



The Hounds' Run

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Calendar Year Summaries

2008 - 60 local Adoptions; 431 shipped

2008 total - 491

2009 - 4 local adoptions

2009 - 15 shipped in January

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WOOFSTOCK FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 22, 2009

11 a.m.—3 p.m.

WICKHAM PARK MAIN PAVILION

3601 Wickham Road

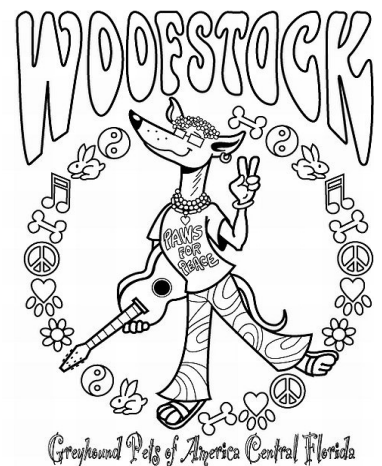
(Wickham & Post Roads)

Adjacent to Melbourne BCC Campus

2009 marks the “40th Anniversary of the original **Woodstock**”. What better way to celebrate and hear some of those famous tunes than with our own greyhound version – “**Woofstock**”!!

Preparations for this major fundraiser have been in the works for months. Tough economic times have also hit our group. During 2008, we had an increase in hounds returned to the group. These returns can be attributed to foreclosures, evictions, and insufficient funds to properly care for the household pets. We are hoping that the **2009 Woofstock** will be our biggest fundraiser to date. We are counting on you to help make this event a **HUGE SUCCESS!** Admission is free.

Each year just keeps getting better! We are excited about some new games and contests! This is a day you and your hounds will definitely enjoy. Please reserve the date; we have put in a request for excellent weather. However, because we will be under cover, **Woofstock** will go on rain or shine. Some highlights are on the following pages.



Greyhound Pets of America Central Florida

Woofstock Highlights

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. The first 125 receive goodie bags! Canine participants get a bandana!

Rocket DJ will be on hand to Emcee and will delight you with hits from the first "Woodstock".

50/50
Drawing



DANCING DRILL TEAM:

We are delighted to have Kathleen and Gil Gilley and the Gilley Greyhound Dancing Drill Team as part of **Woofstock** and to have Melbourne as the kickoff for the Gilley 2009 tour. Each year they dazzle us with new tricks and amazing stunts. Last year they officially classified their performance as a Dancing Drill & Comedy Team. This is a must see for new adopters and members.

FUNDRAISERS

Raffles: Greyhound folks across the nation and local merchants have been very generous. We are very pleased with the selection of items that will be in the raffles this year. There will be two main drawing times and all raffle items will be on display. Attendees can select and have a chance on winning items that they are interested in hav-

Silent Auction: This GPA feature is a major fundraiser for the group. Each year we manage to acquire some unusual greyhound jewelry, prints and statues from greyhound groups across the nation.

Used Book Sale: Members can all help out with this one by saving and bringing their used books to **Woofstock**. Books will be on sale at the event for \$1.00 a book and all proceeds will go to GPA. This is an excellent opportunity to clean out those closets and bookshelves and help out the group.

If you need help getting books to the event or would like to donate them

prior to the event, please contact one of the area reps:

*Cocoa - Vicki Smith, 321-632-3502
greyladie@cfl.rr.com*

*Beach area - Lorie Stewart, 321-779-9289
zoomer@cfl.rr.com*

*Melbourne area - Claire Tyler, 321-242-8282
greymomcrt@cfl.rr.com*

Woofstock Highlights

Doggie Games & Contests

Sign up for games and contests will be at the registration desk.

NEW * Couch Potato Sprint * NEW

How fast can your greyhound run? Here is your chance to find out! We will have a special run set up and your greyhound can be clocked by radar to see how fast a "Couch Potato Greyhound" can really go.



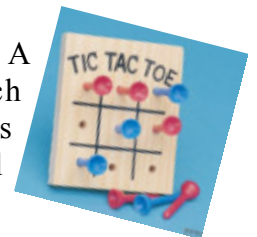
Awards will be given for the fastest greyhounds in their age classes. \$3 donation to participate. All proceeds go to GPA.

My Dog Will Eat That! Contest

This is a neat contest that is always a lot of fun! If you have a hound that will eat anything, he/she could be a winner! We are planning an unusual assortment of food items just to put your hound to the test. A field of 20 hounds will be tempted with five different items. The hound that eats all five items wins!

NEW * Greyhound TIC-TAC-TOE * NEW

This popular children's game has been adapted specifically for greyhounds. A special board has been made so that two greyhounds can compete against each other for treats. Is your greyhound an "X" or an "O"? Will they eat treats straight in a line or go for a diagonal pattern? We know your hounds will enjoy this one! \$2 donation to participate. All proceeds go to GPA.



Dog Bobbing for Treats Contest

This contest is back by popular demand! Does your hound woof down his/her food? This contest is for them! Bobbing for treats is a timed contest. Pieces of hot dog will be placed in a pail of water and the fastest eater will win.

Musical Walk Contest

This contest was a big hit last year and brought out the child in several greyhound owners! This elimination contest is adapted from the favorite party game Musical Chairs. The last one standing will be the winner!



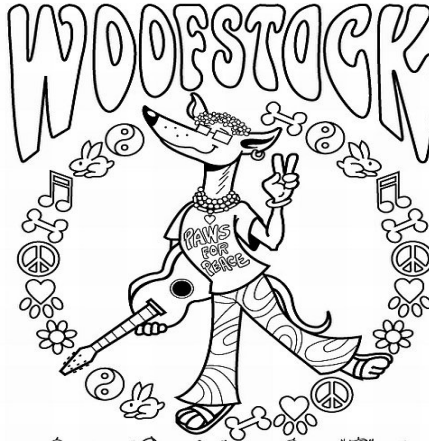
Clip, Save, & Recycle

You can help GPA by clipping & saving your Purina Weight Circles. We are able to redeem weight circles for any kind of Purina Dog Food and Purina Cat Food. Cat litter circles do NOT count. We are also able to recycle ink cartridges. Drop off boxes will be provided at the **Woofstock** registration table. They can also be mailed to Claire Tyler, 3525 Manassas Ave, Melbourne, FL, 32934

Woofstock Highlights

Merchandise Sales & Vendors

GPA Sales Table: GPA will have a special sales table full of items for the greyhound enthusiast. All proceeds from sales will go to help the hounds. We are introducing a newly-designed **Woofstock** t-shirt. Greyhound Artist, Kent Roberts, has provided a superb design. We know you will love it! GPA will also have an assortment of hound items, awareness ribbons, and a bargain basket.



Greyhound Pels of America Central Florida

Neena's Collars - Will have some reasonably priced greyhound collars that features custom made collars and leads in a variety of designs.

GreytArt - You will enjoy the artwork of David French, Kent Roberts, and Mary Waterloo Smith. Prints and note cards are reasonably priced.

Space Coast Images - Pet Photographer

Freida's Boutique from Cocoa Village

Pet Pros - from Rockledge

Caricature Artists

Woofers Warmers - Will have an assortment of greyhound coats.

No Pup Left Behind - Behaviorist

Critter Comforts Pet Sitters

Petco of Viera

Party Til' You Bark

Doggie Do Doo

Pet & People Massage Station

Other Planned Activities

Nail Clipping: - Do you hate trimming your hounds' nails? Did you get a Pedi-Paw for Christmas and had trouble using it? We have a solution for you. Members will be on hand to give your hound a pedicure for a donation. All proceeds will go to GPA.

Face Painting: - Have your face painted for a donation.

GPA Bake Sale: Goodies galore and taste-tempting treats are planned for our bake sale. Items will be reasonably priced and all proceeds will go to GPA. If you would like to help out, consider getting out the baking pans and your favorite recipes and donating items. Call Lorie Stewart at 779-9289 or email her at Zoomer@cfl.rr.com and let her know you plan to help.



Food

SLOW 'N LOW Barbeque, from Cocoa Beach, will provide pulled pork sandwich platters and hot dogs from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GPA will be selling soft drinks, water, and packaged chips.

Maui Wowi will provide coffee and smoothies.



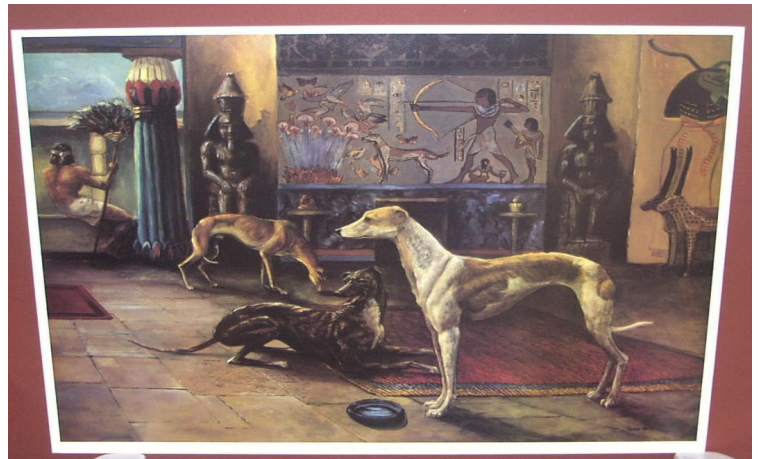
W o o f s t o c k S p e c i a l R a f f l e

Enclosed with this Special Woofstock edition of the Hounds' Run, you will find tickets for our special raffle. We are delighted with the items we have acquired for this year's raffle. The cost is **\$2.00** a ticket or **six tickets for \$10**. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets can be dropped off at **Woofstock** or you can mail them to:

GPA
3525 Manassas Ave
Melbourne, FL, 32934

This year's special raffle offers three chances to come away a winner!

First prize is for a matted and framed **Hounds of Royalty Print** by artist Jesse Holt. This print is done in an Egyptian theme, which pays tribute to the history of this majestic breed. The value of the framed print is \$200.



Second prize is "Jeweled Devotion", china greyhounds designed by Lenox. Lenox produced this limited edition pair in 2005. It is a real collectors item and we are lucky to have this treasure in our raffle. The value is \$100+.

Third prize consists of gift cards to local restaurants totaling \$50.

Don't miss out on this special raffle. All proceeds go towards the hounds in our care. If you want additional tickets for yourself or a friend, please contact Claire Tyler at greymomcrt@cfl.rr.com or call 321-242-8282.

Raffle winners will be announced at Woofstock

Ways to Help for Woofstock

In order to put on an event like this, we need **help**. Please consider promoting this event with your family and friends. Anything you can do to get the word out is appreciated. We need all the advertising help we can get. Please make copies of the attached **Woofstock** flier and post them where you work or pass them out to friends.

Please consider volunteering to make this the most successful event in GPA history. We will need help in the following areas:

Registration	Soft Drink Sales	Sales Table	Raffle Items Solicitation
Bake Sale Items	Silent Auction	Raffle Sales	

Also enclosed with this newsletter is a **solicitation letter**. If you have a favorite restaurant, hairdresser, beverage store, nail salon, barber, sandwich shop, mechanic, car wash, massage therapist, tanning salon, etc., consider trying to get them to donate an item for this event. Vendors who participate will have their names put on the back of our program schedule and their names will be announced at the event.

Did you get a Christmas gift and can't use it? Consider donating it to GPA for a raffle item. Some items may be designated for our on-line auction later in the spring. Have you ever received a gift card for a restaurant and can't use it? We will take recycled gift cards and use them in our auctions. If everyone donated one item, it would make our jobs so much easier and it's such a greyt way to help the greyhounds!

We remind you that donations of cookies, brownies, etc. are needed for the bake sale. Please prepackage and/or wrap and price your donations. Small items i.e. cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and the like should be individually packed preferably in plastic snack bags. Example: two small cookies per bag—\$.50.

We are also asking that folks keep their fingers crossed, say a few extra prayers, or whatever else might work to insure that we have good weather this year. However, rain or shine, **Woofstock** will go on under the cover of the pavilion.

Please contact one of the following committee members if you can help:

Lorie Stewart - 321-779-9289	<u>zoomer@cfl.rr.com</u>
Vicki Smith - 321-632-3502	<u>grayladie@cfl.rr.com</u>
Claire Tyler - 321-242-8282	<u>greymomcrt@cfl.rr.com</u>



Congratulations to New Adopters—Dec. 23, 2008—Jan. 9, 2009

<u>NEW OWNER</u>	<u>GREYHOUND</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEW OWNER</u>	<u>GREYHOUND</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Marilou Boggs	Pikes Ugly Betty	12/3	Ronald & Christina	Okie Perry	12/31
Kari & Patricia Hershock	Wheelman	12/5	Delaney	(Bandit)	
Nora Drown	AMF Wiffle Ball	12/11	Virginia Caldwell	Geauxpeto Harry	1/8
Alanna Foti	Night Shawnee	12/12	Dennis & Alicia Berry	Fly Bye Clay	1/8
Joe Burley	B's Kristen	12/14	Susan Wheat	Monk	1/9
Susan Geertsma	Dalami	12/23	Lorie & Bob Stewart	Cira	1/9
Leah Stern	Changing Wind	12/28			

DENNIS TYLER, CENTRAL FLORIDA GPA

NAMED GREYHOUND ADOPTION PERSON OF THE YEAR

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (December 4, 2008)—The American Greyhound Track Operators Association (AGTOA) announced that it has selected Dennis Tyler of Central Florida Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) as its 2008 Greyhound Adoption Person of the Year. The award recognizes individuals who are dedicated to placing former racing greyhounds into qualified homes as pets.

“All nominees deserve to be recognized for their commitment to finding homes for greyhounds once they retire from racing,” said Karen Keelan, president of the AGTOA. “It was difficult to select only one winner from so many dedicated individuals.”

After a great deal of deliberation, Dennis Tyler was selected for his 24-hour-a-day commitment to finding good homes for retired greyhounds including those with special needs; for caring for the health and welfare of the dogs until they can be transported to adoption organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada; for raising funds to support his adoption activities; and for serving as a mentor to new adoption organizations.

Since 1996, Dennis and his wife, Claire, have worked as a full-time team to place 6,077 greyhounds retiring from Melbourne Greyhound Park into adoptive homes. They host fundraisers to pay for the medical expenses for hard-to-place greyhounds so they can be offered to adoption groups at no charge.

According to Nanette McClary of Greyhound Adoption of Greater Rochester, N.Y., “Dennis does an excellent job of profiling greyhounds, organizing spaying/neutering and transporting them to groups for adoption. When he and Claire end their 24-hour dog hauler trips to Buffalo, we can see the satisfaction in their tired faces.”

Alane Shultz of Springfield, Mo. said that Dennis “cultivates new adoption groups by mentoring them and sharing a wealth of

Dennis, accompanied by Claire, will be recognized on March 23, 2009 at the AGTOA annual meeting in Las Vegas. The AGTOA will donate \$500 to the Central Florida GPA and pay for the couple’s travel expenses to accept the award.

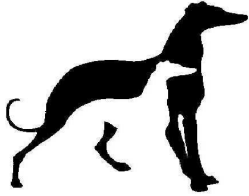
“I am very honored to be singled out as Greyhound Adoption Person of the Year,” said Tyler. There are many other extremely dedicated individuals who are equally as committed to finding homes for retired greyhounds. GPA Central Florida’s accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of my wife Claire, our wonderful volunteers and more than 40 adoption groups that have helped us over the years.

Nominations for the 2009 Greyhound Adoption Person of the Year will be accepted between April 1 and August 28, 2009. Anyone involved in greyhound adoption can be nominated for the award. The recipient will be selected based on the individual’s dedication and contribution to greyhound adoption during the year. For more information about the award, visit www.agtoa.com or call Dennis Bicsak at (561) 615-3916. For more information about adopting a greyhound, call 1-800-366-1GPA (1472).

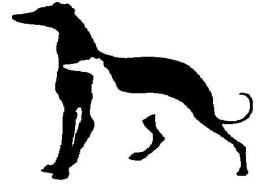
The AGTOA, formed in 1946, is a nonprofit corporation comprised of greyhound race track owners and operators throughout the U.S.



Dennis Tyler (right) and his wife Claire hold their two Adopted greyhounds, Blue Eyes and Goyo.



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



Dear Friends and Fellow Animal Lovers:

On Sunday, February 22, 2009, Greyhound Pets of America Central Florida (GPACF) will host a Woofstock Festival & Reunion. This event will promote greyhound adoption. This is a major fundraiser for our group and we are hoping we can count on your support. We are seeking donations in the form of goods or services for our Silent Auctions and raffles.

Greyhound Pets of America is a 501 (c) 3, not-for-profit organization. Our primary purpose is to find responsible loving homes for greyhounds, which fail to qualify or no longer qualify to run. GPACF acquaints the public of the desirability of greyhounds as pets and informs them of the availability of these dogs for adoption. GPACF is dedicated to the transitioning of all greyhounds in its care into homes locally or provide transport to other adoption agencies in non-racing states. Since 1996, GPACF has successfully transitioned over 6000 greyhounds into retirement.

On behalf of all the greyhounds that will find homes with loving families, thank you for your support.

Claire Tyler
 Secretary/Treasurer
 Greyhound Pets of America Central Florida Chapter

Please complete this portion and include it with your gift.** A copy of this completed form may serve as your tax receipt. (Please return to GPACF by February 10, 2009 for raffle items.)

Item Donated: _____

Value of Item: _____

Donor's Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

****If you are planning on bringing a donation on the day of Woofstock, for planning purposes, please contact Claire at 321-242-8282 OR e-mail greymomcrt@cfl.rr.com PRIOR to February 20th and let her know what it is that you are donating.**

(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 Svcs. by calling 1-800-435-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement or recommendation by the state.)



2009 Membership

Greyhound Pets of America needs your support to help with our 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, kennel supplies, and many other costs incurred that are not met by adoption fees. Please consider becoming a member. If you are a current member, please be sure to renew your membership. As a member, you will receive our newsletter and be informed of events that are happening in our area.

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2009 Membership Form

Please complete and mail to:

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

Name: _____ New
 Street Address: _____ Renewal
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Please check box if there is a change in the information currently on file.

Type of Membership (Donations of \$100 or more will receive an Adoption Awareness Ribbon)

- ___ Family - \$20
- ___ General Sponsor - \$25
- ___ Donor - \$50
- ___ Senior Hound "Nikki fund"

Activity Sponsor

- ___ Frontline Application for 6 greyhounds - \$30
- ___ Broken Leg Treatment sponsor
 - ___ Donor to cover cost of x-rays - \$75
 - ___ Donor to cover cost to feed recovering greyhound for 6-8 weeks - \$60
 - ___ Donor to cover surgery \$200 - \$1,700
- ___ Special Testing or Treatment Sponsor - \$100
- ___ Donor for Detail Thyroid Testing - \$50
- ___ Donor for Thyroid Medications - \$75
- ___ Donor for Tick Titer testing - \$90
- ___ Donor for Heartworm treatment - \$250

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Greyhound Meet & Greet Special Events

Volunteers and their greyhounds are needed at the following events.

Please contact Vicki at 321-632-3502 or greygladie@cflrr.com to volunteer.

February 7-8 - Rockledge Art & Crafts, Saturday & Sunday (10-4) McLarty Park, 790 Barton Blvd.: This event is held in conjunction with Classic Car-Cruise on In at McLarty Park. This is a new event for GPA. We welcome volunteers and their hounds to promote greyhound adoption and man an information table at this event

February 22 - GPA Central Florida "Woofstock", Sunday (11-3) Wickham Park Main Pavilion, Wickham & Post Roads, Melbourne: Please see Page 6 of this newsletter for ways to help.

March 7-8 - Cocoa Village Craft Show, Saturday & Sunday (10-4): This event is being held in Historic Downtown Cocoa. Volunteers and their greyhounds are needed to help promote greyhound adoption.

March 7 - Titusville Petco Adoption Day - Saturday (11-4): Volunteer with your hounds and help promote greyhound adoption.

March 7 - KSC All American Picnic, Saturday (10-4): This event will be held at Kars Park on Merritt Island. Bring your hounds! Space Center workers love greyhounds, too!

March 7 - Run and Fun Day - Palm Bay, Saturday (9-12): This is a new event and GPA invites you and your hounds to help with promoting greyhound adoption. The event will be held at the Palm Bay Off Leash Dog Park, 1951 Malabar Road, NW.

March 12-15 - Sandy Paws - Greyt Fun in the Sun, Jekyll Island, GA: Want to get away for a weekend of fun with your hound and mingle with other greyhound enthusiasts? This is a perfect event for you. The event is hosted by the Greyhound Guardians, Inc. They have been very supportive of GPA Central Florida. Check out their website for details www.sandypaws.org/.

March 15 - Mardi Gras Paws-in-the-Park, Cocoa Riverside Park, Sunday (12-3) This event is aimed to raise awareness and financial support for the thousands of unwanted and abandoned pets. The event sponsor is the Central Brevard Humane Society. GPA plans on having an information table at this event. This typically is a beautiful time of the year for Florida and it is a wonderful opportunity for you and your greyhound to mingle and promote adoption.

April 4, Make-a-Wish Foundation 3K Walk, Saturday, Cocoa Village Riverside Park: \$10 to Register. Registration at 10 a.m. Walk at 11 a.m. Come out for a walk with your greyhounds!

May 16-17 - Cocoa Village Craft Show (Saturday & Sunday 10-4): This event is being held in Historic Downtown Cocoa. Volunteers and their greyhounds are needed to help promote greyhound adoption.

Weekend Happenings

**PETSMART -
Melbourne - US 192
& Evans Rd, - Sat 1:30 -
3:00 PM (2nd & 4th
weekends of month)**

**PETSMART - Vero
Beach - 6590 20th Street
- Sat. 12:00 - 2:00 PM (1st
weekend of month)**

**PETCO - Viera
7201 Shoppes Drive,
1:30 - 3 PM (1st Sat. &
3rd Sun. of each month)**

**PETCO- Titus-
ville - 3055 Colum-
bia Blvd, - 1:30 - 3:00
PM (2nd Sat. & 4th
Sun. of each month)**



On Saturdays or Sundays at the above locations, days, and times, we try to have volunteers and their hounds on hand to promote awareness and greyhound adoption. This is a great opportunity for the public to see what loving pets these retired racers make.

Please contact Vicki at 321-632-3502 or greygladie@cflrr.com to volunteer at any of these locations.

In Memoriam, a Tribute to Beloved Friends Recently Lost

<u>Hound</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Pearly Grey	Davina & Art Fabritis
Cassidy & Starr	Nancy Passage
Big Red	Al Thomas
Ww's Bomb Blitz	Pat & John Eastwood
Rockies Hope	Millie Kibler
LJ's Swynona (Lydia)	Landra & Ken Burgess
L's Pretender	Susan Wheat
Bozo	Ken Briggs
Cody	Donna Andreews



<u>Hound</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Princess	Ric & Bobbi Lasher
AMF By Bye	Cynthia St. Cyr
Forbes Black Bart	Jennifer MacAllister
Shannon Autumn	Alicia & Dennis Berry
Josh	Brenda & John Stacy
Ellie	John & Iris Culhane
Seminole	Bob & Donna Silvernail
Mist	Kathleen & "Gil" Gilley

Miscellaneous Information

Increase in Crate Costs

GPA has had to make an increase in the cost of purchasing a crate when adopting. There was a significant jump in cost and we have found it necessary to now charge \$110. The large oversized crates sell for \$130 or more at the pet stores.



Shutter Bugs – Your photos are needed

The Greyhound Project collects photos for the **Celebrating Greyhounds** calendar all year long. Photos for the 2010 calendar will be selected early April, 2009. We encourage you to send in photos of your hound(s).

Prints of any size are acceptable. It is generally better not to try to enlarge a smaller print. The original is usually clearer and easier to work with. The calendar staff will have greater success at producing the enlargements than you will.



Please put a label on the back of each photograph you send. The label should include your name, address, the name(s) of the dogs, and the name of the adoption group or other source of the dog. If you got your dog(s) directly from the racing owner or trainer, that's greyt! They are just as eligible for the calendar as dogs that are placed by an adoption group.

Please label everything. There is nothing more frustrating than sorting through all the photos chosen for use only to find that one of them is anonymous. It's usually one of the really great pictures that has been chosen, too.

If you have digital images, they must have been taken at the highest resolution that your camera will produce in order to be acceptable for printing. Please send a print of the image as well as a copy of the image on a CD. Be sure to note on the label that the picture is also on CD and include the file name.

If you have photos that were taken by someone else, please obtain their written permission for to allow use of the photo for the calendar. If the photo was taken at a nursing home or therapy program of some sort, please obtain permission from the program.

The photos for the calendar are selected by a group of greyhound adopters. The members of the group change from year to year, depending on who is available to go through the photos. The people looking at the photos generally won't know the people or the dogs in the pictures. They are looking for the images that "speak" to them.

Send your Calendar photos to:

The Greyhound Project, Inc.
Attn: Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar
P.O. Box 5239
Framingham, MA 01701