

**Greyhounds Pets of America-Northern California (GPA-NC)/
Greyhound Adoption California (GACA)
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Happy St. Patrick's Day Greyhound Lovers!!!

Well, the Show & Tell season started off with a huge success in Fresno. Thanks to Jill Mazzei and her extra effort and preparations, the show went off like clockwork. It was non-stop with people waiting in line to talk to all of the volunteers. Looks like Jill is finally going to get some males in her group. Up to now, she has only adopters with females. Thank you Jill for all your work and a big thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help.

Congratulations to Vikky & Vince Dauciunas who have adopted a puppy named Ragnar. They call him Rags. What a cutie. I'm attaching his picture with his big sister Autumn. Vikky brought him to the show and tell in Santa Clara and he was a huge hit. Now I know what Joyce McRorie meant when she talked about her puppy, Woody's feet never touching the ground. We all had a chance to hold him. He was very good and patient about all the fuss. Vikky & Vince have also moved to Washington State and we wish them lots of luck and happiness.

We have eight adoptions this month!

Eddy & Judy Gilmette adopted Mina (Mina Loy). Mina is very young, not yet two. Their family consists of Ashlee, Eddy and Brandon, a Dalmatian and a cat. They live in Redding and she has three acres to explore. She's in Greyhound heaven. Mina also appeared on The Price is Right.

Joyce Macpherson adopted Rudy (Rudyard Kipling). All is going well and he is settling in beautifully.

Dennis LaTorre adopted Allie (Alpine). The first thing he did was enroll her in our all Greyhound obedience class. After less than a week, she comes directly to him when he calls her. We were very impressed.

Jack & Jackie Holtorf adopted Onyx (Yuletide). Onyx has a "sister" named Misty who is an American Bulldog. It must be love as he doesn't let her out of his sight. He is also quite a counter surfer as Jack & Jackie have discovered.

Ryan & Ashley Patton adopted Jordan. Ever since he moved in, I have been getting reports of "Jordan sightings" from all over. Looks like he is making his mark.

Ramon & Denise Perez have adopted Ogden Nash. Ogden came to them in a very round about way. We first sent him off to Julie and David Valadez for

intense testing. He needed to be child safe and cat safe. He passed beautifully and the rest is history.

Lynne Palmer adopted Maggie (Marimba). Maggie has a Whippet brother named Bogey. Bogey was very sad after the passing of his older Greyhound "sister" Tee. Maggie and Bogey are getting along beautifully.

Last but not least, Eugene Lukehart as adopted Rocky Raccoon. Rocky has been with Eugene since the picnic. He is painfully shy and Eugene has done wonders with him. He has two Greyhound sisters, Farah and Phoebe.

Big Congratulations!

Speaking of Eugene Lukehart, a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to him and his group of volunteers. They have just been granted sub-chapter status and are now known as Greyhound Pets of America - Sacramento. Their Board members are: President - Eugene Lukehart, Vice President - Dan Deeble, Executive Secretary - Sarena Deeble, Treasurer - Sandie Glasmacher, Media Chair - Andrew Glasmacher, and Fundraising Chair - Jackie LaDue. Way to go River City Racers!!! They will continue to use the www.rivercityracers.com web site. Check there for their upcoming activities.

Aflac!

Sharon Braun sent the following that we can all identify with. She and her husband and their Greyhound Ranger were babysitting Yogi and Sindy Valedoz a while back. Ranger has a stuffie of the Aflak duck. At about 11:15, Sharon let everybody out in the back yard to go potty before they went to bed. It was cold and dark and quiet. The next thing she knew, the duck is screaming "Aflak, Aflaaaak, Aflaaaaaaaaaaaaaak!!! Sindy, who is a dark brindle, was having a ball running and squeaking. Sharon had visions of the neighbors calling Animal Control, but figured she was safe . How would they explain it??? In a related incident, Delene Dunne gave our "gang" a frog that croaks Jingle Bells, the whole song. The first night, at about 2:30 AM, we hear it go off. After that, up it went before bedtime. Now Becca has discovered it and the other night she had it in the back yard making it go off over and over and over.... Again, it is now out of reach.

Join the Human Race!

We have a new event that Jennifer Morales is in charge of. We are joining the [10th Annual Human Race on May 10th](#) at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. This is a "premier community fundraising event providing all non-profit organizations the opportunity to raise money for their programs and services." It consists of a USA Track & Field certified 10K and 5K run and a 5K Pledge Walk. Registration is \$5 for the "walk" and \$20 for the 10K & 5K runs. For more information, contact

Jennifer at 408-263-1601, e-mail jen@jenorama.org. We hope to have a booth and lots of people participating and pledging.

New Pilot!

Exciting news! We would like to welcome Suann Prigmore. Suann is a pilot who lives in Redding and has volunteered to fly our Greyhounds up to Northern California adopters so they don't have to make the long drive down to the Bay Area. Thank you so much Suann. Vicki Sharp of Greyhound Friends of Northern California deserves the credit for making the initial contact with Suann and setting this up. Thank you Vicki.

Happy Birthday to our March Greyhounds:

We have lots of March Birthday Greys. Happy Birthday to:
Hank, Cougar, Louis, Billy, Isaac, Bondo, Truman, Olive, Pippin Bastian, Fritz, Cindy, Willow, Aveda, Aussie, Becca, Paul, Mr. Cracker, and Jordan.
Wishing you lots of treats, stuffies and a soft pillow to lay on.

Calling all Cars! We are still looking for Fosters. Please consider bringing a foster into your home. It is easier than you think and very rewarding. We are getting closer to the closing of Apache Junction. It will cause Caliente to be overrun with Greys that will need immediate rescue.

Literary Corner

The following poem was sent to me by Lynne Palmer who adopted Maggie. I would like to share it with all of you.

*The greatest thing
I've ever known,
Someone came and
took me home.
I'm away from the track,
hope never to go back.
Like a nightmare in my memory,
my future looked black.
Then I was adopted
and my life was spared.
I thank God everyday
that some cared.
This must be heaven;
I'm a winner this time.
Got a ball, a bone,
and a bed that's all mine.*

*I'm crazy about my family;
Devoted you might say.
Like a shadow beside them,
You bet I want to stay.
I'm special too;
they call me sweetheart
They hug me and kiss
me and tell me I'm smart.
Even dreams are more peaceful;
no stress, no strife,
Now I run for fun
and not for my life.*

-Author unknown-