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GREYHOUND PET ADOPTION NORTHWEST IS 501C3 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

## Dear Friends of the Greyhounds:

**Sometimes we need to help greyhounds even before they arrive in Oregon to find their forever homes. We made a difference to Cement, who needed help to become an adoptable dog.**



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.**

Cement was racing at a track when he sustained a very serious injury. His short racing career was over at age two. His leg was broken, and it was splinted are the track and he was shipped back to Kansas where he was born. Imagine riding in a

trailer for hundreds of miles with a broken leg in a splint – he must have been in pain and terribly afraid.

On arrival in Kansas a local greyhound farmer offered to take him in and keep him until our group could come and pick him up along with other adoptable greyhounds. This farmer recognized right away that something was terribly wrong. His splint was a mess and his leg stunk of infection.

The farmer and a local vet contacted GPA-NW to ask if we'd help with his medical treatment. We knew it would be an additional expense, but we could not bear the thought of not helping an otherwise happy, healthy young dog. We said we'd pay for his treatment to get him ready to travel to Oregon to find his forever home.



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Cement went to the vet and the splint was removed. Here are some photos showing the state he was in – the infection had swelled his leg to twice its normal size! The photo on the left is the leg in the splint, the middle photo is the splint removed and the right shows his leg after treatment with antibiotics and laser therapy. He spent about a week at the vet.



Cement's leg has healed nicely, and he is ready to go to his forever home. A lucky family will get a happy, healthy boy who will not have any lasting effects from his ordeal.

Greyhounds are remarkable creatures! We know you appreciate the unique 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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!***

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, GPA-NW