

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

# Couch Potato

**UPDATE**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GPA DOG WASHES

July 27, Oct 26

1210 North Cypress Street  
La Habra Heights, CA

### HOME & GARDEN SHOW

August 16 - 24, 2003

Anaheim Convention Center

*(Please note: Do not bring your  
greyhound unless you are a scheduled  
worker.)*

### GPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

September 12 - 14, 2003

Birmingham, AL - Check  
[www.greyhoundpets.org](http://www.greyhoundpets.org)

### BUS TRIP TO CALIENTE PET KENNEL

October 11, 2003

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 13, 2003

## A Home for us

Covered with thousands of fleas, filthy and smelling to high heaven, these two little females ran into a yard in San Pedro which just happened to belong to a dog loving family. They called us, and even delivered them to our door. Neither had been sterilized and it is obvious that the older, Amy, was used for breeding.



Amy is seven years old and tattooed. Anne, on the other hand, is not tattooed and the vet thinks she is under two years old. (We like to think they are mother and daughter.) These two brindle females are perfect. They use the dog door, have never had an accident in the house, do stairs and are as lovable as any two greyhounds can be. To add to all of this, they are both cat and small animal friendly. We want to place them together....they cuddle with each other over night....and seem to really enjoy each others company.

I am a shy, sweet girl with a playful spirit. Racing was the name of my game but now I'm ready to settle down and join those retired racers and discover the true meaning of a couch potato!!

Emma's big brown eyes will melt your heart and my soft kisses will make you smile. Because I was such a good runner, I have very defined muscles and quite a sleek body for a 5 ½ year old Greyhound. I am a very pretty fawn with what I call beauty marks. Some people call them scars but I was such an avid racer that along the way I accumulated these beauty marks throughout my racing career.

Don't let my shy nature fool you. I am so excited about becoming a new family member in someone's home that in no time at all, you will know that belly rubs and hugs are two of my most favorite past times.

One word of caution, Kitties beware, I can still run fast, stay away if you care!!!



If you are interested in these, contact Joyce McRorie at (562) 694-3519.



## **BUS TRIP TO CALIENTE PET KENNEL**

DATE: Saturday, October 11, 2002      COST \$65.00 PER PERSON

### **TRIP INCLUDES:**

Snacks on the bus - a visit to the pet kennel - admission to the race track  
lunch in the Turf Club - visit breeding zoo

You can watch the races or stay and play with the dogs in the pet kennel

### *TWO PICK-UP LOCATIONS:*

Metrolink Station - Imperial Highway and 605 Fwy., Norwalk Meet 8:00 a.m. — bus departs at 8:30  
Orange County - Metrolink Station - Santa Ana Fwy (5) and Barranca Meet 9:00 a.m. bus departs at 9:30  
you will be returned to your pickup location between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**RESERVE EARLY SPACE IS LIMITED**

Send check by September 1, 2003 to: Sue Blair, c/o Sultzer & Blair, Inc.

5400 Orange Ave., #213, Cypress, CA 90630

Call Sue at (714) 229-4980 for questions or information.

## Caliente 2002 by Nancy Young

The 2002 GPA bus trip to the Aqua Caliente Greyhound Race Track in Tijuana, on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, was a big day for me—my first visit to any greyhound track! Ever since my husband and I adopted our first greyhound, we wanted to see where our boys, Bigg and Gus, came from and get an idea of what their lives had been like. I wanted a glimpse of the industry that is today the chief employer of this ancient working breed and the experience of the awesome sight of greyhounds in full run.

Many others apparently felt likewise, for greyhound lovers filled the comfortable chartered bus. Marcia McNamar kindly asked me to join her near the front when she saw I was alone. Across the aisle sat Joyce McRorie, popping up to help the driver navigate and making cell-phone calls to husband Tom, who drove down in an SUV in case any greyhounds might need medical attention. The woman who adopted our last foster girl, Ruby, took a nearby seat. Several other faces were familiar to me from the dog washes. Also along for the trip, were volunteers from the Bay Area and the Needle Nose Crew. Spirits were high, and conversations struck up easily. This was another boon of the trip—spending time with greyhound people!

Thanks to spectacular weather and an easy crossing into Mexico, the trip down took about two hours. Caliente is just a few minutes south of the border. When we arrived, Sr. Carlos Duran, the track Manager, greeted us in the parking lot. He had graciously helped arrange this special day, which included playing and treating greyhounds in the Pet Kennel, lunch in the restaurant overlooking the track and a tour of the wild-animal breeding zoo behind the track. We'd even get to hold lion cubs and a python!

To start our visit, we walked past the main building to the racing kennels, a pair of long, low block buildings. Along the back wall of the nearest one were several doors, each opening onto a sand turnout yard fenced with block and chainlink. Disappointingly, we didn't get to go inside the kennels. We did; however, get to walk at our leisure along the row of turnout yards. We were the main attraction for the dogs at the moment, as we loitered along the fence sweet-talking and picking out our favorite future sofa spuds. For me, this was a highlight of the trip, this up-close encounter with real racing greyhounds at the kennels they call home. Why the moment was so poignant is hard to express. It helped me begin to put together two images that scarcely coincide: on the one hand, the familiar image of sweet, lazy, silly, loving pets. On the other, the image, made real for me for the first time at Caliente, of an ancient breed of predators of such remarkable ability in instinct that an industry is built upon them. As we hovered at the fence of the turnout yards, the dogs jostled forward to sniff the fingers we poked through the chainlink and to search our faces with those melting greyhound eyes.

Next to the racers' yards is the turnout area for the retirees. It is large and inviting, complete with wading pools and awnings for shade at one end. Just up the hill from the yards is the holding kennel, a largish room with three rows of double stacked crates. Newly retired greyhounds stay here, tended by track personnel, until GPA and other adoption groups pick them up. Austere, the pet kennel isn't much to look at, but it is a milestone in the welfare of the Caliente greyhounds, made possible originally by a cooperative relationship between our GPA chapter and the track management. Since then other local adoption groups have fostered the same kind of relationship with the Caliente staff.

From the pet kennel, we moseyed upstairs to the pre-race holding room and processing area. Although the holding room is normally off-limits to all but authorized personnel, we were permitted to enter since it was empty at that time. In this large room, containing several rows of double-stacked crates, the greyhounds are held for at least an hour before their race to reduce the chance of anyone tampering with them. A few minutes before a race, handlers bring the muzzled greys for that race from the holding room into the processing area. Eight greyhounds, both males and females, are entered in each race. The dogs are weighed, examined by a veterinarian, and dressed in their racing silks. At one end of the concrete floor are two posts about two feet high, with a drain nearby. Eight dogs were brought in, and two or three males walked right over to the posts and lifted their legs. Quickly, track workers stuck metal rods under them, catching samples in Styrofoam cups held in loops at the ends of the rods. The samples would be drug tested. Whether and how the females are sampled remains a mystery to me.

We watched from the restaurant where we enjoyed a delicious lunch of carne Asada and enchiladas, with choice of beverages. Margaritas prevailed at our table and those around us, from what I could see. The restaurant floor, a series of stepped tiers, gave all the tables a clear semi-aerial view of the track through the huge windows. After we ate, the races began. Those who wished not to observe the races left to return to the Pet Kennel and play with the pups. Those of us who remained, watched as the dogs entered each race were walked by their handlers up a ramp onto the track, past the starting gate and halfway down the straightaway. Directly in front of the stands, the parade would stop, and the handlers line up their sleek charges in a row for the audience to inspect. When the fans had a chance to make their choices, the handlers would walk the hounds back to the starting gate and load them in. Then the tension began to mount.

When a greyhound race is about to begin, don't watch the starting gate; watch the "rabbit" at the opposite end of the track. There, far from the gate, a long metal arm juts out into the track, with a strip of shaggy white plush fluttering at its end. This unlikely prey will lure the hounds into high gear. The rabbit starts first, swinging around the far turn and gaining momentum down the backstretch. When I first saw it I said, "That's ridiculous. It's going freeway speed." Then it swings by the gate, the gate door spring open, and out leap eight greyhounds. By the third stride they can reach up to 55 miles per hour.

After lunch, I headed down to join others standing at the rail, as close as spectators are allowed to get to the action. Only yards away the racing greyhounds, oblivious to our presence, intent on their quarry, thundered by at breakneck speed. Bigg and Gus, my gentle bed-huggers my Velcro boys, once ran there too.

Although the pet kennel can hold forty-four retirees, just five were on hand for our visit. At the end of the day, those five would go with Tom and other volunteers back to La Habra Heights to be bathed, cat tested and vetted.

To all the volunteers who organized the trip to Caliente, thank you for a very special day.

*Editors note: Not long after this trip, Nancy and Charles lost Bigg to cancer. Bigg was a larger than life, wonderful representative of his breed and was loved by all that knew him. He is still very missed, there will never be another like him.*

## Newsletter Opportunity Drawing

Did you see the Copper Trio of Greyhounds on display at the picnic? Holly Fenelon was the winner of Newsletter Opportunity Drawing #3! Congratulations, Holly. When notified, Holly stated she was going to start rearranging items in her house so that she could display the Trio properly. Don't miss out on these Newsletter Drawings. The proceeds go directly to GPA to support our placement efforts. If you aren't a winner, your contributions are tax deductible. Remember, you must enter to win

Reminder - it only takes \$1 to enter the raffle.

### Couch Potato Update Opportunity Drawing - Door knocker/garden stake Closing Date: July 27, 2003



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Our fourth Opportunity Drawing will feature two items for the house and yard. The first item is a Terry Lerner door knocker. It is made of brass and comes with mounting hardware. The second item is a black wrought iron garden stake. The garden stake can be viewed on our website [www.fastfriends.org](http://www.fastfriends.org) (click on shopping) under Outdoor Décor, or at the July dogwash. Drawing minimum for this raffle is \$50. Drawing will close on July 27, 2003.

Mail completed form, with check or money order **payable to GPA**, to:

**GPA c/o Lisa Boepple  
20692 Cottonwood Rd.  
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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:

Please refund my money.       Please enter me in the next drawing.

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### Cars4Causes

If you have a car, truck, RV or boat you could donate and help us help the greyhounds. Call Cars4Causes at (800) 766-CARE (2273), FAX (805) 988-9203, <http://www.cars4causes.net>, email [c4c@cars4causes.net](mailto:c4c@cars4causes.net). You get the full tax deduction and can designate which non-profit organization gets the proceeds.

**If you ordered Henley style shirts at the last dog wash, call Joyce at (562)694-3519.**

## 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.

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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	\$8.00	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	Brynna & 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.
N/A	Adopt a Greyhound Bumper Sticker	\$2.00	Let your bumper spread the word. Sticker encourages greyhound adoption and includes GPA's 800 phone number. White background with blue and black lettering.
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G/TIE	Necktie	\$35.00	It all started with the classic navy tie, then cranberry was added, and this year forest green. Ties are jacquard woven of a polyester blend to really promote the breed in fine fashion. Dry clean only.
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
N/A	Premier Collar	\$8.00	Sizes small (8" to 12" by 3/4" wide) and medium (10" to 16" by 1" wide). Colors include black, royal blue, deep purple, teal, green, red, tan and pink.
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.
N/A	Squawker	\$17.00	A great attention getter for greyhounds. Use as a training tool to have your greyhound come to you. Trainers of racing greyhounds use this device. Also called a "predator call", it emits a high pitched "squawk".
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.

To view item pictures and additional items, please visit our website [www.fastfriends.org](http://www.fastfriends.org) and select the link **SHOPPING**.  
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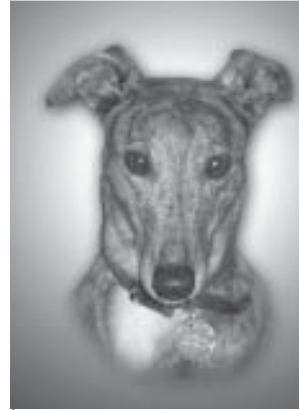
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Nevada Greyhounds Unlimited: Swiffer, Nadia, Brillo, Uncle Ben



Dear Lilah,  
I live with three other greyhounds and every once in a while, one of us has worms. My mom always complains that she can't figure out which one of us needs to be "wormed". I think that worms come from fleas, but she insists that none of us has any. Any ideas?

Wiggles

Dear Wiggles,

The most common worm in dogs, is the tape worm. Tape worms come from ingesting a flea. No matter how many times some people are told that fact, they still insist that they have no fleas. Humans are pretty stuck in their ways sometimes. Sentinal and other, similar, medications given once a month, keep fleas away, and treat for heart worm as well. My mom treats us with Frontline, because it also takes care of ticks. Frontline; however, does not treat for heart worm, so we are additionally given Heart Guard Plus.

By the way, the easiest way to tell one dog's poop from another, it to give each dog a different color dog biscuit, (Mother Hubbard's is the best), and their poop will be the color of the biscuit. I also hear that food coloring will do the same.

Dear Lilah,

I found the greatest new toy! It kept me busy for the longest time while my mom and dad were away. It was light and so easy to toss around, made the greatest crinkling sound, had an interesting taste and I could easily break it into small pieces to share with my brothers. Now, why do you think my parents were so upset when they came home? They marched us off to the vet and we had to have our picture taken and they kept talking about cans and sharp pieces. I did eat a little bit, just to see how it tasted, but I chewed it up really, really well. Wasn't that okay?

From a girl who just likes to have fun.

Dear Party Girl,

I just happen to know who you are, because I overheard my family discussing this incident over dinner one night. I also know that your mom and dad were soooo sure their little princess could never, ever do something so common as to get into the garbage and pull out a beer can, and were blaming those boys you live with.

Although cans really are very appealing as play things, as you found out, they can be very harmful and expensive in the long run. You were very fortunate that your little flirt with alcohol didn't kill you, or at least result in serious surgery. This is a wake-up call for all humans, to be sure that cans are not accessible to their animals. Additionally, I think your humans should keep an extra eye on you. What with your status as "the princess" and your introduction to party beverages, added to your previous life in the "fast lane", I have some concerns for your future.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Greyhound Pets of America/California - Orange County & Greater Los Angeles Chapter would like to thank the following who have donated or provided discounts for veterinary services. Without their support we would not have been able to help as many greyhounds as we have.

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**GARDENS AND GREYHOUNDS** by Sandy Hightower

As an avid gardener, I was a little disappointed in the look of my backyard after a few months of having my two active greyhounds, Reggie and Cantel, and usually one or two fosters. My dainty annual flowers had been used as a dog bed, bushes were munched on, and the lawn had large yellow spots and was thinning. After experimenting over the course of a year with various plants, designs and surfaces, I have finally come up with a garden that my dogs love and in which I enjoy being. Tender plants and grasses were replaced with heavy duty, vigorously growing ones and these seem to mutually coexist with my dogs, since the constant abuse keeps their invasive nature in check. I also added some pea gravel areas that contain lots of flowering shrubs and fruit trees to entice the dogs into the area to do their business.

Perennials that seem to bounce back quickly include daylilies, geraniums, bearded irises, society garlic, lavender, mexican bush sage, star jasmine, cannas, mexican evening primrose and jupiter’s beard (centranthus ruber). Shrubs with attractive flowers that thrive in my yard include cape mallow, cape plumbago and hibiscus. A good rule of thumb is, if it grows well on the side of the street or on the edges of parking lots, it can probably live with your greyhounds.

My greyhounds love to chase each other around the yard, and they especially love to chase each other around large bushes or trees. To make for more interest than a large expanse of grass that will never look like a well-manicured golf course, add beds containing flowering shrubs or specimen trees, right in the middle of the yard. Leaving a pathway along the perimeter of the yard, allows for running and games of chase around various areas, providing interest for the dogs as well as the gardener.

Grasses that seem to do best with dogs are those that regenerate and spread through runners, such as bermuda or St. Augustine. There are products on the market that lower the alkalinity of the dog’s urine, but I personally have not tried them, after reading some articles online that it is mostly the nitrogen overload that causes the burn in a lawn, not the alkalinity. The solution most commonly mentioned is watering the lawn twice a day, which goes against general water conservation and healthy lawn recommendations which are to water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep rooting. My solution was to have mostly male dogs, since they tend to urinate on the bushes or trees and I hand water my female’s spots if I’m around to see them. If you are through with the battle for a perfect lawn, don’t underestimate how beautiful a garden with winding pea gravel, bark mulch or decomposed granite pathways can be. As long as there are plenty of lush mounds of bushes and perennials, it will still be a garden, even without the grass.

Things to avoid in a garden with greyhounds:

Cocoa mulch – Highly toxic to dogs.

Pesticides – Just are not safe for greyhounds. Snail bait is very enticing to dogs, looks like kibble, and is a common poison problem seen at veterinary offices.

Herbicides – This includes “Weed & Feed” type fertilizers.

Plants with thorns or spikes - Palms, roses, bouganvilla, cactus plants. Keep these fenced off or pruned up to avoid injury.

Poisonous plants – Here is a short list of common western landscaping plants that are poisonous to dogs. For a comprehensive list, a quick internet search will yield many detailed listings. Chances are your garden contains at least one of these plants, mine contains four of them. The key is to be aware of what your dog eats, which parts of the plant are toxic, and the level of toxicity in the plant.

Angels Trumpet	Foxglove	Philodendron
Asparagus Fern	Heavenly Bamboo	Poinsettia
Caladium	Hydrangea leaves	Pothos
Calla Lily	Ivy	Primrose
Cyclamen	Lantana	Rhododendron
Elephant Ears	Larkspur	Sago Palm
English Ivy	Mother-in-law’s Tongue	Tomato Plant (green fruit, stem and leaves)
Foxglove	Morning Glory	Wisteria
Fig, Creeping	Oleander	Yew (American, English, Western)

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