

A GREYHOUND PICNIC

It was a day of fun, food, games and prizes - all for the benefit of retired racing greyhounds. If you wanted to see greyhounds, this was the place to be since we counted over 190 greyhounds attending with their proud families.

Our 2nd Annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday, May 23, at Huntington Beach Central Park had something for everyone. An agility course demonstration by Training with Tambourine, a flyball demonstration by The Woof Gang and the frisbee dogs of Southern California K-9 Air Corp. provided entertainment throughout the day. There was the opportunity to shop for greyhound items such as books, jewelry, greyhound statues, t-shirts and dog beds. Several greyhounds were seen sporting new collars and leashes.

Dr. Wayne Kopit provided dental care information and handed out samples of doggie toothpaste. Pet psychic Lydia Hiby gave some greyhound owners a little more insight into the thoughts and past lives of their dogs. A stop at the Renaissance Faire booth gave everyone a chance to see what to expect at our Hounds of Nobility Renaissance Faire at the end of September. Of course there were food and beverages and a bake sale so you could enjoy a cookie or bagel or take a snack along home. Dogs got to enjoy Cool Paws, a refreshing doggie yogurt.

The foster booth was a favorite. Everyone got to say hi to many of the foster greyhounds attending that day. Little did some of the foster greyhounds know they would be meeting their eventual owners that day.

It was a day to meet old and new friends, show off your dog and admire everyone else's, and with so many greyhounds behaving so well together, it made you proud to own a greyhound.

There are so many people we would like to thank that helped make this

picnic such a great success. A special thank you to:

The canine groups that provided much of the entertainment throughout the day.

Alaskan Ice & Beverage Service of Costa Mesa for donating all of the ice used that day.

Nancy Madigan for the many hours she spent preparing for the picnic.

Marshall Shipley who donated his time to act as emcee for our picnic.

The many GPA volunteers that gave of their time to make this picnic possible.

The volunteers from the Edison Co.

Thank you to the following people or companies who so generously made donations:

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And thank you to anyone who's name we may have inadvertently missed for so generously giving to help ex-racing greyhounds.

FIRST CHAPTER MEETING

We invite everyone to our first Chapter Meeting on Sunday, July 27, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Isaac Walton Cabin, 13919 Penn, Whittier, CA. You will have the chance to find out what we've been up to, give us your ideas to help in greyhound rescue, ask questions, and find out the many ways, big or small, that you might be able to help. There will be information on our upcoming Renaissance Faire and refreshments will be served.

This will be a fun and informative get-together of people who love greyhounds and are willing to give a small part of themselves to help ex-racers find homes. Due to the nature of this meeting, we ask that you not bring your dogs.

So if you want to find out what how you can help, volunteer or just find out what we've been doing, please join us on July 27th. For more information, call (714) 962-0789.

Directions from the 605 Freeway:

(It is about 3.5 miles off the freeway.)

Exit on Whittier Blvd. and head EAST. You will cross Norwalk, Broadway, Hadley and Philadelphia. Turn left on PENN. Drive on Penn for about 1.6 miles through a residential area until you see Penn Park on the right. On the left will be chain link gates. Turn left through these gates, drive past the little guard hut and park by the ISAAC WALTON cabin, a greenish building.)

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LEAD DOG'S VIEW

by Sandy Roeder (a greyhound)

Saturday, June 7th, my family woke up early and drove to the Santa Barbara Dog Parade sponsored by BIG DOG and IAMS. I was curious to see a big park full of every kind of dog waiting to march and I was happy to be back together with eighteen other greys. The people with Scottish terriers in the group ahead of us had bagpipes and we got to enjoy their music once the parade got going. The police shepherd dogs were proudly wearing their badges.

Many of the workers there had t-shirts that said "Unless you're the lead dog the scenery never changes" so I was excited when my Papa got to carry the GPA banner and I got to walk out in front of our whole group. I really enjoyed being out there, working the crowd, bouncing along a new main street, taking in all the sights of a new town.

It was a good day for a parade, a little humid, but not too hot. We did not have too far to go and we stopped quite a bit. Along the street, block after block, people watched and smiled as the parade moved along. Sometimes we could greet and sniff the people waving at us and some even had a chance to pet us - one of our favorite things. Auntie Joyce, as usual, was there with her usual armful of babies. Of course, we are all used to this, but I could hear those sighs from the crowd about how mellow and well behaved the big dogs are with that tiny little lady and some folks took cards to get more adoption info later.

The best part of the parade though was when so many people read our banner, pointed and then started clapping to see us enjoying our retired lives.

For the post-parade interview, I'd have to thank all the people for coming to watch the dog parade, as well as the sponsors for making this day of fun and publicity possible (and for the yummy biscuits at the after parade block party). But from my view, those of us who did not always win at the track but found wonderful adoptive homes, truly understand what having a "leading" life is all about. Thanks to all GPA parents and helpers. We are always surrounded by the sweet music of your gentle voices and we wear our "so glad to be at home smiles" with pride.

ADOPTIONS

We're getting the word out that greyhounds make great pets. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the wonderful support we are given by individuals and businesses, we have found homes for 258 greyhounds and currently have 67 greyhounds waiting for homes. Listed below are the families and their dogs who came together since our last newsletter:

AudreyHepburn	Carol Zingg of Mission Viejo
Bonnie	Ron Stolte and Pat Lynch of San Pedro
Demi Moore	Steve and Kathleen Bishop of Rossmoor
Gary Cooper	Bruce and Judy Bellwood of Yorba Linda
Irene	Fay and John Huff of Tujunga
Julia Roberts	Joan Golden of Westlake Village
Mae West	Jackie and Tony Martinez of Norwalk
Marilyn Monroe	Roy and Colleen Rymas of Placentia
Opossum	Linda Knight of Long Beach
Quinn	Karen Charpie-Elton of Lakewood
Turbo Bob	Kathy DeLong of Long Beach
Updike	Nick, Paige and Tanner Dimas of Long Beach
Valient	Carol and Jim Orr of Coto de Caza
Vapor	Joyce Bauer of Fullerton
Vesper	Gina and Chris Kehr of San Luis Obispo
Viking	Nancy Madigan and Jerry Self of Whittier
Vixon	Carol Long of Stanton
Whisper	Linda and Jerry Kitzis of Moreno Valley
Whitney	Lisa and Jeff Michlin of Irvine
Windsor	Tom, Terry and Marissa Marinello of Carson
Wolf	Ray and Stacy Macaluso of Westminster
Woodstock	Jonathan Rosenthal of Santa Monica
Xanadu	Barbara and Carl Boyack of West Covina
Xena	Christa Schubert of Long Beach
Xplorer	Nancy and Allan Anderson of Glendale
XPO	Tom and Sharon Cummings of Irvine
Xpress	Carol Keller of Alta Loma
Xray	David and Charee Estes of San Clemente
Xpresso	Ron Martin of Sunland
Xtacy	Jane and Mark Pisano of Los Angeles
Xylon	Lori Jones of Culver City
Xyzzx (Honey)	Joyce and Arnold Glassman of Brea
Yahoo	Mike and Betsy Lawrence of Thousand Oaks
Yahtzee	Frank Brown and Cindy Hall-Brown of Laguna Niguel
Yang	Jay and Day Schneider of Rancho Santa Margarita
Yardley	Tim and Michele Johnson of Irvine
Yin	Jack, Judith and Heather Brody of Long Beach
Yoga	Shirley and Jack Murray of Westminster
Yuki	Linda and Robert Glenn of Seal Beach
Yukon	Perry and Janice Strength of Chino Hills
Zane	Craig and Kimm Streit of Diamond Bar
Zara	Harry and Janet Muller of Fullerton
Zeke	Sue Thomas of San Bernardino
Zenith	Ken Leitner of Anaheim
Zippy	Mary Lombard and Phil Bordeaux of Dana Point
Zoe	Kenneth and Karen Lynch of Cypress
Zola	Tom and Diana Jeffers of Northridge
Zoom	Paul and Paula McGuane of Ontario
Zulu	Bonnie Jean Werling of Orange
Zuni	Peter Vincent of Manhatten Beach

MAKE A FAST FRIEND. ADOPT AN EX-RACING GREYHOUND!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESSAGE

At its May meeting, the Board of Directors discussed various ways of ensuring that members are informed of GPA activities and receive accurate information regarding the activities of the Board, while at the same time ensuring that the Board accomplishes the business which it must attend to. To this end, the Board felt the current format of the Board meetings was not accomplishing these goals. A motion was passed "that in order to accomplish its business and to keep the membership informed of various activities, the Board establishes a quarterly Chapter Meeting open to the attendance of the general membership for the purpose of disseminating information and open discussion. Further the monthly Board Meeting will be open to board members only and persons asked to make presentations to the Board, for the purpose of conducting the Board's business. The Board further establishes that any person wishing to bring business before the Board should make their request to the Secretary of the Board."

It is the Board's sincere hope that all interested volunteers will be able to attend our first Chapter Meeting which will be held on July 13, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at 13919 Penn, Whittier, CA.

Carol Vinnacombe
Secretary

"FAST FRIENDS"

If you want to check on what is happening between newsletters, be sure to visit our web site. You can do some greyhound shopping, find out what events we have going on, learn about the history of the greyhound, review some of our past newsletter articles, and find out a little more about what our GPA Chapter has been up to. Visit our web site at our new address: <http://www.fastfriends.org>

HOUNDS OF NOBILITY RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Don't forget to mark your calendars to join us at our Hounds of Nobility Renaissance Faire on Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th, 1997. The County of Orange and PetCo will be sponsoring the faire which will be held at Irvine Park in Orange. All proceeds will benefit the California-Orange County and Greater Los Angeles Chapter of Greyhound Pets of America.

The Faire will include:

Food, drink and merriment.

The Court of Queen Elizabeth
featuring the 100 member
St. Elizabeth's Guild.

The Royal Hounds Arena
featuring ex-racing greyhounds.

The Equestrian Arena
with jousting and swordplay by
Medieval Times.

The Children's Court
with fun and education
for the wee ones.

Games
to test your skill and fortune.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The time is quickly approaching for our Hounds of Nobility Renaissance Faire on September 27 and 28, 1997. The Faire promises to be a lot of fun, but more importantly, it enables us to raise money to rescue ex-racing greyhounds. The greater success the Faire is, the more greyhounds we will be able to afford to take from the track. We need volunteers to help with the setup and breakdown of the Faire, work in the ticket, game and beverage booths, direct traffic, and help with security, just to name some of the ways you can help. Please give Karen a call at (562) 496-1873 or attend our Chapter Meeting on July 27th to find out how you can help!

WANT ADS

SEAMSTRESSES - Immediate Help Needed! If you are a seamstress and could help sew costumes, tent covers or banners for the Renaissance Faire, please contact Carol Vinnacombe at (562) 594-5734.

CARPENTERS - Summer Help Needed! If you could help with building stages, site breaks or booths for the Renaissance Faire during the upcoming summer months, please contact Bob Vinnacombe at (562) 594-5734.

MATERIALS NEEDED - Following is a list of materials needed for the Renaissance Faire. If you have access to these materials, or work for someone who does, and would be able to assist us with a donation or a discount, please contact Bob or Carol Vinnacombe at (562) 594-5734.

6 Large Plastic Storage Bins
with Flip-Close Lids
20 Spools of White Thread
10 Spools of Black Thread
35 Feet of 1/4" Elastic
28 Feet of 1" Elastic
10 Wooden Half-Barrels
Steel Fence Posts
Nylon Tie Wraps
Paper Beer Cups
Black Plastic Trash Bags
Plastic Dog Clean-Up Bags
First Aid Supplies
Rebar
Napkins
Rolls of Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

SPACE NEEDED - We need enclosed storage space for all the various items we use for the Renaissance Faire year to year and for the donated dog food for our foster dog program. Size about 15' x 15'. Economy is a must! Options sought: (1) A vacant garage that could be donated or rented for a small fee. (2) A storage unit at a storage facility that could be donated or rented for a small fee. (3) Vacant land that GPA could use to erect a portable storage shed. If you can help, please call Carol Vinnacombe at (562) 594-5734.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

by Karen Charpie-Elton

Picture a cozy home in a quiet Long Beach neighborhood, the front yard lined with swaying Cypress and shady oak trees. A blue jay perches on a branch and watches as you approach the front door. Inside, you are greeted by a happy, smiling family: Jack, Judith, their daughter Heather, greyhounds Brynna, Mungo, and current foster, plus the cocker spaniel Ragnell. Then you



From left to right: Bill McCloud, who adopted foster dog Kahlua, with Jack, Judith and Heather Brody.

notice the life-size mannequin sitting in the rocking chair, the larger than life-size flowers painted on the hallway walls, the dozens of paintings everywhere, and you realize that this is not your everyday, ordinary, Ozzy-and-Harriet-type family: you have now entered the Brody Zone. Jack is sweating over a hot stove, cooking up some bones for the dogs. Judith is either on the phone with her agent or in the studio working on a new painting. And Heather is probably slaving over the computer, electronically altering photographic images with the scanner and printer.

How and when did you all come to be lovers and aficionados of greyhounds?

Jack: Well, it goes back in the family. My father used to raise and race greyhounds in England before the war, in the 30's.

Heather: And they have been my favorite dog ever since I was a little girl. I've always wanted one but Mom said no because they would get fat in our house.

Jack: About 4 years ago I read this article in a magazine about a Texas group that rescued them, but I couldn't figure out how to get Judith to agree to a greyhound. Then the article got lost and we forgot about it for a while...

Heather: Until I saw one of those horrible documentaries on TV, then read an article in the Times, which of course gave no address or phone number, but luckily someone wrote a letter to the editor asking for information, so I sent away for an application.

What were your first impressions?

Judith: Well, I thought Phil was really cute...

Heather: The greyhounds were so much bigger than we realized. We watched you walk across the yard with these three huge animals and thought, "Oh my gosh! They're so big!"

Judith: Then one of them licked me--a big greyhound kiss--and that was it--I was in love. Jack and Heather drove to Lakeside with Ragnell to pick a beautiful greyhound and came back with the most pathetic creature: over 5 years old, a stump for a tail, badly scarred, missing a toe, underweight, and a bounce-back. How could we not love her?

Is that when you decided to become a foster home?

Judith: Not right away. We heard that a local chapter was starting up and needed foster homes. I was quite nervous and hesitant about getting involved...

Heather: I helped wash and dry the first four dogs--Chip, Daphne, Zeus, and Flicka--on Oct. 1, 1995. I think that was the turning point, seeing the dogs just off the track, and they were all so wonderful! We decided to foster at least once, and see how it went.

And how did it go?

Judith: Our first foster dog, Aaron, was such a happy experience that it encouraged us to continue fostering.

Our current foster, Yin, is number fourteen, and each one is always wonderful in its own unique way.

Jack: And I think we'll be keeping this one.

Judith: Like we adopted foster number two, Cagney. Jack renamed him Mungo after the Patron Saint of Glasgow, because he is "Mungo the Good".

What other fond memories do you have?

Heather: Ivan was one of our most affectionate fosters and unusually shy. One day when he was in the kitchen, someone dropped a pot, and he squeezed his large body through a little cat door. To this day, we've never figured out how he did it without injuring himself.

Judith: Monet was very gentle and puppyish...Penny Lane was very smart and self-possessed. We sang the Beatles song to her.

Heather: Robin was so tiny and so very, very shy. I had to crawl into a crate and lift her out. She yodelled when she was happy.

Will you stop fostering if you keep Yin?

Jack: Not at all, and she's been renamed "Linnet".

Judith: Jack does this every time. He always thinks they adore him, just because he cooks for them. The way to a greyhound's heart...

Greyhounds have obviously found their way into all your hearts.

Judith: Into our hearts and lives. We've made so many new friends. The McClouds, when they wanted to adopt Kahlua, came over several times and worked with us and her so the leave-taking wouldn't be too terrible a trauma for her. They've done exceptionally well with her and remained friends with us.

Heather: Ivan came back for a visit when his new family had to travel out of state and didn't want to kennel him. This was at the same time we had Monet and Mom both recuperating from surgery--we had two invalids and a very crowded home--it was delightful!

Judith: We like to have the adopting family meet and adopt the greyhound in our home, rather than someplace else. It helps us so much with the parting, as we become very attached to every dog in our care.

Any special greyhound plans for the future?

Judith: I started sketching Brynna during the first months after we got her

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GPA Greyhound Boutique



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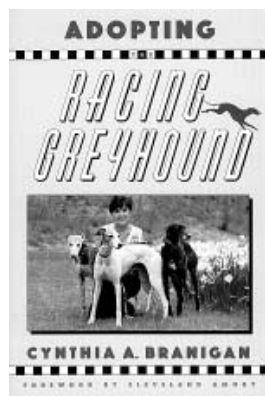
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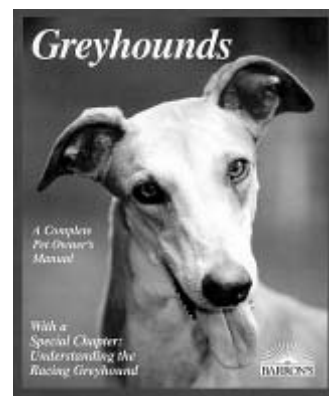
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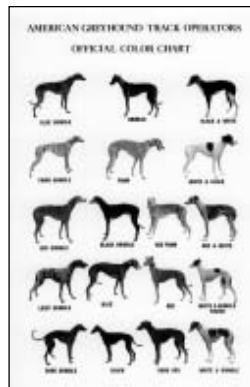
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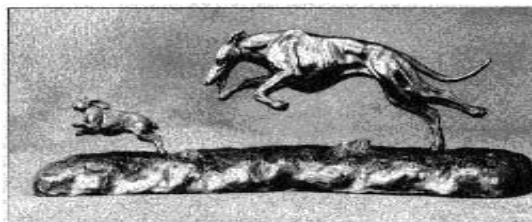
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--she's such a perfect model. After we adopted Mungo, the sketches and drawings became paintings--now I'm working on a book based on my greyhounds and the fosters, plus I've started a line of greyhound stationary. A portion of the proceeds goes to our local GPA chapter. The dogs have given so much to us, we want to give something back to them.

And so they fostered happily ever after...

Many thanks to the Brodys and all our other foster homes. Without them, we couldn't rescue and successfully place all these greyhounds.

There are currently 30-40 greyhounds on the farm waiting for foster homes to open up, and more at the track waiting for a space on the farm. Help one of these sweet dogs by becoming a foster home for a few weeks. If you want to help, please call Karen (562-496-1873) or Tom (714-962-0789).

SHIRLEY VAN SICKLE, REST IN PEACE

by Joyce McRorie

Shirley adopted Bonnie on January 3, 1996. Bonnie had just been returned to us because she would not stay in the yard of the family who adopted her first. Fence jumping, you see, was Bonnie's specialty and she didn't mind if you were standing right next to her when she did it. With this knowledge in hand, we began our search for the perfect home for this cat friendly, beautiful, petite, blue brindle girl with amber eyes.

Shortly after Bonnie's return, she got lucky. Shirley applied for a greyhound. She lived in a mobile home park, had all the qualities of a wonderful greyhound owner, AND did not have a yard. Bonnie, Shirley and the cats lived a wonderful life together until a few months ago, when Shirley was diagnosed with brain cancer. The prognosis was poor, and Shirley was preparing to

die. As she had done so many times in the past, Shirley thought of Bonnie first and decided that she had to give her up.

She called me and after a lengthy conversation, we decided to find a temporary place for Bonnie to stay until Shirley's surgery was complete. "Let's not make a final decision right now, Shirley. You never know what might happen," I said. I immediately called Pat Lynch and Ron Stolte and they volunteered to provide a home for Bonnie until Shirley recovered. These fine folks not only took care of Bonnie, but provided the information about her to Shirley on a daily basis. Shirley's friends said that those moments brought her the only cheer in her life. They indicated that Shirley's chief concern was for Bonnie's well being and she was visibly relieved to know that she had a wonderful home.

Shirley never recovered and never returned to her home. She died on May 10, 1997, knowing that Bonnie was safe and loved. Throughout this ordeal, Pat and Ron always told people that they were taking care of Bonnie for their dear friend Shirley. Not only did they accomplish this, but they provided for Shirley the comfort of their friendship and the knowledge that, even to the end, Shirley had taken care of her beloved Bonnie.

As you can see from the list of new placements, Bonnie has been adopted



Bonnie takes a moment to relax.

by Ron and Pat. She loves sharing their home with Willow Grey, Misty O'Day and Binkie Marie. She doesn't even think of jumping the fence - bet those handmade chicken dinners that Pat makes have something to do with it, don't you? Or could it be all the love and attention that these fine people shower on all of their dogs?

VET'S CHOICE TO THE RESCUE

by Bob Vinnacombe

Vet's Choice has been one of our greatest supporters for over a year. They regularly donate kibble, which enables us to rescue and care for more greyhounds.

We've recently started taking a few bags of kibble to the track each time we go. This food is used to feed the greyhounds who are waiting for a rescue group to pick them up. We've already had one instance in which the track held dogs for an extra week because we had been providing food.

Our efforts and the donations of Vet's Choice helped save those dogs until we could send volunteers to get them.

A special note of thanks goes to Miguel Garcia and Jose Flores for going out of their way last month. We were scheduled to make a trip to the track to pick up dogs and deliver our "care" package of kibble when my Suburban, which contained all of our extra kibble, was stolen. When Miguel heard that we had no food to take to the track, he and Jose pulled through and found a whole pallet for us. We not only supplied the track with enough to feed the dogs they were holding, we were able to provide our foster homes with food for their new arrivals.

It is through the support of companies like Vet's Choice and people like Jose and Miguel that greyhounds can be saved and brought to new homes. I know that many of us take our greyhounds and other pets to VCA veterinarians for care. The next time you visit your VCA veterinarian, let him or her know that we appreciate what they do for us. And let them meet your greyhound so they know what wonderful dogs they are helping.

As days go by, loving and happy memories replace the sadness.

In loving memory of Duchess, a gentle nine year old greyhound owned by the Cummings family.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

This summer, love your pet; don't leave him in the car.

Did you know that dogs cool down by "sweating" through their tongues -- otherwise known as panting.

Did you know that Loyola College in Maryland has a retired greyhound as a mascot? He is two year old Nicholas, a brindle male.



Heather with Mungo, Brynna and Penny Lane at the Renaissance Faire.

A POEM

author unknown

My furs are not in storage,
Nor lying on the bed.
They're standing by the back door,
Waiting to be fed.

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LIVE! FROM UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

by Nancy Madigan

The call from Karen came Thursday night, March 6th. "Hi," she said, "what are you doing Monday morning?" After a long hesitation (during which time I was trying to think of all the things she might ask me to do and the excuses I could make for each), I finally answered, "Nothing, why?" Little did I know that I had just put one foot in the fast lane of television and the other foot very near the twilight zone.

Jack Jones, a singer famous for "The Love Boat" theme, had adopted a greyhound a few years back and wanted to promote GPA and greyhound rescue during his March 10th appearance on The Home and Family Show. The show's producer had contacted Karen and asked her to bring three dogs and appear with Mr. Jones. Karen needed a human passenger so she could use the car pool lane on the drive to Universal Studios. She was taking her own greyhound girl, Steffi, the Vinnacombe's foster dog, Vesper, and needed one more. I decided that Chief, my first greyhound and the most mellow, would have the best manners on a television set, so I agreed to go after being assured that I would strictly be a behind-the-scenes-and-moral-support person.

Monday morning arrived and Karen picked us up before sunrise; we got to Universal an hour and a half before we needed to, and got directions to the Home Show set. I'm a terrible navigator, so poor Karen had to find her own way, plus I was so excited at seeing all the buildings, lakes, and sets that I honestly hadn't paid much attention to the directions that were given to us. We parked on the street below the yellow house where the show is filmed, unloaded the dogs, and made our way up the hill. On the way, we passed a huge spread of breakfast foods under a canopy. Someone asked if we wanted coffee, so we helped ourselves to coffee, plus muffins, donuts, fresh fruit, cereal, bagels and spreads, and even pop tarts (nowhere to toast them, though). We found out later that this was for the crew and we were supposed to eat the food in the "Green Room",

but, ignorance being bliss, we hung around with the crew, chatting and answering questions about the dogs.

After eating, we found a field to walk the dogs in. They all did their business in privacy and we relaxed, knowing we wouldn't have to worry about any embarrassing incidents on camera. That taken care of, we headed up the hill to the trailer marked GREEN ROOM. This is where we entered the twilight zone. A schedule on the wall listed all the guests for the two-hour live show, among them, the cockroach man!!! There was another huge table full of food, so we indulged again as we talked to a lady who was going to clip her standard poodle with Easter designs (what humiliation!), another lady who had written an anger-control book, and a third woman who claimed to have done just about everything in entertainment. A tall, thin man walked in carrying two suitcases. Karen asked him if he was the cockroach man, and he was!! The suitcases were full of dead roaches that he had dressed up to look like celebrities. We begged for a sneak preview and got to see Elvis and Marilyn Monroe. Elvis was a three inch long cockroach dressed in a white jumpsuit and blue suede shoes, playing a guitar. Karen and I looked at each other and wondered.....

Next a girl took Karen to makeup, and when she came back she looked great but was afraid to move her face for fear of the makeup cracking--they put it on a bit thick. Then we were taken to the outside set while Jack rehearsed and got the sound set the way he wanted it. The dogs were beginning to get bored and hot. We were doing our best to keep them out of the sun, but it was almost impossible. Finally, we moved inside for the opening number--you guessed it, the theme from The Love Boat! Karen was told to bring her "friend"--that was me! I was in a panic! I didn't get to go to makeup and I didn't want to be on TV! I wasn't ready for this! But...being a good sport, I tagged along. (I lie--I was thrilled!) Did I mention that this was a live show? YIKES!!!

No mistakes, please. They held up cards with the words to the song and we were on. Thank goodness the dogs had a bigger part than I had. I couldn't see the cue cards so I was just winging it. All I could think of was please keep the camera away from me. We made it

through the song, Jack Jones talked a little bit about the dogs and interviewed some of the other guests briefly, then it was outside for Jack's new hit song, a commercial, then Karen would be on.

Karen had told me that she hated to be on camera because she always smirked, and she was right. During the warm-up, I kept seeing this smirk on her face, but during her interview she left the smirk behind and did a wonderful job of explaining what our group does and how the process of adopting a dog works. The cameramen got some wonderful shots of the dogs and everyone on the set was impressed by how gentle and well-mannered they were.

We were told that if time allowed, Karen could come on at the end of the show with the foster dog and give the 800 number one last time. We were waiting in the green room, eating again, when the producer came by to say they were running behind. We had such a good time that we were reluctant to leave. What an experience.....

We reached my house in time to watch the show air at 1:00, and giggled like little kids when we saw ourselves. What a response we got from viewers! I had a call from my cousin in Colorado saying that he had seen my dog on television. Not me--my dog! Karen got calls from all over, and our GPA number got eight calls in the first half hour after our segment aired. It was a day I'll never forget, and I'm glad that Chief and I got to have the experience.

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June 29	SHOW & TELL - PetCo (Last Sun. of every month) 13942 Newport Ave., Tustin	10-2
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July 20	SHOW & TELL - PetSmart 2550 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill	12-3
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July 27	CHAPTER MEETING - See front page for location	1 p.m.
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RAISING JULIE'S PUPPIES

by Carol Simpson

It has been a year since Downtown Julie Brown was rescued from the L.A. pound, along with three other greyhounds. Julie was very pregnant and due any day. On May 13th, 1996, she delivered eight puppies by C-section, and what a beautiful group of children she had: three boys, five girls! Now I'm sure most of you have wondered what happened to them, so I'll try and do my best to catch you up on their activities.

Judith Pickle of Redondo Beach adopted Laceie, now renamed Indy. She jogs with Judith every day. Indy has not lost much weight, but Judith has. Indy shares her home with a cute little



Gizmo and Indy (Laceie)

dog named Gizmo. They play for long periods of time together. Judith says that Indy has energy to spare and likes to remove things from the coffee table with

her tail. Indy races from room to room looking for things to get in to. Her feelings still get hurt if she is scolded too loudly, so Judith is very gentle with her corrections. Judith has stated to me on several occasions how much Indy has changed her life and how much she adores her. Each day is new with adventure, according to Judith.

Susan and J. Barnes, along with their three beautiful girls Jordyn, Taylor, and Devin, live in Yorba Linda and adopted Rudy and Farra, whose names have remained the same. Rudy is totally motivated by food. He and the baby, Jordyn, are best friends. Rudy learned at an early age that staying by the high chair is the ideal place to be. He comes running when he hears the click of the high chair tray and waits patiently for Jordyn to drop him some treats. Maybe



Rudy, Jordyn, Taylor, Farra and Devin.

that's why he's around 90 pounds now. Farra is as graceful as the day she was born. Her favorite things to do are chew and fight for her spot on the sofa. She and Rudy give new meaning to the phrase "couch potato". I almost think of these two puppies as Beauty and the Beast. Farra likes to drink out of the pool and from time to time take a relaxing dip in the Jacuzzi; Rudy couldn't care less. Now if there was food around it would probably be a different story. Rudy has learned to open the French doors, to Susan's surprise. Upon returning from a trip to Big Bear, they couldn't find him and were panic-stricken. As they looked, they noticed the French doors ajar. To their surprise, in the family room was Rudy sleeping in his and Farra's favorite spot on the sofa like nothing ever happened. Watch out, Susan! Next you'll tell me that Rudy has learned to open the refrigerator!

Angela and Mickey Zolezio of Chino Hills adopted Cody and Raven. Once again we were able to place two siblings together. Cody has not changed in color--he remains pure white with no other markings. Raven is black and sleek. They share their home with two cats, Woody and Runt. I have had the privilege of visiting Angela's home on several occasions to witness the remodeling these pups have done: they



Raven and Cody



started out trying to redesign the kitchen cupboards and have now moved toward the bath. Raven tries to sneak upstairs when Angela's not looking, trying her hardest to steal an untended cat toy. Cody is a big momma's boy, always wanting to be on top of Angela. At times, when they quiet down (which is rare) you'll find all of them asleep on the sofa, including the cat. Angela has attended several GPA events with the two. They are very active, but know what time out means.

Johanna and Matt Dragner of Laguna Hills fell in love with and adopted Zoie. She now shares her home with Kellie, a shepherd mix, and PeeWee, the cat. Zoie was very headstrong as a puppy, and she still is. Zoie spends a lot of time with Johanna visiting outside coffee shops and on occasion the equestrian center for the disabled where Johanna volunteers on week-ends. I see Zoie frequently when Johanna stops by the house after Zoie's visits with the vet. Several times Zoie has been able to play with her other siblings, as well as see her mother Julie. Johanna says Zoie's like a streak of light running from the front to the back of



Zoie and Kellie

the yard with Kellie lagging behind doing her best to keep up. Some of the things Zoie has done are: jump into the Jacuzzi, dig holes, taste the corners of the sofa, as well as stick her nose into everything she can find. One thing for sure, it's never dull around the Dragner home. Zoie's cute and definitely knows it. She and Johanna have also attended several GPA events this past year.

Javae Ferrier of Garden Grove took on the biggest task of all: she adopted not only Brandy and Bandit, but Julie, their mother, as well. She couldn't decide on just one, and after seeing Bandit become so attached to Brandy, she

didn't have the heart to separate them. Julie has the eyes of an angel and managed to worm her way into Javae's heart the first day they met. So suddenly Javae went from no greyhounds to three in one day. Besides this trio, she also has a little poodle mix,



Javae with Bandit standing over sister Brandy (left) and Mama Julie (right).

Maggie, who is Julie's best companion and playmate. I have been to Javae's house many times. There once was a beautiful lush green yard with rows of flowers bordering the fence. The ferns were lush and green. Welcome to reality with two greyhound puppies! I made my way through the dust-laden floor, past the five foot high baby gates that hold the beasts at bay, and was greeted by two bouncing kids--Brandy and Bandit. Julie stood back and waited for her turn to be petted. I quickly found out never wear white to their house unless you're OK with a new fashion look. The backyard was a barren land of the forgotten. Not a blade of grass had survived the beasts. The flowers were gone, too afraid to come above ground for fear of being ripped to shreds. Even the cactus could not survive the wrath of the beasts. Three feet from the patio were the limp remains of what was once a stuffed toy. Oh my! It had been beheaded some-time during the day, its insides tossed about like snow. Brandy was surely born with wings. She can clear a safety fence four feet high with a foot to spare, so now the vegetable garden is on alert of her whereabouts. Maggie holds her own with them, but chases tirelessly as if she were a rabbit on the run. Julie, on the other hand, is always looking in several directions at one time, ready to scold and correct when necessary.

When night falls and lights are out, two tired puppies, one mother Julie, Maggie, and finally Javae (with very little room) snuggle down in a full bed for one more night of rest, waiting for another day to plan their attack on the next unsuspecting victim.

The difference between these greyhound puppies and our track hounds is that these will always know what it truly is to be just that: a puppy.