



GREYHOUND
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Dear Friends of the Greyhounds –

We wanted to share two different stories with you. One is a woman who doesn't even have a greyhound of her own, but has been dedicated to their welfare. The other story is about two men who adopted a greyhound and it has really changed their lives and inspired them to make a difference.

You also have a chance to make a difference during our Winter Appeal. We need you to join with others to help make it possible for us to continue to help greyhounds go from the track to the couch, and care for all their needs, especially medical costs which are about 85% of our operating budget each year.

We also have a huge opportunity! Through the generosity of Marge and Steve Brenneke, each dollar you donate during our Winter Appeal will be matched dollar for dollar* through December 31st. If you give \$25 it will become \$50. If you give \$150 it will become \$300. If you give \$500 it will become \$1000! Don't miss this chance to have your donation matched and help us help the Greyhounds.



Paula is houndless—she tried to adopt but her elderly cat wasn't having it. But, she loves the breed and wanted to help. She has become our scheduler and coordinator for Hound's Rest, our temporary kennel where the dogs stay as they transition from the track to a foster home. Paula says, "Working with greyhounds is very rewarding to me because they are always so happy to see me when I go to Hounds Rest. It makes me feel good to turn them out and provide clean kennels and food and know that they are being taken care of. It often seems like what means the most to them is just getting some attention and caring from a human." "For people who have not volunteered before I would encourage them to do so because it has been so rewarding to feel like I am making a difference, however small in the lives of the greyhounds and you get to meet some great people who feel the same way you

do. It's good to do something that rewards you in ways other than monetary." Paula continued, "In my opinion, the most important thing GPA-NW does for the dogs at the kennel is making sure that they are healthy and that the volunteers have what they need to care for them, as well as always working toward the goal of finding them their forever homes. Working with other volunteers at HR is really interesting. You get to meet all different kinds of people who all share the same love for the dogs and are willing to give their time to help them. It's fun to hear all the stories about their own dogs and it's so great when people volunteer for the first time and they can't wait to come back!" Paula has a wish list for the kennel – we need to repair or replace all the condo doors and dog flaps, we need to have some work done on drainage, including gutters to keep it clean and safe, add some additional lighting and her big wish is for a working sink! **Your donation can help make these things happen!**



*up to \$5000



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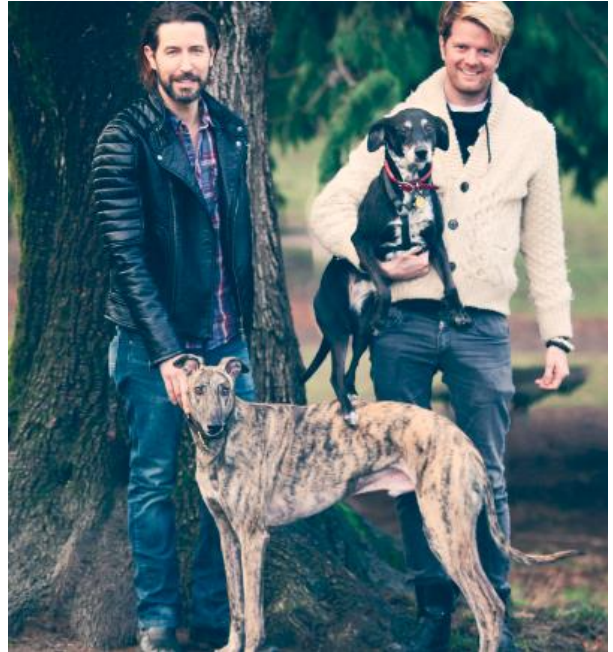
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Brice and Patrick are relatively new adopters. We asked them to share their greyhound story:

"After finally buying a home with a yard, we wanted to get a larger dog because our baby Willow (a whippet/lab mix and the namesake of our new Hair Salon in North Portland) really only enjoyed the company of dogs that were bigger than her. We were looking to finally get some doggy company for her. Admittedly, we were attracted to the beauty of the greyhounds but also were really wanting to offer a comfortable home for an ex-racer to enjoy his/her retirement. Patrick went to a GPA-NW adoption event and fell in love with their soon-to-be new baby, Change. We have absolutely loved being greyhound parents. Shortly after our baby Willow passed away at age 13 earlier this year, we went back to GPA-NW for another greyhound, this time settling on 3 year old Abby, who is absolutely the sweetest baby ever. One of the most important things people should know about greyhounds is how sensitive they are and how loving they can be. Greyhounds are very in tune to people's energy. If you have love to give, you will get it in back in spades. Brice's all-time favorite volunteer experience was taking a trip to Abilene, Kansas to transport 44 greyhounds. Although the trip was exhausting with very little sleep and not being able to shower for 3 days, the fact that I was a part something that helped change the lives of 44 dogs for the better was an incredible experience! I also enjoy the time I spend every Thursday morning with the dogs at the kennel. Every week their personalities have blossomed a little more. The hardest thing is not being able to take them all home.



Greyhounds have changed our lives for the better. It is an absolute joy to come home to them as they greet us at the door. They are calm, loving creatures who want nothing but to be by your side. Be prepared to be needed, because if you stop petting them, they will let you know you need to start again.

We would ask that people open their hearts and help these dogs have a wonderful post-racing life. Their job was entertainment for people and now people should give them the retirement they deserve. Please help GPA-NW monetarily in order to get the hounds the medical services they require. Share the adoption events with your friends and family who might be open to taking one of these special creatures into their home. And, if you have time to give, volunteer. It will change you in special ways."

Please use the enclosed form to make your donation – you can pay by check or credit card. Or you can visit our website at <http://gpa-nw.org/donate/> and donate via Paypal if you prefer.

We need your support to keep helping these remarkable greyhounds who touch our lives in so many ways. This donation match is only available during our Winter Appeal so please send in your donation right away to be eligible for the match. Deadline for matching donations is December 31st, 2016.

We thank you for your generosity and on-going support. Remember, if you can't donate, we always need volunteers to give of their time and talent, especially foster homes who are the heart of our program. And don't miss this chance to have your donation doubled* during the matching period and help us help the Greyhounds!