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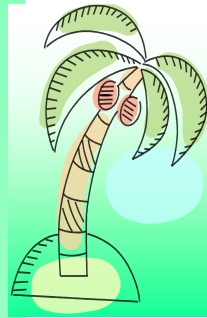
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Ann Bollens

Emerald Greys

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Greyhound Pets of America/ Emerald Coast

From the Top Ann Bollens, President

My name is Ann Bollens, I am the third president our group has had since its' beginning . I joined the group in 1998 but I've gotta say that I was not a greyhound fan. Now don't get me wrong, I love dogs-pretty much all breeds and sizes of dogs. I like the feel of their hair, the way their tails tell you how they are feeling, and the look in their eyes when they are letting you know that you are loved. But greyhounds seemed to me to be aloof and not really bright. Then two friends of mind convinced me that I probably needed to help them out a bit with placing some greyhounds.



Ann Bollens

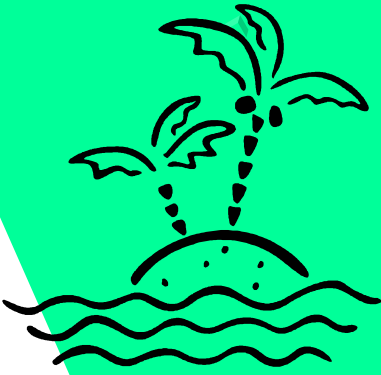
Those two friends were Mike Massaro and Renea Windley. Mike founded Escarosa Greyhound Adoption and Renea was one of the founders of Emerald Coast Greyhound Adoption Program. I told them both that I'd foster one or two greyhounds but that I wouldn't make a commitment to do more. Renea brought Charlotte, my first greyhound foster dog, into our home within days of my volunteering. I didn't know then that I'd just taken my life in a new direction.

Within the first week I realized that Charlotte was not aloof and certainly wasn't stupid. She was stubborn, opinionated, a bit sassy and very, very lovable. When Charlotte left for her forever home, we fostered what I announced would be our second and final foster, Singbird. The Bird was another one of those special grey ladies and she too did a darn good job working her way into my heart. Still when she was placed, I told Renea that Skip and I were through but might help in an emergency. We wouldn't foster regularly any more.

Within a week that emergency came along in the form of a skinny, shy black greyhound named Chantilly. She was the most frustrating of my first fosters—very shy and yet very needy with a whole lot of physical problems. It took a long time for her to be placed the first time, but only hours for her to bounce back. For a long time Chantilly held the record for the number of adoptions and bounces. She was my third, fifth, ninth, and fifteenth foster dog. When we took her to meet family number five, I said that if she failed again she'd be mine. I've never been so happy to see a greyhound fail a cat test and after a year of fostering she became our first forever greyhound.

Chantilly Lace was my heart and the reason that I stayed with greyhound adoption. She was the reason that I continued to foster and to work for greyhound welfare. Please note that I say "was the reason." Over the years I've come to realize that I do love the greyhound breed - with all their contradictions and quirks they are endlessly fascinating.

Now, I work for greyhound adoption. I've met people from all over the country who have become friends. I am part of a group that I feel so incredibly proud of and I work with some of the finest people that I've ever known—and the icing on the cake is that I still get to play with lots and lots of greyhounds.



Our Wonderful Foster Families

We're Mike and Pat Barrett, originally from the Finger Lakes and Great Lakes regions in New York state. Mike has lived here "forever" and I'm a relative newcomer by comparison. Mike works as an electrician at the Naval Support Activities in Panama City and I am an artisan who works at home.

Foster Families

Mike and Pat Barrett

Ann and Skip Bollens

Bill and Donna Broecker

Brandi Boyer

Donna Chappell and
Family

Jodi Lowery

Max and Marsha Kelley

Norman and Phyllis Hill

Charlie and Barbara

Chris and Cathy Streeter

Sam and Stephanie
Sharpe

As animal lovers, we became interested in Greyhounds when we met and fell in love with newly retired MVP Juan Pierre at a 2005 M&G. She soon became our beloved "Dazey," and a little while after that we started our fostering career. Eventually we adopted our foster Penny as a companion for Dazey. Having since lost our sweet Dazey, we now have Penny and any other foster Greyhounds who lives with us at any given time. The photo I've submitted with our bio is of our little family of humans, Dazey and our former foster Abbe (KC's Waspy Bea).

All of our fosters bring good memories and each and every one of them are very special and lovable in their own way. They all have little quirks or habits that make them unique and unforgettable. Some dogs are shy and insecure and others are more outgoing and confident, but they all have a story to tell. They're all wonderful and we are extremely blessed and fortunate to have shared the privilege of being family with them for a limited time.

When people ask how we give up our fosters, our answer is that while it's not easy, the reward lies in seeing the joy and appreciation in both dog and human when that very special day comes and in knowing we've played a role in that joyous union.

Mike and Pat



Something to Rooo About, Meet and Greet



I love your eyes
Petsmart Pensacola, Fl

Loveable Chance
Panama City, Fl
Books A Million



Your eyes are too scary



Are we done yet?
Pensacola, Fl Books A Mil-

Tiki Jakes in
Gulf Breeze, Fl



What are we supposed to do????
Nettie under Tony Gereaa at
Pensacola, FL. Books A Million

Mario Roberts one of the owners of Tiki Jake's
meeting the hounds at the new M&G venue in
Gulf Breeze, Fl



I want to take you home
Erica and friend
Panama City, Fl

Calendar of Events

June 2009

Doggie Bathe In. See page 7 for details

August 2009

Summer Picnic...See page 7 for details

September 2009

*Ft Walton Beach
Dog Daze*

October 2009

Picnic/ Camping Trip

December 2009

Christmas Party

Events subject to change. Times and places to be announced later



What a beautiful Trifecta
Grady, Erica and Chance
Panama City, Fl Books A Million



Bettie Grinsted and friends
Panama City, Fl



Bone Tumors in Greyhounds

Osteosarcomas are the most common type of cancer found in retired racing greyhounds (45%) and the most common cause of death in the breed (25%). They affect more commonly the front limbs than the rear limbs and there is a predilection for males (59%)

The cause of OSA in greyhounds is unknown, but it has been suggested that the repetitive trauma and fatigue in their bones during racing play a role in the disease, particularly in the right limbs that sustain most of the weight while running counterclockwise on the tracks. However there is no significant difference in proportion of right limb tumors versus left limb tumors in greyhounds. More studies are needed to determine if their racing careers are a risk for the disease or if there is a genetic component.

OSA in Greyhounds commonly affects:



1. The upper front leg bone, below the shoulder joint
2. The lower part of the front leg bone, above the wrist joint
3. The lower part of the rear leg bone, above the knee

.... Although they can affect any bone or location.

The most common signs in dogs with bone tumors are limping and /or swelling. The onset of signs is variable and the degree of lameness varies from mild to a non - weight bearing lameness. In contrast with other breeds, greyhounds frequently present with a spontaneous pathological fracture without prior history of lameness.

The diagnosis of OSA usually includes radiographs (affected bone and thorax). Because other primary bone tumors and some infections can mimic the radiographic features of OSAs, fine needle aspiration (FNA) of the lesion may be obtained. We do not recommend biopsy in greyhounds because we typically do not obtain a diagnostic sample, and because due to small, fragile bones in the hounds we are more concerned about biopsy—induced fractures.

Grey Tails

KB Electric Bo

What can I say about my beautiful, wonderful, eighty pound boy? He has lightened our hearts and lives for nearly eight years now. He has so much character and a zest for life that still amazes us.

It all started when I met "Bo" at a M&G in Gulf Breeze eight years ago. His large brindle and white face with his funny standup ears that touch in the middle, caught my eye right away. His tail curled up and whipped like a helicopter blade when he wagged it. He looked at me and with an expression that said "take me home." I fell head over heels in love with him



The next week we had a M&G in Mobile, Alabama at Petsmart. Bo was the only foster available in the kennel to go to a M&G. We took him to the M&G. Once we got there, we realized Bo's fear of hard floors. He slipped and did the splits on that shiny floor, it wasn't a very pretty sight. Needless to say Rick had to carry him in. That in itself was a feat- he's a big boy! Once he was in and settled in a x-pen he began to work his magic. He greeted everyone with kisses and a helicopter tail wag. He even talked to everyone as they walked away and became a hit at his first M&G.

He came home with us that day as a foster....and the rest is history. Yup, we failed fostering 101.

He is a senior, twelve years old now. He's a little slower and stiffer, but still likes to chase an occasional squirrel and is more vocal about his dinner time and letting us know when it's time for him to come in from outside.

Rick and Ginger Head

June 1 is Bo's birthday. He will be twelve, so we thought it only fitting to do his story in the first Emerald Greys Newsletter

Happy Birthday Bo!!!!

Rainbow Bridge



Farewell

They will not go quietly,
The pets who've shared our
lives.

In subtle ways they let us
know
Their spirit still survives

Old habits still can make us
Think we hear them at the
door

Or step back when we drop
A tasty morsel on the floor.

Our feet still go around the
place

The food dish used to be,
And sometimes, coming home
at night,
We miss them terribly.

And although time may bring
new friends

And a new food dish to fill,
That one place in our hearts
Belongs to them
And always will

Author unknown

(Designing) Eliza, 10/4/96 -5/22/09

Skip and Ann Bollens

(Magic Marice) Magic/ Buddy, 3/2/00 -
5/11/09

Tony and Pam Childers

(Pa's Carlo Jett) - Jet, 5/6/97 -5/3/09

Joel and Jill Cotton

(Sound of Silence) Sophie -3/11/02-4/27/09

Anna Grooms

(Magic Toffee) Toffee, 9/20/94 -4/5/09

Jay and Kathy Plunkett

(Arkans Darla) Savannah Rose 10/1/95 -
3/12/09

Phil and Kathy Baratelli

Mike Massaro

1947 -2009

Sponsoring News

There were twenty nine dogs sponsored since the first of the year with sixteen people sponsoring.

Topping the list of sponsors are... Lisa Ulshoffer, Dan and Michelle White. Others who sponsors for the last quarter are... Ed and Ruthie Kress, Lee and Sheila Short, Grant and Susan Hedges, East/ West meet and eat, Lynn Nobles, Kevin and Renee Johnston, Roger and Jan Spencer, Richard and Evelyn Nachman, Leo and Mary Ann Holland, Charlie and Sandy Tuller, John and Bettie Grinsted,

Brian and Barbara Gilbert
Norman and Phyllis Hill.
Thanks to all who sponsored !!!

If you would like to sponsor a dog you can go to the GPA/EC website and download an application at www.gpaec.com or contact Charlie Tuller at mail4charlie@att.net or phone 1-800-366-1472

Announcements

June 27

Saturday June 27, (10am - 2pm) GPA/EC is having a doggie bathe in. The price to get your pooch bathed is \$10. All profits will go to GPA/EC to help in placing Greyhounds in their forever homes. This will take place at "Magic Touch Kennel" (Pauline's) 420 Chadson Street, off Chemstrand Road in Pensacola. We will need volunteers to help with the bathing. If you'd like to help, contact Barbara 850 994-6346 or email blnuckols@bellsouth.net

August 29

End of Summer Picnic. This will be held at Charlie and Barbara's house in Pace, starting at 11am and lasting until 3pm. Bring your greyhounds. The hounds may be off leash, but will be muzzled at all times. There will be swimming for humans, so bring your swim suit and towel. There will be wading a pool and games for the hounds. The host and hostess will supply and grill hamburgers and hot dogs. So bring a covered dish and a lawn chair for some old fashioned summer fun. Pencil in this date - directions and more info will be posted in an email at a later date.

Letters to the Editor



Ask questions, make comments, suggestions or just let off some steam!

We welcome all your letters and will try and answer as many questions as we can.

Send all letters to

blnuckols@bellsouth.net or dskisue@aol.com

Attention: letters to the editor!

Adoptions

FYI

How to stop pet urine from burning your lawn. Try putting a 1/2 cup of tomato juice in your dogs food once a day.. The natural enzymes will break down the acid that burns lawns. That's it! It will take a few days for the transformation to occur. It is really that easy and your pooch will love the extra flavor!

3/28/09 Kb's Nautica (Popeye)
Janice LeCocq & Greg Lawless

3/31/09 Iruska Zale (Zale)
Becky Pritchard

4/3/09 Billy G (Billy)
Ann B. Davis

4/22/09 AMF Bad Intent (Teddy)
Jimmy & Kelly Talley

4/22/09 Gretchen
Dale C. Perry

5/30/09 BD's Gigi
Wanda and Bob McCagg

During this same time period, seventy greyhounds left the Florida panhandle to join greyhound adoption groups in non-racing states

Marsha Kelley
Adoption coordinator

Classified

For Sale

- Fort Walton Beach, Pine wood twin bunk bed set, includes mattresses, good condition, \$150. Contact Randy 850 862-6628
- Fort Walton Beach, Fluidity exercise bar system, barely used, \$75. Contact Lisa 850 302-0659
- Fort Walton Beach, two office desks, two matching credenzas, off -white, heavy steel construction, with wood grain desktops. Desks have two drawers each, credenzas have four vertical file drawers, two upper cabinet spaces, \$250. Good condition, great bargain, photos upon request. Contact Lisa 850 302-0659.

Place your for sale or wanted items
here.

We will run the items until you tell us they are sold or you have
found the item you are looking for.

New Dog Park in Ft Walton Beach

Ft Walton Beach, Florida

Developers for FWB's Uptown Station say phase two of the project will include a dog park. The park will be built with the new office and retail buildings and will be called "Central Bark."

Developers say it will be a fenced area with water bubblers and will be based on the Canine Commons at Hammock Bay in Freeport, Florida. They say they wanted to address the need for dog owners to walk and exercise their pets in Uptown Ft Walton Beach.

Central Bark's opening date has not yet been announced.

Other Dog Parks

Milton, Fl
Russell Harbor Landing, Old River Road off
leash but not fenced

Pensacola
Bayview Dog Park and beach on Bayou Texar.
20th Ave and Osceola Drive
Scott Complex on Summit Blvd

Walton County
Bark Park, Santa Rosa Bch

Niceville Dog Park
Hwy 85 and College Blvd

Greyhound Pets of America/ Emerald Coast

Gpaec.com

Address and Phone number for GPA/EC

GPA/EC

PO Box 64

Gonzales, Florida 32560

Phone number 888-216-7236

Try these cool summer treats
for your greyhound



Frosty Paws

32 ounces of vanilla or
plain Yogurt
1 well mashed banana
2 T peanut butter
2 T honey

Place all ingredients in a
blender or food processor
Blend at a high speed
until creamy and smooth
Pour into paper cups or
ice cube trays
Freeze the cups until
solid

Summer Reminders

Some do's and don'ts while you and your greys are having fun this summer.

Administer Heartguard and Frontline or a flea preventative of your choice once a month.

If traveling with your pooch, have plenty of water on hand and Never, Never leave your pet in a parked vehicle no matter how cool the temperature is!

Be aware of hot pavement in parking lots. You have shoes on but your pet does not. Greyhounds can overheat easily in our Florida summers; be on the lookout for the signs of heat exhaustion

Beware of fire ant hills. They can leave some nasty and irritating bites on your pets. Also, be on the lookout for snakes, most are harmless but it only takes one bite from a poisonous snake to send you rushing your pet to the emergency vet.

Swimming pools can provide fun for the family but your pet may not realize the dangers. They can become tired and confused in a very short time. So be sure to supervise if you allow your pet in the pool

Make this a safe and happy summer for
you and your pet