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The Home Run

Greyhound Rescue of N.E.



Winter 2012

IT ALL STARTED JANUARY 1, 1999...



That was 13 years ago. As we move into our 14th year here at GRNE, we reflect, we contemplate, we learn, we worry – but we are so very grateful. Together we've saved over 750 dogs! When we started, who would have imagined how the organization would flow (certainly not me).

Things do flow. We have a system, we work in unison, things happen, we deal with them. Dogs come in and get adopted. Time goes by.....We are so very grateful to all our

employees and volunteers. Over the years, when we need something, it miraculously shows up. We are propelled to persevere, save more dogs, keep plugging away, one dog at a time.

This is one thing I take pride in, saving dogs – one at a time. Each one is special and we treat them that way. They have a name, a distinct personality, an unique presence that we admire and love.

GRNE is still saving dogs because of the dedication of long-time caregivers Michelle and Brian. Their dedication is non-wavering and GRNE wouldn't exist without them. We are also extremely grateful to Louise at Greyhound Friends who takes in the out of state dogs, quarantines and vets them, and passes them onto us. One thing I admire about Louise is that she will never turn a dog away, for any reason. Again, they are all special.

As we move forward, there is an area of need that must be filled in order for us to continue. We have been declined long standing grants from foundations because there is no racing in N.E. and they believe there is no need. They are wrong. We are now saving dogs from Florida that previously had nowhere to go. The loss of these grants now amounts to an \$8,000 deficit this year. We can't continue this way. We are hoping that donations can help cover this loss, a little extra from each of you. Thanks again for all that you do to keep us running.

Wishing each of you a happy and peaceful
New Year! ~ Diane



Please Help Us Help the Greyhounds

I would like to help support Greyhound Rescue of N.E.'s efforts by contributing:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other \$ _____

For Emergency Medical Fund: \$ _____

Mail this form and your check or
money order (made payable) to:

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All donations
are tax deductible!

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Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Board Your Greyhound

We can board up to six Greyhounds at a time here at the kennel. They'll have fun socializing with other Greyhounds in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We book up quickly, so let us know as soon as you need to board. We will cater to your Greyhound's every need!



New Boarding Fee effective 1/1/09: Each dog: \$25 per day

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Foster Homes

are always needed. You can help save a Greyhound's life by fostering for 2-4 week period. This will free up a crate in the kennel and we can save another dog. Then you tell us something about the dog's personality, making placement easier.

Our day at the GRNE Open House and Walk-a-Thon, September 8, 2012

Another year, another milestone! Let's begin with the weather. It was gorgeous, even if a trifle hot. In spite of the fleeting dark clouds that appeared suddenly, brisk winds, and a brief light shower, it was a successful day for the hounds.

The day raised \$6,813! The three top fundraisers were Pat Arel and Zeus, Anne Restino and Kelsey, and Kathy Mason and Mr. Gold. We thank them and every walker who participated, with a special thanks to their hounds.

Apart from the lovely walk along the water, there were other areas of interest as well. There were many vendors with their unique wares: Classy Couch Potatoes, with their collars and coats, Grammies Jammies, with their selection of hound apparel, The Greyhound Project, offering Greyhound information, Alpaca Wear, with lovely alpaca scarves and hats, and little woven boxes. Happy Hounds Honey had a great selection of raw honey, soaps, and lotions. PetCo – Shrewsbury, with their contribution, Furminator treatments by Carla and Jeff, offering deshedding and nail clippings, and Tarot Readings by Shona.



A special thanks for our wonderful sponsors who help fund our event: XFactors Financial, Sutton Animal Hospital, P.A.W.S. Bed & Biscuit, Willowbrook Restaurant, Jen Osojnicki, Photographer, Homeward Bound Veterinary Services, Hallmark Sotheby's International Realty, WindowLogic, General Contractors, Milford National Bank, Charles River Bank, and Pepperoni Express.

Then there was our annual raffle, blessing of the hounds by Pastor Bruce, and the costume contest. Beautiful, black Isis won that show as – "Isis," the Egyptian goddess, in her full regalia as well as two spiffy Hounds dressed as devils!

We thank all our sponsors for making this event possible and hope to see many more people next year, and we hope to be even more festive.



Holiday Wish List from the Hounds

- Pine Sol to clean our crates
- Laundry Detergent to wash our blankets
- Dishwashing Liquid to wash our bowls
- Bleach to keep our dog pen clean
- Large pooper scooper (you know what that's for!)
- Kitchen baggies (13 gallon) for our poop
- Stamps to mail our newsletter
- 33" tall crates – ours are getting old
- Pop up tents and folding tables for our events
- Generator! (we're cold when the power goes out!)
- Forever Homes please.

Thanks, with love from the Hounds.



Joys of Adopting a Senior Dog

In June 2012 my beloved 14 year old greyhound, Annie, passed away. I still choke up as I write these words. I had no idea the impact this special spirit would have on my life when I adopted her at age 9 from GRNE. In fact, I was at GRNE to adopt a 5.5 yr. old male, Sundance. I came home with both of them.

From the moment I spotted Annie, I knew she was special. Her eyes penetrated my soul, and her energy was endless. She had been a brood mother... and just fixed at age nine.

Annie taught me how to love unconditionally—something I "thought" came naturally. However, after witnessing her "wild" and "raw" and "alpha" nature...I realized I had much to learn. Together we embarked on a journey of trust, love and vulnerability. She allowed me to love her a day at a time, and I watched as she blossomed into an animal that learned how to play, learned how to bark, and danced every time I came home. She went from a disconnected and auto-pilot dog...to an animal that could just lie in the back yard deciding on which bird, squirrel or brother Sundance to chase. There were absolutely no demands. Her eyes changed from glazed over to clear and loving.

When she was diagnosed with a very aggressive, highly malignant mouth cancer in Dec 2011, my heart

ached. However, the vet could not believe the power of her spirit... I could. Annie would wait for me to feed her, and when she wasn't feeling well, she would still lift her paw to nudge me as I lay by her bed stroking and speaking softly to her.

Annie challenged me to go deeper with heart love, challenged my own aging process and my own vulnerability. I knew she was an old soul. We grew together...and she knew she was loved. Perhaps we were a reflection of each other!

Update: less than two weeks after Annie's passing— I headed to GRNE to foster a 3 yr. old boy (as Sundance was very depressed). I ended up bringing home an 11.5 yr. old boy, Rory, who melted my heart. Rory turned 12 in September, and the joy he has brought to Sundance and me is immeasurable. He is by far, the "sweetest" and easiest animal I have ever had. Sundance has found his long lost brother, and I have been honored with another gift of joy. Rory and Sundance play, bark and chase each other. I often smile at the miracles of life...knowing Annie orchestrated it all.

As always, Much love to Diane and The Hounds!

Melanie Diana

A Few Ways You Can Help:

- Donate your old car (call the kennel for details)
- Does your employer match donations?
- Write GRNE into you will to assure all Greyhounds will have a place to go
- GRNE needs a generator for power outages. (We lose water and heat during power outages)

From the Mailroom:

Dear Diane,

I want to get this check to you as soon as possible. We lost Caesar (Haggard) last Weds., Sept. 26. How ironic, on Yom Kippur, Jewish holiday, the most important holiday of the year, when we remember our beloved ones that have passed, and look inward to ourselves. Needless to say, he was one special dog that had an immense amount of love for our family because we knew that he had something to give us that he was not able to give freely to just anyone.

If, with all the dogs you have, you don't remember him, he was the one that would not leave his cage. He was scared of men, and potential adopters wanted to see him because he was so handsome. You were in awe the day I came to pick up Cleo, and he ran out of his cage for the first time and pasted himself to me along with Cleo. You said that in the three months he was with you it was the first time he ever came out of his crate for anyone.

He grew up to be a very distinguished and loving pet. Everyone loved Caesar, even though he was the

shy, timid soul. He was very smart, had a lot to give and a lot to teach us.

In 2010 our neurologist at Angell told us that Caesar would have approximately 3 months to live due to "wobblers disease." Well he lived with us another two years, to the ripe old age of 13 years 8 months. He was given a lot of TLC, OPC-3's and omega 3's, which the doctor said would be very good for the neuro inflammation damage.

Diane, Caesar became a very special dog in our family's lives. My love for Caesar can never be measured because it is infinite. However, I am now able (due to a wonderful business that I have developed) to give something tangible back, even though it will never be enough to be measured to what Caesar brought to us with his heart.

Thanks,
Tina

