

**The 45 M.P.H.**

# Couch Potato

**UPDATE**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **GPA DOG WASHES**

January 26 & April 27  
1210 North Cypress Street  
La Habra Heights, CA

### **BEHAVIOR WORKSHOP**

February 2  
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### **AMERICAN FAMILY PET EXPO**

April 4 - 6, 2003  
Orange County Fairgrounds

### **PICNIC IN THE PARK**

May 3, 2003

### **HOME & GARDEN SHOW**

August 2003  
Anaheim Convention Center  
(Please note: Do not bring your  
greyhound unless you are a scheduled  
worker.)

### **“...Still Sweet”**

For those of us who have been fortunate enough to know “Sweet” Gilley and have had the opportunity to watch her perform, life is still Sweet. This airborne greyt—a splendor to the eyes, a delight to the senses, and a wonder to the heart—is forever in the memories of thousands of greyhound lovers across this country, who have thrilled to her performances.

Sweet’s story is as amazing as her dazzling leaps. Kathleen Gilley—her pet human—has written from the heart, of Sweet and the love between them. In her words:

*Please pretend you have not read the following. If you mention it, I will bleed to death.*

*September, Friday the 13th, 2002, started out as a “normal” day. It was the fifth day of Gil’s fifth chemotherapy session. As usual, we loaded everyone in the motorhome and took off for the hospital in Gainesville, FL. Sweet, as usual was curled up in my captain’s chair, with me sitting on the outside three inches.*

*We arrived in the hospital parking lot a half-hour before Gil’s first injection. The program is to walk the Girls before he starts his session and then again before we drive home a couple of hours later. Sweet started to get out of my seat when she collapsed. Gil was outside with the others. I got her on her feet and helped her to the nearest bed. She didn’t have the coordination to lay down so I just held her until she went limp and lowered her gently. She picked her head up once to look at me. I heard what she said.*

*There was no choice about the chemotherapy and Gil’s injections must be*



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*precisely timed one hour apart. He left for his appointment. I laid down beside Sweet and encircled her with my body. I wrapped my arms around her and became her cocoon. I do not believe she was conscious much after that. Several times I thought she had stopped breathing. I talked to her for those hours while we waited. I got to tell her I loved her about a million times and then I reminisced.*

*She and I went back to the first day I saw her and moved through all the ways she had changed, even decided, the course of our lives. I recounted to her all the "firsts" she had accomplished. She was our first Greyhound. She was the first member of the Dancing Greyhound Drill Team; the only one of its kind in the whole world. She was the last of the original Dancing Greyhounds who debuted at the Greyhound Pets of America National Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1996. She was the first Greyhound to ever perform on 16 tracks even though she never broke her maiden. I had expected this to be her last year, but reminded her that if she had stayed another one, she would have racked up 200,000 plus miles in a motorhome. She was the first pet Greyhound invited to perform at the Greyhound Hall of Fame. She had done shows in 26 states and three Canadian provinces.*

*She is the only dog I have ever had who thought (or knew?) she owned me. She bossed, sassed, chided, yelled and ordered me about as if I were her pet human. On the other hand, she loved me deeply and never refused me anything I asked. She taught me everything I know, whether I wanted to know or not.*



*I knew she could not live forever. I knew that she lived fast and now she would go fast. As soon as Gil got his last injection, we drove to the nearest veterinarian and carried her limp body through the doors. I held her in my arms as we deepened her sleep to the forever stage. Now she is completely and eternally safe from illness or pain. Only those of us left behind.....*

*I often used to sign my correspondence, "Life IS Sweet." Now life will never be Sweet again.*

... editor's note

This was beyond difficult for Kathleen to do and we ask that you do as she requests—please do not respond directly to Kathleen. She knows well, how highly Sweet is thought of and how you have loved her performances. For Kathleen, that has always been enough. The full story of the Gilley girls can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/Petsburgh/8332/> and a video of their performance is available through our web site at <http://www.fastfriends.org>.

## **GPA FUNDRAISER DOG WASH**

**Sunday, January 26 - \$20 per Dog**

Appointments Begin at 9 am

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

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## **ANIMAL BEHAVIOR WORKSHOP**

This session is specifically designed to assist Fosters and Placement Reps when they are called upon to deal with greyhound related behavior questions. Bring your questions, answers and examples, (good & bad). WHERE: Joyce's house, WHEN: February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM. RSVP by calling Joyce at (562) 694-3519.

## True Story - The Dangers of Using a Flexi-Leash

I have just experienced a greyhound owner's worst nightmare. My new dog Onyx, got away from me while I was walking him at night. He took off like a bolt of lightning, faster than my eyes could even follow. Calling his name and chasing after him were both futile. What he was running from was still attached to his neck, and it was literally chasing him away from me. It was the Flexi-Leash. He had bumped it out of my hand and it hit the ground with a loud crash. He got startled by the noise and began to run. The further he ran, the more noise it made. He had no intention of calming down or listening to me. Anything I said, just added to the noise and commotion. He was scared out of his wits and so was I. He disappeared into the darkness at a rate of speed no one could possibly catch up with. I was completely devastated and could only hope that he would slow down from exhaustion or get caught on something before reaching a busy street. But, the sight of him running that fast left me with very little hope.

How foolish of me to think this would never happen just because it worked so well with my first greyhound. His stress level was not that high though, and nothing ever scared him. Looking back, that was still no reason to take such a risk. What if he chased a cat or got overly excited? What if he simply did not feel like coming back when I called? What if he got confused or turned around? Well, I found out the answer last Saturday night.

Sue was on her way over and I was talking (okay, sobbing) to Joyce on the phone when the call came in. Onyx was at emergency room. He had been hit by a car. I went right over and when I walked in, they had just finished "MOPPING UP the blood" on the floor. I got the impression they really hurried to get this done before I showed up. The pictures in my mind were already far worse than that floor could possibly have been, but I appreciated the effort and just hoped for a better outcome than I imagined.

The Animal Control lady who picked him up said that his paws were bleeding a lot, but she couldn't say much more than that. They were still working on him, so I asked her for more details while I waited. She told me that a security guard at Target called her, saying Onyx had been hit and then ran underneath a parked van. His leash got caught under the tire and then tangled up until he was unable to move. They had to jack up the van and cut the leash to get him out. What did I say about a busy street? Even the parking lots at Target are busy. But the street in front? Well, I could not imagine a worse place for a dog to be hit.



Someone was definitely on our side this time. It turned out that the only injuries were to the pads of his feet. They were badly scraped from running on the pavement. When he first got loose, he ran with such strength, I could hear how hard his feet pounded the ground. So this type of injury was not surprising. What did surprise me was that he had NO other injuries! They kept him overnight, did blood tests, x-rays, etc., and did not find anything else wrong. What a lucky guy!!

Later on that week, I spoke with the security guard at Target. It turns out he did not actually see him get hit by a car, but assumed from his bleeding paws, that he had been hit. Another stroke of luck that I count my lucky stars for.

Flexi-Leashes are not safe for greyhounds, regardless of what type of personality they have. The simple fact that you can not maintain a good enough grip 100 percent of the time, along with the noise they make after you drop them, is enough to tell you the danger involved in using one. For anyone who currently has one, please do your dog and yourself a big favor. Throw it out or give it away. Use a regular leash, put your hand through the loop, wrap it around your wrist and keep it that way. It's the only way you can be sure your dog will be safe and happy.

A big thanks to Joyce and Sue and anyone else I spoke with that night. I should mention that not having my name and number on his collar certainly did not help matters and could have saved you all some time. I knew better than that. I am grateful for everything you did for me and my beautiful boy. He's not exactly thrilled with his situation right now, but he has no idea how truly lucky he is to even be here today. One more week in boxing gloves and he should be good as new. :-)

Anne Thometz

## Newsletter Opportunity Drawing

Our first Newsletter Opportunity drawing was quite successful, with many chances purchased. We met our minimum of \$150, and the drawing was held November 16, 2002. The lucky winner was Hattie Gable of Palos Verde. When I contacted Hattie to congratulate her on her win, she didn't remember entering the drawing, and insisted she hadn't participated. After a few more minutes of memory jogging, and a look at her check register, she agreed she had entered the drawing. She was delighted with the statue and displays it proudly in her dining room. Remember, it only takes \$1 to win a beautiful prize like this newsletter's Marble Dust.



## Couch Potato Update Opportunity Drawing - Marble Dust Statue Closing Date: January 27, 2003

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Opportunities: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$1.00 per opportunity = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount enclosed)

Our second Opportunity Drawing will feature the Marble Dust statue. This elegant piece is made of durable marble dust with a resin composite. It measures approx. 6" high x 11" long. It was crafted by artisans in Italy. A unique work of art for Greyhound lovers. This item can be viewed on our website [www.fastfriends.org](http://www.fastfriends.org) (click on shopping). Drawing minimum for this piece is \$130. Drawing will close on January 27, 2003.

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**Please check one of the following.** If entry is received after close of drawing, or if the drawing minimum is not met:

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### For the Human

Item No.	Item Name	Price	Description
Book01	Down Under Jones	\$12.00	Story about a first year English teacher who adopts a huge brindle male greyhound named Down Under Jones and decides to race him. The book covers a series of adventures from Montana to Florida. This book is autographed by the author.
Book02	Moose, Bruce and the Goose	\$8.00	Story of a young track star, a lost greyhound and a goose. They form a partnership and become famous all over Montana. This book is autographed by the author.
Book03	Greyt Recipes	\$10.00	Features illustrations by Kim Parkhurst, recipes from Greyhound Adoption groups all over our country, and includes everything from doggie first aid tips to gourmet main dishes.
Book04	Adopting the Racing Greyhound	\$13.00	By Cynthia Branigan. Packed full of practical and interesting information on the retired racing greyhound. This book is a must for every greyhound owner, and will help prospective greyhound owners make the right decision.
Book06	Greyhounds: A Complete Pet Owner's Manual	\$7.00	By Carolyn Coile. A new addition to the retired racer library. It gives a comprehensive survey of adoption, purchase, care, nutrition, behavior, and training and includes a number of great pictures.
Book07	Bryнна & Mungo's Dream Book	\$25.00	Judith Brody uses an artist's eye and a poet's soul to remind us that we are stewards of the love given so freely by the dogs who bond so ferociously to their human companions. True love comes accompanied by a cold nose.
Cloth01	GPA Nouveau Logo T-Shirt	\$15.00	A limited run of our "nouveau" logo exclusive to GPA/CA GLA&OC. The back of this t-shirt has our 800 number and website in red lettering at the nape of the neck. Limited quantities available in sizes adult medium to XL.
Cloth02	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic T-Shirt	\$3.00	Was \$12. A 100% combed cotton commemorative t-shirt from our 2002 Annual Picnic in the Park. Limited quantities in sizes adult medium to XL.
Cloth03	GPA Traditional Logo T-Shirt	\$13.00	Traditional GPA logo t-shirt in 50/50 blend. Available in Ash with black logo, navy, forest green, purple, and royal blue with white logo, and white with navy blue logo. Sizes adult medium to XXL.
Cloth04	GPA Traditional Logo Sweatshirt	\$27.00	Traditional GPA logo in 50/50 blend. Long sleeved, black logo on ash only.
N/A	GPA Logo Pin	\$20.00	Commissioned by North Coast Greyhound Support. GPA logo in sterling silver with black enamel.
N/A	License Plate Frame	\$5.00	A "must have" for every greyhound owner. White plastic frame with black lettering encourages others to "Make a fast friend. Adopt an ex-racing greyhound".
N/A	Fast Friend Bumper Sticker	\$2.00	"Make a fast friend. Adopt an ex-racing greyhound" sticker available in white or yellow, both with black lettering. Please indicate color.
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G/G TOTE	Black tote bag	\$36.00	Always too much to carry but not enough room. This tote bag is 20" W X 16" L. It has a full zipper on top to be sure to keep everything inside and a bonus zippered 7" pocket inside. Long straps that you can shoulder.
Art05	2003 Desk Calendar	\$15.00	For the first time. A greyhound desk calendar!

**See reverse side for additional items and order form.**

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**For the Hound**

Item No.	Item Name	Price	Description
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N/A	Premier Leash	\$7.00	Leash is 6' long by 1" wide. Same colors as collars above.
N/A	Grooming Mitt	\$6.00	Your greyhound will love the feel of this glove, and you'll love the way it makes him look. Sturdy and inexpensive, your Greyhound will love it.
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N/A	Guardian Angel Collar Tag	\$5.00	Depicts a dog with angel wings. Sentiment on back of tag reads "Guardian Angel watch over me, guide me home safely, and keep me from harm's way". Beautiful addition to your greyhound's jewelry collection.

**For the Home**

Item No.	Item Name	Price	Description
Art01	Renaissance Picnic	\$30.00	A companion piece to The Hounds of Royalty, painted by artist Jesse Holt. It recalls the special place accorded greyhounds in the Renaissance era. The full-color lithograph of this work is 18 inches by 22 3/4 inches.
Art02	Call to the Pack	\$25.00	A print to remember September 11, 2001, your favorite breed roos for peace and unity. This print frames beautifully and can be matted in a standard 8X10 mat to display or hide the date.
Art04	2003 Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar	\$12.00	A yearly tradition for greyhound lovers. This calendar features 14 full months from December 2002 to January 2004. Each month will feature photos of former racing Greyhounds from around the world. Adoption contact listings for more than 250 referral, support, and adoption groups around the world.

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## ADOPTIONS

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Fancy Shmancy	Janet & Gary Bradley of Riverside
Charlie Brown	Chuck, Lena & Cody Becker of Alta Loma
U-Turn (Spider)	Ralph & Terri Tanner of Anaheim
Anna	Perry Strength of Chino Hills
Honeybee	David & Rachael Ibarra of Chino Hills
Bumble Bee	Sylvia Putman of Redlands
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Revolution	Martin & Sally Brown of Palm Desert
Butter Cup	Todd & Kira Santora of La Mirada
Blossom	Eric & Wendy Noyes of Irvine
Tinsel	Kathy Weddle of Winchester
Candy Cane	Alonzo & Viki Pedrin of Orange
Joy	Dan Wilkenson & Michael Zimmerman of Long Beach
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Ebenizer	Shannon Brookhart, John & Cathy Woodward of Anaheim
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Kris Kringle	Arlene Klink & Steve Silverman of Irvine
St. Nick	Robert & Margo Bouer of Laguna Woods

The following greyhounds were transported for placement by other groups:

**GPA/CA-Greyhound Adoption California:** Albus Dumbledore, Aveda, Petunia Dursley, Sirius Black, Seadra, Prell, Viper, Mitsubishi, Oatmeal, Goldeen, Wella, Ditto, Corona, Aussie, Breck, Tigi, Richmond, Amana, Jenn-Air, Tappan, Delta, Bali, Luxor, Silver Legacy, Jynx, Gingerbread, Peter, Paul and Mary.

**Nevada Greyhounds Unlimited:** Seel, Hoover and Sebastian

## VIDEO AVAILABLE

The GPA video that depicts the trail your greyhound traveled from the track to your couch is still available. It is professionally produced and suitable for local television. Take the trip your greyhound took on his way to you and enjoy it from the comfort of your home. Watch your greyhound's reaction to some of the scenes. This video will be available at the dog washes, bus trip and Christmas party in addition to other events. The cost is \$20 plus \$3 shipping if not obtained at an event. Call Lisa Boepple at (714) 693-9205

## BEST GPA CHRISTMAS PARTY EVER

This year, the Christmas Party was moved to THE PARK in LaHabra Heights. Many thanks to our volunteers, and their indentured servants, for all they did to make this party the success it was. Thanks also, to those who attended, brought delicious food, and left piles of money in their wake. We had a great time, didn't we?



Santa Paws and his trusty "Elfhound" helper, showed up again and gave Christmas Kazoos to all. Our rendition of "Jingle Bells, with a solo by Jodi McMillen, was.....remarkable. (We served beer and wine this time; perhaps that helped.)

Special thanks go to Phyllis Kujolic for taking reservations, organizing the pot luck items, and making the best entrees' we have ever had. Phyllis was a caterer at one time, and it was easy to tell from the wonderful food she provided.

The best part of the party was when Marcia McNamar was presented with an early Christmas present from Megan, her daughter and Dana, her husband.. Sigma, her favorite foster, was made a permanent member of the McNamar family that night. There wasn't a dry eye in the place.

Our new location at THE PARK, is perfect for most of our gatherings and will be the venue for our PICNIC IN "THE PARK" on May 3, 2003.

See you there!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR INFORMATION ON SHOW AND TELLS OR OTHER EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT [WWW.FASTFRIENDS.ORG](http://WWW.FASTFRIENDS.ORG) AND CALL THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED FOR THE EVENT.

EVENTS HAVE BECOME TOO DYNAMIC TO BE KEPT UP-TO-DATE HERE. EVENTS HAVE CHANGED EVEN BEFORE WE CAN GET THE NEWSLETTER PRINTED.

## YOSHI'S OLYMPIC ADVENTURE

Yoshi and I have been partners for almost two years now, but we celebrated our one-year mark in a most unusual way; we attended the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. This was a milestone for me, as I find airplane travel difficult and large crowds rather daunting. As for Yoshi: just how many greyhounds do you know who get to fly in the passenger cabin of a commercial airliner, then go to the men's figure-skating finals at the Olympic Games? I don't know of any others! Fortunately, I was chosen to accompany Yoshi!

This trip marked a lot of firsts for me: first airline flight in over a decade; first winter visit to Salt Lake City; first ever experience in snow; first time to attend a Winter Olympics event. Since it was the Olympic Games, there were huge crowds everywhere we went. Yoshi put her 'blindners' on and expertly wove in and out among all the people, with me right next to her.

My biggest challenges at the Ontario and Salt Lake airports were to get through the crowds onto the plane and then make it through the flight. Yoshi not only had to help me, but she also had to navigate the crowds, deal with very loud airplane noise, and walk on probably more slippery flooring than ever in her life before. Once in the plane's bulkhead section, she curled up into a real tight ball, half under my seat and half in front of me. Nothing seemed to phase this wonderful girl as she fell fast asleep for the entire flight, while I ended up leaning down and stroking her the whole way!

Yoshi was quite fashionable (and warm) for her trip to Utah. Beside her service-dog cape, she came prepared with two 'custom-made' greyhound jackets, booties, a snood, and a thick travel roll-up blanket! Lisa Boepple made her a lovely solid-red jacket, and Joyce McHugh made her a slightly larger jacket (red background with black XMAS-tree print) which fit right over the solid-red one for extra warmth in below-freezing temperatures. Joyce also made her a matching snood and booties! The jackets and snood were big hits, but unfortunately, Yoshi put her foot down and absolutely refused to wear the booties. I was subsequently concerned about both the cold and the salt, so I made sure to wash the bottoms of her feet each night when we got back to my aunt's house.

Valentine's Day - February 14th - was the day that I had anticipated for almost two months-the Men's Figure-Skating Finals! It was actually an evening event - scheduled for prime-time television. I can't even describe what it felt like to be a witness to this piece of history. It was such a thrill to watch the Russian's Alexei Yagudin and Evgeni Plushenko battle it out for the gold and silver respectively. Then to see Timothy Goebel come from behind to land a surprise bronze for the United States...the grace, beauty and athleticism of figure-skating is unparalleled. I did find something out about Yoshi that I didn't know; she is not a figure-skating aficionado! She slept through the entire four-hour competition as well as the awards ceremony!!!

It turned out that we had an easier time with our arrival at the Delta Center than with our departure - for the simple reason that the 16,000-plus crowd trickled into the venue over a two-hour period leading up to the event. However, all 16,000 of us spilled out at exactly the same time when the performance was over! Thankfully, Yoshi put her 'blindners' on again and skillfully wove both of us in and out of the crowd. It was a rather long trek (in below-freezing late-night temperatures) from the venue back to the bus and van pickups. Absolutely nothing distracted Yoshi. She kept me on track and got us safely back to my aunt's house; exhausted, freezing-cold, but very, very happy!

...editor's note

Yoshi is a State licensed assistance/service dog and is Robin's constant companion. Yoshi is also a trained therapy dog and regularly visits the ill to brighten their days. When Yoshi retired from racing, she went straight to her next career.



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