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Upcoming Events

G PA AT THE
BALL PARK
Angels vs. Orioles
Friday, September 17,
1999
Edison Field, Anaheim

G PA DOG
WASH AT THE
MCRORIE S
October 24, 1999
Call Wendy Thullen for
Appt.
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1210 North Cypress
Street
La Habra Heights, CA

TAKE A LOOK
AT THE
GREYHOUND
MERCHANDISE
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Until one has known
and loved a
greyhound,
a part of one's soul

G PA / CA-ORANGE COUNTY AND GREATER LOS ANGELES FEATURED ON ANIMAL RESCUE-

On June 19, 1999, Alex Paen from Animal Rescue, accompanied us as we picked up greyhounds from the Agua Caliente Track in Tijuana and processed them throughout the day. They filmed the departure at 4:30 a m as our volunteers pulled out of the driveway, on to the border crossing and to the track itself. While there, they interviewed Carlos Duran, the track manager and were given a tour of the track.

The episode covers everything we do on those days; i.e. shots, cat checking, bathing, and the eventual trip to the foster

home. Alex says that the finished product came out so well, that he is devoting his entire show to it alone.

"SPECIAL HOMES FOR SPECIAL DOGS"

LOVE FOR SALE,
CHEAP!



Dawson in one of his favorite positions just waiting to be scratched!

Dawson is a three and one half year old brindle male with the curliest damn tail you've ever seen this side of Farmer John, (he even won a award for his tail and has a ribbon to prove it)! Dawson could be the only four legged member of his new family but thrives with his other dog, cat, and horse

friends. He's made friends with Joey at the Fran Joswick Equestrian Center and Fat Albert the Petco cat. Dawson seems to have no boundaries on what or who he likes. Dawson even likes some people I don't particularly care for. You can't make this stuff up!

Like so many Greyhounds, Dawson has an old racing injury to his right rear foot, (probably broke a toe or two). If you want a 45 MPH Greyhound, Dawson won't do because he tops out at only 40 MPH. Seriously, he has a minor limp but doesn't let that keep him from limitless readiness for walks. He has been

CAVIAR ANYONE?

We are so pleased to announce a new sponsor of our foster program, Canine Caviar. This company, located right here in Orange County, manufactures an extremely high quality of dog food and they have agreed to sponsor two of our fosters by providing food for

them until their adoption. Currently we have Burgundy feasting on their lamb and rice recipe and Chardonnay enjoying their chicken and rice. In addition to providing the dogs with a quality dog food, the order is delivered directly to the home!

If anyone is interested in receiving information about Canine Caviar, please contact Jeff at Canine Caviar, (714) 630-7342, or Diane Dodson at (714) 289-2868. This whole scenario reminds me of a line from the movie Titanic remember when Jack said something to the effect, Just last

FALL SHOW & TELL SCHEDULE & SPECIAL EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SHOW AND TELLS OR OTHER EVENTS, CALL SHERRY AT (714) 847-7179.

Events subject to change - Please call to verify or check our calendar of events at www.fastfriends.org

SEPTEMBER 4

PetCo 10am-2pm 1425 Montebello Blvd, Montebello Contact: Howard Schlesinger

PetSmart 11am-3pm 205 West Imperial Hwy, Brea. Contact: Janet Miller (714) 672-0480

PetCo 10am-2pm 6020 Ball Road, Buena Park. Contact: Jerry Frazier (714) 894-9787

SEPTEMBER 5

PetSmart 11am-3pm 5307 Beach Blvd, Buena Park Contact: Jennifer DeGraffenreid

Needlenose Crew : Art Faire 10am-2pm 200 Block Del Mar, San Clemente (949)

552-1373 - Needlenose Crew : Summer s End Festival 12-10pm Saddleback Community Church, 1 Saddleback Parkway, Lake Forest (949)552-1373

SEPTEMBER 11

PetSmart 11am-3pm 11945 Central Ave, Chino Contact: Jim Jeffers (714) 792-3832

PetCo 10am-2pm 1815 Newport Blvd, Costa Mesa Contact: Kathy Mooney

PetCo 10am-2pm 1201 W. Whittier Blvd, La Habra Contact: Michael Scott

PetSmart 11am-4pm 573 McKinley, Corona Contact: Dolly Young (909) 658-7678

SEPTEMBER 12

PetSmart, 12-3pm, 9561 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove Contact: Herb Hintzke

Paws In The Park Show and Tell 12:30-3pm El Dorado Park, Long Beach. Contact: Leslie Carr (714) 847-2840

SEPTEMBER 17

GPA at the Ball Park! 7:05 pm: Angels vs. Orioles baseball game fundraiser. Tickets are \$16 per person (discounted from \$22). Send check by August 20 to Tara Tisopulos, 786 Via Espirito Santos, Claremont, CA 91711; (909) 624-5960. Tickets are limited, so hurry!

SEPTEMBER 18

PetCo 11am-3pm 2500 Imperial Hwy (at Kraemer), Brea (714) 255-8162

PetCo 10am-2pm 13420 Whittier Blvd, Whittier Contact: Nancy Madigan

Needlenose Crew : Animal Shelter Open House 10am-3pm 28095 Hillcrest, Mission Viejo (949) 552-1373

SEPTEMBER 19

PetSmart 11am-3pm 7631 Carson Street, Lakewood/Long Beach (Carson at the 605 Freeway). Contact: Jeff Brookhart

Pet Smart 1-4pm 25290 Madison Avenue, Murrieta. Contact: Dolly Young (909) 696-9847

Needlenose Crew : Petsmart 11am-3pm 26752 Portola Pkwy, Rothill Ranch (949)

454-9094 - Needlenose Crew : Chili Cook-Off 11am-3pm Laguna Art-A-Faire, Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach (949) 552-1373

SEPTEMBER 25

Pet Lover s Expo 10am-3pm Huntington Beach Central Park. Contact: Becky McKenzie.

Needlenose Crew : Haley s Health & Safety Fair 11am-3pm Plaza Antonio, Rancho Santa Marguareta (949)552-1373

SEPTEMBER 26

PetCo 1-4pm 537 Pacific Coast Hwy, Redondo Beach Contact: Dan Sullivan

OCTOBER 1

Needlenose Crew : Harvest Festival 6pm-9pm Culver & 5 Fwy, Irvine (949) 552-1373

OCTOBER 2

PetSmart 11am-3pm 205 West Imperial Hwy, Brea. Contact: Janet Miller (714) 672-0480

PetCo 10am-2pm 430 N. Euclid, Anaheim. Contact: Jerry Frazier (714)

894-9787

Needlenose Crew : Harvest Festival 10am-9pm Culver & 5 Fwy, Irvine (949) 552-1373

OCTOBER 3

PetSmart 11am-3pm 5307 Beach Blvd, Buena Park Contact: Jennifer DeGraffenreid

Needlenose Crew : Harvest Festival 10am-7pm Culver & 5 Fwy, Irvine (949) 552-1373

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643-2285

OCTOBER 31

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NOVEMBER 14



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- n 14 full months from Dec. 1999 to Jan. 2001
- n Each month has 6 photos of former racers
- n 99 full color photos show 145 Greyhounds from around the world

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\$50.01 to \$75.00 ..\$6.00					SHIPPING
Over \$75.00\$7.00					DONATION
Special Shipping:					
Any Jacket order ..\$4.00					

Thank You!

SILENT SYMPTOMS OF BABESIA AND EHRILICHIA

by Carol Osborne, GPA/AZ

This story is being told to help alert you to a few very silent or subtle symptoms of Babesia and Ehrlichia.

If your Greyhound is giving you signs, please have a tick panel done immediately. These two tick-borne diseases are very serious, and often life-threatening.

On January 7, 1998, we adopted Brooke, a beautiful blue and white female Greyhound. She was such a happy dog with her tail wagging almost unendingly. She had been tested for all tick diseases with negative results.

Being unfamiliar with her surroundings, she was quiet the first night with us. Her first three days, she continued to be quiet and unsure of herself, but on the fourth day, she was a real Greyhound in a secure environment and full of play for short spurts. We just thought she got bored playing by herself and with us.

Depression is a symptom and now we know we had mistakenly thought she was bored. The boredom did not last long and Brooke would be up and playing again. We thought that maybe after a while we would get another Greyhound as a companion dog for Brooke, and that would probably stop the boredom.

One problem Brooke did have when we got her, was an eye infection and a stopped up tear duct in her right eye. A little salve from the Vet fixed the infection but her right eye still leaks and that bothers us more than it does her.

I am telling you about the eye because from time to time both eyes would be bloodshot. A little salve and her eyes were clear. Bloodshot eyes are a symptom.

One other thing, thinking back on the signs Brooke was trying to give us, she would cough slightly and infrequently. We had a Whippet that coughed on and off for 15 years of her very healthy life. So

no real thought was given to Brooke when she coughed slightly. Coughing is a

symptom.

Brooke did not have a hard time swallowing or so we thought, but it did take her a long time to lap up very little water. Was this because of difficulty swallowing? Difficulty swallowing is a symptom.

We saw no signs of swallowing problems when she ate. Brooke had come to be a well-adjusted Greyhound. Then came Fall and time to prepare for the annual GPA Convention to be held in Council Bluffs, Iowa. We packed up the motor home and left Central Arizona in mid-September and headed off to Ohio and Indiana for a visit with relatives and friends before going to Iowa.

Our stay in Indiana and Ohio was very pleasant and Brooke had the time of her life with my sister's three greyhounds and 15 acres to run. The hounds had a great time running and playing together.

Brooke led the pack and never seemed to get quite enough, let alone too much. We left Indiana, stayed for two days in Thor, Iowa, and then on to Council Bluffs. Some of you may remember Brooke being at the conference.

After the conference we returned home and things were very normal for Brooke until January 1999. It seemed again that Brooke had suddenly become bored/depressed and occasionally she would have a drippy nose. Not much, but some. Nose dripping is a symptom.

She would play and race around the back yard and go on her daily walks but there were times when she seemed just simply bored/depressed. We planned a trip for January 12 to visit a sick friend in California. Brooke seemed her happy self and loved meeting our friend's Boston Terrier, but on the third day in California (January 15) something terrible happened.

It was time (6:00 a.m.) to take Brooke out for potty and walk. Brooke looked disoriented (or maybe she was in pain), but she could not or would not go down the motor home steps. So, I lifted her down and proceeded on a walk, but she was ever so slow and kept looking like she didn't know where she was. (Again, maybe I misread this and she was really in pain.)

Greyhounds seem to be so tolerant of pain and

discomfort, at least that has been our experience having had three greys before Brooke.

When we came back from the walk, I had to lift her into the motor home. About three hours later, she seemed to come around and wanted a drink and treats. So, of course she had them. Still, she wasn't acting right kind of quiet and subdued. We left the next afternoon and began our return trip home.

We arrived home early on Sunday and Brooke would not run or play as she usually does when we return from a trip. For the next few days she seemed to be her old self again, but we decided to make an appointment to see the Vet for blood panel, etc.

It was time we did that again since she had been with us for a year. I made the appointment for 1/28/99 but changed that to an earlier date because Brooke was beginning to be in a lot of pain and could not move her neck very well and could not shake her head like dogs do. Neck and back pain is a symptom for Ehrlichia more so than Babesia.

On Thursday, January 21, we had x-rays taken of her neck. At this point, Brooke had a hard time putting her head down to pick up toys or treats. Lucky that she normally feeds and drinks water from a food stand. The x-rays showed that two of her vertebrae lacked space between them and it appeared as though she may have had an old injury.

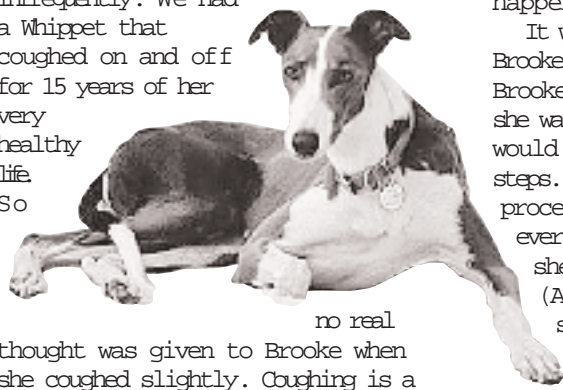
We knew of nothing she had done that would cause that. The Vet put her on Robaxin (an anti-inflammatory).

On Sunday, her pain was so very bad that I gave her an aspirin (I had given her an aspirin once or twice before this).

On Monday (1/25/99) she was in so much pain that she had held herself for more than 15 hours before she finally tried to urinate. She cried out in pain just trying to pee, because of the position and her left leg must have hurt terribly because she kept lifting it.

Maybe a pinched nerve? I called the Vet and asked that she prescribe a pain killer and she prescribed Hycodan which is a narcotic. I gave Brooke 1/2 tablet on Monday morning and never gave her another one. It allowed her to sleep most of

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the day. We still had no idea or inclination of a tick borne disease.

On Tuesday, a chiropractor friend of ours came by the house (about 10:30 a.m.) and treated Brooke with this activator instrument. She corrected about nine or ten different places up and down the vertebrae and in her neck. Especially in the neck area behind her left ear. By 5:00 p.m. Brooke went outside through the dog door and did her business, ate, drank and went back to her bean bag.

On Wednesday, the Chiropractor gave a second treatment but only in two or three places. Within a couple of hours, Brooke was up and about. Not fast or anything but at least up and seemed to have only minor pain if she moved certain ways. Her energy level, of course, was very low. We were really happy that Brooke seemed to be getting better and was not in so much pain.

We had kept the original 1/28/99 appointment with the Vet and had a complete blood and chemistry panel done. It is interesting to note here, that when blood was drawn, Brooke bled quite a bit. This was unusual

because when blood had been drawn for heart worm and T-4 tests prior to this date, she did not bleed at all. We did not, nor did the vet, say anything and the technician put a bandage on the entry point and off we went for our daily walk in the local park.

The next day, late Friday afternoon, the Vet called and was very concerned about the blood results and especially the platelets. Brooke's Pack Cell Volume (PCV) was a very low 21%. She was very anemic.

We discussed doing the Ehrlichia & Coombs Auto Immune Test and had those done too; both tests were negative. The Vet called in a prescription of Doxycycline and Prednisone, just to be on the safe side until a Babesia test could be run. The results would be back from the lab on Monday.

There have been recent Babesia cases in Southern California where we got Brooke, and only God knows where else she may have been. She is not tattooed, so she has never been on the track and we don't know her real age but are guessing that she is approximately three years old. By this time, Brooke had become

lethargic eyes wide open, pupils dilated and she seemed to sleep in this state. Lethargy is a symptom of Babesia.

On Wednesday, the Vet did another PCV Test to see if the meds may have brought the cell volume up. This latest test showed 51%, so it was good that she was put on Doxycycline. At least her cell volume had improved.

During this time, we never saw Brooke close her eyes. The Babesiosis Test was Positive. A titer of 1:80 which as we understand is the active point. We have heard that if the titer is around 1:40 or less, then treatment may not be necessary. We don't pretend to know any of the facts or reasons. We just knew it was time to do something for Brooke before we lost her.

She was getting weaker and weaker and the energy level was nil. By this time we had subscribed to the Tick-List (on the Internet) which is owned and operated by the same folks that have the Greyhound-L. We had been in constant contact with Lynda Adame (one of the owners of the lists) and she was extremely helpful. (Lynda had been Brooke's



Is this raspberry a comment on the next dog wash?

UPCOMING GPA BOARD ELECTION
GPA/CA-OC&GLA would like to announce the upcoming election of officers and Board of Directors for the year 2000. The deadline for placing a nomination for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director is November 15, 1999. The new board will be announced at the December 12, 1999 board meeting. Please contact Beth Glavosek at

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HELP NEEDED
A very important part of preparing the Greyhounds for adoption is getting them to local veterinarians for their medical care. Foster parents who work find it difficult and sometimes impossible to keep the scheduled appointments. We need volunteers who are available during the day to assist with transporting the dogs to and from these appointments. If you



Just Ask Ruthie

Through the many years that I have been THE QUEEN in the McRorie household, I have, through example, provided counsel and guidance to hundreds of greyhounds and their owners. This column, which will be featured in every forthcoming newsletter, is meant to expand my sphere of influence and perhaps help some of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting me. Send your questions to: Ruthie at GPA/CA-OC &GLA, 1210 North Cypress Street, LaHabra Heights, CA, 90631.

Dear Ruthie,

I am considering adopting a greyhound and have attended many Show and Tells. It seems that quite a few of the greyhounds there have scars. Do you know why?

Wondering in Ontario

Dear Wondering,

Greyhound skin is very, very thin and their hair coat gives very little protection. Injuries that wouldn't even make it half way through a German shepherd's hair, rip a big hole in a greyhound. Most of the scars you see come from the puppy farm. Training begins there by allowing the litter of puppies to play together in the same run. Many farmers don't begin muzzling the dogs until formal training begins around age one year. Others muzzle around three months. At any rate, the little tears made in puppies become large as the dog grows. Most greyhounds that you see with multiple nicks have received them this way. Racing dogs travel in dog haulers. They jump in, go for a ride, and jump out. Injuries occur here too. Quite a few scars on the side of dogs occur when they jump into top crates too soon and the handler isn't holding the door wide

open enough. In Oak's case, he tried to slide under a fence at the puppy farm when he was 5 months old, and got stuck. Silly boy. While at most tracks, greyhounds are unmuzzled while in the crate. When they are turned out, they are all muzzled. From my experience in Wisconsin and Arizona, the only injuries I observed happened during races and most of them were broken hocks.

Dear Ruthie

The other morning my wife and I were horrified to see our dog Tahoe come limping in on three feet, holding his front right foot up. He had only been outside for about 5 minutes. I checked his paw for blood and found none, I noticed; however, a very hard lump. I forced him to lay on his side so that I could get a better look. One of his toes was bent in and stiff as a board!! At first I thought it was broken, but he didn't seem to be in any extreme pain and there was no swelling. I carefully moved the stiff toe and he cried a little and then the toe seemed to loosen up. He got up and little by little he started applying weight on this foot. In a short while, he was walking normally. Do dogs get Charlie horses in their toes like humans get in their calves and is there anything we can do to prevent it because it was real scary!!

Michael Scott

Dear Michael

My guess is that Tahoe has a minor dislocation of the toe because it loosened up when you pulled it and he returned to his usual self rapidly. Really, it's a wonder that we greyhounds don't hurt our feet every time we use them. Have you ever taken a good look at those bony things?? Charlie horses are cramps and occur in the muscles rather than the joints. Many times they are caused by low levels of potassium or other minerals in the body. If you think this was a Charlie horse, and Tahoe has a recurrence, take him to a vet for a full blood work up. You may need to supplement his diet.

Dear Ruthie,

At my Show and Tell, a little girl asked me how many miles I've run. Do you have any idea? I was 3 1/2 when I came off the track.

Lady De Grafenreid

Dear Lady,

A lot of speculation will be going into

this answer since I don't know how often you raced and whether you were in the 5/16, 7/16 or 9/16 mile races. Considering that you probably were taken to your qualifying races when you were 18 months old, you probably raced two years. Most greyhounds, if they stay healthy, run every fourth day and the most common length of the race is 5/16 of a mile. I had to ask my house mate, Tom, to do the math on this one, and he came up with a total distance of approximately 30 miles. Since you trained for a time prior to going to the track, I'll bet you can add another 20-30 miles to that. By the way, since most races last about 30 seconds and you ran approximately 90 races, your whole career lasted 45 minutes!

Dear Ruthie,

I have an anxiety problem. Mom is home most of the time, but when she leaves for too long during the day, I seem to find her make-up or shoes or paper, just anything that she has touched. Am I doing this to get back at her because I don't look for trouble unless she is away when it is time for me to eat. I try not to chew things to destroy or make a mess. Mom and Dad just think it's messy and yell. Oh, how I hate yelling. I run and hide real quick with my precious soccer ball in my mouth.

Roxie Stephan

Dear Roxie

Although I know that Greyhounds are astoundingly smart, no dog is intellectually suited to "get even". No matter how human we greyhounds seem, we still revert to dog behavior when anxious and especially around meal time.. It's hard for our people to think of us as "dogs", isn't it?. Many of us have anxiety problems when left alone by people who are home almost all of the time. The solution is two fold. Your people must leave you alone for short times more often and extend those times when you have proven your trustworthiness. (Paper shredding is a very common thing with greyhounds since, at many tracks their crates are filled with white shredded paper. I'm sure you remember those boring days between races, burrowing down in that paper and ripping it up.) They also should leave you with things that are ok for you to chew, and put away the stuff that isn't. Simple don't you think? Perhaps your family will buy

ADOPTIONS

Here are more lucky greyhounds that found homes, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the wonderful support we are given by individuals and businesses. Listed below are the families

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 VesuviusLarry, Sue & Ali Boecker of Oak Park
 FilbertTom Thompson of West Hollywood
 TarragonLynda & Matt Adame of San Pedro
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 MesquiteChuck & Jennifer DeGraffenreid of La Palma
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 BordeauxCharles and Linda Gehrken of Calimesa
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 BurgundyDaniel & Bonnie O'Connell of Cypress
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 Greyhounds transported to Reno
 Stripes

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n You receive a tax-deduction for the full value of your car, a value typically much higher than trade-in value on a new vehicle.

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