

# The Hounds' Run

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## Calendar Year Summaries:

2004 15 - Local Adoptions 96 - Shipped

2003 84 - Local Adoptions 455 - Shipped

\*\*Adoptions include return adoptions

## ADOPTION DAY AND FAMILY FUN DAY REUNION SET FOR MARCH 14

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GPA Central Florida is planning a very special event on March 14. The event will be from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Melbourne Greyhound Park. This year there will be a number of items on the venue you won't want to miss. There is no live racing on Sundays so the event will be held trackside.

We will have several vendors and information tables set up. We are also planning a demonstration for Basic Obedience and Agility. Animal Healing Facilitator, Elisabeth McCay will do readings on the greys. Volunteers will be on hand to do nail clipping for a donation to GPA. This year we are trying to feature some new **Dog Contests** that should be a lot of fun. We are planning a "**Bobbing for Hot Dogs Contest**". This will be a timed event that is similar to the human bobbing for apples. The grey who scarfs up five pieces of cut up hot dog in the quickest time will be a winner. We are also planning a "**Greyhound Musical Walk**". This will be an elimination contest similar to the childhood party game of "Musical Chairs"

Volunteers have been busy getting items for our Silent Auction and Raffles. Several GPA groups from across the country have responded and we will have a nice variety of Greyhound Items that everyone will like. Some of the items we have so far are a Greyhound Etched Platter, Four Seasons Greyhound Vases, a greyhound Quillo, Brass Greyhound Statues, Greyhound Jewelry and several T'Shirts with unique designs. We also have several gift certificates for local merchants. We anticipate having over 100 items that will be raffled off all during the day.

We will have several Vendor Tables set up. The GPA sales table will also feature items from Greytwear. Greytwear has unique greyhound clothing and features Swarovsky crystal rhinestone designs. A portion of the sales will benefit GPA.

Enclosed with this newsletter, is a ticket for our **Special Raffle** on an **Alabaster Greyhound Statue and Basket of Greyhound Treats**. This statue is a limited issue and is no longer available from our supplier. If you cannot attend the Adoption Day and Family Reunion, you can still enter this raffle by mail. Please refer to the flier for more details.

Hot Dogs and drinks will be on sale. For dessert, we are also planning an "Ice Cream Social" for human and hounds. We promise not to put Milkbone Crumbles on any of the Human cones.

Mark your calendar and plan on having a fun afternoon with your greyhound. See you there!!!!!!!

### Tentative Adoption Day & Fun Day Schedule:

- 12:00 - Blessing of the Hounds
- 12:15 - Welcome
- 12:30 - Memorial Walk
- 1:00 - Agility & Obedience Demo
- 1:30 - Dog Contest "Bobbing for Treats"
- 2:00 - Costume Contest
- 2:00 - 3:00 Ice Cream Social
- 3:00 - Greyhound Musical Walk
- 4:00 - Supurlatives Contest
  - Longest Tail
  - Tallest & Shortest Greyhound
  - Biggest Ears
- 4:15 - Silent Auction Ends

#### All Day Events:

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| Nail Clipping        | 50/50 Raffle       |
| Vendor Tables        | Information Tables |
| Silent Auction       | Human Massage      |
| Merchandise Raffle   | Canine Massage     |
| Pet Psychic Readings | Dogs to Adopt      |

## Happenings

by Claire Tyler

**Sandy Paws - March 5-7 2004** This event is just around the corner and it looks like it will be a fun weekend for everyone in attendance. If you can't spend an entire weekend, try to come for a day. It will be a nice time to spend with your greyhound and talk with other greyhound owners from the South East US.

Some of the highlights of the event include a performance by the Gilley Greyhound Dancing Drill Team, A chat with author Cyn Mobley, an Ice Cream Social for Humans and Hounds, a Greyhound Fashion Show, walks on the Beach and Greyhound Contests.

GPA Central Florida will be sponsoring a "Bagel and Biscuit Morning Social" on Sunday at 8:00. Please plan on stopping by and talk greyhound with us.

### **Canine Sports Medicine Symposium at the North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC)** -

Dennis & Claire Tyler were in attendance at the symposium that was held in Orlando. This was the first year that GPA National had an information booth. Alane Schultz GPA National Vice President and members of the GPA 7 X 7 Committee were on hand to help promote greyhound adoptions in areas of the country that do not have a greyhound adoption agency. This was a great opportunity to network with Veterinarians, Vet Techs, Pet Supply Vendors and Pharmaceutical Companies. Members from GPA Greater Orlando were on hand with several greyhounds that impressed the attendees.

This conference always has several lectures that are helpful in the care of the greyhound. This year the lecture on Aftercare and Post Op Rehab was very valuable since we have so many greyhounds with broken legs.

It was announced that Dr. Guillermo Couto, a veterinarian at Ohio State University has formed a new group called "Veterinarians For Retired Racing Greyhounds". The group will hold its first scientific meeting at the Canine Sports Medicine Symposium in 2005. Topics will include:

1. Why Is My Dog's lab work different than yours? (idiosyncrasies of the greyhound breed)
2. The greyhound as blood donor
3. Bone cancer in greyhounds

The 2005 Canine Sports Medicine Symposium will be held at the Gaylord Palms Hotel on January 8 & 9th.

**Paws Across the Pond** - Fourteen GPA chapters are now a part of this program. The reports are overwhelming on the conditions that animals must endure in Spain. Hunters discard animals at the end of the hunting season. Galgos are left to run wild and search for their own food. The majority of the animals are found with multiple wounds and suffering from Erlichiosis and Leishmania. So far our chapter has mailed 3 packages to our sister Refuge,

Sociedad Protectora De Animales San Francisco De Asis in Jaen, Andujar, Espana. The packages contained used collars & leads, antibiotics, antiparasitics, first aid creams and bandaging. This is in the Southern region of Spain so they do not need any blankets. The group is able to use the local municipal shelter to hold 5 Galgos and they work to get the animals shipped to Germany, Belgium and England.

If you would like to help, GPA Central Florida is collecting old or used collars and leads. We will have a container at the Adoption Day & Family Reunion. Contact Claire Tyler at 321-242-9010 or greymomcrt@hotmail.com for more information.



### **2004 North American Greyhound Adoption Conference**

This conference is sponsored by Greyhound Pets of America and will be held Fri. - Sun. Sept. 17 - 19, 2004 in Richmond, VA. GPA - Richmond will host this event at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel. This hotel allows dogs! It is also large enough to accommodate all meetings and vendors! Write these dates down now on your 2004 Celebrating Greyhounds wall calendar and appointment calendar! This also happens to be "Greyhound Planet Day Weekend". What a wonderful way to help promote Greyhound Adoption!!!!

GPA Richmond is excited and enthusiastic to be hosting this grey event! We know they'll do a wonderful job and we look forward to being there in September! Cynthia Branigan author of "Adopting The Racing Greyhound" and founder of adoption group "Makepeace with Animals" will be a keynote speaker. Plans are in the works for discussion groups and several other guest speakers. We will keep you posted.

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# Greyhound Pets of America ADOPTION DAY AND FUN DAY REUNION

Melbourne Greyhound Park  
Wickham & Sarno Rds  
Sunday, March 14, 2004

12-5 PM

BLESSING OF THE HOUNDS

SILENT AUCTION

FOOD

VENDORS

ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLES

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

NEW HOUND CONTESTS

CLOWNS

PET PSYCHIC

Greyhound Candidates for  
Adoption

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY\*\*\*  
FREE ADMISSION  
ALL GREYHOUNDS WELCOME

\*\*\*This is an exclusive greyhound event.  
Please do not bring other small animals



## Several Special Needs Dogs Looking for Homes!!!!

We have several Special Needs greys. This racing season we have had an exceptional number of broken hocks. We presently have 10 who are either in splints or recovering. We currently have 9 senior greyhounds in our kennel at the track waiting for forever homes. These greyhounds range in age from 6 to 9 years old. These greyhounds were returned because of divorces, allergic reactions or family problems. Our website, [www.floridagreyhounds.com](http://www.floridagreyhounds.com) has been updated with photo's of all our Special Needs greyhounds. The senior's are listed below the shy and broken leg greyhounds. The following is a brief description of some of the greys in our care.

**Pico's Sidney K** - is a very special brindle female. She has a sweet and gentle nature. Sidney suffered a bad brake to her right front leg. The options for repair were not good and her leg was amputated. She is recovering and doing quite well. It is amazing to see her run after squirrels. Sidney is 3 years old, weighs 65 pounds and is cat friendly



**PW's Soul Sister** and **AskAni** are two greyhounds who were returned because of a change to the family dynamics. Both females would do best in a home with no small children. Soul Sister is a 9 year old light brindle with a very outgoing personality. AskAni or "Annie" is a calm 8 year old white/brindle. Both greys are cat friendly.

**Where's Po Nick** and **Where's Collatta** were returned when the owner's newborn child developed a severe allergic reaction. Po Nick is a calm Black male who is 5 years old. Collatta is a brindle female who is 5 1/2 years old. Both greyhounds are cat friendly.

## From the President

*Dennis Tyler*

As we wind down the final two months of the Melbourne Greyhound Season we are continuing to be successful placing and shipping greyhounds. We have moved over 155 greyhounds of the Melbourne kennels this season at this writing and we expect many more at seasons close.



I want to thank all the volunteers for their help at the track in evaluating our greyhounds as well as helping with shipment preparation. My special thanks go to our Vice President Monique Moore and her husband Steve and Pat Thomas for their volunteering to transport greyhounds from Melbourne and Daytona. Early August of last year our driver's truck broke down never to return for shipping greyhounds. Claire and I had to do all the shipments for Melbourne and Daytona until the Moore's stepped up to help out. We do about 15 shipments for Melbourne and about 11 for Daytona each year with our trailers carrying anywhere from 8 to 44 greyhounds on each trip. Many of these trips require driving for over 20 hours straight with the only stops for greyhounds to get off for the 30

different groups who work with us.

Thanks to all who responded to our 2004 Questionnaire. To date we received responses from approximately 150 members. We really appreciate all those who took time to fill it out and especially to those who indicated the interest in volunteering. Preparations for the 2004 Adoption Day are in full swing and it is great to know we have a pool of members who are interested in helping out. This Adoption Day looks to be quite a success because of your support. I look forward to seeing you there.



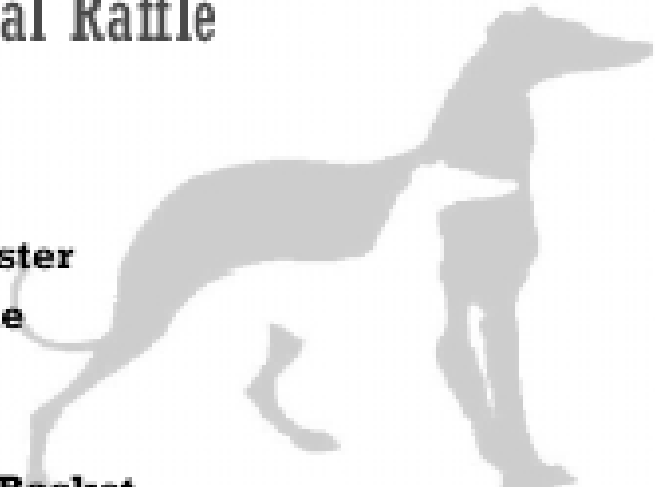
# Greyhound Pets of America Central Florida Chapter

## Adoption day and Fun Day Special Raffle

**Drawing to be held:  
03/14/2004**



**1st Prize—Alabaster  
Greyhound Statue  
value - \$100**



**2nd Prize— Treats & Treasures Basket  
full of goodies to please the greyhound  
owner & best friend value \$75**

**•\$5.00 a Ticket  
•For additional tickets  
call 321-242-9010**

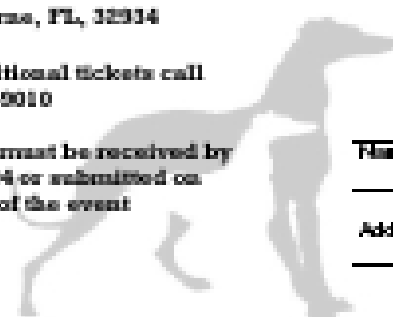
**Raffle to help cover expenses for Greyhounds on  
Medical Recovery from Broken Legs, Frontline,  
and growing food expenses**

Detach and mail ticket with \$5.00 to:

Greyhound Pets of America  
Central Florida  
3525 Manassas Avenue  
Melbourne, FL, 32934

For additional tickets call  
321-242-9010

Tickets must be received by  
3-13-2004 or submitted on  
the day of the event



### Adoption Day/Fun Day Special Raffle Ticket

**1st Prize—Alabaster Greyhound Statue value - \$100  
2nd Prize—Treats & Treasures Basket—goodies galore for  
greyhound and owner value \$75**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## The Gift of Life Insurance

We all have our favorite charity. We have something we are passionate about, and a platform where we are proud to stand. But how do they operate so efficiently and what makes them produce such favorable results? The answer to these questions is of course the dedication of group representatives, and proper financial backing.

These groups draw their funding from different sources. Grants from major corporations and even government agencies can help to ease the financial stress on a charitable organization. Unfortunately, this assistance is often insufficient to maintain the constant level of excellence an organization works so hard to provide. The burden of day-to-day support must fall to the private sector.

Many individuals have expressed special interest in the future welfare of different charities. Most often the reason for this interest is personal, with heartfelt concern for an organizations financial well being, and pride in their conviction to make a difference. Some people, however, hesitate to contribute because they worry the amount they can afford may not be enough to make a difference. This is not a valid concern; charity representatives agree that even the smallest gift is greatly appreciated will provide help.

We all want our gift to accomplish as much as possible and this is why the gift of life insurance can be so effective. Life insurance is a practical and affordable way to make a charitable contribution. Typically, a donor applies

for a life insurance policy on his/her own life and names the charity both owner and beneficiary of the policy. Since the charity is the owner, the donor's annual gift of the premium payment is tax deductible. Throughout the donor's lifetime, the charity will have access to the cash value of the donated policy, and under the current law the charity receives the proceeds on a tax-free basis upon the donor's death or the maturity of the policy.

The gift of life insurance is a winning proposal for both donor and charity. It can be a source for the secure financial future of a charitable organization, and can provide the donor ability to affect good works beyond their own lifetime and contribute to society in a more powerful way.

## GPA Receives 4 Star Rating



**For the second consecutive year**, Greyhound Pets of America has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that our organization excels, as compared to other charities in America, in the area of strong fiscal management. This consistency in our rating is an exceptional feat, especially given the economic challenges all charities have had to face in the last year.

## Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine Wins DWAA Award

The Dog Writer's Association of America named Celebrating Greyhounds as the Best Single Breed Magazine in its 2003 Annual Writing Competition. The award was announced at the DWAA Annual Awards Banquet, held in New York City at the Southgate Tower Hotel on February 8, 2004. CG Magazine also won the award for Best Single Breed Magazine in 2002, 2001, and 2000, and was a finalist for the award in 1999.

Writers whose articles for CG Magazine have won DWAA awards in previous years include Cheryl Giebel, whose article "Leptospirosis" (Summer 2001 CG) was named Best Individual Feature Article in a Single Breed Magazine in 2001, and Cynthia Branigan, whose article "On Death, Dying, and Dogs" (Summer 2000 CG) won in the Editorial/Opinion Piece/Essay category in 2000.

Cynthia Branigan's article, "Dog Tired: How to Save Animals--and Your Sanity!" (Spring 2003 CG) was a finalist in the Magazine: Editorial/Opinion/Essay category in 2003. Maureen Nelms's short story, "Coyote Dog" (Spring and Summer 2001 CG), was a finalist in the Short Fiction category in 2001.

## A CALL FOR WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

Recently our Adoption Group received a special invitation. Elizabeth Johnson from Greyhound Friends West and fellow greyhound lover & graphic artist, Lynda Jemson are assembling a book for publication and are asking greyhound lovers to help out. Their dream is to produce a "Greyhound Coffee Table Book" and they are looking for stories and photographs that can be used in the book.

Along with this invitation was a unique offer. For each article or picture that is published from a group a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the adoption group. The more articles that make it in the book from a group, the greater the percentage that goes back to the group.

The Story submission guidelines are:

The story should correspond to the following topics:

- "First time Adopters & their story"
- "Stories of Multiple Greyhounds"
- "Their story" – told from a greyhound's perspective
- "Making it Happen" – stories about getting the ex-racer to its forever home
- "Where from Here" – the future place of greyhound in the world

Maximum story submissions: 2 total (not 2 per topic). The Word count 500-1000 words

STORIES ARE TO BE EMAILED TO [greybook@comcast.net](mailto:greybook@comcast.net) in the body of the email or attached as a .txt file



Photo Submissions guidelines are:

- Photo format: All pictures should be submitted as a 35mm slide or commercially process 4 x 6 photographic print
- No Laser printouts or emailed photos
- Maximum photo submissions 3
- Note the name of the greyhound, group the grey was adopted through or other information on the back of photo or attach a separate note
- Mail photos to: P O Box 26, Lakeville CT 06039
- Photo's will not be returned

With all submissions, please include your full name, mailing address, phone number and email address. The deadline for submission is May 3, 2004.

## Purina Weight Circles



Thanks to all the members of GPA Central Florida and Greyhound groups across the country who have been saving and submitting the weight circles that are on Purina Products. Your donation of weight circles is a big help in keeping down the cost to feed the greyhounds in our kennel.

These donations are more important now than ever, since Purina has raised the cost on all their food. We also found out that Purina will no longer accept weight circles from "Treats".

The circle has to be on dog food.

If you are buying Purina Products and would like to help out, just clip and save the Weight Circles that are located near the ingredients on the dog food bags. We can even accept weight circles from Purina Cat Chow. Mail all the coupons to Claire Tyler, 3525 Manassas Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32934



## GREY TALES

## THE STORY OF "JOSEPH"

By: Dennis Tyler

It was a very hot afternoon, the kind of day you could fry eggs on the sidewalk, and we were busy preparing greyhounds for a shipment. The Race Compound was "ours" as all the racers had left nearly 4 months earlier so it looked mostly empty with no guard at the entrance gate.

We noticed a car parked at the gate with a woman standing there as if looking for help while holding a large brindle greyhound and having a young child by her side. When I approached, she told me that they could not longer keep their greyhound and were told by some one that this was the place to bring him.

I invited her in and had her fill out a "surrender" form to relinquish ownership to our group and they left with little or no second thought about bidding their pet of many years a show of affection. They did not know his race name but said they called him "Joseph". When we checked his ear tattoos we noted that he had just turned nine years old and his litter tattoo was not clear.

Joseph was taken back by all this and showed it with his tail and head down as we walked him back to our kennel full of greyhounds. As we opened the door and the other greyhounds began to bark Joseph knew he wanted no part of going in there and our trainer offered to take him into her small but comfortable camper that was parked just outside of the kennel. Joseph gladly obliged by easily jumping the steps to make his entrance to the camper trailer.

It took all of one day for his personality to come alive after given treats and love on a one to one basis and we were met with the trainer anxiously awaiting us the next day to tell us that he smiles and was a real nice boy. We encourage all our foster homes not to let the dogs on the furniture but the trainer said Joseph must have slept in someone's bed and by the second night the trainer told us she was "nudged" out of bed by this spewing 80-pound greyhound.

I was pondering where we were going to put Joseph as all our foster homes

were full when I got an e-mail from one of the Canadian groups that wanted "one more dog". They told me that they had a special request from an older couple that they did not know if we could fill. These people wanted an 8 or 9-year-old male greyhound preferably brindle. I could not write back quick enough with the story of "Joseph" and within one day they confirmed that Joseph was just what these people were looking for in a greyhound.

The 24-hour trip to Buffalo NY was our next concern as that is where the Canadian groups pick up our dogs to go back into Canada. We insured that Joseph had his own private compartment and the other 38 dogs rode in two's insuring enough room for everybody. Joseph had a nice straw bed and plenty of water for his trip and the shipment left in the cooler Florida evening to ensure that the temperatures would stay low in our air-conditioned trailer. Our driver checked Joseph more often than usual and when he came off the trailer in Buffalo he was just fine.

Once Joseph was taken to his new forever home we received word that he was just what they wanted and would shower him with love treats and walks in the park for the rest of his life. Joseph had no trouble adjusting to that and is now living in Canada in a wonderful home! Sometimes you have to wonder if things happen for a reason

**WELCOME NEW 2004 ADOPTERS!!!!**

Name	Dog	Adopted
BRIDGET A. COOPER	DOVRUN SHANNON	01/01/2004
JANELLE FELDHUHN	MOMONI BETTYE	01/01/2004
JACK & SANDY YANOSOV	DO'S GWEN	01/06/2004
PEGGY & DOUG OWENS	CR'S AUTUMN	01/09/2004
CATHERINE & SHAWN DALY	DANCING DONALD	01/10/2004
PATRICIA & ERIN THOMAS	DIXIE MELODY	01/10/2004
BRYAN & KITTI SUYDAM	ANSWER TO KATE	01/23/2004
BRYAN & KITTI SUYDAM	ANSWER TO DREW	01/23/2004
JAMES LOEFFLER	WHERE'S DISCO	01/31/2004
WILLIAM SIMMONS	DONNIE	02/06/2004
THOMAS ABDALLA	PA'S DEAN ALLIE	02/11/2004
CAROL GFELLER	FANATIC DAWN	02/13/2004
SUSAN MC CLURE	MC'S SOFT TAIL	02/16/2004
CHRISTINE & THOMAS WELDEN	ICU MOUNTAIN MAN	02/20/2004



IN MEMORIAM



Native American Prayer

I give you this,  
one thought to keep,  
I am with you still,  
I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken  
in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars  
that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone-  
I am with you still,  
in each new dawn.

A TRIBUTE TO FRIENDS WE  
HAVE RECENTLY LOST

MEMBERS:

LAUREL SOLOMON

ANN PORTERFIELD

CANINE FRIENDS:

TEED OFF BETTY  
AKA FAWN  
BELOVED PET OF  
JACK & SANDY YANASOV

BELLE  
BELOVED PET OF  
ED & SARAH JONES

FLIER  
BELOVED PET OF  
MARY AQUINO

FRISKY  
BELOVED PET OF  
SALLY & LARRY STARTZEL

BUDDY  
BELOVED PET OF  
LEN & JOYCE  
WIRTZBERGER

*THE RAINBOW BRIDGE*

- . Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.
- . When an animal dies - one that has been especially close to someone here - that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water, sunshine and cozy beds, and our friends are warm and comfortable.
- . All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special, someone who had to be left behind.
- . They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body quivers. Suddenly, he breaks from the group, flying over the green grass - his legs carrying him faster and faster.
- . You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain on your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet - so long gone but never absent from your heart.
- . Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.  
~ author unknown

2004 Membership Is Due

Greyhound Pets of America needs your support to help without many expenses. The fee associated with adopting the greyhounds does not always cover our actual expenses. GPA Central Florida depends on donations to cover all emergency veterinary expenses, foster home supplies and many other costs incurred that are not met by adoption fees. Please consider becoming member. As a member you will receive our newsletter and be informed of events that are happening in our are.

GPA is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the placement of retired racing greyhounds. A copy of the Florida Registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling 800-435-7352 within the state. "Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State."

Membership Application

Please take a few minutes to fill in and mail this application to:

**Greyhound Pets of America, Central Florida**  
**3525 Manassas Ave, Melbourne, FL., 32934**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:  Family \$15  Sponsor \$25  Donor \$50

Donor members receive a GPA T-shirt. Check size:  M  L  XL  XXL

We need volunteers! Interested in becoming more involved in GPA/CF? Want more information on how you can help ? YES NO

Let us know!