



THE HOME STRETCH

GREYHOUND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Spring Open House
 May 21 & 22
 Noon - 5pm
 Greyhound Friends, Hopkinton

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

Happy Spring! Sometimes convoluted, trying events are worth the stress and effort. With fortitude, a sense of humor and an off-base perspective, the insistence of life is accomplished.

This past Marathon Monday I became off kilter when I was on my way to work at our shelter in Hopkinton. All roads into town close early because thousands and thousands of people come to run in or to watch the start of the Boston Marathon. I usually start early and drive on the back roads in order to circumvent the closed main streets. At the meeting point of three towns: Holliston, Ashland and Hopkinton, I saw a person I knew who was working as a temporary traffic cop. He suggested I cross Route 135 directly ahead and go through the back acreage of Weston Nurseries. I remembered the dirt road he mentioned.

So I set out with Penny, the pit bull cross I inherited from my son Nolan, riding with me in front; Timmy, elderly Irish greyhound and king of the entire back seat; and Gunshy in the far back. Gunshy was turned in to a shelter in Kentucky for being gunshy. We went into the nursery's grounds and were moving along, but the direct road turned muddy, deep muddy, with places to plant future trees – wet, deep mud up to the hubcaps. No 4-wheel drive matters with congealing, trapping mud.

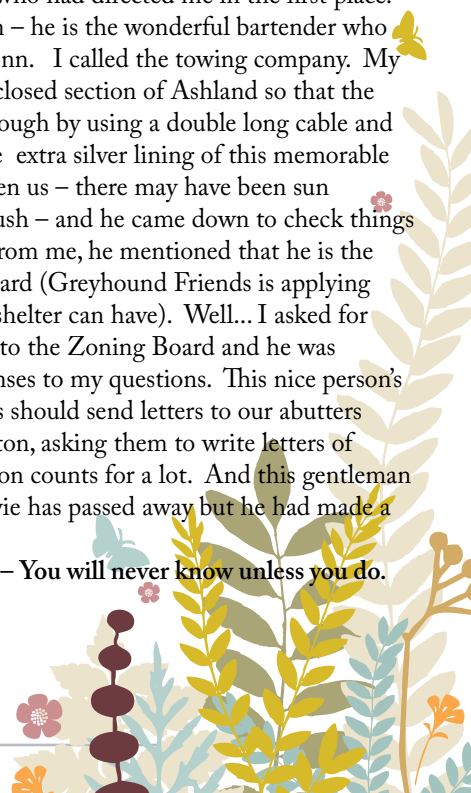
Gunshy is a beagle/basset hound mix who responds loudly to the sound of sirens. During the pre-start of the Marathon, the police and fire engines often sound off... and so did Gunshy, his baying voice matching the sirens.

I could only think – How could I do this? How could I be mudified in Weston Nurseries on Marathon Monday? How would Art's Towing find me? Helicopter? Audio? I got out of the Greyhound Friends Explorer to reconnoiter...where were we? I crossed a small creek, climbed up a not too steep verge, and made my way through brambles. I had gone in a circle and the first person I saw on a nearby road was the temporary traffic cop who had directed me in the first place. Luckily I know him in another incarnation – he is the wonderful bartender who works Saturday evenings in the Sherborn Inn. I called the towing company. My vehicle was close enough to the no-roads-closed section of Ashland so that the 4-wheel drive tow truck could get close enough by using a double long cable and gently pushing aside a few small trees. The extra silver lining of this memorable Marathon Day was that a neighbor had seen us – there may have been sun glinting off the windshield through the brush – and he came down to check things out. After some preliminary explanation from me, he mentioned that he is the Chairperson of the Hopkinton Zoning Board (Greyhound Friends is applying for an increase in the number of dogs our shelter can have). Well... I asked for suggestions on how to present our request to the Zoning Board and he was professional and encouraging in his responses to my questions. This nice person's main thought was that Greyhound Friends should send letters to our abutters and to other interested citizens in Hopkinton, asking them to write letters of support to the Zoning Board. Local opinion counts for a lot. And this gentleman had adopted a greyhound in the past. Bowie has passed away but he had made a positive connection....

So – when in the mud soldier through – You will never know unless you do.



Best Wishes,
 Louise Coleman
 Executive Director



THE CHAOS INSIDE

Carla Kenney

Letting my greyhounds out into our fenced yard is something I do several times per day. Sometimes I go out with them to supervise and sometimes I stay indoors. On April 4th our two greyhounds, GT and Gill, went out for their usual romp in the yard early in the evening and I decided to stay inside this time. The dogs were out for only a few minutes - Gill came up the stairs to our deck patiently waiting to be let in, but GT was at the bottom of the stairs trying to climb the steps but was unsuccessful. I didn't know what was wrong and I helped him come inside, which he did fairly gracefully. Once inside, I noticed a slight limp in his hind left leg. I assumed he had bumped himself somewhere in the yard while playing with Gill as he had done many times before. Relying on history, I assumed GT would sleep it off and be sprinting in the yard during the next turnout, but GT went out a few hours later and needed some help coming in again. Once inside, he jumped on the couch and slept and I didn't think too much about it. By 10 PM GT was frantically panting while standing in his dog bed, visibly uncomfortable. I gave him an anti-inflammatory assuming he had a pulled or bruised muscle and I helped him lie down. This was just the beginning of our nightmare.

GT continued to have difficulty and I brought him into Tufts at 3:30 in the morning. They found nothing wrong and sent him home. Hours later, I returned to Tufts with GT. His condition had gotten worse. They kept him for the day because he had a slight fever of 103, but it had resolved by the evening and they discharged him. Things seemed to have gotten better but by the next morning, things quickly declined again. GT had developed an ulcer in his groin and his abdomen was viciously swollen. I tried to get GT in the car but he was unable to jump into my SUV. I had to call a friend for help. Once we got to Tufts for the third time, they took GT immediately and found he had an alarming temperature of 105.4, with rapid breathing and rapid heart rate; they decided to admit him into the intensive care unit. His wound was getting worse by the minute and the doctors were very concerned. Despite normal blood work, there was something very wrong. They decided to take GT to surgery the following morning and see what was going on inside his abdomen. They were questioning whether a foreign object had inoculated him. To their surprise, they didn't find any objects but they did find a significant amount of infection and dying tissue that was eating away at his abdominal wall. They removed the dead tissue, took some to biopsy and culture and closed him. The cultures came back positive for

E coli and proteus bacteria. At this time GT was already on an antibiotic but they decided to give him a more aggressive one.

A couple of days passed and the incision site looked worse - infected and necrotic. What was happening to my poor GT? There were some ideas, but no one knew for sure. The treatment team decided to go in and take another look at GT's abdomen - they found a significant amount of dying tissue and inflammation and decided at this point that he was in a very critical state and they needed to keep his abdomen open so all the internal pressure and infection could come out. We were told he had a 50/50 chance of pulling through this. That night the vet told us GT was declining rapidly and they were doing all they could to save him. The vet told us that if something were to happen during the night then they would call. In the meantime he asked if we wanted GT to be resuscitated if his heart stopped. This was serious and very scary. My healthy happy GT was violently ill and in trouble. I wish I knew what happened to him. I wracked my brain, reviewing the days before but all we could do was keep our fingers crossed. Things were critical.



GT at Tufts ICU

They replaced the sterile gauze in GT's open abdomen several times per day for three days post surgery. Having an open abdomen is not a common intervention and it has its risks, but it was his only option. GT was being fed by a tube as he was significantly behind in his nutrition. He also had a urine catheter in place so his own urine would not contaminate his open abdomen. He was sedated most of the time because they didn't want him moving around too much. He developed pitting edema in his left hind leg and his paws were the size of a Labrador retriever's. We visited GT everyday in the ICU. Each day the news was slightly better. The infection was coming to an end and the edges of his abdominal tissues were declaring their boundaries, but I worried about how much damage there was.



GT at Tufts ICU

After no remaining infection was detected, they decided to take him to surgery for the third time, clean out his abdomen and remove any remaining necrotic or questionable tissue and close his abdomen. Unfortunately, the infection took too much of his abdominal wall and he needed a mesh graft to cover the hole the infection left in its wake. This surgery went well and again, all we could do was pray that no further complications developed. He remained in the ICU with around the clock supportive care from nurses and doctors. He started to eat on his own. He was starting to go out for walks and was slowly becoming more alert and acting like the GT I know well. His legs and paws returned to normal size and it was time for him to come home.

GT was discharged from Tufts on April 19th. He is doing extremely well. He lost about 7 lbs and is ravenous, trying to regain his normal weight of 82 lbs. He is restricted from exercise and needs to take it easy.

So what actually happened to GT that started such chaos in his body? No one knows. There are some theories, though. The vet originally thought he possibly had cancer, but there was no evidence of this. Then they thought he had cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy (also known as Alabama Rot). This is not a common illness in greyhounds who primarily raced in the northeast, so that theory was also crossed off the list. They also thought maybe a brown recluse spider or some other insect bit, which is plausible. The other possibility is that he was inoculated by something foreign – something even as small as a needlepoint, or a thorn maybe? My theory is that he was likely sprinting in the yard with Gill and lost his footing and fell into something blunt, causing this significant trauma. One would expect some sort of laceration or point of contact visible to the human eye, but there was none. The mystery continues.

We have only had GT for a year and a half. Prior to joining our family, he was at Greyhound Friends for about two years. He was so fearful of people that when any potential adopter looked at him, he would cower and shake, looking away hoping no one would notice him. He continues to be a very fearful greyhound, which I thought would complicate his treatment but he was too ill to fret over his fear of strangers, large objects and loud noises. He actually taught me that he is very strong dog and a fighter. So while he continues to rest and regain his strength, I want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing vets, Dr. Adam Porter and Dr. John Anastasio of the Emergency and Critical Care Department at Tufts and Dr. Couto from Ohio State who consulted with Tufts and communicated with me over email. I also want to thank all of our friends who were incredibly supportive and prayed for GT each day. There is one thing to say about greyhound owners – they are the kindest people I have ever met and they care about your greyhound as much as they do their own.



GT at home recovering



SPECIAL DOGS

Eliot



Photo by Brianna Burkhart

Eliot is a beautiful 7 year old brindle boy. He has the most striking features and would be the talk of the town. He gets along great with other greyhounds and he a real leaner. Eliot walks wonderfully on a leash and enjoys being around people. He would do best in a home with experienced greyhound owners and a greyhound buddy to learn from. With time and love this one will just flourish.

Naughty



Photo by Brianna Burkhart

Despite his name, Naughty is such a good boy!! He

is a fawn beauty who loves to be around other greyhounds. He would do best in a home without cats and small dogs, but he loves children. This 3 year old boy would do best in a semi-active family. He does just as well with sleeping as he does with playing. Don't let the name fool you, this guy is quite the catch!

Roller



Photo by Brianna Burkhart

Roller is a beautiful 4 year old boy who loves attention and back scratches. He walks excellently on leash and turns into a clown when given a toy. His black coat just shines in the sun as he enjoys walks and romps in an enclosed area, but he will snuggle into your lap if you give him a chance. Roller has been to the beach and the city; and he was very well behaved in both situations. With a family to call his own, this one will simply blossom.

GREYHOUND FRIENDS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Stoddard Melhado

The question: what to do with thirty or so volunteers from Alpha Xi Delta Society at Worcester Polytechnic Institute who were to arrive on a Saturday in March? The answer – get started on the long planned Greyhound Friends Memorial Garden. And that is exactly what we did.

As planned over seven years ago, a brick paver path from



the front entrance of the kennel leads to the circular Memorial Garden. In the center of the garden a seven foot diameter planting area is surrounded by pavers and engraved bricks. The engraved bricks, purchased by adopters, commemorate beloved dogs who have passed on. Finally, the paved area will be surrounded by low stone walls or benches for comfortable seating and further planting.

Bringing this vision to reality would take a lot of planning and hard work. Step one was to obtain some professional advice. Thankfully, contractor Michael Miller and landscaper Darryl Sullo of Sullo's Landscaping of Acton (www.sulloslandscaping.com) graciously volunteered their time and expertise to help us. We met at the kennel a week before the work date as Michael and Darryl assisted us in laying out the garden and estimating the materials we would need.

By the following Saturday 3 pallets of pavers and 8 tons of base material had been delivered to the kennel and volunteer Jeff Colburn had brought his tractor to the kennel and completed all the preliminary digging. Michael and Darryl had returned to help, and a fleet of cars arrived from WPI, disgorging students eager to help. Then the fun began.

Under Darryl's direction, some students hand dug the foundations, refining the work that Jeff had begun. Others spread and tamped down 3 tons of gravel followed by 5 tons of stone dust.

Fortunately, Jeff was able to use his tractor to bring the materials to where they were needed. Sooner than we had imagined Darryl began laying the first row of pavers



for the path leading from the kennel. After Darryl demonstrated the proper techniques for laying pavers, he left and we were on our own.

Shortly after, the WPI students headed back to campus, tired but pleased with all the work they had accomplished for Greyhound Friends.

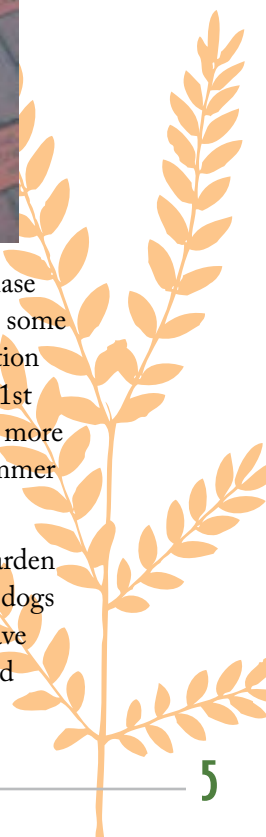
After another two days of work, the path to the circular garden was completed and we began work on the main garden area.

First we needed to determine a pattern and decided to place the engraved memorial bricks in circles, alternating the names of those commemorated with pavers so that as new engraved bricks arrived, they could easily be placed. Within the five foot span of paving, there a four memorial circles, surrounded by field pavers. The planting scheme will be as important as the hardscape. Fortunately, the Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford



with volunteer Gail Reichert will be assisting us. Phase one of the garden, all the brick and paver work with some preliminary planting will be completed for a dedication at Greyhound Friends' Spring Open House, May 21st and 22nd. Phase two, adding the stone benches and more extensive planting, will be completed during the summer and fall.

Once the garden completed, our hope is that the garden will be a beautiful, serene place for people and their dogs to visit and to remember all the special dogs who have come to Greyhound Friends, been adopted, and lived happy lives.



GREYHOUND FRIENDS MEMORIAL GARDEN BRICKS

It's not too late to buy a memorial brick to be placed in the Memorial Garden.

Each brick is \$200. Bricks are rustic red with black lettering. Size - 4"x8"x2.25" and you have the choice of one, two or three lines of text per brick.

Contact Pat at ghfriend@greyhound.org for details on how to order your brick(s), engraving specifics, and for delivery information. Your purchase of an engraved brick (or two) will help Greyhound Friends buy materials to complete the garden's benches and plantings, which will be purchased and installed soon.

Visit us on the web for more information
www.greyhound.org

ENGRAVED LEAVES FOR THE TREE OF LIFE

In addition to the engraved bricks for the Memorial Garden, another option for honoring a special greyhound, or pet, or person, is an engraved leaf on the Tree of Life that is located on the wall in the reception area of the kennel. Each leaf is \$300.

For more information, contact Pat at ghfriend@greyhound.org

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GREYHOUND FRIENDS HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

We are currently beginning to schedule receiving shipments of greyhounds from W. Virginia and Florida. The dogs in W. Virginia have been waiting to come here since November. They are lucky to have such a stalwart owner.

As we go forward there are more restrictions and requirements that need to be fulfilled... than there ever were when the trainers just drove up with the dogs, unloaded, and then went on to their next stop. Our isolation unit has been approved and will be a big help. Unfortunately, it has room for only six dogs at a time. We will be working in conjunction with other isolation units.

The entire retrieval from Florida to Massachusetts effort is going to be expensive, but necessary. Dogs have to come in with interstate health certificates from the place they originated from. Sometimes Greyhound Friends will have to pay for these certificates and also for hauling the dogs back to Massachusetts. Plus, all the vet expenses.

I would like to thank everyone who offered many forms of support during our ordeal with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. We couldn't have made it though without your kind contributions and encouraging words.

Please keep the Florida greyhounds in mind...they are waiting for a ride to a new life... your on-going donations provide the means to their happy ending...

- Louise Coleman

WE'RE UPDATING OUR EMAIL LIST:

Greyhound Friends is in the process of updating our friends contact list, especially to include current email addresses. Won't you please take the time to send us an email with your up to date contact information including your name, address, phone and email? Also, in an effort to help reduce production and mailing costs, we are planning to send our newsletter electronically to those who are interested and who provide us with their email address. When you respond, could you please also let us know if you would like to receive the newsletter and other updates by mail or email? Thanks!
Please send updated contact information to greyfriends@yahoo.com.





THE MAIL BAG - "BLAZE IN MANHATTAN"

Hi Louise,

I wanted to tell you Blaze got a nice little mention during the Westminster Dog Show this week! I didn't actually watch it, but several people stopped me on the street to let me know. David Frei, the show commentator, is a neighbor of ours. During the hound group judging, when the greyhound does its thing, David talks about how people think of them as fast sprinters, but greyhounds also very good house pets -- calm and friendly... "There's even one on my block - Blaze!" he says.

Go Blaze! (We're trying not to let it go to his head... he already thinks he rules the Upper East Side!) We are all doing well - it is absolutely amazing to see Blaze's transformation continue -- he snuggles with Brian, roos at our doorman, nose-butts and hip-checks when he wants more attention and is (slowly) mastering the game of "fetch."

The other great discovery is a beach volleyball court that the NYC Parks Department built in Central Park last summer (why, I don't know -- where do they think we are, California?!). But what it means for Blaze is a big, always empty, totally fenced deep-sand box that he tears around in like a lunatic, then flops down and rolls around when he's done.

He thinks snow is the best invention since vanilla ice cream, and spent days bounding through the fluffy white stuff while we tried not to fall on our faces running after him. He has become increasingly affectionate and forthcoming in his (endless) need for ear scratches and belly rubs. He is a regular shopper at Ralph Lauren down the street, where he prefers anything soft and fluffy (look out cashmere sweaters...) and is also enjoying celebrity status at the local go-karting track where adults and kids alike want to take him home. He's doing his best to control the squirrel population in Central Park but so far, I'm happy to say, it's squirrels: 100, Blaze: 0.

Best, *Julia and Brian*

GREYHOUND FRIENDS AND GIRL SCOUTS

Stoddard Melhado

The Girl Scouts' slogan is, "Do a good turn daily" and judging by the interaction Greyhound Friends has had with two local troops, the girls more than live up to that slogan.

The nine fifth grade girls of Hopkinton Junior Girl Scout Troop 2227, Avery Asherman, Miranda Baumann, Brigid Belger, Andrea Bogan, Hannah Clott, Kate Huebner, Beth Koeller, Lindsey Mingace and Natalie White, have been together for six years. The girls selected Greyhound Friends for their Bronze Award Community Service Project because they absolutely love animals. Under the leadership of Jo-Ann Clott, Kathy Baumann, and Jenn White each scout will have dedicated 20 hours of community service to their project. Hard working and compassionate, the girls wanted to "give a voice to those without" and inform their community about greyhounds, their needs, and their often times difficult lives.



The girls set up beautifully decorated donation boxes for Greyhound Friends throughout the Hopkins School and at the end of their drive, arrived at the kennel with load upon load of greatly needed supplies. The kennel staff was overwhelmed with the myriad of items generously donated. At the end of the drive, the girls twice hosted the Greyhound Friends Educational Outreach Program at the Hopkins School, so that their fellow fifth graders could learn about greyhounds and meet some of our education dogs.

After learning about our impasse with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the girls wrote letters in support of Greyhound Friends to their state senator and state representative, earning them an invitation to visit the State House and teaching them a valuable civics

lesson. The troop's project will culminate with their collecting and donating cookies and toys at our May Open House, followed by their bridging to Cadette Girl Scout status on May 23.



The equally hard working Westborough 30554 Junior Troop, consisting of seven fifth grade students, Alexa Brandt, Chesna Foster, Renee McCullough, Ilana Lippold, Emily Spofford, Jillian Smith, and Kate Katz, under the leadership of Marcy Lippold, Pam Smith, and Janice Spofford conducted a donation drive for Greyhound Friends as part of their Bronze Award Community Service Project. The girls decided that they wanted their project to focus on pets and their needs and after visiting with a local veterinarian decided that they wanted to help Greyhound Friends. After a trip to the kennel for an educational program and a tour, the Troop Girls worked with Westborough TV to produce a Public Service Announcement to bring awareness about greyhounds and Greyhound Friends and to publicize their Donation Drive at the Mill Pond School and the Westborough Public Library. The PSA ran three times daily throughout the month of March. The girls placed artistically decorated boxes for Greyhound Friends and the donations poured in.



On April 11, the troop arrived at the kennel with two vans packed with donations for Greyhound Friends including blankets, biscuits and treats, dog food, toys, and cleaning supplies. As well, each girl had made a special “no sew fleece blanket” for the dogs, including one special one in their troop colors. After delivering their donations, the troop visited one more time with the kennel dogs. Troop 30554 will also be bridging to Cadette status this May.

Working with these two troops and seeing how dedicated they were to helping Greyhound Friends and our dogs has been a pleasure. I look forward to continuing to work with them and their adults advisors in the future and know that some of the girls when they reach high school will become dedicated volunteers for Greyhound Friends.

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- Carpet & Carpet Cutters
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- Liquid Dish Soap & Pine Cleaner
- Office Supplies *(copy paper, pens, large & padded envelopes, tape, etc.)*
- Olive Oil & Rice
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo *(flea & tick for dogs)*
- Vet Supplies
- Visitors
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SPRING OPEN HOUSE

MAY 21 & 22, 2011

12:00 - 5:00PM

JEN AND SARA

Jen Hutchinson

Sara, a two year old greyhound-black lab mix came to Greyhound Friends during the summer of 2010. She was found locked in a crate with her litter of eight puppies in a drug house in Vermont. Sara and her puppies were horribly malnourished and infested with fleas and tapeworms. After being rescued by the North Country Animal Shelter, Sara's puppies quickly found homes, but the mother who cared for her puppies was left without a home.



After coming to Greyhound Friends, Sara immediately intimidated anyone who walked by her kennel with her bear like bark. I fed Sara and then opened her kennel and sat down on the floor, not giving her eye contact and throwing her treats. We bonded instantly. She would lie upside down on my lap and paw for my attention. I took Sara home and she is a wonderful little girl. She's very eager for long walks in the woods, playing fetch, and chasing the squirrels that taunt her. Sara went from a horrible life of abuse to a warm bed and now has a human to call her own.



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Did you know that our kennel store and online catalog is a key revenue provider for Greyhound Friends? New products are arriving every month and we try to keep in stock the products that the greyhounds really need as well as those that you request. You won't find a better selection of greyhound-specific coats or martingale collars anywhere! You can access the online catalog at our website: www.greyhound.org or come in to the store in Hopkinton any day from 9 to 5.

ESTATE PLANNING

If you are doing estate planning, please consider naming Greyhound Friends as a beneficiary of your will or trust. In the past years, a substantial part of our funding has come from estates. We could not have continued our work and built the new kennel without this help.

WAYS TO DONATE

There are 2 ways you can donate money to Greyhound Friends; one is through a straight donation and the other is through purchasing an annual membership. With a straight donation, you can donate a one-time payment in any amount or set up a monthly recurring payment. Our annual memberships are set up in fixed amounts and come with a free gift.

We have restructured our Membership Program. To make it easier for our members to remember when their membership needs renewing all memberships will now be renewable in May of each year. Why did we choose May as the membership renewal month? Because that's the anniversary month of the founding of Greyhound Friends! New memberships are gladly accepted and encouraged at this time. If you are currently a member of Greyhound Friends, please take the time now to renew your membership by returning the form on page 11 or by completing your transaction via our online store.



Meeting of The Racers

Photograph by
John Mottern

This award winning 11x14 classic photograph makes a beautiful addition to any greyhound art collection or as a holiday gift. Proceeds go to support the efforts of Greyhound Friends Inc. a non-profit organization dedicated to placing retired racers with loving homes. This hand printed black and white photograph is available for \$28.50 and can be ordered from www.greyhound.org or by email greyhndfds@aol.com. Check, Credit Cards, Paypal are all accepted.

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Irish Timmy shopping at Second Chances Thrift Store



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Happy 16th Birthday Timmy!

