



# **GREYT NEWS**



**Volume 2, Issue 10 A Publication of Greyhound Pets of America/Greater Orlando**

**April 2016**

## **GREYT GREETINGS**

April is "National Adopt a Greyhound Month."

Help us get the word out about how wonderful these dogs are as family pets. Every Greyhound deserves a loving, forever home.

If you have a picture or a story about your Greyhound you would like to share, please send them to:

greytnews2014@aol.com



## **In this issue:**

Page 1	Greyt Greeting; Companion Wanted
Page 2	Adopt a Greyhound; A Greyhound's Wish
Page 3	A Dog's Body Language; Health Benefits of Owning a Dog
Page 4	Decker Dawg Designs; Greyt Beginnings; Benefit Wines
Page 5	Greyt Plates; Amazon
Page 6	Business Directory
Page 7	Through a Greyhound's Eyes
Page 8	Quotables; Kids Corner; Fun Fact
Page 9	Greyt Wall of Photos
Page 10	Greyt Wall of Photos
Page 11	Brushing Teeth

## **COMPANION WANTED:**

I like walks on the beach, snuggling by the fire when there's a chill in the air, gentle back rubs, going for car rides in the country on misty mornings, and lounging about on sun-splashed afternoons. Though I can be a bit of a couch potato, I do enjoy getting out in the world and exploring new sights, sounds and scents.

I have a vibrant personality, warm brown eyes, am athletic, and love to give kisses. I am gentle, yet playful, and I know after a very short time, you'll have me eating out of the palm of your hand. I am loyal and will respond quite favorably to your soft-spoken requests. I will sit for hours and listen to you make small talk.

I am not one of those high maintenance beings. I have naturally good looks and am comfortable in my own skin.

I enjoy a good meal and have been known to kick back with a cold drink—fresh water is my favorite.

If you think, we might hit it off, please contact:  
**GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA/GREATER ORLANDO**  
1260 S. RONALD REAGAN BOULEVARD  
LONGWOOD, FLORIDA  
OR CALL  
407-322-4754

I'LL BE WAITING. OH, AND DID I MENTION, I HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS ALSO LOOKING FOR A COMPANION. ■







Why a Greyhound, you ask? Oh, there are so many reasons. For example, consider some of these:

They are gentle, loving dogs who want nothing more than to please their humans.

They require minimal grooming and shed very little which makes them a good choice for people with allergies.

They are laid back couch potatoes who know how to thoroughly enjoy their retirement.

They are healthy, live relatively long lives and come in quite a variety of colors.

They are non-aggressive, well-mannered and very regal.

They are quiet and don't bark much.



## A GREYHOUND'S WISH -- A LOVING HOME -- FOREVER OR FOSTER





## A GUIDE TO THE BODY LANGUAGE OF A DOG

### Happy, Confident Dog

- Tail wagging
- Relaxed body
- Lying with one paw tucked under
- Bowing

### On Alert

- Ears forward
- Eyes wide and alert
- Body rolled slightly forward
- Mouth closed
- Body Tense
- Tail held high – possible slow deliberate type of wagging

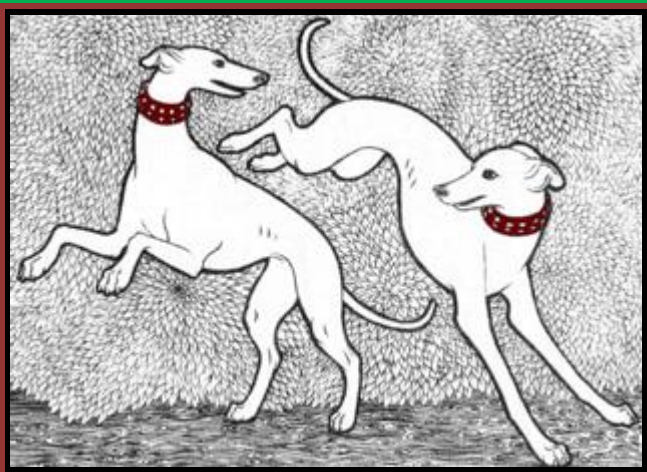
### Aggression

- Guarding/protecting their territory or belongings by placing their body as a barrier between the other dog or person and what they consider as their domain.
- Shows teeth
- Warning snap
- Lunging – on or off leash accompanied by barking and growling
- Tail raised high in the air

### Anxiety/Avoidance

- Hiding behind you
- Retreating away from people or other dogs
- Tail between legs
- Ears down
- Crouching on the floor (submission)

(Sources: [www.dogs.about.com](http://www.dogs.about.com); [www.petprofessionalguild.com](http://www.petprofessionalguild.com) )



## JUST A FEW HEALTH BENEFITS OF OWNING A DOG

Reduced stress and anxiety levels

More active lifestyle

Greater social interactions

Lower risk of depression

Stronger immune system

Increase in self-esteem

ADOPT  
A  
GREYHOUND

IT WILL MAKE  
YOU FEEL  
GOOD





100% of all sales go to GPA/GO



Need a new t-shirt for Spring. Check out Greyt Beginnings for some fantastic buys.

Order yours today at:

<http://stores.ebay.com/Greyt-Beginnings>



**DeckerDawgDesigns**

Handmade Collars and Leashes

**Sandy Giglietta**

sandygig@hotmail.com

386 Brushwood Lane  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Find us on Facebook  
Decker Dawg Designs

Check out Decker Dog Designs on Facebook and now on Etsy. See all the new designs ready for Spring.



Order yours today and remember a portion of all sales benefits GPA/GO!■



Benefit Wines – Right for any occasion.

[www.BenefitWines.com/gpago](http://www.BenefitWines.com/gpago)

## GREYT PLATES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

VENUE ON THE LAKE - MAITLAND CIVIC  
CENTER

641 SOUTH MAITLAND AVENUE  
MAITLAND, FLORIDA



The Maitland Civic Center

Like Potato Chips...



...You Can't Have Just One

## AMAZON WISH LIST ITEMS



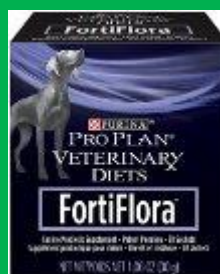
Super Soft Cozy Fleece Throw Blankets



Activyl Flea Treatment 44 lbs and up./6 pk



Preventic Tick Collar, 24" Large dog/2 pk



FortiFlora – Nutritional Supplement – good for upset tummies.

These are just a few of the items we can always use. To view more, check out our wish list on Amazon. Just go to: [www.amazon.com/wishlist](http://www.amazon.com/wishlist) and type in Greyhound Pets of America/Greater Orlando. To increase your donation power, use Amazon Smile and GPA/GO will receive a portion of each sale.

Thanks to all who have donated through Amazon. Gift cards are not always included in the packages so we don't know who has donated. We will send personal thank you notes to those who request that a gift card identifying the donor be included in the box. ■



# BUSINESS DIRECTORY



*first rate service at a fair price*

Tel No: 407.699.9111

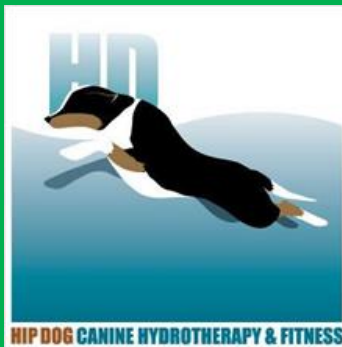
785 S. Highway 17-92  
Longwood, FL 32750

## Critter Control of Greater Orlando

311 Altamonte Commerce Blvd., Suite 1602

Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

407-295-7194



## Beverly Brown

Sales Associate

OFFICE:

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate

ADDRESS: 7626 W Sand Lake Rd,  
Orlando, FL 32819, United  
States

CONTACT: Direct: 407.256.4464

Office: 407.256.4464

Fax: 407.363.5552

Email:

beverly.brown@floridamoves.com



## Fine Framing & Art

The Best Custom Framing in Town with 25 years Experience

Samantha Frith & Diego Rodriguez

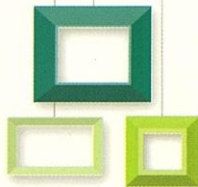
5699 S. Orange Ave  
(Corner of Hoffner and Orange)

Orlando, Florida 32809

www.fineframingandart.com

407-850-2200

fineframingandart@hotmail.com



*\*One Of A Kind Designs\**

Ladder Ribbon Scarves, Decoupage Bottles, Glass Blocks &  
Wine Glasses, Themed Shadowbox Designs & more...

Darla Wood

darlasdesigns49@gmail.com

oneofakinddesigns.co

407-739-0215



2441 Orlando Central Parkway, Orlando, FL 32809



*Direct Mail and  
Fulfillment Solutions  
that Work!*

www.actionmailservices.com

Jeff Scott 407-694-4086



THE ART OF BLOOMING

ORLANDO  
WEDDING  
& PARTY  
RENTALS

**In honor of April being National Greyhound Adoption Month, the following poem is dedicated to all those who have opened their hearts and homes to a retired Greyhound. We hope there are many more out there who will come forward and give the gift that every Greyhound wants – a home.**

Through a Greyhound's Eyes

Look deep into my eyes for they'll tell you my story  
Of how I raced and chased for victory and glory  
At post time, I walked proudly to the starting gate  
Muzzle in place; my racing silk colorful and lightweight  
I sprang from the box with lightning fast stride  
My fluid- like motion, so effortlessly my paws did glide  
I was keen, alert and well within my prime  
Making my mark with the most minimal of time  
That fuzzy lure was always in my sight  
Training hard by day and racing fast by night  
But now I'm older, my gait for racing is much too slow  
My heart beats a sadness that only I could know  
My lackluster eyes scan from side to side  
As I'm led from the kennel to my awaiting ride  
Uncertainty arouses an internal fear  
Like fog over water, my future is not clear  
Where am I going? What will my purpose be?  
Does this retirement mean I can just be me?  
An unfamiliar but friendly hand caresses my head  
I'm taken to a cage with a large comfortable bed  
Around me are so many hounds, all of my kind  
Silently wishing for that forever home find  
There is a yard, lush with green grass, where I love to run  
And I enjoy it now because it is just for fun  
I've been given a toy though I don't know what to do  
Guess I'll just lay back and give it a chew  
People come and people go; they scurry about to and fro  
But what's to become of me, I really don't know  
I've seen some hounds go and never come back  
Perhaps they are getting the loving families they lack  
It is said that good things come to those who wait  
And as long as there is life, it is never too late  
Today the sparkle has returned to my eyes  
For I have been chosen, I am the prize  
My heart is swelling with love and affection  
There's nothing so special as the human/ dog connection  
My collar is on, my tags in place and my leash is secure  
My tail is wagging with excitement as I exit the door  
My humans are chatting and fussing over me  
I'm going to be the best pet, you just wait and see

Your loyal companion always by your side  
Bringing you joy and filling you up with pride  
My chocolate eyes now glisten with love and delight

Because I'll be sleeping in my forever home tonight  
So if it's a loving pet you find yourself in need  
The Greyhound is more than just a racing breed  
They'll steal your heart and before you realize  
You're looking at gratefulness through a  
Greyhound's eyes.

--Robin Knudsen--

Copyright © 2013 Robin Knudsen

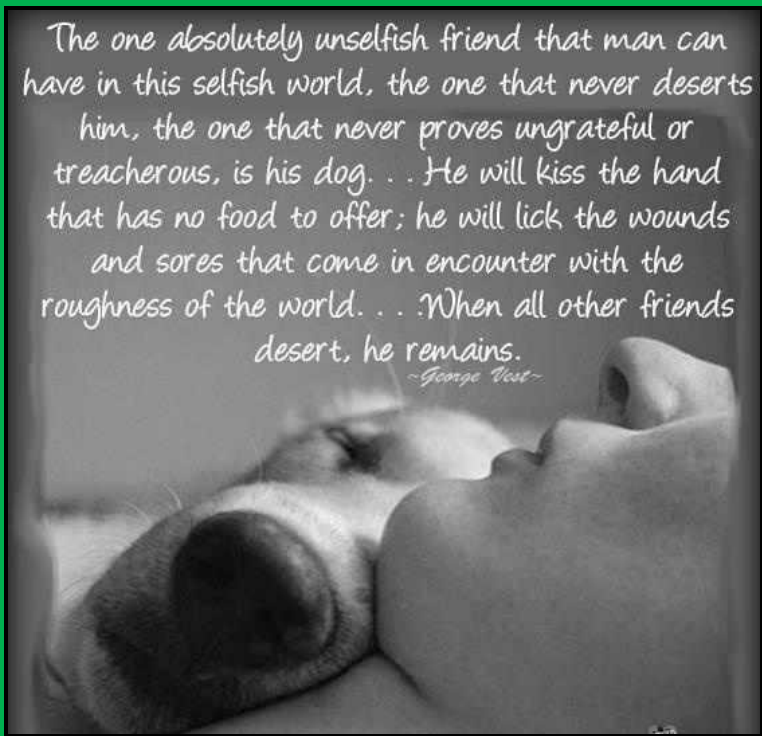


## QUOTABLES

When I am sad, there is no greater comfort than the silent, devoted companionship of my dog.  
(APlaceToLoveDogs.com)

Every dog deserves a home; but, not every home deserves a dog. (Unknown)

If I had a dollar for every time my dog made me smile, I'd be a multimillionaire. (Unknown)



## KIDS CORNER

Find the misspelled word in each of these sentences.

The dymond is the birthstone for the month of April.

NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronuts on April 9, 1959.

Noah Webster copyrited the first edition of his dictionary April 14, 1828.

Leonarado da Vinci, Italian painter, sculptor and scientest was born April 15, 1452.

The United States Liberry of Congress was established April 24, 1800.

April is one of only four months that has exactly 30 daze.

The Titanic sanc on April 15, 1912.



## DID YOU KNOW.....

The key to the speed of a Greyhound can be found in its light but muscular build, large heart, and highest percentage of fast-twitch muscle of any breed.■



## GREYT WALL OF PHOTOS



Candee says, "It doesn't get better than this."



SWEET DREAMS, DREW.



Sisterly love -- Julie and Janet



Gizela taking over the loveseat at GPA/GO.



Brotherly love -- Craig and Ernie



Simon's quite the lad when it comes to wearin' the Green.

## MORE PICTURES



Getty is one very happy guy.



Who knows -- Ghost nose!



Freya, Lily and  
Ghost waiting  
patiently for  
bandage changes.



Hudson has picked out  
his Easter hat.



Hooray for Media Hype --  
he's got a home!!





## A Step by Step Guide to Brushing Teeth

1. Begin training by placing a little dog toothpaste on your finger and let your dog lick the paste from your finger. Do this step several days in a row, and follow it with a treat reward and lots of praise.
2. Place a little of the paste on your dog's large canine teeth in front. This will get your dog used to having something placed against his teeth and gums. Do this step for several days, and again, follow it with a reward and praise.
3. After a few days, introduce the toothbrush you will use for regular brushing. Place some dog toothpaste on it and allow your pet to lick it from the brush. It will get your pet used to the texture - and of having the brush near his teeth and gums. Praise and reward your dog.
4. In the final phase, you will actually brush your dog's teeth. Gently hold back your pet's lips and hold the brush at a 45 degree angle to the gumline. Brush the outside of each tooth, moving the brush gently back and forth. Talk to your dog in a soothing voice and always follow brushing sessions with a treat. Brush just a few teeth the first time, and gradually lengthen the session each time until you're brushing all the teeth.

When finished, be sure to reward him with lots of petting and praise. The rewards and praise will help him associate brushing as a positive, rewarding experience.

Ideally, a pet's teeth should be brushed every day, but at least a few times a week will help toward preventing plaque buildup and periodontal disease. ■

(source: Dr. 's Foster and Smith)



*Until next month.....  
keep a smile on your face and a  
Greyhound in your heart!*

<http://www.greyhoundpetsorlando.org>