



PAWS & REFLECT

Greyhound Pets of America Central Texas Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

You and your guests are invited to attend GPA/Central Texas' monthly meetings at 7pm on the first Monday of each month. (If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting day, time and location will be announced.)

Meetings are held at the

Town Lake Animal Shelter

Davenport Bldg. 1

1156 W. Cesar Chavez St.,
behind the ball fields that front Chavez
(formerly West First St.) across from
Town Lake.

July Meeting

Monday the 6th

Meet - n - Greets

Noon to 3pm unless noted

First Saturday

▶ Petco/Hancock Center

First Sunday

▶ Petco/RR @
FM 1325 & IH-35

Second Saturday -

▶ Walmart-RoundRock
7pm-9pm

Third Saturday

▶ Petco/ Brodie Lane
11am-2pm

Fourth Saturday

▶ Petco/Arboretum
▶ Gallery of Pets @
Hwy 183 & Duval Road

October is a busy month...

for the pets of the Austin Area. In addition to the regular meetings and meet n greets, there are 2 special functions for our pups. Mark your calendars for the following events...

Animal Planet Rescue Expo Coming...

Austin has been selected to be one of the six cities in the United States to be visited by the Animal Planet Rescue Expo. The expo will start on Friday October 12 and run until Sunday October 14. The public will be invited for the Saturday and Sunday events. It is expected to see 25,000 visitors per day. So mark your calendars!



Greyhound Jamboree...

will be in Georgetown's San Gabriel Park on October 27. This will be an exciting day by the river. The Jamboree Committee is working very hard. Vendors are signing up, prizes are being donated, the food is getting ordered, and we need your help. Volunteers are desperately needed to man the

booths and activities. Sign up sheets will be at the Meet and Greets. There will be greyhound daycare available so you can bring your greyhound, work a shift and then spend time having fun with your hound at the Jamboree.

If you know someone that is a crafter and has a unique product to sale, contact Bobbie for information on how they could become a vendor.

If you have any questions about the Jamboree, contact Bobbie Wier racersaver@prodigy.net.

Join us at the August Membership Meeting

August 6, 2001 at 7pm

Dr. Todd Riggan of White Rock Veterinary Clinic in Pflugerville will focus on Doggie First Aid. Dr.

Riggan will present tips not only on care, but also on what you should keep stocked in your first aid kit.

In addition to what over-the-counter medications are safe and effective for greyhounds.



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or ask Bobbie Wier

Newsletter contributions welcome!

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Reagan

You may remember Reagan. He is the one that was returned to GPA in deplorable condition. He was 20 pounds underweight and the efforts to get him to regain his weight were not working. He was taken to Great Oaks Animal Hospital and learned that his kidney had to be removed, because of a lump. The lump turned out to be cancerous.

He then began to gain weight rapidly and had a glow in his eyes again. When finally reaching his pet weight he started to go down hill again. Back to the vet ... This time an ultrasound showed that his spleen was very enlarged and pushing on his internal organs. Dr. Henthorn at Great Oaks Animal Clinic performed surgery and removed his spleen and well as a suspicious lymph node. GOOD NEWS, no cancer to be found. Dr. Henthorn says, however, that Reagan has no other organs he can lose.

Reagan has found his forever home with Bobbie, Steve and Allie Wier. They are now the owner of two greyhounds that have missing spleens. What are the odds of that? What courage this greyhound has. He now sports a bright red collar that says I am here to stay!!!!



Adoptions

6/25 - Marley (Brazo Rickashay) was adopted by Rudy, Heidi, Hunter & Alea Lunasin along with Beagle mix, Eva, & cat, Kit Kat.

6/30 - Hoss (Goliath) was adopted by Jon & Beth Underwood along with Greyhounds: Genie, Todd, Fame, Vixen, Star, Nicky, Copper, Onyx.

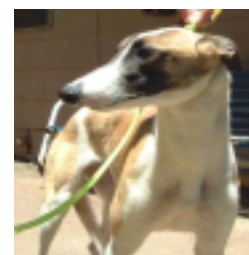
7/6 - Precious (Brazo Precious) was adopted by Paul & Hannah Baxter along with Greyhounds: Shadow, Kali & Nova.

7/8 - Lucy (Purple Sooner) was adopted by Kimberly, Mike, Angie & Luren. Baby and two kittens.

7/14 - Tony (Debs Texas Star) was adopted by Ruben Miranda and Tracy Vencl. IG, Vinnie

7/18 - Reagan was adopted by Bobbie, Steve and Allie Wier along with Greyhounds: Dakota, Trey, Dewey and Bell, the Blue Heeler mix.

7/18 - Bandit (Bullseye Bandit) was adopted by Mary, Jim, Michael, Brian and Kate Stanley.



Precious



Personals

Find a special four legged friend here!!

Key to Personals: M-male; F-female; R-red; Wh-white; Blk-black; Bu-blue; Fw-fawn; Harl-harlequin; Bdl-brindle; L-large, S-small; PCF-possible cat friendly, SDF-Small dog friendly

Murphy - RFW/F 3 years old
I am small and expect to be petted. I am shy at first and very routine oriented. I am also sweet and loving.

Bonnie - Red/F 3 years old
I am a small, sweet girl, rather shy at first but will come around for attention. I LOVE stuffed toys.

Lyle - Red/M 3 years old
I am a small fellow but very sweet. I like people, kids and FOOD. I need a loving home and family to watch over me. You might want to ask my sister Bonnie about it.

Chase - Blk/M 18 months
I may be on the young side but I am a sweet attention hog. Okay, I can't help myself I like people.

Oreo - Bdl&Wht/M 21 months old
I am aloof at first and will come up for petting after I have gotten use to the new surroundings. I can be very loving.

Violet - Red Bdl/F 18 months
I am laid back, a little reserved, but when it comes to attention you can count on me to be there.

Risky - Blk/F 18 months
I can be very pushy as far as attention and petting goes. I also like toys, the soft plush ones.

Cookie - Bk&Tan/F 4 years old
I am a shy little girl who needs a lot of love and attention. I am very sweet and loving.

Manny -DkBdl/M 4years old
I am a very sweet boy, who likes my humans. I like toys of any kind, and can be pushy for attention.

Jax - Bk/M 3 years old
I am an attention hound for sure! I am sweet and loving. I am playful especially when there is a ball around.

Brindie - Wh & Bdl/F 5 years old
I'm a small, very sweet, friendly young lady looking for a forever home. My tail wags a lot.

Jack- Fw Bdl/M 3 years old
In need of some tender loving care. I will love you forever in exchange for a forever home and a family.

Spice - RBdl/M 3 years old
I am a shy guy at first, but with some time I will show you my loving personality. Toys are an absolute must for me, I would love to come check out your toys.

Miss Minge - DkBld/F 6 years old
I am friendly and love to be around people. I am sweet and quiet.

Silver - Greyish Brown/F 1+years old
I am a mix, but I think I'm a full greyhound. Very small, cute little girl. Needs a very dedicated firm handed guardian and loving home. Very friendly tail wagger.

Senior Fosters are Summer Time Cool . . .



Bob

Bob - RdBdl/M 10 years old
Bob's my name, and a friendly couch potato is my game. I get along with small dogs!! So call on Bob

Riva - Red/F 12 years old
I'm an older gal and I'm cat friendly. Call on Riva to come be your sweet greyhound pal.

Zeus - DkBdl/M 11 years old
Zeus is a older dog who would love to snuggle on the couch with you and your cats! Call me up for a sweet charmer to let in your life!

Jesse - Blk/F 7 1/2 years old
Calm and gentle, sweet older girl wants a loving home.

Hottie - Red Bld/F 9 years old
I'm a really nice, calm old girl. I am looking for a loving lifetime home. My sister Soo Nipi found her a loving home some months ago.

Have you been to a Meet n Greet lately? If not you are missing some greyt fun. Each month we start a new raffle item that takes a tour around to each Meet N Greet. All items for the raffles are donated to GPA to help fund the Greyhound Jamboree to be held in October.

Greyhound Quiz



1. In lure coursing, the lure consists of
 - A. a shiny 'spoon' and a barbed, 3-pronged hook
 - B. a slice of pizza and beer
 - C. a sexy dog of the opposite gender
 - D. a few plastic bags
2. Greyhounds have been known to emit
 - A. Toxic gases
 - B. D (The Big 'D')
 - C. Roos
 - D. Endless streams of urine
3. A lawn is
 - A. a mizture of dirt, water, and one or more greyhounds
 - B. that neat thing in the neighbor's yard
 - C. a mythical area of short-cut, densely arranged, bladed foliage
 - D. doot bait
 - E. a mine field
4. Retired racers
 - A. are delicious with wine sauce and russet potatoes
 - B. always have first 'dibs' on the sofa
 - C. may collect social security
5. Which of the following would make good investments
 - A. Hedgehog futures
 - B. Slug bellies
 - C. Dole, Inc
 - D. another greyhound
6. The purpose of the muzzle in greyhound races are
 - A. to deter the dogs from stopping to lick the ground
 - B. to muffle the dog's offensive language
 - C. so they won't drop their 'smokes'
 - D. to make finish order easier to determine
7. Greyhounds have littel or no
 - A. dignity while sleeping on their backs
 - B. body fat
 - C. need for alarm clocks
 - D. cooking skills
8. Greyhounds have been known to collect
 - A. stamps
 - B. pocket combs
 - C. dangerous levels of static electricity
 - D. admirers of all ages.
11. A greyhound is
 - A. a cocktail of vodka and grapefruit juice
 - B. a tall slender dog noted for speed and keen sight
 - C. a bus
 - D. an unending source of unconditional love
 - E. a total pain-in-the-butt dog
12. What is the collective term for 3 or more greyhounds
 - A. a knot of greyhounds
 - B. a leash of greyhounds
 - C. a bunch-o-greyhounds
 - D. a still-room-for-more greyhounds
13. When strangers knock on the door, a greyhound will
 - A. bark
 - B. greet them with a wagging tail
 - C. mark them
 - D. show them where the good silver has been carefully hidden
14. A greyhound's favorite treat is
 - A. Kat Krunchies (tm)
 - B. used tissues
 - C. items found in the yard
 - D. anything sharp, pointy and dangerous found on the floor
15. Male greyhounds tend to
 - A. be larger than females
 - B. pee on their legs
 - C. pee on other greyhounds
16. A greyhound on the bed
 - A. is worth two in the bush
 - B. might share the pillows
 - C. makes you rethink your bed size
 - D. makes you rethink your spouses size
17. If a greyhound could talk, s/he would tel you
 - A. how much s/he loves you
 - B. that s/he's hungry
 - C. that the catbox is out of Krunchies
 - D. that s/he's hungry
 - E. that s/he prefers Hedgehogs over Purple Dinos
 - F. that s/he's hungry
 - G. that it's time to go to bed
18. A greyhound's tail
 - A. should be considered a lethal weapon
 - B. can be used to prune house plants
 - C. is a story about greyhounds
 - D. can be used to apply welts and bruises
 - E. wakes neighbors when attached dog walks down a narrow hallway
19. A sleeping greyhound
 - A. should never be awakened without caution
 - B. can still emit gas
 - C. may run in its sleep
 - D. is impossible to move off yur side of the bed
20. Greyhound gas
 - A. should never be blamed on your spouse
 - B. could be sold to Iraq for use in chemical warfare
 - C. is how they say, "I love you"
 - D. is the result of not feeding them \$295.99/bag dog food
21. The family cat
 - A. is a way-cool moving squeaky toy
 - B. ...hey, what happed to the cat?
 - C. is a greyhound's bestest buddy
 - D. is not happy



How long does it take to make a friend?

Many of us have relocated to different cities and faced the task of making new friends. My husband and I had moved to Austin and had been living there for little less than year when we decided that our shephard-Dane mix "Zeus" needed a brother. We had always been interested in greyhounds. During our in home visit with Slinky, Beth and Wendy remarked how much our dog Zeus reminded them of Josh Underwood. Big brindle boys with a giant heart and **lots** of personality. After hearing so much about Josh I could not wait to meet him. I have a soft spot for Brindle Boys. Josh and I were friends from the day we met. We all know how hard it is to make a new friend. I don't believe Josh ever met anyone he didn't like. I spent many hours at the Underwood "Castle Greyhound" and had lots of loving from Josh and all the Underwood greys.

Moving away from Austin this May was hard, leaving all the friends we made behind. I made a special trip to the Underwood "Castle Greyhound" to say so long to all the greyhound friends I had made. Josh was especially hard. Knowing of his health problems, I was going to miss him. Not to mention, when I look at my own brindle boy Zeus, I think of Josh. Almost every day. Hearing that he has gone where there is no pain, and he runs and plays with all his friends, makes it easier to cope. But I had a great friend in Josh and although it only took one day to make friends, Josh lives in my heart as a Forever Friend, and I will miss him greatly.

Lots of love from Far Away in California,
Kathy, HD, Zeus and Slinky Shallenberger

Our Thoughts are with you...

Donations given in memory of Josh Underwood

Kate Peck, Kathy & HD Shallenberger, Michele Truhlik & Brian Everett. Jon & Beth want to say thanks to all that have called and sent cards of sympathy about Josh.

Kelly & Shari Heath lost their greyhound Pearl on June 26, 2001. Our thoughts are with you.

Dona & Ghadimi lost their Max on July 2, 2001. He fought the good fight to the very end. We are sorry he is gone.

Marilyn Seibert lost her greyhound Nicke in June 2001. On July 5, 2001, Marilyn lost her battle with cancer and went to join Nicke and keep him company. Marilyn is known for her love and compassion of people and animals and will be missed by all who knew her.

Kimberly, Michael, Angie & Luren lost their Lucy on July 26, 2001. They adopted Lucy on July 8, 2001. She lost her battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with them. She was much loved.



MAX GHADIMI 8/3/89 – 7/2/01



We adopted Max at the age of four, from GPA Dallas. He was our first greyhound, our first dog. I had read a newspaper article that said greyhounds were a good choice for people with allergies, and Ramin is allergic to pretty much anything that grows. In complete ignorance, we went to the home of Denny Baker. This was sort of like visiting the Underwood's – there were dogs everywhere and in every color and size. One good old yellow dog came in and lay down at our feet. He seemed unusually calm in the midst of all this chaos. We learned that he had raced in Florida, but originally came from Texas. He was adopted previously by a serviceman stationed in Alabama, but was returned when the serviceman was sent overseas. His registration name was Tomax Warrior and this serviceman was

calling him Warrior. What an inappropriate name for this gentle boy; we renamed him Max.

Despite our many mistakes, Max adapted well to our home. He was always well-mannered, affectionate, playful and bright. He loved to go for long walks, car rides and boat rides too. He made this couple into a family. Soon we were meeting neighbors we had never spoken to before, but Max was the disarmer. We took him everywhere with us, just as any proud, new parents would.

Some time later, Ramin accepted a job in Austin. I remained in Dallas for six more months, completing my work contract. During that time, Max and I logged many miles, driving back and forth every weekend. He was the perfect road companion. He never complained, he made me feel safe and didn't get embarrassed at my singing and talking back to the radio.

Once we settled down in Austin, we acquainted ourselves with Wendy and Beth and the other fine folks of GPA Central Texas. Our family quickly grew – both with furry kids and non-furry ones too. Life was good. Then we noticed a limp that did not improve with glucosamine or aspirin. At the age of nine, Max was diagnosed with bone cancer. Here is where the name Warrior proved true after all.

We elected to try amputation followed by chemotherapy. Even with such aggressive treatment, the odds weren't good. Max the warrior quickly adapted to moving about on three legs. He tried to hop out of the clinic with IV still attached on one occasion. We thought we would lose him when his surgical wound became infected, but the warrior fought back. He never whimpered. The only way I knew he was in pain was when he would pant and I could see the whites of his eyes. I would spoon feed him my home-made gruel after each chemo treatment. He fought on and soon we were going for walks again. He learned to climb up and down the stairs, so he could sleep in our room at night, just as he had always done. He could hop in and out of the van, so we could go for car rides again. He attended several GPA meetings where he enjoyed all the attention doted on him. He astonished everyone by his longevity, including his vet. Our family continued to grow. Life was good. Then we noticed a limp that did not improve with glucosamine or rimadyl and eventually not with prednisone either.

I had barely wiped the tears from my eyes after reading about Josh in the July newsletter, when it came time to call on Dr. Lisa Willis to relieve Max of his pain as well. We enjoyed Max's companionship for nearly another three years after his diagnosis, and I don't regret any of the decisions we made on his behalf. They say bad things come in three's. We lost our friend Tia Ruzek to osteosarcoma on 4/26/01 and then our friend Josh Underwood on 6/8/01 and now Max Ghadimi on 7/2/01 to the same disease. I hope they are all playing together somewhere beyond the stars, beyond their earthly pain and infirmities.

Thank you Max for the joy you brought to our lives.

-Dona Ghadimi





Greyhound Library Program

The libraries with the greys have been a howling success. It has been a greyt experience for everyone involved. Thanks to Hannah Baxter, Beth Underwood, Janet Spittle, Kay Gerkin, Leslie Ford, Lou Ann Anderson, Nedra Low, Sherry Guerra, Ermine Smith, Kacky Carey and their hounds for helping Diane Schiesser do the 14 libraries on the tour. There was lots of greyt talk about the greyhound program before we got to the last libraries. There was nothing but good comments about the program. The Library Youth Program Coordinators are hoping we will volunteer for the program again next summer.

Celebrating Greyhounds 2003 Calendar

Here is the official calendar information. Please save this info so that there is no, further, confusion.

Please send your best photos for the 2003 CG Calendar. Photos will NOT be returned. (no exceptions regardless of the letters....) Please do NOT send digital photos, and don't ask why. Please write your name and address, your dog's name and where s/he was adopted on a label placed on the back of the photo. EACH photo needs it's own label with the info listed above. Please send the photos EARLY, we have already begun to receive some wonderful photos for 2003! Please do NOT wait until March. Preferably have your photos arrive by Feb 1, 2002.

Send photos to:
CG Calendar 2003
The Greyhound Project
P.O. Box 358
Marblehead, MA 01945-0358

Now stop reading the newsletter and start taking some great photos of your pups!

The 3rd Annual Pet Expo

in Georgetown will be in San Gabriel Park on September 15. We will be there to show the greyhounds and raise some interest in the October Greyhound Jamboree. Once we know more about the Pet Expo, the details will be shared on the GPA/Central Texas announcement email list.

To become a member of the announcement email list send a blank email to gpact-subscribe@egroups.com or contact Bobbie Wier at racersaver@prodigy.net



Cool Greyhound Links

<http://www.castofcharacters.com/greywhip.htm> - A greyt site for greyhound cabinet hardware.

<http://adopt-a-greyhound.org/dewey/> - The Dewey Beach Reunion website. This year it is October 5-7, 2001

<http://www.doggonedesigns.com/> - offers a large assortment of canine inspired artwork and furniture for dog lovers

<http://members.aol.com/henryhbk/materials.html> - Excellent Animal CPR brochure

<http://irc.abap.org:8080> (on JAVA enabled browser)- each Sunday and Wednesday night at 8pm greyhound chats on A Breed Apart's IRC server. The IRC server is always available for your greyhound use outside of the scheduled chats. Any time, any day.
Time: 8pm Central
Channel: #gh-l (that is #gh-L)
Server: irc.abap.org
Port: 7001

Submit Cool Greyhound Links to gpago@austin.rr.com

Pet Photo Contest

Your pet photos may win you a new digital camera — and a moment of fame. Just enter the SIXTH ANNUAL ASPCA PHOTO CONTEST: "ANIMALS IN ACTION"

ASPCA Animal Watch magazine invites photographers of all levels to share their visions of animals in action for the publication's sixth annual photo contest. Whether it's stop-action, continuous motion, or anywhere in between, we want to see what moves you—and what gets the animals around us moving! All entries, to be judged by Petography's Jim Dratfield, are due at Animal Watch's offices by August 17. The winning images will be showcased in the Winter 2001 issue; first prize is \$500 and a Fujifilm Endeavor 310 ix zoom camera.

For further information, including official rules and an entry form, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ASPCA Communications, Attn: Photo Contest, 315 E. 62nd St., 6th Floor, New York, NY 10021-7767. Happy "shooting"!!



GOD,

Grant me the SERENITY to accept that I cannot adopt all the greyhounds that need homes,

The COURAGE to work for better treatment of all greyhounds, racing or pet,

And the WISDOM to balance what I want to do with what is possible for me to do.



Greyhound History: Part 1

In Egypt, the ancestors of modern greyhounds were used in hunting and kept as companions. Many Egyptians considered the birth of a such a hound second in importance only to the birth of a son. When the pet hound died, the entire family would go into mourning. The favorite hounds of the upper class were mummified and buried with their owners. The walls of Egyptian tombs often were decorated with images of their hounds. An Egyptian tomb painting from 2200 BC portrays dogs that looks very much like the modern greyhound (for a picture of this mural, see *The Complete Book of Greyhounds*, p. 8). Among pharaohs known to own greyhound-type dogs are Tutankhamen, Amenhotep II, Thutmose III, Queen Hatshepsut, and Cleopatra VII (of Antony) and Cleopatra fame. The Egyptian god Anubis, either a jackal or a hound-type dog, is frequently displayed on murals in the tombs of the Pharaohs. Some depictions of it look much like the modern Pharaoh Hound, a close relation of the greyhound.

The Bible

The only breed of dog mentioned by name in the Bible is the greyhound (Proverbs 30:29-31, King James Version): *"There be three things which do well, yea, Which are comely in going; A lion, which is strongest among beasts and turneth not away from any; A greyhound; A he-goat also."* The Hebrew phrase translated as "greyhound" literally means "girt in the loins." This probably was considered by translators the most appropriate English term to describe the ancestor of the greyhound. It also didn't hurt that greyhound coursing was popular with the sixteenth century court of King James. In the Jewish and Christian scriptures, dogs are generally considered ill-tempered scavengers which are tolerated but not trusted; certainly not admired and loved. In several passages, it's clear that dogs were thought of as scavengers: *"Any one belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs shall eat. . ."* (1 Kings 14:11). A pack of dogs might threaten one's safety: *"Yea, dogs are round about me; a company of evildoers encircle me. . ."* (Psalm 22:16). One might well have to beat them off for protection: *"And the Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?'"* (1 Samuel 17:43). A strange dog might quickly become vicious if riled: *"He who meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a passing dog by the ears"* (Proverbs 26:17). Jesus refers to their role as scavengers when he says, *"It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs"* (Matthew 15:26).

Ancient Greece and Rome

The Greeks probably bought some of these hounds from Egyptian merchants, some time before 1000 BC. The first breed of dog named in western literature was the ancestor of the greyhound. In *The Odyssey*, written by Homer in 800 BC, the hero Odysseus is away from home for 20 years

fighting the Trojans and trying to get home against the opposition of the god Poseidon. When he finally returns home, he disguises himself. The only one to recognize him was his hound Argus, who is described in terms that marks him clearly as a sighthound. Art and coins from Greece depict short-haired hounds virtually identical to modern greyhounds, making it fairly certain that the greyhound breed has changed very little since 500 BC. A reason for the lack of change in 2,500 years is that, until very recently, the function of the greyhound has remained the same: to thrill humans with its agility, speed, and intelligence as it chased the wild hare. Around 325 BC, a hound named Peritas reportedly accompanied the Macedonian monarch Alexander the Great on his military campaigns.

The Greek gods were often portrayed with greyhounds. A hound often accompanies Hecate, the goddess of wealth. The protector of the hunt, the god Pollux, also is depicted with hounds. One myth tells of how a human named Actaeon came upon the goddess Artemis taking a bath in a river. She punishes his impropriety by turning him into a stag. He is then hunted down by his own hounds. Depictions of this scene occur many times in Greek and Roman art. In his work, *Metamorphosis*, the Roman writer Ovid in the late first century BC retold this story. The Romans obtained their greyhounds from either the Greeks or the Celts. Roman authors like Ovid and Arrian refer to them as Celt Hounds. Some of their deities were accompanied by hounds. Diana (the Roman version of Artemis) hunted with hounds. She was considered a patron deity of animals, as depicted in this relief sculpture. In a popular Roman story, Diana gives a greyhound named Lelaps to her good friend Procris. Procris takes him hunting, and before long Procris spots a hare and pursues it. Unfortunately for Lelaps, the gods didn't want the hare to be caught and turned both Lelaps and the hare into stone. This scene is a common one in Roman art. Ovid also wrote about Procris and Lelaps.

The Romans used hounds for coursing. In coursing, the speed and agility of sight-hounds are tested against their prey, the hare. Dogs apparently did not compete against one another, as in modern coursing. Ovid describes coursing in the early first century AD: the impatient greyhound is held back to give the hare a fair start. The Roman Flavius Arrianus (Arrian) wrote "On Hunting Hares" in 124 AD. He tells his readers that the purpose of coursing is not to catch the hare, but to enjoy the chase itself: "The true sportsman does not take out his dogs to destroy the hares, but for the sake of the course and the contest between the dogs and the hares, and is glad if the hares escape." Concerned about proper sportsmanship, he adds, "Whoever courses with greyhounds should neither slip them near the hare, nor more than a brace (2) at a time." Arrian also describes coursing among the Celts of Gaul. (France):

The more opulent Celts, who live in luxury, course in the following manner. They send out hare finders early in the morning to look over such places as are likely to afford hares in form; and a messenger brings word if they have found any, and what number. They then go out themselves, and having started the hare, slip the dogs after her, and follow on horseback. When they conquered Britain, the Romans brought with them European hares—more suitable for coursing than the local wild hares.

Arab Tradition

The Arab peoples have kept greyhound-type dogs for several thousand years. The Saluki, which almost certainly shares with the greyhound a common ancestor, is still used as a hunting dog by some Arabs today. Arabian Bedouin for centuries have been devout Muslims, and so follow ritual restrictions against contact with dogs. But they don't consider their Salukis to be dogs and so don't believe that contact with them is unclean. The Quran permits the eating of game killed by hawks or Salukis (but not by other dogs). The Pashtun tribes in Afghanistan make the same distinction between Saluki and dog, so this probably goes back long before the birth of Islam in the seventh century. Bedouin so admired the physical attributes and speed of the Saluki that it was the only dog permitted to share their tents and ride atop their camels. In early Arabic culture, the birth of a Saluki ranked in importance just behind the birth of a son. The Bedouin use Salukis to hunt gazelle, hare, bustard (a type of bird), jackal, fox, and wild ass. They consider Salukis the Gift of Allah to his children.

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