#### GREYHOUND ACTION LEAGUE



Helping Greyhounds one dog at a time ...

# The Buffalo GAL-Zette

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# Special points of interest:

- GALs & Forever Home Network with others to save seizure dog
- Volunteer stories from our greyhounds perspective
- GALs T-Shirts—order yours now
- GALs on Face book and YouTube

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Christmas Thieves

# Santa Delivers Festive Fundraiser!

On December 13th, Santa and his GAL helpers attracted a steady procession of dogs, cats and even a guinea pig or two to Stapley's Feed Center in Depew. It was Greyhound Action League's first Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser, and it proved to be a great success.

On that brisk Saturday afternoon, pets and their people could come in, visit with Santa and leave with their prints in a decorative card. In just four hours, GAL took in nearly \$500.00 that will directly aid dogs that will be or are already in the care of the organization.



Mark Caughel, GAL volunteer and photographer for the event, is a veteran of many similar fundraisers. "It's great to see so many other types of pets.", said Caughel. "You know your event is going to be successful when you are able to draw people that aren't already associated with your group."

That draw can be attributed to the aggressive marketing in the days and weeks prior to the event. Because of that campaign, the GAL was featured of Channel 2 News Davbreak, on radio and in the Buffalo News twice before and a picture page photo the day after the event. In addition to landing more customers, the extra media has the added benefit of drawing much needed attention to the breed, the organization and the cause.

"We had our first application for a new dog before noon.", said Laura Pike, the event organizer. "This is such a great location, and the people at



Stapley's could not have been nicer and more welcoming."

Laura went on to express her sincere appreciation for Stapley's owner Patty, Mark
Caughel and to Lee
Hopper, who bravely donned the Santa suit for the day.

An expanded, two day event is already being planned for this December, so be sure to check your calendars!

Stapley Feed Center is located at 6447 Transit Road in Depew. They are open 7 days a week. Phone: 716-684-4488

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#### **NETWORKING**



How many greyhound volunteers does it take to get a special boy home?

The call came in from Cheryl in Wheeling.
There was a dog in need in a kennel her son Wayne Eric worked in. He has a

sweet personality with a history of seizures. Knowing I had lost my boy Dev with the same issues she reached out to me asking for assistance. After thinking about it I emailed some neighbor Grey-Groups. Paula with Forever Home GH Adoptions responded. She also recently lost a seizure dog and was not personally able to help. Shortly after the first email, several more followed. Paula could not get this boy out of her mind. Then came the email, she found someone who had lost their male grev. she was a Vet-Tech and

willing to take on this spe-

cial boy. Now to move him safely from Wheeling to Albany. The Piquette's took him into foster care at their home since time ran out at the race kennel. Another email out and the responses poured in. Elaine from GHG hooked us up with her volunteer Judy. Mike & Staci of Grey Save & GALs also offered to help. Toni & John of GS and GALs drove a leg. "Burt" stayed the night in Buffalo. Jan of GALs drove Eastward and met the Jenks of CNY. Cindy from Kindred Spirits was next and then to Paula. Robin and Victor

with open arms & an open heart. Their approach is an realistic one, they know with seizures longevity may not be in the cards. But for today, he is happy and loved. "Dasher" as he is now called gets to go to work with his mom everyday. At home he gets to play in a big fenced yard. Even his dog sitter Vanessa enjoys his visits! So how many volunteers / groups does it take to get a special boy to his Home? The answer is it doesn't matter, he IS Forever Home!





# PET SUPPLIES "PLUS"

Your Pet's Favorite Store!

thought he was so hand-

some and welcomed him

# Pet Supplies Plus Amherst 3340 Sheridan Dr Amherst NY 14226

#### Come see us:

11:00am—1:00pm

Jan 3 Feb 7

Apr 4 May 2 Aug 1 Nov 7

Submitted by: Jan Lingle Greyhound Action League holds a meet & greet at Pet Supplies Plus on Sheridan Drive in Amherst, NY on the first Saturday of every other month from 11 am - 1 pm. I have been attending on a regular basis usually with two of my hounds since the group started there.

Even though Amherst is quite a ride for me, I enjoy this meet & greet. We are set up not far from the entranceway and cashier station of the store, so we get a lot of exposure. As it is a busy time of the day, quite a few customers take the time to stop, look, listen and pet the hounds.

The employees of Pet Supplies Plus are all very friendly and very accommodating to us. In addition, those of us who attend the meet & greet (and not just this particular one - all of them) mingle amongst ourselves - gabbing, sharing stories about our dogs and our lives and genuinely have a good time with each other.

Oh, I can't forget to mention that the hounds that attend all enjoy each other's company as well. This is the fun/social part of volunteering - being involved in a fun group such as GAL, all of us taking part in our common cause passion, the hounds, in an effort to help one dog at a time!

Roo's and Thanks to PSP Manager, Paula, we appreciate your support. Volume I, Issue I Page 3

#### **COUCH BOUND!**

#### ANOTHER SHAMU

has been in IA, FL, NH at five different tracks. She finally had the opportunity to move to WNY. Fostered by the **Mazur** Family and adopted as a 2nd grey by the **Jacksons**.

QUICK TURBO this beautiful but timid fellow was selected to come to Buffalo from lowa because he had a such a sweet face. He even won over the heart of his foster mom who is now his forever home and he is very contently retired as part of the **Lingle pack!** 

GABLE UNIQUE this gal has personality plus. Retired racer and brood mom from OK. Fostered by the Pikes and Bagne-Hopper they fell hard and fast in love and wanted to keep her reunited with her two happy boys.

RUTT ROH after racing at both tracks in lowa Roodie has chosen to be reunited with his fur-mom. Fostered by the Pikes and now part of the Roick Family together again they demonstrate the quiet bond of family.

GABLE PROTEUS a particular favorite of his trainer he raced in TX and WV. This handsome boy stole the heart of his future family while they were transporting him to

Buffalo. Fostered by the **Pikes** and destined by love at first site he was adopted by the **Fedyshin Family**.

HALLIE JO retired racer and brood mom from lowa her delightful personality made it impossible to let her go. Now part of the **Pike Family**.

PW'S BLITZEN this little doll raced briefly in lowa and opted to retire young. She was fostered and adopted by the Kendall-McCool Family.

#### **BLACKJACK BLUES**

this young lady played her cards right and charmed her foster mom and foster siblings into falling in love! She retired from racing at Ebro FL and is happy to be neighbors to four of her littermates! Fostered by **Duke, Skehan & Wunz** families she is now known as "Ms Chi-vee-us" and a permanent member of the **Wunz family!** 

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**



#### KNOX FAMILY

Congrats to them for their adoption of Settling Down. Long overdue, patience and outside support by those who feel the right dog for the right home should prevail above all else. Welcome all the Knox's to the GALs!

#### MARK & JEN

We are so happy for you both!

#### **CROSS FAMILY**

Its Official!!! Awesome.

#### PERRY FAMILY

Hugs to your newest pups

#### MECCA FAMILY

Best wishes for your newest addition to your family. We are so happy that Samson has adopted a brother named Hagar.



### RETIREES

Joes 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.

BW's Justadream, is a

3+ year old female that retired from breaking her leg in Dairyland. Now healed the racing injury has not slowed her a bit. Confident and self-assured and would make a great single pet or companion for a laidback male. Workable with cats.

Greers Folly is a 2 year young girl who is exceptionally sweet and still playful. She is very amiable with other dogs, good with cats but is too fascinated by a bird in a cage, so no birds.

Bonnie, is approx. 3 years of age. She is a greyhound-mix that was abandoned and became emaciated. She has come a long way and her story and personality would be very much appreciated by a true dog person. She would be best in a small pack, she can be a bit pushy. Requires a fenced yard to romp in with a patient owner to use a soft voice to avoid her cowering.

Clyde, approx. 5 years he was also abandoned and emaciated. This gentle soul is fine as a single or ok in a small pack. He is laidback and just wants/needs a safe place to call home.

Contact Laura for more info or ?'s at: 867-9822

#### **New Retirees:**

Cry Hutch & Gable Hemp

Retirees were available at time of publication.

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### **SAFETY TIPs**

"what to do if another dog Bites
Your Dog"



From Dr. Jon of PetPlace.Com



Hank & Mystic Torrelli

Dog bites are common. In fact, according to the Center for Disease Control, over 800,000 people are bitten by dogs every year in the U.S. It is nearly impossible to estimate how many dogs are bitten by other dogs each year \_ it could be millions.

Dog fights and bites are the most common reasons dogs present to veterinary emergency rooms around the country. I've seen many 'good dogs' bite other dogs. This does not make it easier for the owners to understand or accept when it does happen.

Just like not every person is going to like each other, neither do dogs. You may have the nicest dog in the world, and he may still bite another dog. Or another dog may bite him and he may bite back in self defense.

When bitten there are several concerns including the transmission of infectious diseases such as rabies, tissue damage and risk of infection.

The severity of injury can very from relatively mild to severe and life threatening. Dogs have died from bite wounds inflicted from another dog.

# What should you do if your dog is bitten?

- Be safe, remove yourself and your dog safely from the situation. Don't get bit yourself.
- If possible and available obtain the contact information of the owner of the dog.
- Note the approximate age, breed, weight and marking of the dog biting your dog.
- Take your dog to the veterinarian for evaluation. One problem with bite wounds is that what you see on the outside is not always what you see on the inside. Many times a dog will use their deep teeth to bite and tear deep tissue causing severe internal trauma. On the outside you may

- only see a small puncture. On the inside you may see severe life threatening injuries.
- Check if your dog and the dog that bit are current on rabies vaccine.

Bite wounds are by far one of the most common emergencies seen in veterinarian emergency rooms across the country. Some simple wounds may only require clipping of hair and cleaning of the wound. Others may require x-rays, to help determine underlying damage, general anesthesia, sutures, bandages, antibiotics, hospitalization with IV Fluids and pain medications.

Some dogs require thousands of dollars of medical care to survive. If you are worried about how an unexpected expense could affect your dog, consider pet insurance. We hope this never happens to your dog, but it is always good to be prepared.

# **Celebrating Greyhound Calendars**

Do you have the perfect shot of your greyhound? would you like the chance to show off that picture? Then submit it for consideration to Celebrating Greyhounds. The deadline is April 1st. For more information go to: <a href="http://www.recycledracers.org/News/calendar.html">http://www.recycledracers.org/News/calendar.html</a> These calendars featured adopted greyhounds from both the

US and Internationally. They are made available by the Greyhound Project to be sold by adoption groups with the proceeds benefitting Greyhound Adoption. GALs will be selling them again this year.



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# Running Free ....

**Cinnamon Meyers** 

**Bert Klimecko** 

(Pa's Lambert)

**Hunter Quagliano** 

(Ginger Bread Man)

**Fergus Feely** 

(Robidoux)

**Duke Fink** 

(N's Duke It Out)

**Chaz Wunz** 

(Brave Knight)



**Dreamer Anderson** (Gypsy's Dreamer)

**Blazer Rybolt** 

(Mr. Chevy Blazer)

"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 .... "

# I Rescued A Human Today

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the overworked shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything. I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

Written by Janine Allen CPDT, Rescue Me Dog's professional dog trainer.



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#### **EVENT REVIEWS**

**Dewey Beach Nail Clip**ping was quite a success. Organizers from the GH Project were nice enough to find a location easily accessible. We charged a small fee of \$5 for each dog and had many greyhounds and other breeds. Our efforts for 90 minutes netted \$270. Our sincere thanks to Cathy Dinardo. Dennis Jenks, Doug & Dianne Empringham. And also to all that came out to support our young organization. The outpouring of good tidings from Dewey Attendees that have known me over the years was just the cherry on top!

Santa Pictures was a fun afternoon getting to meet so many terrific pets, not just dogs, but cats and a pair of guinea pigs too. Patty and her staff at Stapleys were the ultimate hosts and so very gracious. Santa "Lee Hopper" was such a good sport and held up for the long challenge of hearing the gift requests of so many furry creatures and then posing with them so Professional Photographer Mark Caughel could capture the moment. I would like to thank all the GAL volunteers that came out to help with the event

and of course Stapleys, Lee and Mark. We look forward to Santa's appearance at Stapleys in 2009!

Tractor Supply in Hamburg hosted our "Wish Tree" - this was a tree filled with requests for different items such as biscuits, food, toys and dog beds. The response from their patrons was fantastic. Additionally they did Photos with Santa while we simultaneously held a meet and greet. TS, their managers and staff have been a terrific supporter for retired racers and the GAL organization.

GALs Holiday Gathering the first annual hosted by

Doug & Dianne. The snow was flying and hindered a couple of our volunteers traveling, but it was a nice turnout with good food and snacks and just a real nice evening for us all to take a moment out from the hectic holiday schedule and appreciate all that our greyhounds give us. Our Thanks to you both for opening your home.

Tractor Supply in Springville was the location for another December meet and greet. They had us there on the day the hosted Pet Photos with Santa so the store had much foot traffic by pet lovers. We appreciated the opportunity and will be scheduling additional Meet and Greets at their location this year.

Nickel City Cluster was hosted by the Buffalo Kennel Club is an annual event each January. GALs of Buffalo were fortunate to be the local Adoption Organization to represent NGA Greyhounds and the needs of the retired racers. Dorothy Shaw was exceptionally gracious and accommodating and Peggy Doster did another outstanding job with the "Meet The Breed" which we also participated in. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Buffalo Kennel Club for allowing **Greyhound Action League** of Buffalo Inc to be a part of this years popular and successful event. We did receive an application and a new volunteer from this event.

Galleria Mall The GALs hosted their first Meet and Greet at this location on Jan 10th and we were graced with 12 hounds and their humans. Our first outing has already netted good interest.

#### **UPCOMING**

Please refer to the GAL Calendar for the current events Some of the exciting things scheduled are: Winter-Wrap-Up on Sat 3/22, our Day-Trip to Wheeling on 4/19 and a Ghost Walk with Mason Winfield on Thu 5/14. Email izofa-woman@aol.com if you need a calendar, thanks!

#### **GAL T-Shirts**

Red Greyhound on light gray shirt w/black lettering

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Red Greyhound on black shirt w/white lettering.

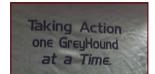
**Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, XLg, 2XL, 3XLg

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 3/2



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## Fundraising, etc...



#### 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: GrevhoundActionLeague-Buffalo (no hypen). 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.

#### Visit Gia's Gifts

A portion of the sales benefits our group. http://www.giasgifts.com/



#### **SAVE THIS DATE**

Saturday, JUNE 27th The Springville Travelers
are hosting a Dice Run
Fundraiser to benefit the
GALs. Motorcycle enthusiasts and animal lovers
helping retired racers.
Presale tickets are \$8 and
\$10 the day of the event.
A fun filled day including
photographs and Prizes
for the participants. For
more information please
contact Alli at 597-7529.



#### **NAIL TRIMMING!**

At Stapley Feed Center, 6447 Transit Rd, Depew. GALs will be offering nail trimming for pets. The cost is \$10 per pet and we ask that you provide proof of rabies for each animal requiring a trim. The times are from 11am-1pm on the following days:

Sat, Mar 7 Sat Jun 6 Sat Sep 5 Sat Dec 5

#### BON TON Community Day Booklets

The GALS are selling these coupon booklets for a cost of \$5 and there is an immediate savings of \$10 for the purchaser. Saturday February 28th is the customer appreciation shopping day at McKinley Mall when you can use the coupons. All proceeds go directly to the GALs. If you are interested in purchasing, or selling these booklets please contact Jan at 866-1543. We also are selling them in store on the following dates and can use a couple of volunteers to host the table.

> Fri Feb 13th 6-8pm Sat Feb 21st 4-6pm Thu Feb 26th 6-8pm Call if you can help!



#### **Grey-Glamour Days**

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's needs for minimal stress. Stair aides to prevent slipping or panic. Cost is \$12 / all proceeds to benefit the GALs. Call Jan now for your appointment @ 866-1543 Hours: 10am/4pm each day, please consider supporting this effort!

> Sun, Feb 22nd Sun, Jun 14th Sun, Oct 25th

## **Mother Knows Best**

Introducing:

GOBLACKLADY, a retired racer and Brood Mom to 19 puppies. She will be your columnist for "Mother Knows Best" which will be a regular column for answering some of the readers questions. 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@greyhoundactionl eague.org. Lady looks forward to assisting you. "Blessed be".

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# "what mom does in her spare time"



The All Knowing

Kahuna!

#### **Volunteers Stories**

Thought you might all want to know what my mom does in her spare time. She moves the track pets from Dubuque, IA and some from Dairyland, WI, and even Ebro and Sarasota, FL.

What a time consuming job and me and my sisters and brothers think she could be spending more time and attention on us Of course mom says we are some of the lucky ones and have to share with the others needing homes. But she is always on the phone or the computer talking about dogs we don't know when we're right here to love.

This year Dubuque had 145 pets needing homes. How crazy! Makes my mom so busy as she makes arrangements to send pets to MN, NY, OH & Canada. My mom seems to love them all and she doesn't even know any of them. She finds them a place to go then makes arrangements to get them transported.

She's very devoted but we're all going to boycott cause we need more attention. Could you help us make picket signs?

Then she did the craziest thing ever. She took one of the broken leg dogs into our home to foster and recover and he's just a puppy who broke his leg at 18 months. I forgot to tell you mom's group "CIGA" takes in broken leg dogs for surgery and rehab.

What a pain in the neck the puppy is for me and my sisters to deal with. We are 12, 11, and 9 and he's a nuisance. The worst part is mom seems to love the little twit and wants to keep him! Ughhhh!!!!

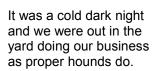
In addition to sharing her with all the dogs moving to groups we also have to put up with the brat. He seems to think she's his mamma too and is always hugging and kissing her. What a suck up he is.

I am thinking about packing my knap-sack and heading to Aunt Laura's house in NY. But wait I hear all those relatives are there. Think Aunt Laura would help a spoiled brindle boy make picket signs so mom would get rid of this pesky puppy and stop spending so much time moving greyhounds? Hmmmm.

Submitted by:

The All Knowing Kahuna

# **FOTO Dog the Bunny Hunter**



Suddenly there was a stir across the yard and my sisters attention was focused on a furry rabbit that happened into their path.

Well they worked in tandem together and started in pursuit of the prey. The girls were quick and agile and right on the rabbits trail or is that tail? hehe So of course me being the Bunny Hunter than I am, I decided to go over where the girls had originally started...you know in case backup was required.

The girls had this rabbit on the run for sure. He headed this way then that and they were trying to corner him but he just would not give up.

I waited patiently and a bit curious to see what the rabbit would decide next. Low and behold there he was! As father says timing is everything. Next thing I knew my mouth was wide open, "not yawning as my father claims" but I was on the ready just in case the rabbit came by. Sure enough I had him, he was mine! I caught him.

My sisters were surprised to say the least. My mom said I was a true Foto Dog Bunny Hunter. I may need my own TV series soon. Woof!



"Foto Dog ... The Bunny Hunter"

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#### Everybody's Page!

#### Communicating & New Media

In the far away, primitive days of greyhound adoption (the early '90s), the avenues for promotion seem quite limited when compared to the multitude of options today. Public appearances, speaking engagements and the rare TV spot were pretty much the only tools in the toolbox, and yet we prospered.

As technology continues to expand in ways we could not have imagined back then, it is clear that an organization's success hinges on its ability to master the new tools technology provides. Barack Obama's victory in the

recent election has been credited to his ability to harness the power of social networking and related technologies. While one might think that being able to reach more people faster would make our jobs as volunteers easier. it has significantly thinned the ranks of our prospective homes. Today, an interested person can view, select and arrange for a dog from another city, state or country, and without leaving his desk chair. Our greyhound related products, once a staple of fundraising, must now also compete on a global scale.

Our mission is simple, yet our task is complex. How do we find more homes for greyhounds? How do we reach people in a meaningful way? The answer, in part, is to keep on doing what we're doing. Nothing beats a face to face conversation, and definitely nothing beats seeing a greyhound up close for the first time. In addition, Greyhound Action League has developed a blueprint for the utilization of the so-called "New Media", and has begun to expand our presence on the Web. We invite you to explore the following sites, and stay tuned for further developments! Submitted by: Mark Caughel

Web Site

www.greyhoundactionleague.org

#### **FaceBook**

http://www.facebook.com/pages/ Greyhound-Action-League/40297633332#/pages/ Greyhound-Action-League/40297633332

#### **MySpace**

http://www.myspace.com/ greyhoundactionleague

#### **YouTube**

http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=YsR2I-nBKY8

#### Coming soon:

Itunes

Time Warner Cable

#### Roo's & Thank You's



Our continued appreciation to the folks at Georgetown for their help!

#### **THANK You**

GAL Volunteers to keeping things positive and moving forward.

Gods Greyts—Carol Becker for your very kind donation

**Greyhound Angel Net**work for your generous donation

Gable Kennel—Wheeling for your generous dona-

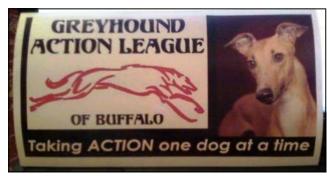
Special Thanks to Connie Faldzinski who networked on behalf of GALs and a greyhound named

Dream...she reached out to Cara of NorthCoast **Greyhounds** to assist us reaching a goal of \$500 towards Dreams surgery. Thank you Cara for your Christmas Boost... :)

Special thanks to all the members of CIGA for taking in Dream and having her surgery done. Dorothy you are truly an angel for being foster mom not only to Dream but for all the broken legged dogs you care for. Thank you **Sharon & Sheri of CIGA** and you know why.

Wayne & Cheryl Piquette Toni & John Torrelli Lynn & Dennis Jenks Cindy Siddon Margaret Quagliano Jonna Skehan, GCNY Judy O'data Elaine Pensenstadler Mike & Staci Fedyshin Paula Laporte

PhotoShow titled 'Greyhound Dog Wash' has been approved and will air on PhotoShowTV beginning February 8, 2009. To see your PhotoShow, tune to Time Warner Cable digital cable channel 1001. Your PhotoShow will appear in the Pets & Animals category. Be sure to invite your friends and family around Buffalo, NY to watch your PhotoShow!



BUMPER STICKERs are now available. A limited quantity is available, if you are interested in one or two please contact Laura at: izofawoman@aol.com or at 867-9822.

The eye catching design has already caught the attention of people around Buffalo and the surrounding areas.

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Phone: 716-867-9822 Lost Dog Pager: 800-219-5758 GAL ID Tags Available







Cosmo (above) and Murphy (below) of the Fedyshin Family wearing their Santa Hats!





#### **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.

#### **Christmas Thieves**

I had Christmas thieves in my house during the holidays, sneakily taking manger pieces out from under the tree and low hanging ornaments off the tree. First I began finding them, throughout the house and, occasionally, in one crate; so, ASSUMING the tenant of that crate, a foster dog, was the only thief, she was the one who was reprimanded. I have found a mangled cow, a wise man who's arm had been amputated and a sheep who still remains missing in action.

Well, my sweet innocent little girl, Marti, (who was the cause of my failing fostering 101, mind you because she is so sweet, polite & well behaved), was busted in the act today ...happily chewing away on a donkey....the only part left was the head! When she saw me coming, she booked into her crate!

Then Bo - my lovely boy who has endured 4 Christmas' now without so much as messing up the tree skirt, he was also busted in the act of chewing a cloth ornament yesterday. A red velvet & gold trim just hanging from his mouth. Had my batteries been charged for the camera, that would have been a classic photo...... he was not intimidated by me whatsoever, just looked at me with the adoring eves as if to say, "Merry Christmas Mom, I love you". The children were grounded. The tenant of

the previously mentioned crate is off the hook for having to assume all the blame and Baby Jesus has survived!!
This Christmas anyways!

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Oops! Amputated Wise Man