

Greyhounds Pets of America-Northern California (GPA-NC)/ Greyhound Adoption California (GACA) Newsletter, September 2003

So Soon?

It's September already! What happened to summer? Hope all of you had a wonderful one. As the kids head back to school, remember to reassure your Greyhounds that they are not being left behind and forgotten. A new stuffy or chew toy can help them get over the sense of abandonment.

4th of July Fun!

Jim and Petree Knighton and [family](#), their Greyhounds, Doolittle and Darby had quite a Fourth of July. Attached are pictures of the float that they entered in the Calistoga Fourth of July Parade. They won second prize for this wonderful creation. The Greyhounds in the picture [raced around the dog house](#). They called themselves the "Calistoga Chapter of Greyhound Pets of America, membership 2." What a wonderful way to promote [Greyhound Adoption](#). We are so proud that they are part of our organization. Thank you Jim & Petree.

Picnic and Events!

We have a date! The Second Annual Greyhound Adoption California Picnic is October 25th at Hellyer Park in San Jose. We have reserved the Cottonwood picnic area which is just beautiful. It is by a lake with lots of room for tents and booths and parking and playing and all. By having it in October, it will be a GREYT place to do your Christmas shopping. Mark your calendars. It will be bigger and better than last year.

Also, don't forget, we still need lots of volunteers for the Pet Expo at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds and the Pleasanton BBQ Cook-off. I will be sending out a sheet to let you know the hours available. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have been thinking about volunteering, to start. Contact [Ann](#) if you want to volunteer.

For those of you who live in the Bay Area, there is the San Jose Rose Garden Pet Parade on September 13th. We will have a booth set up. You can either help out at the booth or march in the parade with your Grey or do both. For more information, contact [Sherrlyn Lancaster](#).

New Adoptions

We have four new adopters this month:

Alan Gray and Cheryl Ascarrunz, who adopted Neo at the GPA picnic in June, felt he needed a companion. They adopted Buffy (Buffam). Buffy and Neo are the same red brindle and look wonderful together. Just like brother and sister.

Andrea Mocabee adopted Barney who is a major counter surfer. Barney is a handsome banana brindle and quite a character. He hasn't met a food group he doesn't like.

Debbie McAllister and family adopted Sorbet. Sorbet's new "sister" is a Whippet named Shiloh. We look forward to seeing them together.

Steve & Marianne Killian and their children Giselle and Nathan have adopted Mousse. Mousse never has to worry about his health as his new "Grandfather" is also his vet.

David, Ivalee, Aaron and Leah Cohen have adopted Chloe (Sweet Potato Pie). Chloe will be so spoiled by Leah and is a welcome addition to the family. The whole family came to romps to get their "Greyhound Fix."

Thank you all for giving a retired racing Greyhound a wonderful "forever home."

You Say It's Your Birthday! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER GREYHOUNDS:

Killian, Stanley, Apollo, Dolittle, Josephine, Norm, Jynx, Alpine, Ogden and Arwin all have birthdays this month.

We wish you all lots of treats, soft beds and stuffies.

Dogs In Our Lives

The following was sent to me by Kris Burkel and is from the Orvis Catalog:

"Dogs in our Lives"

We aren't house proud. If we were, we wouldn't abide the scratches on the door frame, the holes in the screen, the darkened shine of worn spots on the chair. We would wince at the mottled carpet and fret at the hair clinging to our clothes.

We don't. If anything, we lovers of dogs are a tolerant lot, finding greater value in the unabashed affection of our friends than in immaculate sofas. Shoes can be replaced, but heroic retrievers are timeless.

Without dogs, our houses are cold receptacles for things. Dogs make a fire warmer with their curled presence. They wake us, greet us, protect us, and ultimately carve a place in our hearts and our history. On reflection, our lives are often referenced in parts defined by the all-too-short lives of our dogs.

---Paul Fersen