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## 10 things my greyhounds have taught me



A frequent foster mom for GPA/Nashville, Jenn Krause is devoted to her fast friends, Rosie, facing left, and Astro, facing right.

**By Jenn Krause**

The love of a greyhound is life-changing. No one who has been touched by these gentle creatures ever remains the same. After adopting two hounds and fostering at least a dozen, I have come to the conclusion that our hounds can teach us as much about living the good life as we teach them.

### Ten lessons my greys have taught me:

- No matter how many loved ones in your life, there's always room for more. This applies to couches, too.
- Food is good. Eating it off the counter is better.
- Being shy is pointless. Rushing forward and greeting strangers with a big hello and smile works best.
- Looking dignified, even when caught in a compromising act (like eating garbage or chewing on the remote), may defer retribution.
- Getting the right blanket in the right place is fine, even if you have to rip it to shreds to get there.
- Sleep isn't just necessary. It's a fruitful hobby and a good line of work.
- You can only hoard so many precious possessions. Once your house (or crate) is full, you have to take everything out and start over.
- A change in position is essential. Everything looks better when you're upside down with your paws in the air and your tongue hanging out.
- The support of friends is essential. If they step away, you might fall over.
- If you persist and pursue your quarry with heart, you become a better person in the process.

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# Greyt NEWS

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## Shopping list

This year's Winter Gathering will feature nine vendors all focused on stuff for you and your greyhounds, so check out their websites and prepare for some heavy shopping. To get a head start, check out our vendors' websites.

- **Run With It Embroidery** – Clothing for the greyhound lover – [runwithitemb.com](http://runwithitemb.com)
- **Essential Greyhound** – Supplements, grooming supplies and more – [essentialgreyhound.com](http://essentialgreyhound.com)
- **Hurricane Houndesigns** – Collars – [hurricanehoundesigns.com](http://hurricanehoundesigns.com)
- **Silk Road Collars** – Collars – [silkroadcollars.com](http://silkroadcollars.com)
- **Greyhound Magnets** – Magnets, decals, collars and more – [greyhoundmagnets.com](http://greyhoundmagnets.com)
- **Candles by Lois** – Soy-based candles
- **Greytwear** T-shirts, sweatshirts and more – [greytwear.com](http://greytwear.com)
- **Fast Jack** – T-shirts, sweatshirts and more – [fastjack.com](http://fastjack.com)
- **Long Neck Deco** – Everything greyhound – [longneckdeco.com](http://longneckdeco.com)

### A Brief Commercial Break

Oh, and if your hound needs a warm coat, GPA/N will be selling the ones made by its busy volunteers, Cathy Morris and Cindy Cantrell. They feature water-resistant fabric outside, warm fleece inside, a cozy snood and an adjustable strap. They're \$35 each and 100% of the proceeds go to GPA/N. We'll also have hand-crocheted snoods available for purchase.



Competitive hound racing will be the highlight of this year's Winter Gathering from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14 in Murfreesboro at the Tennessee Livestock Center.

## Join us on Sunday, Jan. 14 It's Winter Gathering time again in the 'Boro

- **Who's Invited:** Greyhounds, adopters and people interested in greyhound adoption.
- **What:** GPA/Nashville's annual gathering of hounds and humans for an afternoon of fun and winter frolic in the safety and security of an enclosed, heated livestock arena. And shopping — lots of shopping. (See the vendor list on the left.)
- **When:** 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14.
- **Where:** Tennessee Livestock Center, on the MTSU Campus, Murfreesboro.

In addition to the camaraderie of hanging out with greyhound people, the afternoon's highlights will include hound racing, toenail trimming (\$5 per dog) and competitive sitting.

### All you have to do is ...

Come on down to Murfreesboro with your family and hound. If your hound is going to romp in the arena, be sure to bring a muzzle. (Muzzles also will be available to buy/ borrow.)

**Bring a snack to share** — Anything will do — a bucket of KFC, sandwich makings, cookies, fruit or chips. We'll have the plates and cutlery, plus soda, water and coffee. Contact Cindy Cantrell at [ccantrell@comcast.net](mailto:ccantrell@comcast.net) for more on refreshments.

**Admission:** \$5 per person/\$10 per family.

**Information or to volunteer:** Mardy Fones, [mafones@comcast.net](mailto:mafones@comcast.net)

### Getting to TLC - MTSU

From Nashville, take I-24 toward Murfreesboro. Get off at the second Church Street/Shelbyville exit. Go two stoplights to Rutherford Boulevard (Wendy's is on the corner.) Turn right. Go 5.5 miles on Rutherford Boulevard and make a left on Greenland Drive. TLC is about .5 mile on the left.



## Hounds go Hawaiian at picnic



Candace reigned as picnic Wahini Queen.



GPA's Luau picnic was a rousing success this year with more than 200 people and their hounds on hand for food, games and fun. Many thanks to Ginger Tessier and Becky Orman, picnic co-chairs, Steve Tessier, chief Kahuna, Britt Phillips who put together the potluck lunch and the whole silent auction team.

Photos by Rob Holmes

Mac, above keeps a watchful eye. Ben, at left, enjoys an ice cream while Cora Faye makes a trip to the "beach" to cool down after a busy afternoon of games and silent auction bidding.



Shoddy and Lexie compete for twin awards in a game of Separated at Birth.



The wet t-shirt contest, above and on the left, was one of the most popular picnic games.

## The ear of a retired racer

By Carol Macherey, DVM

Soft ears, folded back, Rose ears, silky black. Blue ink. Mark of a racer.



A greyhound's ears naturally fold back and around to form a rose.

One of the most unique features of our greyhounds is their ears. Their many positions, their unique "rose" curl, their tattoos – all these things capture our attention. While greyhound ears tend to be healthy, there are still some things you should know.

### DAILY CARE

This is easy because for the overwhelming majority of our hounds it means just a good sense of awareness. Are their ears suddenly painful? Do one or both look red or inflamed? Is there persistent wax? Do they smell badly? These could all signal a real medical problem needing treatment by your vet.

How should you clean an ear if it does seem a little waxy or dirty?

- Use a piece of soft cotton, not a Q-Tip or swab.
- Use a real ear cleaning solution or bathroom alcohol, not hydrogen peroxide. Very small amounts of sweet oil are also safe and effective.
- ONLY clean the area you can see – don't go down the ear canal with any object.

■ Always clean gently. If it is too painful to your hound, see your vet.

### POSSIBLE MEDICAL PROBLEMS

Single episodes of bacterial infection can usually be managed by your vet with antibiotic drops. Once the infection is treated, it shouldn't recur. If your hound's ears suffer recurrent ear problems, there is an undetected problem.

If your greyhound is allergic to one or more ingredients in his food or to allergens in the environment, his ears may signal the problem. Low thyroid levels can predispose a dog to persistent ear problems. Growths inside the ear canal can cause infection and inflammation. Middle or inner ear problems can reseed infection in the ear canal.

## 'Sit Happens' workshop

*Dummies* author to focus on growing the perfect greyhound

Lee Livingood, author of *Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies*, will be in Nashville Saturday, March 24 for a workshop entitled, "Sit Happens – Growing the Perfect Greyhound."

Designed to help adopters better understand their hounds, morning sessions will be on behavior, training and evaluating relationships and communication with other species. There's even a session entitled "Learning to Speak Greyhound." In the afternoon, Lee will talk about mentoring your



hound, ways to make training fun and easy and preventing and resolving unwanted behaviors. There'll be plenty of demonstrations using untrained and semi-trained hounds. Question-and-answer sessions will be held at the end of both the morning and afternoon sessions.

The seminar fee is \$25 per person or \$35 per family. The hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with breaks midway through the morning and afternoon sessions plus an hour for lunch on your own. Watch the website ([www.gpanashville.org](http://www.gpanashville.org)) for registration details.

## Ending 2006 with a bang

The following greyhounds and their people joined the GPA/N family between July 30 and Dec. 1

### RECENT ADOPTIONS

Jaimie & Arlinda Pickett – Poncho  
 Don & Nancy Waggoner - Shadowfax  
 Angie & Jay Hayes – Koolade  
 Martha & Mark Basenberg – Charlie  
 Justin & Mitzi Thompson – Splurge & Peggy  
 Josh & Lindsey Ryle – Newsy & Aira  
 Chris & Karen Ryan – Wayne  
 Bill Wallace & Rachel How – Guido  
 Alison & Brian Warford – Ad  
 Tom & Donna Sammons – Fran  
 Amber & Rob Brock – King  
 Tracy & Jim Kelly – Lexie  
 Ann & Watson Chaney – Banchee  
 Bob Dowlen – Tommy  
 Cindy & Thomas Morrison – Lucky  
 Mary & David Clayton – Rose  
 Tom & Rachel Beck – Barry & Tianna  
 Karla Nixon – Nibbles  
 The Monarez Family – Tommy  
 Steve & Rhonda Perry – Springdale  
 Sharon & David Conley – Haggarty  
 Doug & Barb Elliott – Vagabond  
 Carol Ziglar – Miz O'Brien  
 Justin Tarrents - Scent

### CHIPS (As in you can't have just one)

Pam Neiman & Kent Hiday – Naomi  
 Pam Arzu – Red  
 Nathan Wahl & Lisa Gordon – Elsie  
 Daryl & Jan Bornstein – Boyd  
 Rebecca & Charles Coode – Zim  
 The Gwin Family – Gaylord  
 Julie & Rick Lynch – Satay  
 Kerry Dye & Jennifer Henry – Nasa  
 Phil Kingsley & Mitch Reyzer – Splash  
 Dana Schaaf – Charger  
 Denise Petrali & Sebastian Luciano – LaMar  
 Liz Trapp – Zirillo  
 Angela & Bryan Deaton – Bronson  
 Heather & Bill Young – Able  
 Dixie & Chuck Falk - Bullet

### NEW TO GPA/N

April Gray – Moxie

Between Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 97 greyhounds found their forever homes with GPA/N.