

CGA NEWS

from the desk of the secretary of the board

It's April and that means the start of a new fiscal year for CGA. How did we do? The final adoption numbers aren't in yet, but as of March 14th, we had 173 adoptions!!!! That's 173 very happy hounds sleeping on 173 couches!

Annual elections were held on March 14th. Vice-President Tara Lindburg, Treasurer Mark Mckay, and Board Members-at-Large Beth Morgan, Kay Roberts, Clark Sonderby, and Debee Vecchiarelli were voted in to serve on CGA's Board of Directors.

The Board also thanked CGA's former Vice President, Jody Laughlin, who is stepping away from CGA's Board of Directors. Jody has been involved with CGA for 12 years. Jody has been involved in almost every aspect of CGA, from running a Meet & Greet to fostering, being on the Board, to her most amazing accomplishment, helping deliver and whelping a litter of greyhound puppies! She promises she isn't going anywhere and will continue to help out when she can. She has a beautiful grandbaby to spoil and her own business to build.

The Board also thanked Jennifer Zanella, who retired from the CGA Board of Directors. Jennifer has been involved in CGA since 2003 and has hosted meet & greets, attended events, fostered many, many hounds, helped other families with fosters as a Foster Coordinator, and transported hounds from the kennels to the vets. Jennifer also promised not to go anywhere and will continue to be active in the organization.

The Board also listed several areas where CGA had great successes in the past year. They are:

A year ago CGA was struggling financially, and CGA wasn't sure where the organization was headed. The extraordinary volunteers did everything they could to help raise funds and save expenses. CGA starts this year more financially sound. CGA is able to bring dogs in, adopt dogs out, and continue our mission of placing retired racing

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join cga's own e-group!

You can join a free, easy-to-use email group service. By joining COGreyhoundAdoption, you can exchange messages with other group members. eGroups also makes it easy to store photos and files, coordinate events and more. To join, go to groups.yahoo.com/group/COGreyhoundAdoption. Once there, on the right hand side of the screen is a "subscribe to this group" option. You will need to have a Yahoo ID to join the e-group.



We look forward to you joining the fun!

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greyhounds into forever homes.

CGA brought in 136 dogs, 24 were from Colorado, 106 were from Halfway Home for Hounds, the rest were from Florida, Phoenix, and Nebraska. CGA has been able to take every greyhound possible, from shelters, strays, and from other groups.

CGA is starting the year with a new look! Matt Weaver and Jody Laughlin set up the new online store. To give you some idea of how important the CGA store is for our financial support, the total merchandise profit for the year to date is \$3,034. Total memberships purchased online and online donations is \$12,450. Total profit overall, including events, is \$27,847.

CGA faced new challenges with the dogs from Oklahoma. For the first time foster dogs were going to their foster homes before being vetted. Some of the hounds had ticks, hookworms, roundworms, and tapeworms. This was definitely something foster families had never dealt with before. It was a challenge not only for the foster families, but in some cases, for our vets too. Some of these worms are rare in Colorado. Through trial and error, CGA learned how to deal with the worm and tick issues. We were able to reassess and adapt to handling new situations. The haul dogs are now being wormed as they get off of the hauler, and sent home with additional worming meds. Foster families have commented how easy it is to pick up a hound at the haul.

CGA has the best foster homes!

Greyhound events were awesome during the last year. CGA can contribute its adoption rates due to our presence at local events. If people don't meet and learn how amazing greyhounds are, they don't know what they've been missing!

Our event season is gearing up right now. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and take some time to volunteer, show off your greyhound, and help other greyhounds find their forever homes. Thank you Volunteers for a wonderful year. Let's strive to make next year even better!!

Thank you,
Rene Rieser
CGA Board Secretary

Special Thanks to Paul and Mayme Gigl for allowing us to use their home for the Board Election Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CGA's 10 annual golf tournament will be Saturday, July 17th for a morning shotgun. More information to follow later this spring.



Need to have your membership information updated with a new address or phone number?

Please e-mail Paige, our Database Administrator at Greytdba@msn.com with any updates or changes.



Member Meetings

Membership/Board Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month:

Sunday, April 11, 2010
Library: May Library
Room: May Room D
Time: 2:00 PM

Saturday, May 01, 2010
Library: Koelbel Library
Room: Koelbel Room A
Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 13, 2010
Library: Southglenn Library
Room: Southglenn Room B
Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 11, 2010
Library: Castlewood Library
Room: Paul Manion Meeting Room
Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

colorado greyhound adoption board & volunteers



Colorado Greyhound Adoption is a 100% volunteer, 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to finding permanent loving homes for and promoting the adoption and welfare of retired racing greyhounds as excellent family pets.

Rori Mattson	President
Tara Lindburg	Vice President
Rene Rieser	Secretary
Mark McKay	Treasurer
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Beth Morgan	Board Member
Kay Roberts	Board Member
Clark Sonderby	Board Member
Debee Vecchiarelli	Board Member

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Shelter Coordinator	Tonie Huff
Merchandise Coordinator	Cathy Postlewate
Foster Food/Crate Coordinator	Nathan Lorne



A special thank you to the following Veterinary facilities for their continued support of CGA and its programs.

Alameda East	Aurora	Evans East Animal Hospital	Denver
Alameda Vet Clinic	Lakewood	Eye Clinic Veterinary	Wheat Ridge
Alpine Animal Hospital	Boulder	Eye Specailist For Animals	Denver
Animal Clinic at the Festival	Centennial	Fillmore Veterinary Hospital	Colorado Springs
Animal Dental Care	Colorado Springs	For Paws Veterinary Clinic	Colorado Springs
Animal Emergency Services	Loveland	Fox Hollow Animal Hospital	Lakewood
Animal Emergency & Urgent Care of Parker	Parker	Front Range Veterinary Clinic	Lakewood
Animal ER	Littleton	Gem City Vet	Laramie
Animal Eye Specialist	Englewood	Genesee Veterinary Hospital	Golden
Animal Haven Veterinary Clinic	Fort Collins	Greenwood Village Veterinary Clinic	Greenwood Village
Animal Hospital at Hampden & Monaco Inc.	Highlands	Gunbarrel Veterinary Clinic	Boulder
Animal Hospital at Raintree Village	Fort Collins	Hamlett Spay & Neuter Clinic	Colorado Springs
Animal Hospital Center	Highlands Ranch	Hampden Family Pet Hospital	Englewood
Animal-Urgent-Care	Arvada	Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital	Denver
Annie's Animal Clinic	Highlands Ranch	Highland Animal Hospital	Littleton
Arapahoe Animal Hospital	Boulder	Jasper Animal Hospital	Lafayette
Arrowhead Animal Hospital	Westminster	Just for Paws	Littleton
Aspen Arbor Animal Hospital	Westminster	Lakewood Veterinary Hospital	Lakewood
Aspenwood Animal Hospital	Denver	LaPorte Animal Clinic	LaPorte
Banfield (in Petsmart)	Grand Junction	Lone Tree Veterinary Medical Center	Lone Tree
Baseline Animal Hospital	Lafayette	Mesa Veterinary Clinic	Pueblo
Beaver Brook Animal Hospital	Evergreen	Mountain Ridge Animal Hospital	Lafayette
Belcaro Animal Hospital	Denver	Mountaineer Veterinary Clinic	Centennial
Bergen Park Animal Clinic	Evergreen	My Pet's Place	Littleton
Black Forest Vet Clinic	Colorado Springs	Neighborhood Pet Center	Littleton
Boulder Emergency Pet Clinic	Boulder	Nelson Road Vet Clinic	Longmont
Broadview Animal Clinic	Aurora	New Castle Veterinary Clinic	New Castle
Broadway Estates	Littleton	Parker CenterAnimal Clinic	Parker
Brooklyn Veterinary Clinic	Castle Rock	Pets on Broadway	Denver
Broomfield Meadows Animal Hospital	Broomfield	PetsVet of Arvada	Arvada
Brown Vet Hospital	Colorado Springs	Pikes Peak Veterinary Clinic	Colorado Springs
Campus Vet Clinic	Denver	Pine Grove Animal Hospital	Parker
Capitol Hill Animal Care	Denver	Raintree Animal Hospital	Fort Collins
Caring Hands Veterinary Hospital	Thornton	Smoky Hill	Aurora
Castle Rock Veterinary Hospital	Castle Rock	TenderCare Veterinary Medical Center	Greenwood Village
Central Emergency Veterinary Services	Englewood	Thomas Veterinary Service	Fort Collins
Central Veterinary Emergency	Englewood	Urban Care Vet Clinic	Denver
Chatfield Vet Clinic	Littleton	VCA AllPets	Boulder
Cherry Hills Animal Hospital	Greenwood Village	VCA Ft Collins Animal Hospital	Ft Collins
Colorado Veterinary Specialists	Littleton	VCA Southeast Animal Hospital	Denver
Colorado Veterinary Specialists	Colorado Springs	VCA Wingate	Englewood
Columbine Animal Hospital	Littleton	VetCare AnimalHospital	Denver
Companion Animal Vet Hospital	Centennial	Ward Road Veterinary Hospital	Wheat Ridge
Cottage Veterinary Hospital	Parker	Washington Park Vet Clinic	Denver
Critter Veterinary Care	Fort Collins	Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital	Wheat Ridge
Deer Creek Animal Hospital	Littleton	Woodmoor Veterinary Hospital	Monument
Elizabeth Animal Hospital	Elizabeth	Yorkshire Veterinary Clinic	Colorado Springs
Elmfield Veterinary Hospital	Denver		

Visit our Web site for the most current schedule www.coloradogreyhoundadoption.org

Area	Store Name	Address	Meet Date	Meet Time	Coordinator(s)	Coord Phone
Denver / East Metro	Petco - I-25 & Colorado Blvd	4100 E Mexico Ave, Denver	1st Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Gail Baxter	303-757-7724
	Petsmart - Colorado & Alameda	4300 E Alameda Ave, Glendale	2nd Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Monica & Jim Pope	303-321-4872
	Petsmart - Pioneer Hills Center	5520 S Parker Rd, Aurora	2nd Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Rori Mattson	303-699-9140
	Petsmart - Stapleton	7505 E 35th Ave, Denver	3rd Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Jane Taylor	303-355-6262
West Metro	Petsmart - Aurora	40 S Abilene St, Aurora	4th Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Becky Rickert	303-745-9308
	Petsmart - Wheat Ridge	3540 Youngfield St, Wheat Ridge	1st Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Wendy Edwards	303-238-1477
	Petsmart - 1st & Wadsworth	160 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood	2nd Friday	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Russ & Kathy Lindsay	303-232-3613
	Petsmart - Ken Caryl	8440 S Kipling Pkwy, Littleton	2nd Sunday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Yvonne Davidoff	303-948-8970
South Metro	Petsmart - Arvada	5285 Wadsworth Bypass, Arvada	4th Sunday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Matthew Weaver & Naomi Knecht	720-863-4554
	Petsmart- Castle Rock	4654 Milestone Dr, Castle Rock	3rd Saturday	11:00pm - 1:00pm	DeNae Staeck	303-981-1503
	Petco - Park Meadows	9425 E County Line Rd, Englewood	3rd Sunday	11:00am - 1:00pm	Jim & Joyce Patterson	303-683-0291
	Petsmart - Park Meadows	8695 S Park Meadows Center Dr, Englewood	4th Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Gail Baxter	303-757-7724
North Metro	Petsmart - Northglenn	I-25 & 104th, 10600 Melody Dr, Northglenn	2nd Sunday	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Bob Haynes	303-426-4882
	Petsmart - Westminster	10460 Town Center Dr, Westminster	2nd Saturday	10:00am - 12:00pm	Chris Covell & Wayne Jones	303-432-0028
Boulder / Northern Colorado	Petsmart - Longmont	1125 S Hover Rd, Longmont	1st Saturday	10:00am - 12:00pm	Keillie Hargreaves	303-774-7624
	Petsmart - Loveland	1715 Rocky Mountain Ave, Loveland	3rd Saturday	10:00am - 12:00pm	Sue Potter	970-532-5211
	Outlets at Loveland <i>(Outdoors - Not held during cold/increment weather)</i>	5645 McWhinney Blvd, Loveland	3rd Sunday	12:00pm - 3:00pm	Cristi MacWaters	970-217-5510
	Petco - Boulder	2480 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder	4th Saturday	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Susan Henderson & Pat Manka	303-907-7150
Colorado Springs	Petco - Colorado Springs	1820 W Uintah (Uintah Gardens), Colo Springs	2nd Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Rachel Jervis	617-686-9226
	Petsmart - Colorado Springs	2160 Southgate (Southgate Mall), Colo Springs	3rd Saturday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Leslie Herd	719-337-1418

By Rachel Jervis

These pumpkin dog biscuits were inspired by my sweet Evie Petunia who enjoys pumpkin, adores biscuits, and devours anything if you call it a Cookie.

Pumpkin Spice Petunias

- 1 can pumpkin
- 2 eggs
- ¼ c. milk
- dash of cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger
- 1/4 c. sugar (optional)
- 1 ½ c. whole wheat flour
- 2 ½ c. cup oatmeal

Mix pumpkin, eggs, milk, spices, and sugar. Stir in flour. Stir in oatmeal.

Drop rounded tablespoon on cookie sheet (I use silpat liners, if you don't have those, you might want to grease the cookie sheet), bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes until they are dry and crispy.

You can bake less time for a chewier biscuit, but then you'll want to refrigerate and/or use them faster, as moist biscuits are prone to molding.



Thank you for your continued support of CGA.

AMF Bellview Lanes	Englewood	Kat's Muse	Littleton
Applebees	Centennial	Kegler's Korner	Englewood
Arapahoe Basin Ski Area	Dillon	King Soopers	Littleton
Art Objects Conservation	Denver	Landmark Crossroads Cinema	Boulder
Arts on Fire	Highlands Ranch	Law Office Of Laurie Scott Paddock	Denver
Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities	Arvada	Lewis & Bark	Littleton
Aspen Pet Products	Denver	Little Ceasar's Pizza	Englewood
Baskets by Karen	Littleton	Lodge Casino	Black Hawk
Bero Accounting Services	Englewood	LOVE MY DOG TRAINING	
Boondocks Fun Center	Northglen	MillerCoors	Denver
Broomfield Jewelers	Broomfield	Monarch Aesthetic Center	Louisville
Build-A-Bear Workshop	St Louis	National Distribution Company	Littleton
Butterfly Pavilion	Westminster	Needlenose Neckwear	Lakewood
Canterberry Golf Course	Parker	Oasis Day Spa	Arvada
Casa Bonita	Lakewood	Opus Restaurant	Littleton
Children's Museum of Denver	Denver	Partylite	Aurora
Chipotle Restaurant	Denver	Pet World	Lakewood
Colorado Historical Society	Denver	Pets are Inn	
Comedy Works	Denver	Photography by Anne Richardson-Eaton	Longmont
MillerCoors	Golden	Pikes Peak Intern'l Raceway	Fountain
Cosmos Dog Bakery	Lakewood	Pinnacle Distributing	Highlands Ranch
Dave & Busters	Westminster	Polidori Sausage	
Denver Art Museum	Denver	Radio Disney	Lakewood
Denver Botanic Gardens	Denver	Red & Jerry's	Sheridan
Denver Kickers Club	Golden	Red Lion Hotel Downtown Denver at Invesco Field	Denver
Denver Marriott City Center	Denver	Regal Entertainment Group	Knoxville
Denver Marriott Tech Center	Denver	RESCUE PET STORE	Ramona
Denver Museum of Nature & Science	Denver	Romano's Highlands Ranch	Highlands Ranch
Denver Nuggets Basketball	Denver	Ruth's Chris Steak House	Las Vegas
Denver Zoo	Denver	Skyventure Colorado	Lone Tree
Designer candles and Gourmet gift baskets		Southwest Veterinary Hospital	Littleton
Double Tree Denver Southeast	Aurora	Sunlight Mountain Resort	Glenwood Springs
Double Tree Motel Denver	Denver	Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant	Littleton
D'Tailz	Castle Rock	Tagawa Gardens	Centennial
Englewood Golf Course	Englewood	Tankersley Chiropractic	Littleton
Essence of Touch Day Spa	Westminster	Tattered Cover Book Store	Denver
Extreme Pizza of the Rockies	Thornton	Terroux Dog Training	Arvada
Fast Jack Sportswear Company	West Olive	The Dog and I	Westminster
Fitness 19	Parker	The Dog and I Daycare and hotel	Westminster
Fortune Valley Hotel and Casino	Lakewood	The Import Warehouse	Denver
Funtastic Fun	Englewood	The Old Spagetti Factory	Denver
Gilpin Hotel Casino	Black Hawk	The Pet Valet	
Greyhound Gang	Kanab	The Westin Westminster	Westminster
Greyhound Greetings	Englewood	The Wizard's Chest	Denver
Greyhound Rescue Society of Texas	Dallas	Training with Grace	
Greytwear		Underwater Phantaseas	Greenwood Village
Gunther Toody's Diner	Littleton	Voyagers K9 Apparel	Deerfield
Hearts and Hounds	Ligonier	Waddell & Reed	Denver
Highlands Garden Café	Denver	Walmart Supercenter	Littleton
Highlands Ranch Golf Club	Highlands Ranch	West Woods Golf Club	Arvada
Hotel Monaco Denver	Denver	Westdise Computing	
ICEBERG GREYHOUND CREATIONS		White Fence Farm	Lakewood
Isle of Carpi Casino	Blackhawk	Willow Run Pet Supplies	Broomfield

a memorial and tribute to Tom Zanella

On March 13, 2010, we all lost a very good friend. Tom Zanella passed away at 50 years old, after a year-long battle with lung cancer.

Tom and his wife Jennifer have been long-time members of CGA. Tom and Jennifer, and their 3 boys, Preston, Tyler and Carter, came to CGA in the early 2000's, starting out as a foster family, and continuing on to become a vital part of CGA. Jennifer has been a board member for many years, and has acted as Lead Foster Coordinator, Transportation Coordinator, Adoption Transition Coordinator, and hosted a Meet and Greet, among many other contributions. Many, many greyhounds began their journey into their forever homes as a foster in the Zanella home. Hogan (at the bridge), Lacey, Wilbur and Amy were lucky enough to get to stay with the Zanella's (along with Miko, the Zanella's big, furry lovable non-grey). Tom adored his dogs, and the feeling was mutual!

Tom and Jennifer grew up in Glenwood Springs, and were married in



1983. They have 3 wonderful sons—Preston, Tyler and Carter. Tom was a family man who adored being a father and husband. His eyes would light up when he spoke about his family.

Tom was a Manager of the Geek Squad at Best Buy. He loved sports. He played baseball, football, basketball and track when he was growing up, and he loved to officiate high

school basketball games as an adult.

CGA would like to take this opportunity to fondly remember and honor Tom Zanella. We will miss Tom very much.

(Note—The family has requested that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, Lung Cancer Research Fund, in memory of Tom Zanella at 2255 S Oneida St, Denver, CO 80224)

Rori Mattson



ask the trainer: everyday vs. emergency “come”

Question:

We have had our dog for three years and she ignores us when we call her to come. Have we ruined the word, and is it too late to teach her?

The Trainer Answers:

When I hear that a dog “ignores” come or only comes when a treat is offered, it usually means that “come” has never been taught to any degree of reliability. That is not your dog’s fault. It is our responsibility to train our dogs what we expect in a consistent and clear way. Your dog might have responded the way you want in some circumstances in the past, but that does not mean she understands what “come” means to you. At this point, the word “come” is probably white noise in the background and doesn’t have a clear meaning.

If you tend to say “come” often but your dog responds rarely, if ever, then it’s time to start over. It’s not too late, but you will need to put in some effort to teach her what you want. If you say the word frequently, I recommend you consider teaching your dog two different cues: first, an everyday “come” that is not as strict or specific and second, an emergency “come” or recall that is not used every day.

The everyday “come” is the word you use frequently without really thinking about it. The everyday cue should be one that you use to let your dog know you’d like them nearby, but it’s not an urgent mandatory request. When the dog comes near you, reward her. If she doesn’t respond, walk away quickly or do something to interest your dog into coming nearby but without actually calling your dog again. Reward in some way – a treat, petting, a bit of play – when the dog does get near you. Don’t make a big deal out of it, but make it fun and low key. This is your everyday come that the dog is not required to respond to immediately, but she does eventually move closer to you. This might be a cue that you use when out at the dog park or hiking that means, I want you nearby, but you don’t have to come directly to me immediately.

Next is the emergency “come” or recall. For this, I suggest you use a different cue that you do not say every day. You might use “here” or some other word. This is the one you want your dog to respond to immediately and in a very specific way – perhaps running to you as fast as she can, sitting directly in front of you, looking up at you and waiting for further instruction. This is the cue that might save your dog’s life at some point. This cue you will work on diligently to teach a very fast, specific response that gets heavily rewarded. Work on it a few times a day at first, then once it’s well-established, work on it now and then but not every day to keep it sharp. This is the one we will not use frequently, but when we do, we want it 99.9% reliable.

For those who choose to teach just one cue for all circumstances, make sure you put the effort into making your one cue the one that is 99.9% reliable. If using one cue for all situations you want your dog to “come”, then you have two choices. First, you can start over with an entirely new word. This is the best option if your dog has already learned that “come” doesn’t really have a specific meaning.

Your second option is to drop the word “come” from your vocabulary for a few weeks before starting over from scratch. In this case, you need to be very careful about not using the word come unless you are training with your dog, and being very careful to ensure your dog is responding to you each and every time you use that word. This does not mean forcing your dog to come to you. It means enticing your dog to come in a positive way and always rewarding it to make it worthwhile for her to respond. You can teach your dog to respond reliably to this word if you are diligent about not using it without thinking about it. But it takes effort on your part!

Please send questions to: sbrown@lovemydogtraining.com



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new and renewing members

BRONZE DOG

David Richman
Jamie Sullivan
Nisha Naik
Jane Weber

Vaughn & Rori Mattson

Angie Kemper
Elaine Koerwitz
Becky Rickert

SILVER DOG

Julie Stremel
Allan Hirst

Debra Vecchiarelli
Jeremy & Marsha Jones

GOLD DOG

Susan Martel

OTHER DONATIONS

Rose Hartwig in memory of her father



“The dog’s kennel is not the place to keep a sausage.”

-Danish Proverb

“To live long, eat like a cat, drink like a dog.”

-German Proverb

Congratulations to the following families and their new greyhound family members. A sincere
THANK YOU to the many Foster Families and Adoption Coordinators that make it all possible!

Greyhound	Adopting Family	Foster Family	Adoption Counselor
Bailey	Chad and Tara Lindburg	Mark MacKay	
Smokey	Ted and Marci Laurvik	Art Vogt	Jeff and Stefane Herriot
Fleet	Wendy Waters	Beth Morgan	Sandra Ray
Boris	Jerry and Kathy Cox	Matt and Angie Kemper	Sarah Morgan
Kitty	Wayne and Janet Edmond	Jack and Therese Bannon	Nancy Miller
Shelly	Aram and Ellen Haroutunian	Paige Lehtola	Pam Hoskinson
Tiger	Brenda and Peter Scaturro	Tonie Huff	Judy Greenfield
Cinnamon	Foster Adopt	Edith Knehans and Steve Kirkbride	
San Tan Sweetie	Foster Adopt	Denise Rozewski	
Soul Sister	Foster Adopt	Sheila Smith and Nick King	
Runaway	Foster Adopt	Chris Covell and Wayne Jones	
Nothing to Declare	Price and Jeanne Hatcher	J and D Schultz, H Mallinson	Nicole Marcisz
Boom Chic a Boom	Mike Patton	Sandra Ray	Suzanne Larsen
Alright	Foster Adopt	Gerard and Pamela Halleren	
Springwater Jordy	Alexis Egerdahl	Paige Lehtola	Pam Hoskinson
WW's P Nut	Tom and Laura Duffy	Debra Austin	Sarah Morgan
Janni	Derek Presley	Matt and Angie Kemper	Sarah Morgan
Greek Girlceyla	Julia Scholbrock	J Steckling and S Rhodes	Kristin Meyer
Modern Motion	Michael and Theresa Roberts	Susan and Don Stark	Samantha Quitman
Top Cat Sassy	Cathie Cunningham	S Johnson and T Scollieri	Jeff and Stefane Herriot
JJ's Fast Aire	D Bonderchuck and C Goolsby	Gail Baxter	Jane Taylor
Door	Pam Feigitsch	Beth Morgan, Pam Feigitsch	



Happy and Blue, Spoiled by Ann and Dennis Appel

st. patrick's day parade

By Rachel Jervis

Saturday, March 13, 2010, Colorado Springs, CO. The sun was shining, the air was warm, and there were shades of green everywhere! The beginning of spring, you ask. Why no, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Colorado Springs! This year, 105 groups marched to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. CGA was represented by 44 hounds and their humans trotting behind the CGA sign. The hounds were adorned in green clothing, boas, scarves, neck ties, bows, and hats. Guinness, Gaelyn, Gracie, and Rootbeer Halby showed their Irish pride in classy kilts.



Despite being further back in the parade than in years past, the greyhounds received their usual warm welcome along Tejon Street. Kids and adults happily pet the hounds and complimented their outfits. Posh Staeck's green coat with pink ladybugs was popular with the young girls attending the parade. At the viewing stand, the announcer told parade goers that greyhounds make fantastic pets and family dogs, and referred them to the CGA website.

Thank you to everyone who joined CGA for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Not only was it a lot of fun, it was great publicity for our hounds and organization.



Coffee and Daytona enjoying their new ride. Spoiled by Susan Henderson

in loving memory

To those pets that brought such joy to our lives.... they will be missed!

CGA has adopted over 3,000 greyhounds since 1997.

"Jasper"
Kay Roberts

"Reigna"
Chris Covell & Wayne Jones

"Thorman"
Melanie & Judd Henson

"Icarus"
Jesse & K.O. Skinsnes

"Saucy"
Shelley & Micheal Boyson

"Blondie"
Cam Miller

"Maggie"
Barb Gram

"Sadie"
The Sonderby Family

"Jay"
Sue Potter

"Sadie"
Lori Sanders

"Sam"
Lori & Eric Potter

"Molly"
John Parisi



Dear Evie,

Not to put too fine a point on it, but my butt is going bald - fast. I came here from a Florida race track in December. (I pretended I wasn't very fast so I could get out of there when I was only 2 ½ years old and have lots of time to enjoy my retirement.) I have thick red and gold hair. But all of a sudden, big clumps of it are falling out, leaving my derriere completely bare. I have lots of energy and love to tear around and cause property damage, so my mom doesn't think it is my "thyroid." What's this about?

Yours truly,
Coco

Dear Coco,

I am not a veterinarian. Nor a vet tech. Nor a scientist. Heck, I only have a certificate in basic obedience. But I do have a VERY bald butt, so I consider myself qualified to answer your question. When a hound makes the transition from racing dog to retired dog, our bodies go through a lot of changes: adapting to new food, a new lifestyle, and in your case a new climate. And while retirement is wonderful, rewarding, and enjoyable, this transition can be stressful for our bodies and might even cause some hair loss. For this reason, most greyhound vets recommend waiting until about 6 months after adoption before testing for other causes of hair loss. I'd been retired about 8 months when mom decided that I had a very bald butt, thighs, and belly, even for a greyhound and took me to the vet. The vet asked mom about three symptoms of hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid):

Q: Is she lethargic?

A: No more than usual, she's a greyhound, after all.

Q: Is she gaining weight?

A: No way. I can't get her to eat enough and people tease me that I don't feed her.

Q: Does she have hair loss?

A: Yes, you can practically see your reflection on her bald butt.

So even though I only had one of the classic symptoms of hypothyroidism, they decided to take some blood and test. Sure enough, my values were low. I now take thyroid medication (a tasty blue pill that comes coated in peanut butter) twice a day. For a couple of months, they tested my values to get my dose right. Soon I started growing peach fuzz on my butt and thighs.

Recently all the fur on my butt and thighs came out again. Mom brought me back to the vet to have my thyroid levels checked and they were perfect. The vet says I most likely have greyhound flank alopecia, a.k.a. greyhound pattern baldness. She explained to mom that sometimes the hair follicles on a greyhound's butt and thighs stop



Evie at the St.
Patrick's Day parade

**"Three things
it is best to
avoid:
a strange dog,
a flood,
and a man
who thinks
he is wise."
-Welsh Proverb**



working properly. It is purely cosmetic and there is no treatment for this problem. The vet said that she could punch three holes of skin out of my bare derriere and have a pathologist look at the hair follicles to confirm this. Mom and I decided that it wasn't worth putting me through this to confirm that I have defective hair follicles. Anyone who has seen my butt knows that!

So Coco, if your butt is still losing fur in another couple months, have your mom take you to the vet for a full evaluation. The vet will probably test your thyroid and maybe look for other causes of hair loss (like fungus or mites). If all of those are ruled out, you might just have greyhound pattern baldness like me.

Bald is Beautiful,
Evie Petunia

P.S. Some people assume that my bald butt is caused by spending too much time in a crate and rubbing. I haven't seen the inside of a crate for almost a year, so that myth is debunked!

Dearest Evie:

I and my mom have been fans of yours for a long time. I know that you and Coffee are the diva's role models. My question, firstly my mom cannot sew but she makes very nice Hat boxes for friends etc, Why hasn't she made on for me and brother Malcolm the Magnificent? I don't have any hats and we each have only ONE coat. Mom promises to learn to sew coats can you help her???? She is trainable. We love her very much, she wants us to have coats but Dad thinks it's silly what a dilemma. Continue your wonderful wise advice it's truly needed.

Your friend - HER MOST ROYALIST OF
MAGESTIES CLEOPATRA SCHMATRA
-Cleo xoxoxoxoxoxox love and squeakies

Dearest Cleo,

Sometimes it is best to take matters into your own paws. Based on your letter, it is clear that you are proficient with the computer. Take your mom or dad's credit card and treat yourself and your goofy brother to all of the hats, collars, and coats you deserve. Once all the loot arrives, your mother will see the need for hatboxes and one VERY large greyhound armoire for all your lovely clothing.
Love and Squirrels,
Evie Petunia