

The Home Run

Greyhound Rescue of N.E.

Greyhounds Waiting to Go Home

Spring 2016

Yard Sale – Fundraiser for the Hounds

We're planning on having our famous Fundraiser Yard Sale again this spring, June 11th & 12th. (Please check our Events section of the web page for more details.) **We're going to have the actual yard sale in a big barn in Uxbridge, same as last year. This is an awesome atmosphere, inside and out – a beautiful location (rain or shine)!** Many of you have participated in our fundraiser yard sale in the past. It's a wonderful event which brings kind people and their Greyhounds to the kennel to bring items! We're interested in new or gently used items. And if you would all be so kind as to check electrical items and be sure they work. For lack of space, please - no clothes or large furniture. If you have questions about things to bring, please call the kennel.

We're doing the yard sale again because we need funding to help keep the kennel running. So, please start saving your items and call us with a time to drop them off. The sooner the better, it will give us more time to price things and put



them in some sort of order! **And do let us know if you can help out during the yard sale for a couple of hours.**

Thanks again for helping with this, it will be fun to see everyone as they bring items and visit the kennel! As always, our Hounds truly appreciate the help.

Donate your car and help the Hounds, like Kerry:

Hi Kathy,

I am attaching the pic of my son in front of the Subaru. His name is Robert and he is 4. We brought him home from the hospital in that vehicle and our greyhound Lady used to love to ride in the way back!! :)

I am so glad we donated our vehicle to Greyhound Rescue of NE. We are always looking for ways to help the hounds and every step of the vehicle donation program was easy. The vehicle had a lot of sentimental value to us; I bought it a few days before going into the hospital to have Robert because I was determined to get a vehicle that fit the baby and our greyhound, since she was my first baby (my fur baby!!). Knowing it is going to be donated to help the greyhounds made it a lot easier to give up.

Thanks again for everything!!

Kerry



From the Kennel

(Diane will always be grateful for Mike and Shannon for adopting a returned 12 year old named Sweet Dream. In our experience only VERY special people do this. Here's a story of their journey since then:)

In November of 2013, the 24th to be exact, we adopted a waggily senior girl named Sweet Dreams a.k.a. Dreamy from Greyhound Rescue of New England. We had 3 other greys at the time, but something about Dreamy's story and her being a 12 year old return, whom wasn't adjusting well to kennel life drew us to her. We weren't looking for a 4th. We certainly didn't need a 4th, but we decided that we were the right situation for Dreamy. GRNE did reference checks on us and found out that we were "greycrazy", and our vets vouched for the care our dogs received. So, Dreamy found her forever home with us. Little did I know how special my new friend would be!

In July of 2014, we lost our petite diva Gabby to a long battle with intestinal problems. Gabby was my constant companion for 1 day less than 5 years. Into that huge void walked this frail old girl who always, always, always had a glimmer in her eye that told you that she was serious about living in every moment. My bond with Dreamy began to form.

In September of 2014, I relocated for a new job, but was carrying two houses through a tough winter. It took a toll on me. And, Dreamy started with the beginning stages of kidney disease. I am exhausted and stressed and I just need things to be easy. So... what does Dreamy do to me? The little booger refuses to eat when I try to feed her. In fact, she was becoming visibly physically stressed in my presence. Being a seasoned dog person, I intuit that she is reflecting my state back at me. She was! As soon as I sat down in front of her, spoke softly to her and assured her that I would sit there as long as it took for her to finish eating, she started chowing down.

Thus began Dreamy's therapy regimen for me. In order for me to get Dreamy to eat, I would have to sit in a comfortable position, speak calmly to her and clear my mind of everything other than experiencing the unbridled joy Dreamy exuded when she ate. Dreamy gave me no exceptions to this requirement, and it changed me. I became able to live in the moment in a way I never had before.

During her time with us, Dreamy truly lived in every moment. Dreamy never just existed. This girl was alive. She had a 14th birthday and a 2nd gotcha day with us. All the while, serenading us with her signature thumping gait on the deck to the dog yard. That joyous thumping gait was a constant, until the morning that a tumor on her right rear ankle rendered her unable to walk. Everything was fine in Dreamy's World right up until her final few hours before we set her free of the body that had no business lasting as long and as well as it did.

Dreamy changed me. I do not say that cavalierly. Dreamy forced me to experience life her way, and it was an incredible gift for me. I never, ever think about what it would have been like if we had been fortunate enough to have

Dreamy from a younger age. Dreamy found us when we needed each other, and she graced us with her joyous yet dignified presence for about 2 years 2 months. I am a far more fulfilled person because of it.

Adopt a senior? I won't say consider it if you have the opportunity. I say: adopt a senior if you ever have the privilege!

Mike Quaglia



Dreamy's Prayer

Don't bury me 'til I'm gone
To take time from me would be wrong
If you let me, I'll show you I'm strong
I've got more time, but how long?
To me that's no matter, I'll live it all up
I'm an old lady, not a pup
But, I'm as happy as anyone you'll see
My life is like heaven with my family
Yes, I know my body is ailing
Most of my parts are now failing
But don't tell me to give up the fight
Together, we'll know when its not right
And when it is my time let go
I'll cross the bridge being loved, I know
On that day, there will be sorrow
But don't be afraid of tomorrow
For I will look down upon you then
And watch over you until we meet again
This is my prayer for us, Amen

From the Kennel

What to look for in your dog food:

HALLMARKS OF QUALITY

From Whole Dog Journal

- Lots of animal protein at the top of the ingredients list. Ingredients are listed by weight, so you want to see a lot of top quality animal protein at the top of the list; the first ingredient should be a “named” animal protein source (see next bullet).
- A named animal protein – chicken, beef, lamb, and so on. “Meat” is an example of a low-quality protein source of dubious origin. Animal protein “meals” should also be from named species (look for “beef meal” but avoid “meat meal”).
- An animal protein meal in a supporting role when a fresh meat is first on the ingredient list, to augment the total animal protein in the diet. Fresh (or frozen) meat contains a lot of water, and water is heavy, so if fresh meat is first on the list, another source of animal protein should be listed in the top three or so ingredients. Fresh or frozen meats do not contain enough protein to be used as the sole animal protein source in a dry food; they contain as much as 65 to 75 percent water and only 15 to 25 percent protein. In contrast, animal protein “meals” – meat, bone, skin, and connective tissue that’s been rendered and dried – contain only about 10 percent moisture, and as much as 65 percent protein.
- Whole vegetables, fruits, and grains. Fresh, unprocessed food ingredients contain nutrients in all their natural, complex glory, with their fragile vitamins enzymes, and antioxidants intact. Don’t be alarmed by one or two food “fractions” (a by-product or part of an ingredient, like tomato pomace or rice bran), especially if they are low on the ingredients list. But it’s less than ideal if there are several fractions present in the food, and/or they appear high on the ingredients list.
- A “best by” date that’s at least six months away. A best by date that’s 10 or 11 months away is ideal; it means the food was made very recently. Note: Foods made with synthetic

preservatives (BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin) may have a “best by” date that is as much as two years past the date of manufacture.

WHAT YOU DON’T WANT TO BUY:

- Meat by-products or poultry by-products. Higher-value ingredients are processed and stored more carefully (kept clean and cold) than lower-cost ingredients (such as by-products) by the processors.
- A “generic” fat source – such as “animal fat.” This can literally be any fat of animal origin, including used restaurant grease and fats derived from roadkill. “Poultry” fat is not quite as suspect as “animal fat,” but “chicken fat” or “duck fat” is better (and traceable).
- Added sweeteners. Dogs, like humans, enjoy the taste of sweet foods. Sweeteners effectively persuade many dogs to eat foods comprised mainly of grain fragments (and containing little healthy animal protein).
- Artificial colors, flavors, or preservatives (i.e., BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin). The color of the food doesn’t matter to your dog. And it should be flavored well enough to be enticing with healthy meats and fats. Natural preservatives, such as tocopherols (forms of vitamin E), vitamin C, and rosemary extract, can be used instead. Note that natural preservatives do not preserve foods as long as artificial preservatives, so owners should always check the “best by” date on the label and look for relatively fresh products.



Greyhound Walk

Every Sunday morning (weather permitting) on a beautiful 2 mile trek along the Blackstone River. It’s at RiverBend Farm in Uxbridge (same location as our Greyhound Reunion) at 9:00. Check our Facebook page for announcements.





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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.

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 1/1/14: Each dog: \$30 per day

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