



GREYHOUND
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Dear Friends of the Greyhounds –

We wanted to share a special story with you written by one of our adopters. This is definitely a case of a greyhound making a big difference in someone's life.

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.

Submitted by Maribel Todd – Santos' Mom. I had wanted to adopt a retired racing greyhound for a decade, but the timing just never seemed right. I was in school, then traveling, then my husband was in school, then we thought we should wait until after we had kids. And then infertility struck. We had been struggling for years to get pregnant, and the stress and unsuccessful hormone treatments had left me severely depressed. It didn't help that I came home to an empty house every day after work because my husband worked in the evenings. We had mostly given up on having kids, so we decided it was finally time to adopt the greyhound that I had always wanted. We contacted GPA-NW, who set us up with Deanna to help us find the right dog for our family. She picked out Santos, a super mellow guy who had spent a couple of years at racetracks in Florida and Arizona before coming to Oregon for a well-deserved retirement.



Santos instantly lifted my spirits. He was excited to see me when I got home from work, and he gave me a reason to get out and go for a walk every evening rather than mope at home alone. We would often curl up on the floor together and if I stopped petting him he would nudge me with his head or gently swat me with a paw to let me know that I couldn't quit just yet. Then, less than a year after Santos came into our lives, we got the surprise of a lifetime. I was finally pregnant with a baby boy. Santos has to share our love and attention with our one-year old son now, but he has taken in stride all of the major life changes that come with having a baby in the house. He is still a beloved member of the family, and tags along with us on all sorts of everyday adventures, whether it's hiking, camping, surfing, or just visiting with family. And even two years after



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we adopted him, he continues to show us more and more of his playful side as he adjusts to life in our house, away from the racetracks and kennels.

I truly believe that we wouldn't have our son if it weren't for our sweet greyhound. Depression and infertility can become a vicious cycle, with each contributing to the other, and Santos helped to lift me out of that downward spiral. I will forever be grateful to GPA-NW for bringing Santos into our lives, and to Santos for helping us to welcome our son into this world!



Greyhounds are remarkable creatures! We know you appreciate the special way these dogs become part of our lives and the love they share with us. You can show your love and support for the greyhounds today with a donation.

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. If you'd like to make a recurring monthly donation you can become a Sponsor. Click on this page for more information and to select your sponsorship level. <http://gpa-nw.org/sponsorship-program/>

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, 2017.

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 matched during the matching period and help us help the Greyhounds!