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**Greetings GPA-NoVA Members and Friends -**

Finally, we can throw open the windows and enjoy some warm weather! Phew...for a while there, I thought the snow would never melt. To help you enjoy some outdoor time, and simultaneously serve an excellent cause, we are showcasing some opportunities to bring your greyhound(s) along to educate the public on the benefits of greyhound companionship. I am so delighted every time I see the look of awe on someone's face when they see our hounds. Okay, we live with them everyday...but at one of these events you will undoubtedly encounter someone who has never seen a greyhound in the flesh! Make their day and join us as we pursue greyhound enlightenment! And remember, in addition to the events you'll read about here, please remember that we still need and appreciate your participation at our meet and greets taking place every month: Springfield PetSmart (first Saturday); Falls Church Wylie Wagg (second Saturday); Alexandria Books-a-Million (third Saturday); and, Fairfax Wylie Wagg (fourth Saturday). Exact dates are available on the GPA-NoVA website [www.gpa-nova.org](http://www.gpa-nova.org).

GPA-NoVA hosted its annual member meeting on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We were so grateful for all of you would made it. Thank you for spending what seemed like the first warm day of the year with us. For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you! So hopefully, we'll see you in the coming months at an event. We'll have the presentation posted on the website soon so you can catch up. Among the subjects covered at the annual meeting were:

- The official adoption announcement of two of our foster greyhounds! Congratulations to the Grimes family and their new girl Ruby! And congratulations to Laurie Wasilitation on her new best friend Kip! We just lost a fantastic foster mom, but we gained soooo much more!
- The election of board members. I am pleased to present to you our new Board of Directors: Regan Mahoney, Lisa Read, Chris Cutler, (me), and our newest board member, Scott Silvers. Welcome Scott! GPA-NoVA is so fortunate to have such dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers supporting greyhound adoption. We value each and every one of you! This year promises to be a busy one, but I know we are up to the tasks that lie ahead! At the upcoming meeting of the new board members, the officer positions will be secured and announced shortly thereafter. Until that time, the positions remain as they are.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and are able to join us at an event or two (or three...). I'll close with some warm weather reminders:

- Keep your hound(s) cool and hydrated...Minimal body fat and no insulating fur can be a lethal combination in the heat.
- Watch out for blood suckers! Teas and flicks...I mean fleas and ticks! And don't forget hook, round, whip, and heart worms, among others. Keep your hound safe with Frontline and Interceptor!
- Keep your hound securely leashed while outside and in the open and unenclosed. It's too easy to end up in the street or lost.

Hug those hounds!!!!  
Angela

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## MARCH ADOPTIONS

- Adopted! Cry Crystal - The James Family
- Adopted! Kip - The Wasilition Family
- Adopted! Ruby - The Grimes Family





Farewell, master, yet not farewell;  
 Where I go, ye, too, shall dwell.  
 I am gone before your face,  
 A moment's time, a little space.  
 When ye come where I have stepped  
 Ye will wonder why ye wept.  
 --Edwin Arnold

*Our sincere condolences to those who have recently lost a beloved companion*

**Bellamy - The Powers-DeBlois Family**  
**Darcy - The Read Family**  
**Frontier - The Grimes Family**  
**Heartley - The Davis Family**

**Upcoming Events**

- ❖ **Saturday, April 24:**                      **Wylie Wagg Meet & Greet - Fairfax, 12p-3p**
- ❖ **Saturday, May 1:**                         **2010 Reston Pet Fiesta - Reston Town Center 10a-4p**

**APRIL**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Greyhounds In Gettysburg – April 23-25, 2010**



If you are looking for an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with your grey(s) and mingle with other greyhound enthusiasts, Greyhounds in Gettysburg is where you need to be.

- Two and a half days of activities are planned beginning at noon on Friday and running to noon on Sunday.
- Approximately 40 vendors will be in attendance on Friday and Saturday to sell greyhound-related merchandise.
- Special activities for the whole family run throughout the day and into the night.

- The entire three days are packed full of activities. Please review the Schedule of Events online at <http://www.greyhoundsingettysburg.com/schedule.php>
- Did you know that Greyhounds in Gettysburg raises money for Greyhound Adoption efforts for the Triangle Greyhound Society (TGS), Keystone Greyhound/GPA and the other organizations who are vendors at the event?
- 37 vendors are selling on Friday and Saturday only. Not Sunday. Please read the online schedule and the updated schedule so you are aware of the times for all of the activities.
- Forgot to register? No worries. Even though on-line registration is closed, on-site Registration will be available at the GIG Information Tent at Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg, Friday, April 23, 2010 and Saturday, April 24, 2010. The on-site registration fee is \$18.00 for each person over 16.
- If you plan to register in Gettysburg, please go to <http://www.greyhoundsingettysburg.com/home.php> and let them know you are coming and for more information about the event. On-site registration packets will be available on a first come, first served basis.
- When you are not participating in greyhound related activities (is that even possible?), you have all of historic Gettysburg and surrounding countryside open to you. Gettysburg was the pivotal battle in the Civil War. You can visit the battlefield, museums and the historic town to discover more about this historic battle and the men that fought here.

Many people stay two and three days overnight to make the most of their visit. Check out recommended local accommodations <http://www.greyhoundsingettysburg.com/wheretostay.php>

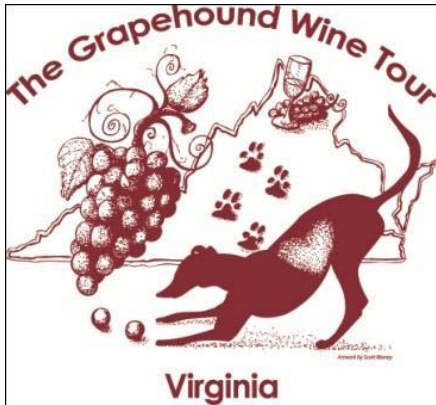
## MAY

### Reston Pet Fiesta, Saturday, May 1, 10 am – 4 pm



- **GPA-NoVA has presence at this event** with a booth and would love you and your hound(s) to join us for what promises to be a wonderful day of shopping and socializing (for you and your hound).
- Volunteers are needed to help with our booth! To sign up, please visit the GPA-NoVA website [www.gpa-nova.org](http://www.gpa-nova.org)
- This event draws local businesses, rescue groups, and thousands of animal lovers for an exciting day of activities, exhibition, demonstrations, and animals galore!
- Last year there were over 80 exhibitors and over 8,000 visitors!
- This event is sponsored by GoodDogz.org, a group of dedicated individuals dedicated to educating potential dog owners on selection and care and supporting the efforts of local adoption groups.
- Please go to <http://www.petfiesta.org/index.html> for more information about The Reston Pet Fiesta. Hope to see you there!

### Virginia Grapehounds – Friday – Sunday, May 14-16



Virginia  
is for  
greyhound lovers!

- The first-ever Grapehound Wine Tour is coming to Virginia!
  - Register at <http://www.grapehounds.com/virginia.htm>. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit GPA-NoVA! The more GPA-NoVA members who attend, the more donations our organization will receive! Just circle GPA-NoVA on your registration form
  - Information is also available on GPA-NOVA's website – [www.gpa-nova.org](http://www.gpa-nova.org)
- Grapehounds-Virginia is a three-day event;
  - Friday evening – A welcome event at Willowcroft Farm Vineyards;
  - Saturday - a huge adoption group Meet 'N Greet with food, wine tasting, vendors and music at Tarara Winery;
  - Sunday - a greyhound group walk at beautiful Sky Meadows State park, tours of the Mount Bleak House, and more socializing and wine tasting at nearby Barrel Oak Winery near Delaplane, VA.
  - If you missed the opportunity to pre-order your Virginia Grapehound T-shirts, not to worry. Grapehound Wine Tour t-shirts will be available at the event.
- GPA-NoVA needs your help - look for an announcement asking for volunteers to staff this event.
  - The announcement will also include the opportunity for GPA-NoVA volunteers at this event to reserve/order our limited-edition wine bags pictured below – with GPA-NoVA's **exclusive logo, designed just for this event**. Check it out!



**Falls Church Festival, Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 9 am – 5 pm**



For more than a quarter of a century the City of Falls Church has hosted an annual Memorial Day Festival and Parade on Memorial Day.

Festivities include a Veterans ceremony at the Falls Church Veterans Memorial, a Don Beyer 3K Fun Run, live entertainment, contests, food and craft vendors, and a lively parade down Park Avenue.

Join us for the 29th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Festival in Falls Church

- GPA-NoVA has been a fixture at this event for many, many years. Even though it's usually a pretty warm day, we are very fortunate to secure our usual exhibitor spot under a big shady tree on a popular corner among the exhibitors. We also have a tent and plenty of cool water for the greys.
- This is not an animal-centric event and is the perfect opportunity to show the public all of the joys of greyhound companionship. The greyhounds always receive a ton of attention and affection.
- We could really use your help staffing our booth. If you can spare a couple of hours, we would love to have you join GPA-NoVA for a day of fun! Sign-up will be available on the GPA-NoVA website.

## JUNE

### Capital Pride Street Festival, Sunday, June 13, 11am - 6pm



Over 250,000 people attend the annual street festival along Pennsylvania Ave from across the country, and around the globe.

Capital Pride is the 3rd Largest Pride Celebration in the Country! GPA-NoVA will be at the festival! Our greyhounds are always a huge hit at this event!

The festivities take place along Pennsylvania Ave, NW between 3rd and 7th Streets with lots of vendors and a variety of food

- With a history of 35 years, Capital Pride is an annual event attended by people from all over the country coming together to celebrate who they are as members of one human race. This celebration in our nation's capital features 10 days of different events that culminate in the Capital Pride Festival.
- GPA-NoVA has a booth and we would love to see you there supporting greyhound adoption and enjoying the festivities. It is sure to be hot so please bring plenty of cool water for the hounds and be mindful of your grey's foot pads on hot pavement. This is a non animal-centric event which is the perfect opportunity for greyhound exposure!
- Volunteer sign-up will be available on the GPA-NoVA website. Look for the GPA-Announce.
- Capital Pride is produced by the non-profit organization Capital Pride Alliance, Inc., Capital Pride is an event that is dedicated to serving the needs of the GLBT community and its supporters through educational events, community outreach, celebrations of diversity, and so much more.
- Please visit <http://www.capitalpride.org/> for more information.

### *Did you know...*

NOVA Pet Health Center supports GPA-NoVA?

NOVA Pet Health Center is a state-of-the-Art full service veterinary hospital in Chantilly that donates a percentage of every dollar you spend there to GPA-NoVA's foster greyhound veterinary fund. Dr. Masood has been serving Northern Virginia since 1985 and has greyhound experience. It gets better. GPA-NoVA's fund doesn't end with greyhounds! Bring in your cat, bird, rodent, or other breed dogs and mention GPA-NoVA.... and our foster dog fund benefits.

NOVA Pet Health Center also offers geriatric/nutritional/behavioral counseling, grooming, boarding, microchipping, and training... just to name a few of the services. They are American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) accredited, which ensures your companion receives the highest quality of care available.

GPA-NoVA welcomes Dr. Masood and thank him for his generosity and support. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship and to seeing him at some greyhound events. Please check out NOVA Pet Health Center's website at [www.novaveterinary.com](http://www.novaveterinary.com) or call at 703-327-8502. Tell your friends... they count too!