and to save resources, we hope that you will understand our need to make this year's Annual Report an email document rather than a printed one.

We look forward to a great 2010 with your support. If you have any questions, or would like a printed copy of the Annual Report, please email the Board of Directors at bodnw@gpa-nw.org. If you do not have email please call 800-767-5139.

GPA Northwest Directors

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GPA Northwest Key Coordinators

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If you have time in your life to volunteer for the Greyhounds, please contact any of these coordinators, they will gladly tell you about the many ways you can help make a difference.

Calendar of Upcoming Special Events

GPA Northwest holds Meet A Retired Racer (MARR) adoption events nearly every weekend (see page 4). We also plan Special Events to bring the Greyhounds to the community, to raise funds for our adoption program and to celebrate our dogs and socialize with other Greyhound lovers.

JUNE

5th Portland - Starlight Parade
 10th Bend - Wine Tasting & Yappy Hour
 19th & 20th Portland - Pride NW Festival
 27th Portland - 2010 Hound Wash

JULY

18th Portland - Brunch with the Greyhounds
 24th Portland - Dog Day Afternoon
 31st Eugene - Eugene Picnic

AUGUST

12th Tualatin - Crawfish Festival

New ID Tag Request Form

**Your Greyhound has an ID Tag with our old name and telephone number on it
use this form to request a new ID Tag**

ID Tags are critical to the safety of your Greyhound so please **cut this form out** and **send in your form right away** to protect your Greyhound in case it is lost. We will mail your new tags right away. Donations to offset the cost of the tag and postage are gladly accepted but not required. *Please Print Neatly!*

Your Name: _____ Your Telephone #: _____

Your Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

| Your Greyhounds Name | Current ID Tag# |
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| 1) _____ | _____ |
| 2) _____ | _____ |
| 3) _____ | _____ |
| 4) _____ | _____ |
| 5) _____ | _____ |

Mail This Form To

Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest
P.O. Box 6524
Portland, OR 97228

OR
Email To: AdoptionNW@gpa-nw.org

Does Your Greyhound Need A Spa Day?

Join us for our Annual Hound Wash
Sunday, June 27th - 9:00am to 4:30pm

\$25.00 per dog, Appointment Only
Includes: Brushing, Bath &
Conditioner, Ear Cleaning, Nail
Trim and a Stylish Neck Scarf!

*We will also have snacks, beverages,
Greyt Stuff Shop Merchandise & Digital
Dog Photos available for purchase.*

Call (503) 826-9141 To Make An Appointment

Brunch With Greyhounds

Sunday, July 18th - 9:00am to 1:30pm
\$20.00 per person

Join us for this fun, relaxing event at
Pyramid Brewery where their head chef
has prepared a special brunch menu just
for us including a garden omelet, a
caramelized onion and bacon
frittata, pancakes & other tempting
treats.

Dogs are welcome, to join us on the
outdoor patio.

Email: BrunchNW@gpa-nw.org

Dog Day Afternoon In The Heights

Spend the day with your dog at our
annual community event.

A silent auction pet costume contest,
dog wash and other fun activities
will benefit GPA Northwest

July 24th - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Free Admission

See our website for details - gpa-nw.org

Adoptions January - April 2010

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| Hope | Barbara & Greg Kienle |
| Drake | Doug & Michelle Campoli |
| Bossanova | Richard Zack |
| Taxi | Leah & Scott Jolma |
| Ginger | Michelle & Doug Campoli |
| Arissa | Tara & Edward Armstrong |
| Bonnet | Richard Zack, Moscow |
| Ellie | Calla Parmly & Deb Holloway |
| Taurus | Jerome & Margaret Silver |
| Taffy | Jennie Thomas |
| Smoke | Kyla Graham & James Goulding |
| Sky | Hans & Laura Lethe |
| Cassanova | Erin Crane & Jason Snyder |
| Ready | Lynn & Dan Wilson |
| Charlotte | Jan & Garry Breckon |
| Alone | Teresa & J.C. Tubbs |
| Moses | Scott & Leslie Smizer |
| Cody | Jennifer Golik |
| Leo | Kristine Wyckoff |
| Tato | Carolyn Duffy |
| Charlie | Michelle & Scott Veazie |

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| Tammy | Alex Chan & Mark Munoz |
| Carlos | Lauren Smith & Jordan Brown |
| Sage | Cody & Deborah Pierce |
| Abby | Cynthia Marshall |
| Metaxa | Mark & Nadia Vorderstrasse |
| Bert | Jonena Welch |
| Rambo | Phil & Julie Fehrenbacher |
| Wondermint | Connie Ross |
| Misty | Jennifer Johnson |
| Peggy | Kelly Primrose |
| Ruby | Kimberley & David Finch |
| Tim | Margaret & Jerome Silver |
| Sampler | Melissa & Claude Elmore |
| Tocho | Lisa & Martin Ruble |
| Daisy | Dawn Fay |
| Coach | Andrea Knight |
| Razor | Jo Trout |
| Toes | John Combes & Rose Christopherson |
| Crumly | Jen Alvin |
| Cha-Cha | Caron & Charlie Lewis |
| Jonah | Winnie St. John & Jeff Omodt |



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Calendar of Upcoming Adoption Events - Meet A Retired Racer (MARR) (also see Special Events on Page 2)

June

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| Jun 12 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco Hazeldell |
| Jun 19 | Eugene, OR | MARR | 11 - 2 | Petco |
| Jun 19 | Gresham, OR | MARR | 11-1 | PetsMart |
| Jun 20 | Beaverton, OR | MARR | 9 - 11 | Iron Mutt |
| Jun 26 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco |

July

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| Jul 10 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco Hazeldell |
| Jul 24 | Eugene, OR | MARR | 11 - 2 | Petco |
| Jul 24 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco |
| Jul 25 | Beaverton, OR | MARR | 9 - 11 | Iron Mutt |
| Jul 25 | Gresham, OR | MARR | 2 - 5 pm | Petco |

August

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|--------|---------------|------|----------|-----------------|
| Aug 14 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco Hazeldell |
| Aug 15 | Beaverton, OR | MARR | 9 - 11 | Iron Mutt |
| Aug 21 | Eugene, OR | MARR | 11 - 2 | Petco |
| Aug 21 | Gresham, OR | MARR | 11-1 | PetsMart |
| Aug 28 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco |

September

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| Sept 11 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco Hazeldell |
| Sept 18 | Eugene, OR | MARR | 11 - 2 | Petco |
| Sept 19 | Gresham, OR | MARR | 2 - 5 pm | Petco |
| Sept 25 | Vancouver, WA | MARR | Noon - 2 | Petco |
| Sept 26 | Beaverton, OR | MARR | 9 - 11 | Iron Mutt |

We are continually updating this calendar, please check our website for additional events in your area.

Check our website, www.gpa-nw.org,
call **800-767-5139** or email
EventsNW@gpa-nw.org for
specific information on these upcoming events and more!

Wine Tasting & Yappy Hour

All Proceeds benefit
Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest

Thursday, June 10, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For Tickets Call 800-767-5139 ext #2
Or stop by the store to order your tickets.

Space is limited for this event so
order your tickets soon

Bend Pet Express - Eastside
420 NE Windy Knolls Drive
Bend, Oregon 97701
541-385-5298



*The mission of Greyhound Pet Adoption
Northwest is to find responsible, loving homes
for Greyhounds and to acquaint the public with
the desirability of Greyhounds as pets.*