



Greyhound Friends for Life Newsline

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Track Closings!!!

The Good News and the Bad News...And Why We Need Your Help

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www.greyhoundfriendsforlife.org

Greyhound Friends - Mile High Greyhound Park in Denver closed its doors on June 28th, 2008. We are hoping that this is a permanent closing, but negotiations for its reopening as a seasonal track are ongoing. GFFL took in 12 Colorado greyhounds on July 18th, some of whom are still looking for their forever homes. There is also a possibility that The Woodlands greyhound track in Kansas will close at the end of August; this track's kennels house approximately 900 dogs. If this track closes, several hundred dogs will either go to adoption groups or be returned to the farms where they face an uncertain future at best. We are closely monitoring this situation and need to be prepared for a large influx of dogs needing to get into adoption groups. Regardless of what happens at Woodlands, when even one track closes, there is a trickle-down effect. The dogs that were sent from Mile High to other racetracks displaced dogs currently at those tracks (many in Florida). Unfortunately, most of the dogs that were moved out of the race kennels probably did not make it into adoption programs. The closing of Woodlands will only exacerbate the problem caused by the Mile High closing. We are asking for people to foster dogs during this critical period, when all the greyhound adoption groups are scrambling to help as many greyhounds as possible. We would move the dogs at the Auburn foster facility that are already vetted and temperament tested into foster homes to make room for new dogs that will probably not be vetted. If you can help with this effort, please contact Barbara Judson at 510 525-3844 or bajudson@gmail.com.

Exciting Upcoming Events!

August 17th – Woofstock 2008 is being held in Rocklin from 7am to 2pm. The Laursen Family Foundation is one of the event sponsors! There will be a pancake breakfast (pawcakes for the dogs), a 5K run and 3K walk, art/photo show, Woofstock Idol singing contest (for the dogs, of course), Rescue Row (where GFFL will have a booth), vendors, and much more. The \$5 entry can be directed to a specific rescue group so remember to send yours to GFFL. Send Shana an e-mail, foothillfosters@yahoo.com, if you'd like to volunteer for this event.

September 13 – 21 – Petco's Greyhound Planet Week. During this week, all shoppers at Petco stores in the US are asked to round up their purchases, with the proceeds going to greyhound adoption groups. GFFL will be participating at the Petco stores in San Mateo, San Jose, El Cerrito, and Fairfield. Please contact the GFFL person for the store nearest you to volunteer – see the Events page on GFFL's website, www.greyhoundfriendsforlife.org. Last year, GFFL received a check for over \$2000, so please support this very worthwhile event.

September 14th – The Solano Stroll will be held from 10am to 6pm. Each year, Solano Avenue in Albany/Berkeley closes down for a huge pedestrian meander. This event features a parade, musical entertainment, food, and booths for everything from animal rescue to arts and crafts to political campaigns to environmental action. Please contact Ginny (510-526-2691) or Mary Ann (510-841-8540) for more information or to volunteer.

September 26-28 – San Mateo Family Pet Expo. GFFL will have a booth at the Pet Expo, held at the San Mateo County Event Center (2495 S Delaware St). The hours are 12noon to 8pm on Friday 9/26, 10am to 8pm on Saturday 9/27, and 10am to 5pm on Sunday 9/28. KRON 4 will be telecasting Live with Henry Tenebaum on Saturday. Events include Gibson the world's tallest dog, a petting zoo, agility displays, search and rescue dogs, and lots of educational and vendor booths. Please contact Patti at hound4@pacbell.net for more information or to volunteer.

Back by Popular Demand—The Greyhound Friends for Life 2008 Reunion

WHEN: Saturday, October 11, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

WHERE: Big Meadow Picnic Site, Miller-Knox Regional Park, Point Richmond, CA

You and your greyhound(s) are enthusiastically invited to celebrate the joys of greyhound companionship with other GFFL adopters at the 2008 reunion! Attendees loved the site of the last year's reunion, so we've reserved the site again this year. A map to the park is shown below. Signs will be posted along the route to help you get to the park and to our site within the park. The park has shade trees, which is great if it's hot, but in October it may be chilly right on the bay, so dress accordingly. Water (and bathing pools if it's hot) for the dogs will be provided by GFFL staff and biobags will be available for keeping the park clean.



From Highway 580 in Contra Costa County, exit Canal/Garrard. Drive south on Canal (if you've exited from westbound 580, turn left at the base of the exit ramp; from eastbound 580, turn right at the base of the exit ramp) one block to West Cutting. Turn right and at the first stop sign turn left onto South Garrard. Drive through the tunnel and then about 0.3 mile more (now you'll be on Dornan Drive), to the first signed park entrance on the right side of the road. Turn right into the first parking lot. Big Meadow picnic site is the large site facing the parking lot. Look for the signs and GFFL banners!

Activities will include:

- Shopping at The Greyhound Boutique - shirts, hats, jewelry, and other items for you and your hounds
- A picnic lunch, cooked by our expert chef, Dan Pock
- Drawings and silent auction
- Nail trimming
- Games and contests

Note that purchases must be made by cash or check; we cannot do credit card transactions

Lunches and reunion shirts should be ordered in advance using the enclosed order form. Also, please preregister for games and contest—Bobbing for Hot Dogs, Best Trick, Best Cover Dog, Cutest Rear End, Longest Tail, and 50-Yard Dash. Contests are \$3.00 each, 3 contests for \$8.00. First, second, and third-place prizes and ribbons will be given for each event. Lunch and shirt orders, contest registration, and payments can also be made using Paypal at the GFFL website (www.greyhoundfriendsforlife.org).

This year's reunion graphic was again created and generously donated to Greyhound Friends for Life by artist and designer Patrick Holt. Carolyn Leopard designed the shirt layout.

We have already received some wonderful donations for the drawing and silent auction from generous supporters. If you know of a business or individual who would like to donate an item, please let Barbara Judson know (510 525-3844, bajudson@gmail.com)!

For safety reasons, all greyhounds must be on leash at all times — and PLEASE, NO FLEXI-LEADS. Regular 4-foot leads will be provided for people who have Flexi-leads. We ask that you leave non-greyhound companion animals at home to avoid any negative encounters between the greyhounds and other breeds. Please be attentive to your greyhound's behavior so that the reunion is safe and pleasant for everyone.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help to make this event run smoothly and successfully! Various tasks that require volunteers are listed on the back of the order form - please sign up!













**Greyhound Friends for Life Reunion
Advance Lunch and Reunion Shirt Orders*
Map to the Park, Volunteer and Games Sign-up on Back Page
(Please return to Barbara Judson by September 5, 2008)**

Name _____
Street _____
City, ZIP _____
Email _____

No. of Lunches @ \$10.00 per lunch

Hamburger _____ (Number) Vegiburger _____ (Number)
Beef Hot Dog _____ (Number) Chicken/Apple Hot Dog _____ (Number)
Chicken fillet (on hamburger bun) _____ (Number)

Lunches will include one of the above, plus condiments, chips, drink, and dessert

Ladies t-shirts are sky , white,  and terra cotta . Unisex t-shirts are hemp , seafoam , and black . Ladies long-sleeve tees are denim  and white , and unisex long-sleeve t-shirts are desert poppy  and black . Sweatshirts are bay  and moss green . Please note the number requested of each shirt. The design will be centered on the front of the shirt.

Visit the Reunion Page on the website to see actual shirt colors.

Short-sleeve T-Shirts (\$18.00, including tax)

Unisex hemp: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__ Ladies sky: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__
Unisex seafoam: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__ Ladies terra cotta: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__
Unisex black: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__ Ladies white: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__

Long-Sleeve T (\$28.00, including tax)

Unisex desert poppy: S__ M__ L__ XL__ XXL__ Ladies denim: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__
Unisex black: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__ Ladies white: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__

Sweatshirts (run big) (\$39.00 including tax)

Bay: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__
Moss green: S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__



***ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF LUNCHES AND SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REUNION, SO PLEASE ORDER IN ADVANCE!**

Send check made out to Greyhound Friends for Life for the number of lunches, shirts, **games**, and/or donation to:
Barbara Judson, 364 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707

I can't come to the reunion, but enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to GFFL (Tax ID 20-5323161)

**2008 Reunion
Volunteer Signup**

I will gladly volunteer to (write in your name):

Pick up and return twelve 8-foot tables to Hertz Rental in Berkeley _____

Help with setup at 8:00 am October 11th _____

Organize and monitor the Silent Auction and Drawing Tables _____

Help with Sales

11:00 to 12:00 _____ 12:00 to 1:00 _____

1:00 to 2:00 _____ 2:00 to 3:00 _____

Prepare condiments for hotdogs/hamburgers/vegiburgers/chicken fillet _____
(sliced tomatoes, onion, lettuce)

Bring ~20 bags of ice for drinks/food storage _____

Help with take-down at 3:00 _____

**Greyhound Games (\$3.00 each/3 games for \$8.00)
(write in dog's name)**

Bobbing for Hot Dogs _____ Longest Tail _____

Best Trick _____ Best Cover Dog _____

Cutest Rear End _____ 50-yard Dash _____



Grace & Joy: A Photographic Exhibit of Greyhounds and Cheetahs

The Grace & Joy photographic exhibition held in Auburn June 27th, 28th, and 29th and in Kensington on July 19th was a big success and exceeded our financial goal of raising \$10,000! We would like to express our gratitude to our sponsors, silent auction donors and bidders, purchasers of photographs, and the volunteers who helped set up and manage the event. The money raised will defray the costs of transporting and caring for the greyhounds while they wait to be placed in their forever homes.



For those of you who could not attend the exhibition, we hope to have a slideshow of the photographs on our website soon. Copies of these photographs are available for purchase.

We are very grateful to the businesses and individuals who sponsored this exhibition and to Nan Phelps for allowing us to use her studio for the Kensington exhibit. We encourage you to patronize the businesses that support us. More information about our sponsors can be found on

our website by clicking the link from the Grace & Joy exhibit on the Events page.

Facility Donor: *Nan Phelps Photography Studio, Kensington, CA*

Platinum Sponsors – *Mansour's Oriental Rug Gallery, Sacramento, CA; Mudpuppy's Tub & Scrub/Sit & Stay Café, Richmond, CA; Van Howd Studios, Auburn, CA.*

Gold Sponsors – *Astro Paving, Auburn, CA*

Silver Sponsors – *Alliance Graphics, Berkeley CA;*

Axis Jet – Axis Aviation Group, Inc, Sacramento, CA; Mike & Honey Cowan Riding High Equestrian Program, Auburn, CA; Mockingbird Gallery, Bend, OR; Reynold D. Donovan, DDS, Auburn, CA; Treasured Pets, Sacramento, CA

Bronze Sponsors – *Animal Medical Center, Auburn, CA; Berkeley Pet Patrol, Berkeley, CA; Bow Wow Licious Biscuit Company, Auburn, CA; The Capps Group, Auburn, CA; Cheyenne & Charlie, Auburn, CA; H & B BMW and MiniCooper Specialists, Berkeley, CA; Joyce Hawley, El Cerrito, CA; Northcoast Greyhound Support, McKinleyville, CA; Oceanworks Japanese Car Repair, Berkeley, CA; RabbitEars Pet Supply and Services, Kensington, CA; Trinity Fly Shop, Lewiston, CA*



Featured Greyhounds

All we need is love... and summer school (a little remedial obedience training) and we're the perfect greyhounds for you!



Colby is a handsome, playful 3-year old boy who was surrendered to us by his owners when their rental house was foreclosed from under them. They could simply not find another rental that would take 4 dogs. He is very active and will need daily walks and playtime to keep him a happy boy. He is used to living with other dogs and is crate-trained. He will benefit from obedience training. Colby has lived peacefully with 2 Italian Greyhounds, but he should not live with cats.

Nadic is a big 3 1/2-year old goofball who loves people! He is currently turned out with Colby, with whom he gets along very well. Nadic can get over-excited sometimes, both with people and other dogs, so some formal class training will help him curb his enthusiasm! No kitties for this boy!



Black Sunshine is a 2-year old girl who can get pretty wild when she gets excited! She will just need some patience, training, and time to become a perfect dog! Black Sunshine did well with cats and small dogs.



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