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Welcoming Goody home — Shy boy finds his place

By Robert Dinwiddie

When your hound dies as our Majik did a year ago and our Bear before that, opening your home to a new greyhound is hard, even if, deep down, you know it's the right thing to do. For us, the decision was complicated by our Ashley, a greyhound lady of a certain age and very specific opinions.

In December, Goody, a young, shy boy came to us and stole our hearts. He baffles Ashley with "unintentionally" ignoring her warning cues. He lays down beside her on HER bed, even while she growls and snarls. He just looks the other way and lays with his back to her! He is still respectful of her and has never shown a tooth at her — just ignores her and does as he wants! Ashley has finally met her match!

FROM RACER TO PET

Until Goody came into our lives, we didn't know we had a panic room in our house. Our bedroom is Goody's "panic room." He feels so secure in there that if he gets upset or afraid, he simply goes upstairs to his "safe" place.

He and Bounce, our Italian greyhound mix, just completed "hell week" as we had our roof replaced. Poor guys — they were so scared for three days because of the noise! Goody would jump on our bed and try to "hide." He has become more confident now that he survived that ordeal.

This big, lanky boy acts like such a puppy some times. He loves to run outside with Ashley and she's much more spry with him around. This is the first boy she cannot catch and it makes her so mad. She just doesn't realize that he is five years younger and fresh off the track. She still loves to try and she seems more spry with Goody-man around! We are enjoying watching him grow up before our eyes!



With Robert and Leigh Dinwiddie, Goody (left) has found his place with Bounce (above) and Ashley.

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Sit Happens

Register now for Livingood's workshop in Nashville

Lee Livingood, author of "Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies," will be in Nashville Saturday, March 24 for a workshop custom-made for greyhound adopters.

Entitled "Sit Happens — Growing the Perfect Greyhound," her day-long presentation will focus on Learning to Speak Greyhound, Being a Couch Potato Trainer plus dog behavior and learning. Along the way, she'll use untrained greyhounds to demonstrate practical, easy-to-learn training techniques. There'll be plenty of time for questions regarding the training and behavior of your hounds.

When: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
(registration from 8-9, session starts at 9; Lee's presentation closes with a question-and-answer session.)

Where: Logan's Roadhouse Training Center, 2981 Sidco Drive off Sidco Drive just north of Armory Drive, about 5 minutes from 100 Oaks Mall. (Thanks to Steve Tessier and the Logan's folks for making this possible at no cost to GPA/N.) For a detailed map to this location, visit our website at www.gpanashville.org

Who's Invited: Open to anyone who has a greyhound or is interested in greyhound adoption. Space is limited, so register now.

Registration: \$25 per person; includes morning and afternoon break refreshments. To register:

- Mail a \$25 check to Sandy Kemp, 2308 Franco Road, Madison, Tenn. 37115
- Use the PayPal button located on the left rail on our website (www.gpanashville.org).



Author and trainer Lee Livingood uses food and praise to help hounds adapt to life as pets.

www.gpanashville.org). Be sure to let Sandy know you paid by forwarding an email receipt to her at silky883@yahoo.com.

■ Leave a completed registration form and check at any GPA/N Meet & Greet.

Registrations are nonrefundable but can be resold or transferred. Just be sure to let Sandy know. For more information, email Sandy or call her between 7-9 p.m. at 615-497-6325.

Details to Remember:

Do not bring your personal or foster hound to this workshop.

Registration is limited to people 12 and older.

Your registration isn't complete until payment or payment confirmation is received.

Spring greyhound events

Join us in April at these events where we'll be raising awareness of greyhound adoption:

■ SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Get on Your Greenway

Bring your hounds out to strut their stuff on one of the following area greenways:

- Stones River Greenway at Two Rivers Park Trailhead
- Greenway at Target/Lions Head Connector Trail

■ SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Nashville Earth Day

Join us in scenic Centennial Park for a day-long celebration of all things environmental

Watch the Yahoo list for sign-up times for both of these events.

Greyhound road trips

Your greyhound needs a vacation, too, so consider adding one of these events to your travel schedule this spring and summer:

■ April 27-29 **Greyhounds in Gettysburg**, Gettysburg, Penn.

www.trianglegreyhound.org/gig/index.html

■ May 4-6 **Greyhound Gathering**, Kanab, Utah

www.greyhoundgang.org/events/gath2003.html

■ May 31-June 3 **Mountain Hounds**, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

www.gfncmountainhounds.com/

■ July 20-22 **Greyhound Festival of Bluegrass**, Louisville, Ky.

www.greyhoundsofshamrock.org

■ Sept. 16 **GPA Nashville Picnic**, Centennial Park, Nashville, Tenn.

www.gpanashville.org

■ Oct. 5-8 **Greyhounds Reach the Beach**, Dewey Beach, Del.

www.greyhoundsreachthebeach.com

Supporting the work of greyhound adoption

Each year, 22,000 greyhounds come off tracks and farms looking for homes. It's a formidable number and GPA/N and its many dedicated volunteers work hard to find those homes. To do this work, it takes a vast community of people working locally, regionally and nationally.

In the past 18 months, GPA/N has extended a helping hand to others who share our love of greyhounds and commitment to finding homes for them.

■ In 2005, GPA/N underwrote the cost of flea/tick preventative for the adoption kennel at the Southland Race Track in West Memphis, Ark.

■ When a small adoption group needed funds to pay for surgery for an

injured hound, GPA/N donated \$500.

■ When the trailer volunteers stay in when they work at Almost Home for Hounds, a greyhound refuge in Nunn, Colo., burned, adopters Kevin and Angie Johnson launched a donation campaign to raise money to replace it. GPA/N added \$1,000 from its coffers to this campaign.

■ By donating the cost of gas to move a greyhound hauler from Ohio to Colorado, GPA/N helped Almost Home for Hounds get a safe vehicle for hauling dogs to adoption groups.

■ To assist GPA/Mobile, a fledgling chapter that works with tracks in Mobile and Montgomery, Ala. in coping with an unexpected influx of hounds, GPA/N made a \$1,000 donation to

help with food, boarding and related costs.

It's not always about money, either. One of our adopters who works at an assisted living community has arranged for us to receive the donation of clean but damaged linens which GPA/N sends to Almost Home for Hounds to use as bedding.

The work isn't easy and it takes many volunteers who give generously of their time, energy and dollars. By working cooperatively with other groups and industry professionals who share our commitment to finding homes for hounds, the work can get done.

Ray Wong
GPA/N President

GPA/N welcomes new adopters, hounds

With 105 adoptions in 2006, GPA/N is off to a good start in 2007 with new adoptions and a strong showing in Chips (the adopting of second hounds.) The following dogs were adopted between Dec. 1 and March 1.

Reid Jones & Ben Chiles – Disciple
Brandi & Tom Forbes – Amos
Keeva & Keith Smotherman – Alex
Jim & Jamie Bruner – Molly
Marjorie & Albert Correnti – Poncho
Darren & Tabatha Jeter – Cheyenne
Susan O'Conner & Bruce Oppenheimer – Nancy
Paula & Ruth Hemphill – Vinny
Cindy & Frank Hale – Sport
Cherilyn Cantrell – Daisy
Judy & Harley Hazzard – Turtle

Chips (As in you can't have just one)
Sandy Kemp – Wrangles
Randy & Britt Phillips – Kangaroo
Rick & Cindy Cantrell – Carson
Robert & Leigh Dinwiddie – Goody
Steve & Rhonda Perry – Tiger
Angie & Jay Hayes – Monster Man
Charlie & Dot Rosenberg – Brandy
April Gray – Gaffie

New to the GPA/N family
Charlotte P. Neely – Jet
Monica McCreary – Oneitsybitsy
Cinda Roberts – Georgie
Saundra & Jim Sims – Roxy

Five keys to a healthy greyhound

By Carol Macherey, DVM

The foundation for a healthy greyhound begins with taking care of the basics. When you do, you lay the groundwork for life-long good health. The basics include:

■ **Good Nutrition** – Most greys need food with around 25% protein and 12-15% fat. Low-priced foods tend to skim on proteins, so choose premium foods such as Eaglepac, Solid Gold or Canidae. After you've fed a food for six-eight weeks, you should see a glossy coat, good body condition, normal stool and no gas. If you don't, try a different brand.

■ **Clean Teeth** – Lift your dog's lips and look at each tooth – all the way to the back. Red gums or heavy tartar mean a trip to the vet for cleaning. Once the teeth are clean, keep them that way by giving your dog something to gnaw on regularly such as rawhide or raw bones – or by brushing his teeth often.

■ **Regular Toe Nail Trims** – When nails get too long, they can tear off or they can push the toes upward and to the side, making movement awkward. If

your dog is standing straight and the nails touch the floor, they need trimming. Trim them yourself or take him to your vet or a groomer. GPA/N frequently offers nail trims at Meet & Greets for just \$5 donation per dog or email Marty Fones at mafones@comcast.net to arrange a time for a trim.

■ **Skin Care** – Quality food is fundamental to healthy skin. Using FrontLine or Advantage to keep your greyhound flea- and tick-free and bathing him as needed with a mild cleansing shampoo like an oatmeal-based shampoo can help, too. So can brushing with a grooming glove or similar tool. Fish oil capsules are a wonderful skin supplement – give one per 15 pounds of body weight per day.

■ **Annual Check-ups** – Even if you think your greyhound is in perfect health, an annual vet exam is important. Depending on your dog's age, this might include some blood work. A rabies vaccination is an annual requirement in most areas. Heartworm preventative is a must –and the only prevention is a monthly oral medication. And bring a fresh stool sample so it can be checked for worms.



GPA/N Winter Gathering 2007 – Winter weather was no barrier for the 300+ adopters and people interested in greyhound adoption who filled Murfreesboro's Tennessee Livestock Center for an afternoon of shopping, camaraderie and hound races.



Race masters Terry Armstrong (left) and Rick Cantrell, (right) were able handlers and crowd pleasers during the Mini Races.

During the Parade of Fosters available hounds were introduced to the admiring crowds and potential adopters. David Longyear (above) talks about his foster hound, Keith, with people interested in adopting a him.



Suzanne Darnell, one of GPA/N's devoted foster moms and leader of the Clarksville Meet & Greets, helps a customer select a t-shirt from one of the many vendors at the 2007 Winter Gathering.