

The President's Notebook

Sally Rau McIntosh, GPA-CT President

On an airplane recently, I read an article about Trouble, the Maltese, left behind at the death of Leona Helmsley, the so-called Queen of Mean. Like many of us, Ms. Helmsley seems to have preferred dogs to people, though I must admit she carried it to an extreme more than most of us would. Leaving the dog a trust fund of \$12 million, and totally ignoring at least one grandchild, does seem a little harsh.

But it brought to mind again a topic I've thought of many times over the years: namely, what happens to my dogs when something happens to me? Note, I no longer say "IF something happens to me."

Face it, folks – something is definitely going to happen to all of us. We may die quietly in our beds, or we may be kidnapped by space aliens. It doesn't even need to be fatal – incurring a serious injury can make it difficult, if not impossible, for you to continue to care for your fur-bearing friend.

How many of you have thought about providing for this friend when you're gone? How many of you have actually done something about it? I, for example, have done a lot of talking and a fair amount of investigating, but there is not anything

actually in place to cover those eventualities I prefer not to think about.

The veterinary school at Texas A&M has a facility – the Stevenson Center – where an animal, whose owner has left a sizable endowment, can spend the rest of his days in comfort. I'm told there is a house, with furniture, where the sociable ones can lounge on the couch just the way they did before Mom and Pop passed on. Most of us, however, cannot afford the \$10,000 endowment required for a small animal. (Want to provide for your llama? It will cost you even more.)

Some of us have children who would care for our pets that are left behind. On the other hand, I have known of cases where children declined to take on this responsibility, and the pets ended up at Town Lake Animal Center, at the mercy of fate.

So what is a responsible pet owner to do? I found two web sites that contain some suggestions and starting points: www.professorbeyer.com/Articles/Animals and www.estateplanningforpets.org/.

A Florida law firm offers the following: A one-of-a-kind book, *All My Children Wear Fur Coats – How to Leave a Legacy For Your Pet* addresses all of the issues related to estate planning for your pet. For more information or to order a copy, visit

www.LegacyForYourPet.com or contact The Law Offices of Hoyt & Bryan, LLC, 251 Plaza Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765, phone 407/977-8080 or online at www.HoytBryan.com.

Accept the fact that "something" will happen to you, and your greyhound, who depends on you for all his needs, emotional and physical, could be left behind. Talk it over with your family members. Find out what they are willing to do, and what they're not. Put your wishes in writing. This should be part of your planning, along with your will and your medical power of attorney/advanced directives. If you have the means to set up a trust fund for Foofie's care, then by all means do so.

GPA-CT always wants our adopted dogs to come back to the group should the situation turn drastic, but if your planning ahead makes it possible for Foofie to stay with family members he knows and trusts, that is surely the better way. So give it some thought. Nobody gets out of this world alive!

Should you want to see more of my never-to-be-humble opinions check out my blog, The Roo from Greyhound Gulch at www.greyhoundgulch.blogspot.com. And let me know what you think!

Foster of The Quarter

If you've been to very many GPA-CT events you have probably observed Vice President John Koonz doing much of the heavy lifting. Not only does John enthusiastically offer to work on just about



John Koonz relaxing with Marley, Pecos, and foster dog Kingsley

any project related to greyhound adoption, but he is one of our most faithful and reliable foster parents.

About four years ago John, already the adoptive dad of Marley and Pecos, became aware of the shortage of foster homes, and he stepped up to the plate. He says he figured that having three dogs isn't a lot more work than having two, and he feels that experience has shown that to be true. In addition to helping to arrange respite care for foster parents who need help, he sometimes agrees to bring the dog into his own home. He does admit that having five, as he did when he agreed to keep both Fox and Flash the same weekend, is perhaps an overextension. On that weekend he took all five greyhounds for walks at the same time and was extremely grateful they saw no squirrels or stray cats. Otherwise, he believes, he would have been dragged to death.

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Although some greyhounds think of cats as prey, others recognize their potential as napping buddies. Oscar, who lives with Cathy Smith and Peter Rossky, frequently shares sleeping space with Moka, one of the household's four kitties.





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Addicted to Greyhounds

Barbara Ellington, GPA-CT member

My Name is Barbara and
I AM AN ADDICT.

Yes, folks, I am addicted to greyhounds. My story is typical... It all started in 1990 when I visited my aunt in Melbourne, Fla. One weekend afternoon she suggested we join my cousin and his wife at the local greyhound racetrack. I had never seen a live race, so I said fine. That was the day it all started.

After the races, my aunt said "Let's go see the dogs." You see, it's all HER fault. I didn't know you could adopt a retired racer. Greyhound Pets of America had an office right at the track. We went there and I met Pam, a lovely tan-and-white female fresh off the track. I took a brochure and application and went home to North Carolina.

But it was too late. The damage had been done. I couldn't think of anything else but ADOPTION.

That Thanksgiving, I drove back to Florida to pick up Rose Cruz, a black-and-white female. We headed back to North Carolina where we bonded and started a loving relationship with my other three dogs at the time.

Back in 1990, you didn't see many greyhounds in North Carolina since there were

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Fostering in itself has, at times, presented challenges. As in the time when John was fostering Fox, newly retired from racing and very serious about his bunny-chasing. He was walking three dogs near Fry's Electronics, where they hold races of radio-controlled cars in the parking lot on Saturday afternoons. Fox decided the sound of the car resembled the sound of the mechanical lure at the race track. He became very excited and managed to back out of his martingale collar, burst through the line of spectators, and took off after the taunting little car.

John tried to hand off Pecos and Marley to a helpless bystander, only to have Pecos (who also fancies himself quite a racer) slip his collar. John lunged for Pecos, and somehow Marley got away as well. So there he was, with two dogs trying to catch a shiny, little blue racing car while Marley, ever the opportunist, was searching for any food there might be in the crowd.

When the controller of the little blue car let it idle, Fox grabbed it by the "back of the

no tracks in the state, and often people would slow down in their cars while we were walking to ask "Is that one of those racing dogs?" Rose and I did what we could to preach the doctrine of greyhound adoption. Also in those days, finding a veterinarian who was familiar with the breed was often difficult. My vet luckily had attended school in Alabama close to a track and had treated many athletes.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I spent the last two years without a greyhound. My beagle, dachshund and two mixes tried to comfort me, but alas. I was still hooked and needed a fix. I moved to Georgetown in February of this year and met Sally McIntosh and the group and started attending the Meet & Greets. Then in early August, foster mom Pam Cook and Sally blessed me with Karma, a six-year-old brindle female. Ah, relief.

I am still addicted to greyhounds, and I assume most of you reading this newsletter are also addicts. At least we have our Meet & Greets to get together and bond, share our experiences and companionship of other addicts. I am not ashamed. Let's face it. It could be worse. We could be addicted to elephants.

neck" and tried to shake it to death. John was able to retrieve all the dogs, but had a difficult time getting the owners of the very expensive little cars to see the humor in the situation!

He has grown very fond of his current foster, Kingsley, but will admit he too, presented challenges. Kingsley exhibited some anxiety when John and son, Gareth, left the house, and displayed his displeasure through destructive behaviors. However, as happens in foster homes, creativity came into play, boundaries were established, and modifications made it possible for Kingsley to be a happy family member.

It hasn't been all fun or all easy, but when Kingsley finds his forever home it's certain John Koonz will open his doors to another foster dog. He is committed to doing whatever he can to help find forever homes for greyhounds in need. Now if we could just figure out how to clone John.

GPA-CT Meet & Greets

November 2008

Saturday, November 1
Town Lake Stroll, 9 am

Saturday, November 8
Tomlinson's Westlake, noon-3 pm

Saturday, November 15
Petco Temple, noon-2 pm

Saturday, November 22
Petco Austin-North (Arboretum),
noon-3 pm

December 2008

Saturday, December 6
Town Lake Stroll, 9 am

Saturday, December 13
Tomlinson's Westlake, noon-3 pm

Saturday, December 20
Petco Temple, noon-2 pm

Saturday, December 27
Petco Austin-North (Arboretum),
noon-3 pm

January 2009

Saturday, January 3
Town Lake Stroll, 9 am

Saturday, January 10
Tomlinson's Westlake, noon-3 pm

Saturday, January 17
Petco Temple, noon-2 pm

Saturday, January 24
Petco Austin-North (Arboretum),
noon-3 pm

Please check the email announcement list and website for Meet & Greet cancellations and special Meet & Greet opportunities.

GPA-CT Email List

GPA-CT relies heavily on the Yahoo! email list to inform our members of current events and last-minute opportunities. Please take a minute to join this informative list. Visit our website at www.gpacentraltexas.org and follow the instructions to join. Or send a blank email to gpact-subscribe@yahoo.com. It's a greyt way to stay informed.



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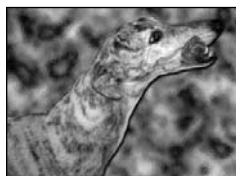
Account – Female, brindle, not cat or small dog friendly. The joy and exuberance of this sweet girl are contagious. She smiles and

prances, plays with toys and gazes adoringly at any person who takes a moment to pet her. Account would love to have a greyhound buddy to hang around with, so if you need a second dog, give this precious girl a look.

Buzz and Lucy – No, you're not seeing double but you are seeing littermates. Buzz (left) and Lucy are brother and



sister – tightly bonded and devoted to one another. Both are incredibly well-mannered. Lucy (Lrc Lucy) sets the standard for being a gently affectionate, people-oriented lady. Buzz (HM Buzzer) is a happy and loving soul. GPA-CT would prefer to keep this pair together.



Hawk – Male, light brindle, 7 years old, possibly cat and small dog workable. Hawk (GJ's Black Hawk)

is a big (over 80 lbs.), tall guy with a gorgeous light brindle coat and he chatters his teeth when happy. He crates well, naps frequently, and enjoys an occasional romp. This is a beautiful, loving dog who would be a great addition to a quiet or moderately active home.

Kay – (Y Knot Blazinkay) Female, white with red ticking, 6 years old, not cat or small dog friendly. Kay is very sweet with people but somewhat bossy with other dogs. It took a little while, but now she gets along great with her foster siblings. She loves to go on walks around the neighborhood and for rides in the car.



Kingsley – Male, red, 6 years old, not cat friendly. Kingsley is a gorgeous red boy with a petite face.

He loves attention any way he can get it – hugs, kisses, scratches, pats, sweet talking – you name it, he eats it all up! He especially loves to snuggle in bed with his foster parents, and gets along well with the other dogs in his foster home.



Rafa – Male, 3 years old, not small animal friendly. He walks perfectly on lead and loves a ride in the car. Rafa is great with other

medium to large dogs, but does fancy himself as an alpha. If you have room on your sofa and in your heart for this lover-boy, you will be worshipped by a hound unlike any other.

Raj – Male, white and black with black ticking, 6 years old, not cat or small dog friendly. Our regal Raj is slowly learning that living out of dumpsters in Manor is a thing of the past. He



loves his food! He stills likes to “hunt” for food in the kitchen and is the best kitchen cleanup helper! Raj loves to go for walks, smells everything and goes everywhere. He is a complete lover boy! Our beautiful Raj needs a forever family that will be very patient with him and help him learn that he is worth being completely spoiled!



Ranger – Male, red, 6 years old, small dog workable, not cat safe. Besides being a real lovebug, he

is reliably housetrained, crates well, eats neatly, and has good house manners. If he believes he's being ignored, his big, cold, wet nose will nudge your hand, elbow, or armpit. This beautiful boy is happy, attentive, and outgoing. Ranger would love to join an active household with confident, dog-savvy humans and a canine companion – ideally female!

Information coming soon on:
Belle, Cher (U Too Cher), Nell, and Niño.

These dogs have not yet been small-animal tested and are being evaluated in their foster homes. Contact us if you want more info!

Volunteer for the 2009 Have a Heart 'Grey'la!

Preparations are underway for the second annual Have a Heart 'Grey'la, scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the Zilker Clubhouse.

GPA-CT's first-ever Have a Heart 'Grey'la was so successful, we're back for a second time. The 'Grey'la is shaping up to be our largest and most profitable fund raiser, so please mark your calendars now and stash away a little extra spending money for the silent auction. We'll have great wines and desserts to sample, Greg Whitfield and his wonderful music and, once again, that great view.

Our fundraising goal for the Have a Heart 'Grey'la this year is \$10,000, so we're going to need everyone's support, financial and otherwise!

GPA-CT is inviting interested friends, family and community members to attend and to help raise funds to support GPA-CT's mission to find forever homes for retired racing greyhounds.

GPA-CT needs your help to make this a hugely successful fundraiser. Volunteers are needed in the following areas and for the following tasks. If you can volunteer to help with any of these tasks (or if you have questions), please contact Have a Heart 'Grey'la coordinator Donna Seago at donna@gpacentraltexas.org or 512-450-1460 (leave message).

Silent Auction Committee

- Solicit area businesses for donations of silent auction items and door prizes; work with 'Grey'la coordinator to avoid duplicating contacts.
- Make follow-up phone calls to businesses who have already been contacted for donations.

- Pick up donations from businesses, if requested by donor.
- Timeline: Starting immediately and ongoing until day of 'Grey'la event.

Decorating Committee

- Assist head of Decorating Committee as needed.
- Timeline: To be determined by head of Decorating Committee and ready to go on day of event.

Hosting Committee

- Greet guests upon arrival
- Pour wine; stock dessert trays
- Remind guests about bidding on silent auctions
- Timeline: Day of 'Grey'la event

Set-Up, Break-Down and Clean-Up Committee

- Set-up tables, chairs, decorations
- Put out food, drinks
- Break down tables, chairs; clean up facility
- Timeline: Day of event

Business Acknowledgments

GPA-CT thanks these businesses for their silent auction and door prize donations to date. Be sure to bid on the fabulous silent auction items the night of the Have a Heart 'Grey'la and patronize these establishments in recognition of their support to the mission of GPA-CT.

Ace Custom Tailors: gift certificate

Arbor Car Wash: Ben's Special and Waterworks car washes

The Belmont Classic American Restaurant and Bar: gift certificate

Blue Dahlia Bistro: gift certificate

Guero's Taco Bar: dinner and drinks for four



Hickory Street Bar and Grill: gift card
Iron Cactus Mexican Grill: lunch, dinner or brunch at Stonelake Blvd. location

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Trudy's Restaurants: gift card

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Wine Styles: wine and cheese party for six

Meet & Greet At Temple



A gaggle of Greyhounds at Temple Petco GPA-CT Meet & Greet

On Saturday, September 20, Austin area members of GPA-CT traveled up the road a piece to meet with Temple members at their monthly Meet & Greet at Petco. At least seven foster dogs made the trip, with human friends, to meet the public. Several board members were there, as well as foster moms for some of the dogs wearing "slime lime" collars and leads. Recently adopted dogs in the area also came out with their new owners.

One of the greyhound adopters in the area, Robert (Bobby) Stinson, had written a very nice article for the "Temple Daily Telegraph" to announce our arrival. A reporter from the local TV station was there to interview and to get footage of the dogs.

Everyone agreed it was a very good event and that it should be repeated in the future. The goal is to recruit not only new adopters, but also foster homes in the Waco/Temple/Belton area.



In Memoriam

Dash, beloved greyhound of Stan and Deborah Adams – July

Karmel Kinte, beloved greyhound of Fred Robinson – July 31

Lily (Littleraindancer), beloved greyhound of Nancy Faubion – August 13

Lucky, beloved greyhound of Sherman and Kathy Stone, Emily and Ashley – September 2

NXS Semper Fi, beloved greyhound of Chip and Sara Young – September 12

Lady, beloved greyhound of Wayne and Barbara Clark – October 2

Malibu, beloved greyhound of Bobby and Lucinda Stinson – October 11

Willow, beloved greyhound of Ruth James – October 15

Daphne, beloved greyhound of James and Rachel Brush – October 21

Semper Fi

February 2, 1998 to September 12, 2008

Semper Fi was quite possibly the sweetest greyhound we've had. His affection was heart-meltingly gentle. He liked to tuck his head between our legs or just press against us. He preferred to be in the same room with us when we were home and he greeted us enthusiastically at the door when we returned home after being out for any length of time.

Semper was a really happy greyhound. He loved our three walks each day and was great on the leash. Meeting people and/or dogs on our walks was an added treat for him; he liked everyone.

While we prepared their meals, Semper bounced excitedly on his front legs and ignored Sophie, who often nipped at his back legs in her own display of excitement.

Within a few weeks of coming to live with us, Semper developed a limp and we learned he had bone cancer in his right front shoulder. We treated his pain and he did well for awhile. His spunky spirit was evident up until the end and he never lost his sweetness.

We wish Semper had started his post-racing life with us but we're happy we were able to get to know him, take care of him, and love him, even if only for four months.

Sophie is 10 and doing well. She is happy to be the center of attention again.

Hug your pets!
Sara and Chip Young

Family Reunion at Barktoberfest

Paco (Kickin' Pacolito) and Baby Girl (It's Babygirltime), dogs formerly owned by the late Jimmy Pancher and his wife, Michele, were re-introduced at the Speed Alley event held Saturday, October 11, at Barktoberfest, Old Settlers' Park in Round Rock. The event, to benefit Williamson County SPCA, is an annual event in which GPA-CT participates. The brother and sister, adopted through GPA-CT, were not nearly as excited over the meeting as they were over watching others chase the lure, but their adopters – Diana Marcotte and Susan Hoffman – were thrilled to meet these siblings.



Baby Girl, Susan Hoffman, and Paco

In Memory of A Lady

Barbara Clark

It started October 2 with our 2 am potty outing – Lady and me under a bright, star-filled sky with a cool breeze, not like the hot muggy mornings we had been having. We slept for a few more hours, then loaded up and went off to work. Lady had been coming to work with me at the vet clinic for the past month or so. She had her bed under the front desk and would nap until noon, then spend the lunch break walking around the clinic, sniffing the cats and getting pets from the staff.

The past few days were different. She had some bruising that had developed in her inner thigh area and one of her legs was becoming quite swollen. I carried her out to the "garage" – a huge drive-through opening to the back of the clinic – where we have a futon couch and a few chairs. I laid her down on the couch so she could look out, sniff the air and see the grass waving in the wind. Kat, my favorite technician, sat with her and petted her for a long time, then looked at me and said, "She isn't having fun anymore."

Those words hit me like a ton of bricks and tears began to flow. I called Wayne and told him it was a beautiful day for Lady to leave. He joined me at work and we petted and pampered her for the next hour. She got to have her favorite treats – dark chocolate and salmon cat snacks. Dr. Hudson joined us later and Lady slipped off to an eternity of Beautiful Days where she was met by Simon next to the lake, where he had taken me during a dream. It was the Rainbow Bridge.

Adoptions

Hallo Karma, adopted July 28 by Barbara Ellington

Nemo (Wam Nero), adopted August 31 by Jerry and Melissa Michalek, Kellan and Jaden

Fuzi (Fashion Power), adopted September 10 by Ted and Bonnie Francis

Gracie (MnJ Gracie Blaze), adopted September 11 by Sherman and Kathy Stone, and Ashley, and greyhounds Breezy and Lyle

Gordo, adopted September 12 by Brad Cason and Cecilia Burnside

Norma Jean, adopted September 20 by Peter Rossky and Catherine Smith, and greyhound Oscar

Bitsy, adopted October 11 by Dan and Diana Marcotte, Matthew and Thomas, and greyhound Paco

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Francesca's Perspective

All I want for Christmas are my four front teeth!

Hey, Dogs! It's me, Francesca!

I'm sure you're surprised to find out that, even as dazzling as I am, I am dentally challenged. Yes, sadly, whenever I go for one of those pesky teeth cleanings, I wake up with fewer teeth than I went to sleep with. It all started at the racetrack. They fed us a diet of protein goo that dissolved the enamel, encouraged a build up of plaque, and led to a coating of tartar, which then often leads to gum disease. And as you well know, fellow furry friends, we did not get much in the way of dental hygiene at the track, so once we're finally in our real home, the damage has been done. My mom does try to brush my teeth but I hate it. She even tries to make it better with that chicken-flavored toothpaste. If I couldn't read the tube, I'd never know that stuff was supposed to taste like chicken. It's just weird. Wylie doesn't exactly go for his daily tooth brushing either so what's a dog to do? Well, if you still have enough teeth to chew with, chow down on that dry dog food. If your mom and dad try and spoil you with canned food, go on strike and demand that they feed you the crunchy stuff that can actually knock tartar off your teeth. We also get a variety of treats that are good for our pearly whites. My very favorite thing in the whole world is a CET chew. They're rawhides coated in an enzyme that's supposed to help dissolve plaque, and they're delicious! (Wylie likes the medium ones and I like the petites, due to my lack of back teeth.) After my most recent trip to the dentist, my mom started giving us Hill's Prescription Diet t/d food as treats. They're like little balls with sandpaper inside and I like them okay. In researching other ways to keep from going completely toothless, I've discovered that some dog moms and dads apply a dental gel or spray weekly that's supposed to repel plaque. There are also water additives that reduce the amount of bacteria in your mouth. I read that some moms and dads even scale plaque off of their dogs' teeth with a dental scaler. I love my mom and everything, but she's not getting anywhere near me with one of those.

Unfortunately, the bottom line is this: we have got to keep our teeth clean. An infection in a dog's mouth easily enters the bloodstream and can do serious and lasting damage to organs like the kidneys and heart. So, see that dentist once a year, and try and let your parents brush your teeth EVERY DAY. I'll let her, but I'm still not going to make it particularly easy.

Licks and a gummy smile,

Francesca



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