



News Hound

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Greyhound Pets of America - Northern Virginia Chapter

Greetings GPA-NoVA Members and Friends...

As families have been gearing up for the end of the school year, graduations, and summer vacations, GPA-NoVA has also been keeping busy. We are planning the annual picnic scheduled for September and we also attended a few events:

Virginia Grapehounds - The results are in and this first-ever event was a greyt success. It was wonderful to see all of the different greyhound groups come together to celebrate our common goal of helping retired racing greyhounds. We have a few commemorative t-shirts, wine totes, and stemmed wine glasses left for sale. Please send an email to info@gpa-nova.org if you are interested in purchasing any of these items.

Falls Church Festival - As usual it was hot and, as usual, the greyhounds were a huge hit. We have visitors who make it a point to stop by and pet the hounds and make a donation. We have a greyt spot that affords us a good bit of shade and great exposure to the throngs of people in attendance.

Capital Pride - This is also a hot event, in more ways than one! Sunday is the culmination of a week of activities and people were out in mass numbers, enjoying the day. We were doused with a refreshing rain shower in the afternoon that managed to cool the pavement and everyone loved the greyhounds!

While some of GPA-NoVA's main events might be over, we are still hosting meet and greets every week. We would love to see you and your hounds in attendance.

It was brought to my attention that an item in last month's newsletter appears to conflict with GPA's neutral stance on greyhound racing. The newsletter contained a link to a greyhound artist and it mentioned that she donates proceeds to Grey2K, an organization devoted to ending greyhound racing.

Regardless of one's personal racing opinion, when representing GPA, GPA is neutral. It is only through positive relationships with tracks/trainers/owners, etc. that we can place the retired racers as they are under no obligation to 'turn the dogs over' to GPA for placement.

It is not our intent to showcase/support anyone's efforts to end greyhound racing. In the monthly newsletter we want to offer you choices of greyhound-centric vendors to make collar/lead/coat/clothing/accessory purchases. We have removed the reference to Grey2K from last month's newsletter. I apologize for any confusion this reference may have caused.

GPA-Nova is now the only GPA chapter in Virginia. GPA-Richmond has chosen to resign from the organization and are now the James River Greyhounds. They will continue to partner with us when we receive applications or inquiries closer to Richmond. And, we will continue to include them in events, etc.

The GPA National Summer 2010 Communiqué is now online at www.greyhoundpets.org

Keep those hounds cool and remember that we have a few fosters still looking for their forever home - check the website www.gpa-nova.org or send an email to info@gpa-nova.org for more information.

Hug those hounds!

Angela

Upcoming Meet and Greets:

- Wylie Wagg - Fairfax - 26 June 12:00 PM
- PetSmart - Springfield - 3 July 11:00 AM
- Wylie Wagg - Tysons Corner - 10 July 12:00 PM
- Books A Million - Alexandria 17 July 1:00 PM
- Wylie Wagg - Fairfax - 24 July 12:00 PM

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Vendor Spotlight:



2 Hounds Designs is an excellent source of custom-made designer dog collars, harnesses, and leads, as well as some beautiful greyhound related artwork. They can be found on the web at www.2houndsdesign.com



Newly Adopted Hounds

GPA-NoVA is happy to welcome to our family:

Tess - Bertussi Family
Anubis - Eppolito Family
Anna - Lagasse Family



Rainbow Bridge

Our deepest sympathies go out to our members whose beloved hounds are now waiting for their families at the Rainbow Bridge:

Quincy - Kruse Family
Gilly - Austiff Family