

## GREYHOUND ACTION LEAGUE



OF BUFFALO

Helping Greyhounds one  
dog at a time.....

### Special points of interest:

- GALs Networking with other greyhound groups
- Bonnie & Clyde no longer live in Fear
- GALs T-Shirts order yours now
- First Glimpse of the future GALs Express

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# The Buffalo GAL-Zette



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## GAL places its First Greyhound!

When you receive an email from an adopter you've known since getting into the greyhound world, it is exciting at the very least to be told they would like to adopt from your new group when they are ready. Shortly afterwards the application came in. One of those applications that you wish for. Experienced home, fenced yard, no small critters to be concerned about. Male, or female, make s no difference. All they ask is that the greyhound be 'perfect'. You know the type, a



greyhound that may or may not have special needs, or behavioral issues, just the perfect greyhound, because they are all perfect

aren't they? And to top that a Big Black Boy would really be icing on the cake. Well of course we would have just the 'perfect' greyhound.

## GALs Off and Running

Out of the starting box in mid-May the GALs quickly were in motion moving forward to assist retired racers. Its been an incredible six months with so much already accomplished and still plenty of things to do.

The outpouring of support has been nothing

short of amazing. Good people wanting to volunteer on behalf of the greyhounds.

In the short time we have been active as an adoption organization we have already received our not-for-profit 501c3 status. Our web site is established and consistently being up-

dated.

There are more than thirty dedicated volunteers and a dozen experienced foster homes. Several greyhounds have already found forever homes!

Just like the greyhound, three strides and we're at full speed! Awesome job by the GAL Volunteers. Thank you all.



**Networking ...  
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*Submitted by:  
Laura Pike*

## NETWORKING

Networking—what exactly is this? The exchange of information or services among groups. Seems like a simple concept...yet a very effective one. When used in a positive manner the benefits for the dogs are endless.

We use networking to help dogs in need. To combine transporting and to share information regarding medical and other important topics.

The GALs were able to network with Gorges Greyhounds and assist with foster care while GREAT was able to assist with the medical care. This made it pos-

sible for two more greyhounds to make their way into adoption.

Most recently another wonderful example of networking was sending an email out to several greyhound groups asking for a solution regarding two abandoned greyhounds. That help came in the form of medical/financial care for the pair.

GREAT offered to have the dogs vetted if the GALs were able to provide the foster care and placement. What a fortunate thing for Bonnie and Clyde. It was the dogs that ultimately

benefitted. Exactly what networking is all about.

Unfortunately there are times when an organization exploits the networking concept by using it in a negative manner. The result is usually a poor one. It reflects badly on the volunteers of that group and hurts the integrity of all adoption groups. Shameful.

GALs will continue to network when possible, with organizations that are dedicated to helping the greyhounds by being positive and acting respectful towards others and the dogs.

## TRACTOR SUPPLY



**THE STUFF YOU  
NEED OUT HERE**

Be sure to check the Events page of our web site for future Meet & Greet Dates.

*Submitted by:  
Marianne Mazur*

On Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, GALs had an opportunity to visit a new meet & greet location. The Tractor Supply Store on Southwestern Blvd in Hamburg asked us to join them for their Pet Day. What a wonderful experience!

As soon as we walked through the door the oohs & aahs started. The delightful staff moved clothes racks and displays to accommodate us right next to the front door. Greyhounds, being the pampered spoiled pets that they are, made themselves right at home.

Don't get me wrong, they knew how to work the crowds and did a great job of it! You know the routine: enter person, grey slowly move in close to person, look pathetic and nudge persons hand, mission accomplished! The questions came fast & applications got taken home. Now we get to wait and see how the girls did. Yes, we had all ladies there, four legged and two legged.

I am so looking forward to booking a few more days there to show off our wonderful hounds! We will work on booking a 12 to 3 spot the next visit.

Finally, on top of being a

wonderful location for the Greys, it's a great shopping location for the rest of us! If you have never been in a Tractor Supply Store, you have to check it out! They are not for farmers only! Yes, you can find chains and pulleys, but you can also find pet food, crates, xpens, doggie beds, people clothing, nice hiking boots, adorable wooden signs for your yard, bird houses and feeders, snacks, gardening needs and the greatest collection of small toy animals and vehicles. To top it off, they offer lay-away!

OK, I'm hooked on Tractor Supply, but you will be too, so watch for our next visiting date!

## COUCH BOUND!

**MINE FIELD** was fostered by the Cross, McCool-Kendall and Miller families. He raced in Florida Mine field retired to Buffalo as one of the first of two greyhounds being taken in for placement by the GALs. He waited patiently and now has been adopted as "Ozzie" to the **Miller family**. The first GALs adoption!

**RUNAWAY STAR** was fostered by the Bagne-

Hopper and Lingle families. She raced in Florida and retired in the North to join her brother. She has been adopted as "Lily" to the **Miller family**.

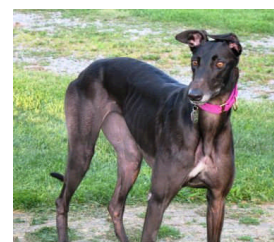
**SOS TROJAN** raced in Iowa and had spent a brief time in a home. He was sent to Buffalo for a new start which was first provided through fostering, then through adoption by the **Weinert family**. We are happy for "Poochie" and

his new family.

**REAL QUALITY** raced in Florida and was fostered by the Johnsons. She found her forever home as "Mystic" with the **Torrelli Family**.

**COSMO** raced in the South & spent a short time in a home. The GALs assisted getting him a fresh start and did so with a family who just lost their special greyhound Ty. "Cosmo" is now proud and very happy to be a part of the **Fedyshin family**.

**No LEMMON** the greyhound known as "Hank" lives to play with stuffies and is the perfect greyhound. He decided he would be best living with another grey. Fortunately there was an opening with his sister so he is now part of the **Torrelli Family**. Hank raced in Florida and was fostered by the Duke, Skehan, Johnson Families.



Lily Miller

## CONGRATULATIONS!



### Lewandowski Family

Congrats to them for adding a 2nd greyhound to their family. Welcome to

their beautiful greyhound Raina pictured to the left. Stitch must be so excited!

### CROSS FAMILY

To Deanne and Tom Cross and their son Cody. We are very happy they found each other. We would like to send well wishes for good health and much happiness for their growing family.

### Lynch-Johnt Family

Congrats on their adoption of Cyrus a senior bounce. Older adoptees are so very special and he is sure to be a greyt companion to Willie Nelson.

### GORGES Greyhounds

Roos to Allison Truelson for founding a new adoption group in Ithaca NY area.

## RETIREES

**Quick Turbo** is 2 years old. He is slowly learning that retirement is a good thing. Sweet and gentle this be/bd boy would be best in a home with another hound. Retired from Iowa.

**Joos Procedure**, 4 year old male, raced in Iowa and has retired due to his age. He is confident and fun. Will make a wonderful companion as a single or in

a small pack. He is very 'fresh' and knows it. Pro needs a fenced yard and would like someone who goes for regular walks. He is truly a treasure.

**Another Shamu**, is 2-1/2 years old but in that short time had been at 4 different tracks in 3 states. She is playful with other breeds and a greyhound when she's not. Good with cats too. Consider giving her a chance in your home.

**Gable Unique** is an 8+ year young retired racer and brood mom. She left OK on a hauler and made her way to WV where a GAL Volunteer was able to meet her. She is very loving and has a fun zest for life. Please consider making a soft spot in your family for her. Don't all moms deserve a family?

**Bonnie & Clyde** their story on page 4. Contact Laura @ 867-9822 with ?'s.



Mystic Torrelli



Poochie Weinert

**Other Retirees:** Rutt Roh, Quick Turbo, PW's Blitzen, Blackjack Blues & Gable Proteus.

**Retirees were available at the time of publication.**



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## SAFETY TIPS

I am quite vigilant about creating a secure hand loop with the leash while walking my hounds so if they bolt, they will not get away; however, I never considered the possibility that the leash latch could come off the collar and the dog would be free and soon gone.

In the Summer 2008 edition of CG Magazine, I read an article written by Jennifer Saker, VP of Greyhound Adventures & networking Group of Greater Boston, Inc. about keeping our

hounds safe. I thought this was a fantastic idea. I began using a carabiner on each of my hounds whenever I took them out. Thank goodness I did as when I was at the fair booth this year, the leash latch on one dog became unattached and if I had not had the carabiner attached, she would have gotten away.

The following is a segment on the carabiner:

“One of the easiest ways to add security to your leash is to attach a simple carabiner, a D-shaped ring with

a spring catch often used in rock climbing. These inexpensive gadgets are available at hardware and outdoor stores. If a leash catches on something and comes unclipped, or if the hardware fails, the carabiner is an added line of defense to keep your dog attached to his leash. There is also a locking version, which is even better. Just make sure the clips are facing the opposite direction from one another so if one gets caught on something, the other will remain in place.”

*Submitted by: Jan Lingle*



## Bonnie & Clyde

Thank you all, for the many well wishes that have been sent our way.

After spending time abandoned and out on our own in a rural area it is a welcome change to be able to enjoy life as a foster dog.

No more fear of starving, no need to hunt for food. No more fear of roads and traffic, of coyotes or other wild animals. No sleeping and living full time out in the elements.

We have gained weight; it is a nice adjustment for us to have food provided twice a day, every day. We have crates with soft blankets. A fenced yard to run and play and be safe. Kind words of encouragement and support from our foster parents. A gentle hand to pet.

Life is good...Now, but can surely get even better, so we are told; when get our own permanent families.

Once we started feeling better and comfortable we exhibited more confidence and stopped following each other all the time.

Since they feel we would have more opportunities being placed separately it was decided we should test the waters in separate foster homes.

Clyde is doing well as a single pet. He requires a fenced yard and a quiet household. He has been polite with children that have visited him. He is cat workable.

Clyde wants you to know that he fears the dark. At night time he admits to feeling safer if there is a

light in the yard and a night light in his room.

Clyde enjoys taking walks and is a gentle laidback soul that deserves someone to love him completely.

Bonnie is doing well and has turned from the role of protector-huntress into the puppy she probably never got to be.

She requires a fenced yard and a lot of attention. If you like to play or perhaps do obedience she would really blossom. Bonnie loves men and would enjoy the opportunity to be a lap dog. A small pack family would be best.

On behalf of Bonnie & Clyde we want to thank Sharon & Judi of GReAT for taking care of their medical needs. They would not be here without your help.



*Clyde Before...*

*Clyde Now...*

## Running Free ....

### Lyndon Hornung

*(First on the Moon)*

### Daisy Duweiger

*(Pj's Black Lace)*

### Gold Oswald

*(Gold, from Hinsdale NH)*

### Devlin Pike

*(JC Red Devil)*

### Dolly Pike

*(Five Dollar Date)*

### Baby Momma Pike

*(Redbabybrindle)*

### Maggie Dunn

*(Hilda's Tipsheet)*

### WeBe Perry

*(Webe gone)*

### Gremlin Perry

*(Dogfaced Gremlin)*

### Hank Perry

*(Heckler Hank)*

### Rascal Perry

*(Rc's Rascal Speed)*

### Ty Fedyshin

*(We Tried)*

### Emerald Greiner

*(MD Brewer)*

### Thunder Greiner

*(Boc's Thunder)*

### Jim Johnson

*(Kiowa TSS Jim)*

### Twiggy Heckmiller

*(Pal Miggles)*

### Rover Mecca

*(JK Go Moonrover)*

### ZadieBaby Griffiths

*(N's Sadie Baby)*

### Casey Piskor

*(U Bet Ima Lover)*

### Guy Veltri

*(Spring Up)*

### Blu Veltri

*(Blue Horizon)*

### Walter Roick

*(Zeke's Walter)*

### Dreamer Marvin

*(Colorado Dreamer)*

### Becky

*(Becky Berheid)*

### Goober

*(Gable Blackjack)*



***“ 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 .... “***

## Did you know?

### Coyotes & Greyhounds

Back at the turn of the century (20<sup>th</sup>) and for several decades thereafter, coyote chasing with greyhounds and Borzois was a very popular sport in the cattle and sheep country of the western United States. In the 1920's a book was written on the sport of Coyote Coursing, as well in 1941.



Today you can obtain a re-printed copy of “Canines and Coyotes” for less than \$50, or check out the local library. Greyhounds were the coursing dogs of choice basically because “he not only has early speed, a most important requisite for success in getting the jump on the quarry, but he can also out step any other dog”

according to Leon V. Almirall, self-proclaimed “coyote prophet”.

This information was taken from an article titled: “Canine and Coyotes the Old Fashioned Way” by Jim Casada published in the October 2008 edition of PredatorXtreme.

Submitted by: Joe Mazur

## EVENT REVIEWS

**Bark In The Park** was a wonderful event for exposure not only of the hounds but of GALs to several other vendors and not-for-profit groups. This terrific event was organized by Faith O'Neil and the CCCA, and we look forward to participating again next year.

**Burgerfest** in Hamburg certainly lived up to its reputation for being a fun and busy event. Our booth was well staffed with volunteers, hounds and a great attitude. Our thanks to Susan Ferry of A Pawstitive Experience & to Peggy D. for the support. Yahoo... For 2009 Animal Alley.

**MA Pet Expo** at Raynham Track, the GALs hosted their first fundraiser by managing the coffee & donut table. Karen Veltri worked tirelessly with our volunteer to serve the hungry and caffeine deprived attendees. Linda Jensen, Scott Peterson and so many other folks at RT put together a fun event. The GALs appreciate their support.

**Grapehounds!** This end of July event is truly an original. Beautiful scenery, Wine and of course greyhounds grace the many wineries scattered along the lake. We highly recommend adding this to your calendar. Larry Bowersox and volunteers. really outdo themselves.

**Lockport Cruise Night** allowed us to join in their community day and enjoy the sights and sounds of a well orchestrated event. Funds were raised by the homemade biscuits baked by Heather Roncone. Joined by the Bertrand Family in designing our donation jar, we actually won all the funds donated for having the most popular container. Our thanks to Lynda Kirkman for inviting us and to Rick Shriber for the recommendation.

**Children's First Festival** in Ellicottville was the backdrop for the GALs participating in their first parade. Twenty Hounds plus their people strolled down main street on a beautiful day. Thanks Lynn for rallying the volunteers.

**GALs Picnic Gathering** the first annual hosted by Dale & Alli. You couldn't have asked for a more peaceful day, with good people, good food and the hounds loving life running and playing in the yard together. Alli is already working on next years date.

**Greyhound Planet Day Walkathon** volunteers gathered on a cool morning at Como Lake Park with pledge sheets in hand. The hounds kept pace while we enjoyed a casual stroll through the park. A super opportunity to participate in this Intl Celebration.

**America's Fair!** GALs Greyhounds graced the Fairgrounds courtesy of the Historical Society. We had the unique privilege of representing a part of local history along with the present day needs of ex-racers. Our sincere gratitude to Dee and Jolene and the Historical Society for welcoming us to be a part of it all. It was truly an honor. Thank you to our volunteers that stepped up to help out. We hope to have this opportunity again in 2009. Alli & Dale I am still impressed.....

**October Bonfire** okay aside from the suggestion of sacrificing someone (me) into the fire, it was an excellent fall evening. A good example of taking time out and enjoying life!

**Stapleys Feeds, Tractor Supply and Pet Supplies Plus** have all been very important locations for hosting our Information Booths. Thank you to our booth captains and the volunteers offering their help and support. And of course to the businesses for being gracious hosts & advocates.

**Paws in the Park SPCA** this was a nice opportunity to support another worthwhile organization and also have the greyhounds represented.



## UPCOMING

### Information Booths

**Nov 15th** 11-1 Pet Supplies Plus, 3984 Seneca St, West Seneca

**Nov 28th** 11-1 Stapleys Feed 6447 Transit, Depew

**Dec 20th** 1-3, Pet Supplies Plus, 3733 Union Rd, Cheektowaga

### Photos with Santa

On Saturday, 12/13 Santa will be making an appearance at Stapley Feed, 6447 Transit Rd, Depew from 11am until 3pm. Mark Caughel along with GAL volunteers will be on hand to take photographs of your Pets and children. Two photos for \$10 or one for \$7. All proceeds to benefit the GALs. Be sure to stop in with your wish list.

## **GAL T-Shirts**

Red Greyhound on light gray shirt w/black lettering  
or

Red Greyhound on black shirt w/white lettering.

**Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, XLg, 2XL, 3XLg

T-shirt \$12  
Crewneck Sweatshirt \$25  
Hoodie Sweatshirt \$30  
Polo, 3 button \$15

Checks or money orders due when order is placed. They should be made out: Dale McCool and mailed to: 6008 Thomas Corners Rd, West Valley NY 14171, call Alli with any questions @ **597-7529** Order by 12/2

## Fundraising, etc...

### Afghan Raffle!

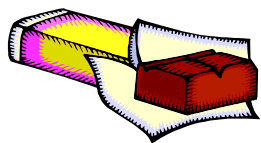
This beautiful afghan was handmade and donated by Diania Paschen. It features a running greyhound through the center. The photograph does not show the amazing detail. You can have the opportunity to win this by purchasing a raffle ticket. Drawing to be held December 20th. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Send check or money order payable to G.A.L., 214 Dean Rd, Depew NY 14043.

**Thank you Diania!**



### Grey-Glamour Day

Bring your greyhound or other dog for a shampoo, towel dry, nail trim, and ear cleaning. All in a relaxed environment. Appointments generously spaced to allow ample attention to your pooch with minimal stress. Cost is \$12 / all proceeds to benefit the GALs. Call now for your appointment. Laura @ 867-9822 Sun, Feb 22nd - 10am-4pm



### Candy Bars

Looking for folks willing to sell candy bars at their office or business. With a combined effort averaging sales of 3 boxes of candy per month covers the cost of GALs liability insurance. So if you are willing to help out monthly or bi-monthly please give Deanne a call to get a box. 836-9147.



GALs is now part of the EBay Giving Works—Mission Fish and we are a not-for-profit seller. Our goal is to host an auction once a week from November through February. Weekly auctions will be

posted on the GALs Yahoo Digest. Or you can search for any of our listings up on EBay. Our seller ID is: GreyhoundActionLeague-Buffalo (no hyphen). If you have something you would like to donate for us to list please contact us. If you are an Ebay-er and like to sell items, please consider donating a portion of your sales to the GALs, through Mission Fish.



### Photo's with Santa

Remember the date, Saturday December 13th, 11am-3pm Details on page 6.

### Woven Butterfly

Inspirational items, this site supports GALs & Cat rescue. Please visit them at: [www.geocities.com/wovenbutterfly/](http://www.geocities.com/wovenbutterfly/)



### SAVE THIS DATE

JUNE 27th, 2009 Saturday Save this Date! We have one of our large fundraisers planned for this date. Details will follow soon.

### Visit Gia's Gifts

Gia's Gifts on the GALs web site, a portion of the sales benefits our group.

## Mother Knows Best

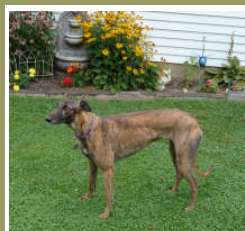
Mother Knows Best will be a regular column for answering some of the readers questions. Your columnist for this section was going to be Baby Momma, however in lieu of her passing your columnist will be her litter-sister, Lady. If you or your hounds have any questions you would like answered, please submit them to: GAL, Attn MKB, 214 Dean Road, Depew, NY 14043. You can also send your questions via email: [info@greyhoundactionleague.org](mailto:info@greyhoundactionleague.org)



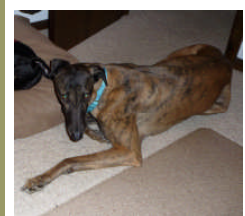
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**Baby Momma Pike**

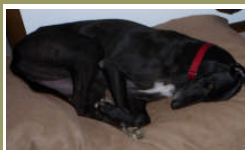
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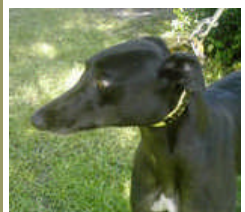
**Mystic Torrelli**



**“Everyone asks,  
how can you let  
them go?”**



**Hank Torrelli**



## A Volunteers Story

My husband, Tom and I are in the unique position of being the only foster parents with no dogs! We have been fostering for ten years and have yet to succumb to the temptation of keeping one of our charges (not that we haven't been tempted at times)...the names Cinderella and Ed come to mind.

We find that fostering fulfills our need to love a dog but not wanting to own a dog at this time in our lives. Because we spend winters down south and cannot have a pet where we live in Florida, fostering works great for us, getting to love up a variety of hounds from all over the country!

Everyone asks “how can you let them go?” well, after a few weeks of walking several miles a day, I am ready for a rest. We have to walk since we do not have a fenced yard. Currently, we finished up with fostering #26, we usually average about three foster dogs per summer.

When we retired, I was looking to spend my time doing something fulfilling, working with animals was at the top of the list, preferably ‘hands on’. One day, hanging around Pet Smart (which I do quite frequently), I came across a meet and greet with greyhounds. I was immediately taken with their beauty and

grace, never having been around one.

I inquired into fostering and voila! Ten years later and still loving it. My husband is ALMOST as enthusiastic as I am.

I also volunteer one day a week at the SPCA, working in the cat room. We help people with their adoption decisions as well as some cleaning duties. Actually anything that needs to be done, sometimes that includes folding laundry. We also get to play with all of the kitties!

The SPCA has approximately 400 volunteers who work at everything from off site adoptions to assisting in surgery.

I have also worked in the Whisker Wag'n, the SPCA's mobile adoption unit. It goes out in the community and adopts animals from the truck. The actual Wag'n is a beautiful new donated panel truck. It is fully equipped with cages, crates, small office area, and lots of storage.

Typically, we take a few dogs, several cats/kittens and sometimes a gerbil or bird. We park in high traffic areas such as Wegmans, Wal-Mart, or Pet Smart, allowing people who might not normally stop at the shelter to see some of our adoptees. All that paperwork, etc, is done at the site and the animals get to go

home right off the truck. Its fun!

While we are in Florida, I volunteer at the Gulf Coast Humane Society which is a no-kill shelter in Ft Myers. Duties there include walking dogs, helping with cats, etc.

There are never enough dog walkers, since at any given time there are typically 35-50 dogs available for adoption. Some have been there for a long time up to a year or more.

It is not unusual to find a dog tied to the fence at the shelter or a cat tossed into a pen. We take them in of course, provided we have room. The only alternative being the county animal shelter which is required by law, to take any animal brought in. Of course, there is never enough room so many are euthanized every day, it's a hideous problem.

I LOVE my jobs as a volunteer. It is always my favorite day of the week. But being a greyhound foster family is the BEST, having those warm, soft bodies to love is a real Treat!

*Submitted by:*

*Marilyn & Tom Johnson*

**On behalf of Real Quality, No Lemmon and Joes Procedure, we want to thank Marilyn & Tom for their help with fostering this season.**



**Everybody's Page! Communicating ....**

**The Buffalo GAL-Zette** will be a quarterly publication. If you have something you'd like to share you can email it to: info@greyhoundactionleague.org or snail mail to: 214 Dean Rd, Depew NY 14043. We will be issuing a December newsletter just to finish off the year and to supply you with an events calendar. We are very excited about some of the unique social get togethers,

and fundraising items we have planned, along with our meet & greets. We are making an honest attempt at being a 'green' greyhound group so if you would like to receive this publication electronically let us know. If you currently receive this electronically and prefer a hard copy, please let us know that as well. **GALs Online Community** is through **Yahoo Groups**.

It is a private community but we welcome positive minded greyhound people. You can set your preferences to receive individual emails/posts, or all together in a digest format. There is also the option of 'no mail' and just reading the latest happenings by logging into the site. If you are interested in joining, email me at: izofa-woman@aol.com This is a great way to stay in touch.



**The Future GALs Express thanks to Lee Hopper**



*GALs Winter Wrap-Up Sunday, March 22nd Details will follow*

**Thank you's, Hello's and more ....**



We would like to thank the AGC for their generous grant to assist the GALs beginning with spays & neuters.

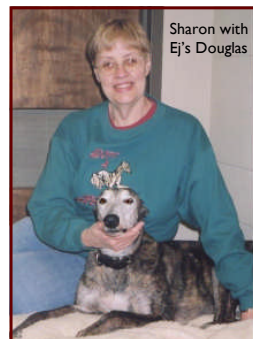


A Big Hug and thank you to Mr. Jimmy Black for his amazing generosity and kindness, thank you for the support and believing in our organization!



Our sincere gratitude and thanks to Georgetown Animal Clinic, Drs. Harry & Scott Newman, Drs. Leys, Abramo & Ruest, Colleen,

Shari and all the Georgetown Support and Administrative staff. For their willingness to work with the GALs and for supporting ex-racing greyhounds. We appreciate your expertise & enthusiasm!



Sharon with Ej's Douglas

A huge thank you & Roo's for Sharon Palm of CIGA. Without the help of this wonderful lady we would still be reading through forms and documents. Sharon was instrumental in getting the GALs their not for profit 501(c)(3) on the first try in very short order.

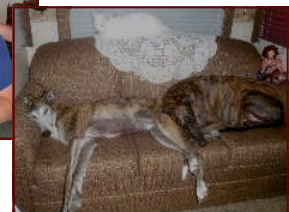
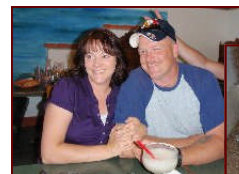


- Nancy & Floyd Duke
- Corey Mihalikis
- Linda Jensen
- Mr. Wm Kelley
- Mr. Anthony Napolitano Jr
- Mr. Joe Watson
- Mr. Steve Sarras
- Mrs. Leslie Lingle
- Gable Kennel, Wheeling
- Mr. Gary Guccione
- Lisa Lussier
- Mr. Marshal Ray
- Margaret Quagliano
- Jonna Skehan, GCNY
- Mary Mills, V-Naught
- Dennis & Lynn Jenks
- Elaine Pensentadler, GHG
- Mike & Staci Fedyshin

**THANK You**

To the many people who donated funds, time and effort on projects to help GALs get up and running!

**HELLO to the Swopes!** We miss you guys and hope you're enjoying yourselves.

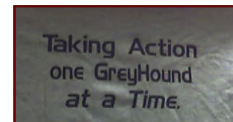


**Outdoor Kennel Fence**

available, approximately 10'L x 5'W x 8'T if you are interested, please contact Denise at email: greenpearls524@verizon.net



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Greyhound Action League (GAL) of Buffalo, Inc.** is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Western New York. The organization is fully staffed by volunteers and is funded by donations and sales.

As an adoption organization, we work with the racing industry on the national level, coordinating our efforts with other adoption groups to move ex-racers and other industry greyhounds into foster care until they are placed into appropriate, responsible and loving homes.

We are a Pro-Greyhound community, focused on the many positive attributes of ex-racing greyhounds as pets. We promote adoption through education, public appearances and community work.

We are dedicated to helping all retired greyhounds that come into our program. We are here to support adopting individuals and families and to serve as lifelong advocates for each greyhound that comes through the organization and transitions into pet life.

## **Massachusetts Voters Decide Against**

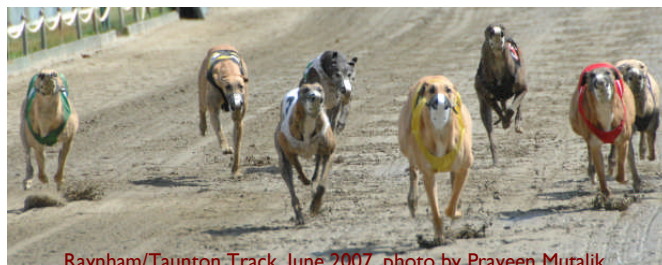
Massachusetts voters had the chance to allow or ban greyhound racing in their state. This was the second opportunity since 2000.

The argument was loss of jobs in tough economic times vs. protecting dogs from harm.

Emotional campaigns were run on both sides of the issue. Images of greyhounds with sad eyes and spotlight on track employees that would be put out of work.

The Committee to Protect Dogs argued that racing dogs are treated inhumanely; kept in cages for most of the day and often injured when they are forced to run for sport.

The Committee was formed by Grey2K USA,



Raynham-Taunton Track, June 2007, photo by Praveen Mutalik

HSUS and MSPCA. They spent and estimated \$500,000 on their campaign.

The MA Animal Interest Coalition was funded by Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park. They focused on the fact that the employees of the track had done nothing wrong but were following the regulations set forth by the State Racing Commission in 2000.

The Coalition argued that the ballot question would put the needs of the dogs before the needs of the peo-

ple. Approximately 1000 people at the two MA Tracks would be effected by this.

The ballot proposed to phase out racing by 2010 allowing workers to find alternative employment.

Many argued that closing the tracks would have an economic impact on the area.

The Coalition was supported by several Union forces which included electrical workers, carpenters, police and Teamsters.

