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Greyhound Rescue of N.E.



Summer 2012

GREYHOUND FESTIVAL AND REUNION

Featuring a Walk-a-thon Fundraiser



September 8, 2012 (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!



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: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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

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All donations
are tax deductible!

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.

Hot Weather Tips

As summer is here and I read last week that two dogs died in Manchester NH after being left in a car for 20 minutes with the windows rolled up in 92 degree weather. I thought I'd present some "Hot Weather Tips" from the ASPCA web page:

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger, warn ASPCA experts.

"Even the healthiest pets can suffer from dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn if overexposed to the heat," says Dr. Lila Miller, ASPCA Vice President of Veterinary Outreach, "and heat stroke can be fatal if not treated promptly." Take these simple precautions, provided by ASPCA experts, to help prevent your pet from overheating. And if you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, get help from your veterinarian immediately.

Visit the Vet

A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe flea and tick control program.

Made in the Shade

Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Know the Warning Signs

According to Dr. Lila Miller, ASPCA Vice President of Veterinary Outreach, "symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees." Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

No Parking!

Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. "On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time-even with the windows open-which could lead to fatal heat stroke," says Dr. Louise Murray, Director of Medicine at ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

Make a Safe Splash

Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool-not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause stomach upset.

Screen Test

"During warmer months, the ASPCA sees an increase in injured animals as a result of High-Rise Syndrome, which occurs when pets-mostly cats-fall out of windows or doors and are seriously or fatally injured," says Dr. Murray. "Pet owners need to know that this is completely preventable if they take simple precautions." Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.

Summer Style

Giving your dog a lightweight summer haircut helps prevent overheating. Shave down to a one-inch length, never to the skin, so your dog still has some protection from the sun. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. As far as skin care, be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

Street Smarts

When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

Avoid Chemicals

Commonly used flea and tick products, rodenticides (mouse and rat baits), and lawn and garden insecticides can be harmful to cats and dogs if ingested, so keep them out of reach. When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. Keep citronella candles, oil products and insect coils out of pets' reach as well. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect your animal has ingested a poisonous substance.

Party Animals

Taking Fido to a backyard barbeque or party? Remember that the food and drink offered to guests may be poisonous to pets. "Keep alcoholic beverages away from pets, as they can cause intoxication, depression and comas," says Dr. Steven Hansen, ASPCA Senior Vice President of Animal Health Services. "Similarly, remember that the snacks enjoyed by your human friends should not be a treat for your pet; any change of diet..."

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...even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe digestive ailments. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate and products with the sweetener xylitol."

Fireworks Aren't Very Pet-riotic

Please leave pets at home when you head out to Fourth of July celebrations, and never use fireworks around pets. "Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma to curious pets, and even unused fireworks can be hazardous," says Dr. Hansen. "Many types of fireworks contain potentially toxic substances such as potassium nitrate, copper, chlorates, arsenic and other heavy metals."

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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 biweekly payroll deduction, or a one-time contribution. Enrollment for 2013 is conducted in the fall (2012), and payroll deductions begin in January.



Donate your Car to GRNE!

Call the kennel for details.

We are always in need of:

Laundry Detergent
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Stamps
Paper Towels
Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Home Depot,
or PetCo

All donations are tax deductible – non-profit
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Do you know what your Greyhound's ear tattoos represent?

Tattoos are applied by the breeder at 3 months of age to puppies to ensure a permanent and positive ID of each potential racer. The right ear tells the month and year the puppy was born.

Example 1: 88A means the puppy was born in the eighth (8) month of 2008, and is the first (A) dog in the litter.

Example 2: 120E means the puppy was born in the twelfth month (12) of 2010 and is the fifth (E) dog in the litter.

The left ear has 4-5 digits and is the litter registration number with the National Greyhound Association.

This number is checked every time the dog is raced to ensure it is the correct dog racing.

