

**Greyhounds Pets of America-Northern California (GPA-NC)/  
Greyhound Adoption California (GACA)  
Newsletter, Spring 2010**

**Spring Adoptions**

Spring is the time for new beginnings. Thanks to our kind adopters, the following greyhounds have started their retired lives in forever homes.

Cuddly \*Maia\* was adopted by the Larsen family.

\*Titan\* was adopted by the Stantons.

\*Badger\* was found a home with the Ritz Family.

\*Porsha\* will be spending her retired life as a race spectator, rather than a participant, as her new family, the Gardeners, like to travel to auto races.

The Goldfields adopted \*Liberty\*.

\*Bridget Jones\* joined the Schmidt-Tsai family; she plans to write about lots of happy adventures in her diary.

\*Papelbon\* was adopted by the Duggans.

Best wishes to all of our new adoptees. May your lives bring you lots of love, exercise, toys, and treats!

**GACA Events**

- WOOF TO WOOF -- A Doggie Fun Day & Assistance Dog Expo, Saturday, June 5, 2010, 10am to 3pm, Skypark Soccer Complex, Scotts Valley, CA. Visit [www.wooftowoof.com](http://www.wooftowoof.com) for more information.

Please check our website ([www.greyhoundadoptioncalifornia.com/events](http://www.greyhoundadoptioncalifornia.com/events)) for upcoming and recurring events, including:

- Weekly Saturday meet and greets at the Modesto PetSmart
- 2nd Saturday of the month show & tell at a San Jose Petco
- 3rd Sunday of the month greyhound walk in Pleasanton Sports Park

Do you know of any events that would be good show & tell opportunities? Are you interested in doing a show & tell at your local pet store? If so, please let us know and we would be happy to help you get started.



*Maia with a favorite toy — a chirping bird.  
Photo courtesy of Julie Valadez.*

## Teddy Palmer Named 2009 Greyhound Adoption Person of the Year

You probably know that many of the greyhounds that we adopt come to California from Halfway Home Greyhound Adoption (HHGA) in Tulsa, Oklahoma. What you probably didn't know is that



*Teddy and Penny Candy. Photo from <http://www.agtoa.com/GAPYwinner09.asp>.*

Theodora (Teddy) Palmer, founder of HHGA, was named 2009 Greyhound Adoption Person of the Year by the American Greyhound Track Operators Association. This award recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions in the area of greyhound adoption. Since 2002, Teddy's group has placed more than 3,000 greyhounds in adoptive homes. Congratulations Teddy and thanks for your dedication on behalf of the greyhounds!

## Greyhound Health

An oral flea preventative called Comfortis is now available. This drug is FDA-approved, available by prescription, and given orally once a month. Comfortis only controls fleas, so if ticks are a big concern, you might want to stick to a topical that controls both fleas and ticks. The most common adverse side-effect of Comfortis is vomiting. And, this medication may not be appropriate for dogs with epilepsy. We used this flea preventative for the first time on the group of dogs that arrived April 10<sup>th</sup> from Oklahoma (thank-you Dr. Nicola Mohr for examining the dogs when they arrived in California so that we could use this medication). If you are tired of the messy topicals like Frontline, ask your vet about Comfortis.



*"Happy Pappy".  
Photo courtesy of Carol O'Neal.*



*Who is afraid of the vacuum cleaner? Not Badger.  
Photo courtesy of Leann Kabella.*

## **Favorite Places to Go with your Greyhound**

We asked and below were your suggestions. Happy adventures!

### Berkeley

The 4th Street shopping district in Berkeley is very pet friendly (especially *George* pet boutique at 4th and Hearst). Greyhounds are admired and warmly welcomed into several of the shops. There are a number of cafes and restaurants in the area with outdoor seating, where pets are welcome.

The *Berkeley Marina* dog park, at the end of University, is great for exercise. It's not fenced, but is vast and secluded enough for some safely-supervised, off-leash playtime.

### Capitola

New Brighton State Beach is wonderful for humans and greyhounds.

### Carmel

Most California dog owners already know about this dog-friendly town and its wonderful beach. A notable restaurant is *The Forge in the Forest*, which includes a special menu for the dogs that boasts such specialties as "The Quarter Hounder" and the "Hot Diggity Dog". Yummy! *Carmel Belle* in the Doud Arcade (San Carlos & Ocean) has indoor seating where dogs are welcome.

### Fresno

There is a flood control basin/park at 6150 N. Del Mar Avenue that's good for greyhound romps.

### Lompoc

*La Purisima Mission* is a great stop for people traveling between L.A. and the S.F. Bay area. In addition to being the best-restored mission in the state, it is also very active, with volunteers dressed in period costume and a population of old livestock breeds. Well-behaved dogs on leash are allowed everywhere. Not only is the place dog-friendly, but they are delighted to have greyhounds around. Apparently, greyhounds are "historically correct" because the Spanish monks kept them at the missions. When visiting, make sure to carry water for the hounds – there are lots of trails in the hills around the mission to explore and it can be hot in the summer.

### Los Altos

Try *Zitune* on Main Street and *Pompeii* on State Street (both restaurants have outdoor seating) and *5 Paws Bakery* on Main Street (great treats).

### Monterey Area

The beach at *Asilomar* is a nice place to walk and *Pacific Grove* has many dog-friendly rental homes for weekend get-aways.

### Palo Alto

The *Stanford Shopping Center* is an outdoor mall where greyhounds receive lots of attention from shoppers.

### San Francisco

The beach at *Crissy Field* and *Fort Funston* are nice areas to run off-leash. Visit the *Warming Hut*, in the Presidio near Golden Gate Bridge, for a snack. *Black Nose Trading Company*, on Divisadero, is great for treats, bathing, daycare and overnights. *Kimpton Hotels* are dog friendly. *Cafe Claude* has outdoor seating.

## San Jose

*Summerwinds Nursery*, 4606 Almaden Expressway, is good for a short outing. And, don't forget *Petco*, at Meridian and Branham, for the Second Saturday of the Month greyhound show & tells.

## Santa Cruz

The dog beach is just west of the lighthouse. There are steep steps down to the beach and natural rock walls and ocean to contain the dogs. *Mount Madonna Park* is great for camping.

## And, finally, there's no place like home

While we thank you for the above suggestions, we were also reminded by a wise adopter that some dogs don't enjoy car travel and, for these dogs, a walk around the neighborhood, with stops to see their canine friends and to take cookies from a kind neighbor, is always a great adventure.

Whether it's at home or afar, enjoy some time with your greyhound – the exercise is as good for you as it is for your hound!

## **Greyhound Trivia**

We all know that our greyhounds are stars, but did you know that there are heavenly greyhounds? In the Northern Hemisphere, there is a constellation called "Canes Venatici" (the greyhounds). The constellation, of the greyhounds Asterion and Chara, is located below Ursa Major (the bear), where the greyhounds help the herdsman Bootes in his pursuit of the bear. The origin of this constellation has been attributed to a 1690 writing of Hevelius, a Polish astronomer.

## **Thanks**

Thanks to those humans and their greyhounds who helped staff the Greyhound Adoption California booth at the Great Rib Cook-off in San Juan Bautista May 22 and May 23. The volunteers included:

- Julie Cook and family members Gil and Chandler with \*Sahara\* and \*Cruz\*
- Richard and Delene Dunne with \*Lilly\*
- Patrick Friel with \*Patty\* and \*Dasani\*
- Sherrlyn and Tom Lancaster with \*Holly\* and \*Grommet\*
- Cindy and Lewis Laptalo with \*Ziva\*
- Scott, Corinna, Brandon, and Maddie McClure with \*Gilley\* and \*Baby Girl\*
- John and Jennifer Morales with \*Gus\*
- Yvonne and Kevin Oberman with \*Mondo\* and \*Zena\*
- Carol and Greg O'Neal with \*Rogue\* and \*Kiowa\*
- Peggy Richardson with \*Junie\* and \*Phoenix\*



*Greyhound Adoption California booth at the Rib Cook-Off  
Photo courtesy of Carol O'Neal.*

And special thanks to Sherrlyn and Tom for the set-up and tear-down of the booth and to Sherrlyn for coordinating the volunteers.

## Thanks and Happy Retirement to Jack Fishbaugh

Many of you have had the opportunity to meet Jack Fishbaugh, one of the Founding Board Members of Greyhound Adoption California. Perhaps you have had the pleasure of meeting him when he served as the placement representative for the adoption of your greyhounds. Recently, Jack, at 87, announced his intention to retire from our Board of Directors.

Jack has been instrumental in the success of the organization and the Board has appreciated his encouragement and wisdom throughout the years. Jack, your presence will be greatly missed and we wish you all the best in life. Even though you are leaving the Board, remember that you will forever be a part of our greyhound family. Thank-you for all of your work on behalf of the greyhounds!

## Get Involved!

We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact us at [2greys@mindspring.com](mailto:2greys@mindspring.com) if you would like to help us in our mission to find loving homes for greyhounds. We are always looking for greyhound foster parents, newsletter writers, people who are willing to transport dogs, etc. Whatever your talent or passion, please let us know how you'd like to contribute.



*And to all, a good night! Becca, Finnian, and Liberty. Photo courtesy of Rose Epting.*