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# The Home Run

Greyhound Rescue of N.E.

**Greyhounds Waiting to Go Home**

Summer 2011



## Greyhound Festival and Reunion

*Featuring a Walk-a-thon Fundraiser*

**October 1, 2011 (rain date Sunday) 11:00 - 3:00**

**Place: River Bend Farm, Uxbridge, Mass**

Come out to a beautiful state park in Uxbridge for an afternoon of fun. Bring your kids and your dog(s), or come alone! There will be lots of vendors with Greyhound merchandise to buy, raffles, a silent auction, games for the dogs, information booths, and yummy food. Come visit with other Greyhound owners, shop, eat, and just have fun. We can all share Greyhound stories or learn something new about this great breed. What a great place to learn about Greyhounds as pets!

### Fundraiser Walk-a-thon – same day, same place!

*Please help us make this our biggest fundraiser yet...*

We're again combining our Reunion with our Annual Walk-a-thon. This is our biggest fundraiser so we hope you will all participate. Right at River Bend Farm there's a beautiful two-mile walk along the Blackstone River. All you have to do is start with the enclosed Sponsor Sheet and ask friends, family and co-workers to sponsor your walk. Then you show up with your sponsor sheet and donations, and walk with others along this beautiful river. (you can walk the 2 miles, or just part of it) We've enclosed instructions for the Walk, a Sponsor Sheet and directions to the Park. We'll have a free tee-shirt for all that collect over \$75, and a Goodie Bag stuffed with lots of prizes for donations over \$25! And there will be special prizes for the top 3 fundraisers, including a first prize of \$250 gift certificate to PetCo!

- 11:00 Registration for the Walk
- 12:00 Blessing of the Hounds by Pastor Bruce
- 12:00 Group Walk along the Blackstone River
- 2:00 Top 3 Pledge Collectors announced
- 2:00 Doggie Games  
*(don't forget our infamous Costume Contest!)*
- 2:15 Raffle
- 3:00 Silent Auction ends

#### Some of our Vendors:

Alpaca Artwear  
The Greyhound Project  
Classy Couch Potatoes  
Sutton Animal Hospital  
Boston Road Animal Clinic

**And we'd like to express special thanks to our sponsors for this event:**

146 Supply Center, Inc. – Millbury  
Sutton Animal Hospital – Sutton  
The Milford National Bank – Mendon  
The P.A.W.S. Bed & Biscuit – Mendon  
Jen Osojnicki, Photographer – Plainville  
The River Community Church – Douglas  
Boston Road Animal Clinic – Sutton  
Willowbrook Restaurant – Mendon  
Dog Orphans, Inc. – Douglas  
Charles River Bank – Mendon

*Check our Events section on our web page for more detailed info and updates!*



## 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 1/1/09: Each dog: \$25 per day

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## Remember Sugar & Taffy – the cutest sisters ever...

### Where are they now?

Dear Diane,

I just wanted to give you an update on Sugar and Taffy (Monahan and Clermont). Marc and I adopted the sisters on Christmas day 2010. They are so excited that the snow is gone and the weather has become comfortable to run around in. They are in and out of the house nonstop, especially if they see a squirrel or a bird (right now it was a crow). They especially like it when the neighbor's golden retriever comes over for a visit. Though she is running loose through the neighborhood (Poor dog) and is outside of the fence. Sugar, Taffy and the Retriever all stand up against the fence and hold long, tail wagging conversations. I plan on going over to the neighbor and just ask if they mind having their dog come into our fenced in yard and play with the girls.

Sugar is one heck of a talker especially at night before bedtime. She just goes on and on with whimpers and yelps all to get even more attention and belly rubs. She is so hyper and her tail is wagging nonstop to the point where she will put her front paws on your knees and lick your ear.

They both love running upstairs and spending the night in our bedroom with Taffy by my side of the bed and Sugar by Marc's.

Taffy is still meek but will wait and let any of our friends pat her. Marc and I love them both equally



but somehow Taffy and I bonded just like Sugar and Marc have bonded. Taffy gives me the look and I melt. She and I have spent many times together once Marc and Sugar go for a play. She rubs against my leg and I

get down on one knee and we just cuddle neck to neck. Marc says that Taffy has my number and she probably does, but I figure Taffy and I are both shy so maybe that's why we can just give each other a certain look and know what the other one is thinking. (I know, it sounds nuts but it's true). She can come right over and give me a leg rub when she sees me down in the dumps.

Long letter but bottom line; Thank you, we are one big happy family.

Brian Monahan and Marc Clermont

## Miscellaneous Stuff

### State Employees – This is for you:

State employees can now make charitable contributions to Greyhound Rescue of N.E. through the **Commonwealth of MA Employees Charitable Campaign (COMECC)**. COMECC is the annual fund-raising program that enables employees to make a bi-weekly payroll deductions, or a one-time contribution. Enrollment for 2012 is conducted in the fall (2011), and payroll deductions begin in January.

### Donate your Car to GRNE!

Call the kennel for details.

### We are always in need of:

Laundry Detergent • Bleach • Pine Sol • Tall Kitchen Baggies (13 oz) • Copy Paper • Stamps  
Paper Towels • Gift Cards to Wal-Mart, Home Depot, or PetCo

All donations are tax deductible – non-profit #04-3461361

## From the Kennel:



Activity at the kennel has been lively – moving Greyhounds into homes. Now that there are no longer tracks in New England, we're able to help out needy dogs from Florida. We're truly excited to finally be able to help in an area with so much need. However, the process is lengthy and expensive.

Due to State requirements, the dogs have to be examined by a vet before leaving Florida, come into Mass and immediately be transported to a state approved quarantine facility for 48 hours, and then have yet another vet visit. Many additional hours (and funding) are required to assure these Florida dogs are safe.

We're working out the details of this new process and it's going well. We (and the Hounds) are extremely grateful to everyone who helps support their long journey – the kind folks in Florida that take care of them, track people that coordinate the hauls, volunteers who help with quarantine facility runs, and donations from people to pay for it all!

We have some wonderful dogs right now looking for homes. From Gary and Fonda, who are rambunctious and outgoing – to D.J. and Kate, who are shy and unsure. I feel our Greyhounds are "the same, and different". All Greyhounds are sweet, loving and loyal. And each has their own little personality which makes them special. Call the kennel to come meet them and maybe open your home (and heart) to one of them.

## Can you Volunteer?

We can always use help, whether it's walking dogs and helping at the kennel, fundraising, or talking about Greyhounds as pets to a local group. These are three big areas which help adopt out dogs. The more we can "spread the word" about these wonderful dogs, the more Greyhounds will find homes.

We'd like to set up a database of volunteers and be able to e-mail at different times and see who can help. Please e-mail me if you'd like to volunteer and what you might like to do. Here are some ideas:

Walk dogs

Clean kennels (starting at 7:00 a.m.)

Drive to pick up dogs; go to quarantine; back to the kennel

Do Meet and Greets

Talk at local events in your community

Help at GRNE events

Do your own fundraiser

Computer help (i.e. set up an e-mail newsletter like constant contacts)

## Part Time Kennel Help – 3 mornings 7:00 -11:00

Love Greyhounds?

Want to help take care of our hounds  
and find them homes?

Call the kennel for more details.

