

# GAP GAZETTE

## Sponsor A Greyhound

There are many greyhound aficionados in New England and Canada. While there are small adoption programs and groups in these areas, the region is devoid of greyhound racing making it hard for these groups to acquire greyhounds to adopt in these areas. We are happy to have the greyhounds to supply to these groups. However, we do incur some expenses in the process. So, we are looking for sponsors for these greyhounds to help curtail some of these expenses.

If you'd like to cover a greyhound's travel expenses, you can do so for \$80. All greyhounds leaving the kennel need to be spayed/neutered and have a general check-up (shots, etc). You can sponsor vet services for \$230 per greyhound. When greyhounds travel to certain states, they are required to carry a health certificate. This certificate costs \$25. If one of these services isn't in your budget, any sponsorship amount will aid us in finding loving homes outside the NE Florida and SE Georgia region.

So far this year we have transported 135 Greyhounds at a cost of \$85-\$100 per greyhound. If you would like to sponsor a greyhound's travel expenses please send donation to -

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## GAP DAY

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## Greyhounds As Pets Day

It's almost time for GAP's most popular event of the year—Greyhounds As Pets Day at the Orange Park Kennel Club. This year's installment of the event will be held on November 6, 2011 at 1pm.

This year's event, as always, will feature activities and services for greyhounds and owners alike. For the greyhounds, there will be a nail trimming station in case they are in need of a pedicure as well as a veterinarian that can answer questions they may have regarding their health and well-being. A salon selling a variety of shampoos and other beauty aids will be set up. And, on the fun side, there will be our annual and ever popular costume contest where there will be a plethora of prizes awarded in a myriad of categories. For the owners, there will be booths selling greyhound related products like artwork, clothing, and arts and crafts to make your living space shout "Greyhound Enthusiast!" Keeping in mind that the Holidays will be here before you can shout "here comes Rusty!" these items also make "greyt" gifts for the Greyhound fan in your life. We will also be featuring a silent auction where you can get a great deal on a wide variety of items, both greyhound related and otherwise.

The centerpiece of Greyhounds As Pets Day is one that greyhounds and their adoptive families enjoy together—The Parade of Greyhounds—where the adoptees get to strut their stuff on their old playground.

Keeping in mind that this is a fundraising event, we are looking for donations for our silent auction and raffle. If you own a business, this is a great chance to distribute some promotional materials. If you think your employer would like to donate some items, be sure to let them know that all donations are tax deductible and a good way to drum up business; greyhound owners are famous for supporting business and organizations that support GAP. Remember, these items don't have to be greyhound related. We will also be accepting donations for the kennel at this event. We are always in need of common, everyday items such as bleach, laundry soap, paper towels, towels, and ANY kind of treats—the greyhounds in our care aren't known for their pickiness.

## GAP Day 2011

GAP day, though, is more than just a fundraiser. It is, along with our golf tournament and picnic, one of the highlights of the year for the staff and volunteers of GAP. The trainers and helpers who cared for the retired racers during their careers look forward to GAP day because they know they will get to see some old friends. Oh, and the greyhounds love seeing them, too.

We would like to thank the staff of the Orange Park Kennel Club who graciously host GAP day every day and help make it a success.

Shirley and Cathy and all their volunteers, as well as the entire Jacksonville Greyhound Racing family, look forward to seeing you on November 6th at 1pm, for this year's installment of Greyhounds As Pets Day.

## Volunteers For The Booth At Orange Park Kennel Club

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Would you like to donate some of your time to Greyhounds As Pets? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, and have a mere three hours a month to spare, we are looking for volunteers to staff our adoption information booth at the Orange Park Kennel Club on the weekends. We have many different shifts to choose from: Friday 7-10pm, Saturday afternoon 12:30-3:30pm, Saturday evening 7-10pm, and Sunday from 1-4pm.

We are looking for owners of friendly, outgoing greyhounds who are comfortable around large crowds. While you are staffing the booth, you will be responsible for answering questions relating to our adoption programs and greyhounds in general and selling merchandise to benefit the adoption program. Your greyhound, however, will be the star of the show and will be smothered with attention and affection.

If this sounds like a volunteer opportunity you are interested in, you can call Cathy at 904-388-6034 x1092 or email her at gap@jaxkennel.com. Cathy makes the volunteer a month in advance. So it will be easy for you to find a time that meets your schedule.

## Quick Notes

- Make sure to "friend" us on Facebook so you will see information on upcoming events as well as pictures and bios of greyhounds available for adoption.
- Make sure to make your holiday boarding reservations early.
- If you have muzzles you no longer use, please return them to us on GAP Day!
- Provide us your current email address and we can send future newsletters to you electronically.

## 2012 Calendars

Even though 2012 is a little ways down the road, the 2012 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars have arrived at the Adoption Kennel. These calendars are always chock full of beautiful photos of our favorite breed and always make a great gift for the greyhound lover in your life.

The calendars are available in both desk and wall varieties. The desk calendars are \$15 and the wall calendars are \$12.

The 2012 Celebrating Greyhounds calendars are available for purchase at the Adoption Kennel and the GAP booth at the Orange Park Kennel Club. Calendars can also be ordered over the phone using a credit card and they will be shipped directly to you. And, of course, they will also be available at Greyhounds As Pets Day.

## Crib Mattresses

If you have a crib mattress you no longer need, the folks at the Adoption Kennel will gladly take it off your hands. They make excellent beds for greyhounds and, as you can plainly see, the greyhounds think they are quite comfortable. Along with mattresses, we are also looking for crib sheets to pair them with.

Any of these items can be dropped off at the Adoption Kennel or, if need be, we can schedule a pick up time with you.

## Donations

There are lots of supplies that we use on a daily basis that you may have in your cabinets or can pick up for us the next time you go to the grocery store. In order to keep the kennel sparkling clean, we use bleach, laundry and dish soap, paper towels, brooms, water hoses, and baby wipes and q-tips. The greyhounds also like snacking on Milk Bones, and we can always use canned dog food.

These items can be dropped off at the Adoption Kennel or the GAP Booth at the Orange Park Kennel Club. We will also have a drop off station set up at Greyhounds As Pets Day.

Thanks in advance for your generous support.

## Timberwolf Food

Timberwolf Brand Dog Food donated 2780lb of their high quality product to GAP of NE Florida. We thank them for their generous donation. There is a link to their website on the GAP website, go check out their product. If you'd like to support a company that supports GAP, you can purchase their food directly from their website or you can use their Store Locator to find a retailer near you.