



# Greys' Praise

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From the desk of Marci Anderson,

At long last, our first newsletter is in print! Since October 2002, many volunteers have devoted countless hours helping GPA/Steel City Greyhounds become established and recognized in western Pennsylvania. To date, we have found homes for almost 80 greyhounds. This inaugural issue of the newsletter will highlight dates to remember, feature available greyhounds for adoption, and include letters and articles submitted by the Steel City Greyhounds family of friends and volunteers.

### *In the Beginning...*

In early 2002, Kyle Catanzarite called me to see if I would be interested in partnering with her to establish a Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) chapter. The pristine reputation of GPA lured us into researching the possibility. After careful thought and much anticipation, we agreed to work together to establish the GPA/Steel City Greyhounds subchapter.

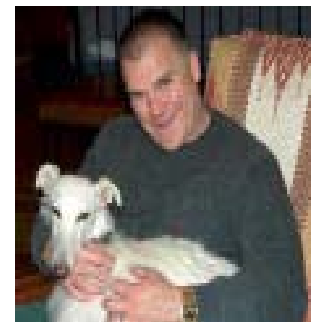
By October 2002, we had placed our first few greyhounds, received from the GPA/Central Florida chapter, into homes and we had huge smiles on our faces! For the remainder of that year and through 2003, we enjoyed being mentored by GPA/Maryland and meeting many new faces in the national greyhound community.

By February 2004, we had disclosed all financial documentation, amended by-laws, and met the criteria to receive approval for chapter status from GPA/National. With chapter status, we are a self-sufficient, 501© 3 non-profit organization and a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation. We are so proud to be affiliated with such a first-class national organization. Please encourage others to show support for GPA.

### *On a Personal Note...*

I have owned a greyhound every year since 1995. Currently, I own five greyhounds and two galgos. I have personally fulfilled a dream by creating the first Greyhound Pets of America chapter in the state of Pennsylvania. I have to thank three special people for making this dream come true. I would like to express my gratitude to Bob and Kyle Catanzarite who have helped me every step of the way. Kyle has truly been the backbone of GPA/SCG and her record keeping has been perfect. Bob has assisted our organization by helping to transport greyhounds, screen applicants and, last but not least, donating kennel space to our organization for the available dogs. Also, I must thank my husband, David, for believing that the creation of this organization was possible. He also donates kennel space to our organization and offers his time to screen applicants. For all of your time, I am very grateful.

Finally, to all of the friends and volunteers who have shared this dream, I hope that you find this newsletter and every one to follow, helpful and enjoyable!



*"Claris" enjoys being in the arms of her new owner, David Anderson. As Anna Clements told us in Barcelona, Claris is such a love-sponge!*

## Greyhound Social

*Greyhound and Goodies Social —  
Sunday, July 18, 2004 1:30 to 3:00 pm*

Bow-Wow Doggie Daycare is hosting a Greyhound ONLY social. Greyhounds can mingle with their own breed and their owners can share stories. Cookies and soft drinks will be served throughout the event in a separate (no Greyhound) area. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. All proceeds will be donated to Steel City Greyhounds to help in their mission of finding homes for retired racing Greyhounds. Because of limited space, reservations are REQUIRED. Details are listed on the website. The facility can only accommodate 15 to 18 greyhounds.

Bow-Wow Doggie Daycare is located at 2726 Penn Avenue in the Strip District. Parking is available in the open parking lot two doors away from Bow-Wow. For more information or to reserve a spot for your Greyhound, call Teri Miller at 412-566-1083. Remember space is limited, so call as soon as possible.

## The Top Ten List

**Why you should adopt a grey**

10. They truly know the meaning of retirement.
9. People will stare at your dog instead of you.
8. They can curl up to the size of a ball if they need to.
7. They can expand to the size of the whole bed if they want to.
6. They don't bark, keeping your neighborhood safe for burglars.
  5. You can play their ribs like an air guitar.
4. They are the only dogs that know how to really smile.
3. You can dress them up as a reindeer for Christmas.
  2. They are never confused with poodles.
1. A Greyhound in flight is the most amazing sight you'll ever hope to see in your own back yard.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS....**

- September 17—19:** Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) National Convention—Richmond, Virginia ([greyhoundpets.org](http://greyhoundpets.org))
- October 8-11:** Greyhounds Reach the Beach —Dewey Beach, Delaware ([adopt-a-greyhound.org](http://adopt-a-greyhound.org))

## Have Room in Your Home? And Heart?



Warlock Claws—3- year  
old black male

Loxpen Sisable— 3-year  
old fawn brindle male

“No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich.” — Louis Sabin



“Baby” Cole



Douglas & Molly



Maiden & Marie

## How Greyhounds Raced Into My Life

by Jim Evans

One day during 1998, while walking through the Greater Pittsburgh airport, I saw a poster of the National Greyhound Adoption Program (NGAP; Phila., PA) suggesting Greyhound adoption. That was a period of my life when I had recently lost two dogs who I raised from pups. I recognized a void in my life and found the message of the poster very appealing. I was a “jogger/runner” and felt an instant identification with the idea of having racing dogs as running mates. I stopped at a pay phone in the airport and called the 800 number given on the poster. After leaving my name and phone number on an answering machine at NGAP, I proceeded on my journey, excitedly anticipating the possibility of owning Greyhounds! I made an immediate decision that I would adopt 2, so they would have company when I was at work. I must admit, in my excitement about adoption, and for some strange reason, I thought the process would be “expense-less,” that NGAP was just “giving Greyhounds away.” So, when I received a call from NGAP a few days later and learned that there was a fee attached to adoption (to cover expenses), I was naively surprised. However, that did not stop me from asking for an application. Well, 2 months later, I drove to the Pittsburgh airport to pick up Buddy and Angel. At that time, prior to the 9/11 tragedy, NGAP was flying the adopted Greyhounds via USAir cargo planes to your nearest airport (courtesy of USAir). By the way, Buddy and Angel were my new names for them, not their racing names. Well, that day was the beginning of a relationship between “dog and man” that has been/is rewarding in many ways. A few months after I obtained Buddy and Angel, I met a person (while running with my partners) who had adopted a Greyhound but could not keep her because of living arrangements. So, a few days later I became the proud owner of Star. They were a terrific trio. We lived in a small house with an acre yard which I fenced in for them. We traveled many places together (including regular jogging) and eventually moved to Savannah, GA, because of employment circumstances. After 6 months in GA, we moved back to PA and settled in Mercer County. This time it was a 4 acre lot which I enclosed (used chain link fence I acquired). After installing a doggy door

into the house, they had/have full access to the property and their “retirement haven.” Unfortunately, I lost Angel 2 years ago to a speeding motorist on my road. That brought significant grieving and loss. She is buried in our front yard with a headstone, picture, written tribute to her life, collar and tags, displayed in her memory.

About a year ago, Steel City Greyhounds became a part of my life! I had been considering adopting additional Greys from NGAP when my cousin came across the SCG website and notified me. I began e-mail communication with Kyle and Marci. In a short time, I was the proud owner of Pal, a champion racer who broke his leg during a race. He presented a new challenge to me for jogging/running. Damn is he fast and powerful! In my view, he would still win Greyhound races — but that will never happen! A few weeks later Kyle “manipulated me” (☺) into taking Patsy. What a treat she has been as well. Patsy now runs with the gang for 3—5 miles a few times per week. She has forgotten about her age and being a “senior.” Not important. So let’s see now? Oh I forgot, shortly before Patsy, I accidentally adopted Daisy—a 6 month old Beagle! She DOES NOT know that she is little! The gang accepted her immediately and they are all inseparable. I soon realized that Daisy needed a more suitable playmate (size and age). So — SCG to the rescue! I let Kyle know that I would like to have a puppy Grey. I had seen her Cole and was jealous (☺)! Well, wouldn’t you know it, Kyle got back to me in a short time with the opportunity to get Dolly, a 2 month old Greyhound from Florida. So little Dolly joined my gang. What a joy. Rowdy, mischievous, over-active, playful, etc? Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes...

And? So? Dolly and Daisy are the Mutt and Jeff, David and Goliath, Ying and Yang, of my dog world. Run, play, fight, contest, lick, bite, love, sleep — together all day. Well then, now my crew was complete. Oops. Guess who contacted me a short while later, inquiring if I would consider fostering “Pean the Dream” another senior who had been rejected by two prospective owners (changed their minds). Yuk! Who could lay such a name on a Greyhound. If for no other reason than to change her name, I HAD TO take “Peaches” (same initial sound as Pean in order to minimize her confusion?). All right now, who has been paying attention? What is the count? You should know that I have been accused of being nuts... crazy.... goofy....\*^\$#@&#&^ expletive deleted. But NOT by Greyhound lovers. And now I am threatening to have my Kennel! Greyhound Retirement Retreat....Greyhound Safe Haven.... Greyhound Bed ‘N Breakfast.... Oh, by the way, did I mention our 2 cat members of the gang? Peaches and Callie. Yes, I know, a Grey and cat named Peaches? It only causes them a little emotional confusion!

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RED	BRI NDLE	WHITE	FAWN	BLACK	WHITE
GALGOS	ROSE EAR	SHORT HAIR	PET SUPPLI ES PLUS	A DEEP CHEST	MUZZLE
CRATE	PETCO	AKC	COUCH POTATO	RETIRED	TRACK
DATA	MARTINGALE	PITTSBURGH	EGYPTIAN	MARLEY	AYLA
PHOENIX	RAYN	TREAT	GPA	NITTING	TRAIN
TATTOO	FENCED YARD	GRACEFUL	RABBIT	TREAT	SPRINTER
SIGHTHOUND	ALPO	BIBLE	AFFECTIONATE	HOME AND GARDEN SHOW	

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Options:

- (1) If it was not for Marci, Kyle, SCG, I would have less mud/ dirt/grass in my house?
- (2) I would have smaller food bills?
- (3) I would have more room in my bed?
- (4) I would not trip as often going to the bathroom during the night?
- (5) I would not have as much dog dung to shovel?
- (6) I would have missed the fantastic life experience of sharing part of my life with marvelous, loving, beautiful animals: my gang of Greyhounds (and Daisy).

**I choose #6..**

Thank you Steel City Greyhounds. Greytfully, Jim Evans

Cats have over 100 vocal sounds.  
Dogs only have about 10.

*"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job." –  
Franklin P Jones*

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# Heimlich For Your Dog

Before administering any first aid, make absolutely certain your pet is actually choking. Many people confuse difficulty breathing with choking. If you witness your pet ingesting an item and then immediately begin pawing at the face, the throat, acting frantic, trying to cough and having difficulty breathing, only then should the Heimlich maneuver be considered. If your pet is not really choking, the Heimlich can cause serious injury.

After determining that your pet is choking, remove any item that may be constricting the neck. Examine inside the mouth and remove any foreign object you see. Do not blindly place your hand down your pet's throat and pull any object you feel. Dogs have small bones that support the base of their tongues. Owners probing the throat for a foreign object have mistaken these for chicken bones. Do not attempt to remove an object unless you can see and identify it.

If your pet is small and you cannot easily remove the object, lift and suspend him with the head pointed down. For larger animals, lift the rear legs so the head is tilted down. This can help dislodge an item stuck in the throat.

Another method is to administer a sharp blow with the palm of your hand between the shoulder blades. This can sometimes dislodge an object. If this does not work, a modified Heimlich maneuver can be attempted.

- Grasp the animal around the waist so that the rear is nearest to you, similar to a bear hug.
- Place a fist just behind the ribs.
- Compress the abdomen several times (usually 3-5 times) with quick pushes.
- Check the mouth to see if the foreign object has been removed.
- This maneuver can be repeated one to two times but if not successful on the first attempt, make arrangements to immediately take your pet to the nearest veterinary hospital.
- Even if you are successful in removing a foreign object, veterinary examination is recommended. Internal injury could have occurred that you may not realize.

*From Nancy Kasson, Gwynedd, PA by way of Jim Evans, Sharpsville, PA*

**4 cups white flour**

**3 cups Quick Cooking Oatmeal**

**2 cups water or 2 cups of beef broth (use 2—3 beef bouillon cubes if using water instead of broth)**

**1 tbsp. Brown sugar 1 egg**

**4 tbsp. Safflower oil**

**Mix all ingredients and shape into balls a little larger than a walnut. Use a fork to flatten the balls. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour. Use 2 cookie sheets and line them with parchment paper. The biscuits can be placed close together on the cookie sheets because they do not rise. Put the cookie sheets in the oven on two racks; after 30 minutes rotate them.**

## Success of Save-a-Senior Program



Program



By Kyle Catanzarite

Steel City Greyhounds is thrilled with the response to the Save-a-Senior program that encourages the adoption of senior greyhounds, 7 years of age and older. In most cases, senior greyhounds are either brood matrons or stud dogs and once they reach senior status, they become available for adoption. The adoption fee is waived for seniors even though they receive the same medical attention that any other greyhound receives before it is placed in a home.

Since November 2002, when the program began, a total of five seniors have been welcomed into loving homes. They are:

**Iruska Superstar** 11-1-02 by Rosemary Young

**Cee Bar Patsy** 11-15-03 by Jim Evans

**Iruska Maiden** 12-12-03 by Amy Kastigar

**Pean the Dream** 4-23-04 by Jim Evans (picture on left)

**Asti Ethel** 5-28-04 by Susan Densham & Stergios Moschos (picture on right)

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face." — Ben Williams



Jason & Michelle Espino with litter mates Capri and Cameron



Ferri!

# Greyt Biscuits

