

**A Greyhound's Wish, Inc**

**Greyhound Express**



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**A Greyhound's Wish Family Will Gather at Dewey**

Nothing is more exciting for *Greyhound Addicts* than the "Greyhounds Reach the Beach" event at Dewey Beach. This year, the greyt madness will be October 6-9, 2000. With more than 1,000 greyhounds on hand, tons of vendors, and lots of friendly faces, it promises to be the best greyhound reunion ever!

exchange stories. This is the chance to introduce yourself to other AGW hounds and their families.

We will be gathering at noon on Saturday, October 7 at Sharky's Grill (Outdoor Café) located at 1508 Route 1 (the main street of town). From there, we can walk to the beach and take our group photograph. We look forward to seeing

A Greyhound's Wish is having a get together for all of its adopters and hounds to meet and

everyone at Dewey Beach. Check out the rest of the newsletter for helpful tips for your trip. See you there!



**Some Essentials To Bring To Dewey Beach**

When you pack your bags for the beach, don't forget the following necessities. These things will make you and your hound's trip less stressful and more enjoyable.

- A crate if your hound uses one at home
- Familiar toys, blankets, or beds
- A supply of regular food and treats
- Leashes for ALL dogs (Delaware has a leash law.)
- Food and water bowls
- Proof of license and vaccinations
- A recent photograph for identification in case your pet gets loose
- Towels to clean the sand from paws
- Plenty of poop bags
- A flashlight for those late night walks
- A muzzle if you plan to run your hound at the organized run, OR if your hound is a chewer
- Natures Miracle or another cleaning solution for accidents
- Your Camera! There are going to be lots of GREYT photo opportunities.

- Have a Question? Call for an answer**
- Tom & Dot Arida  
410-451-5897
  - Don & Mary Collins  
410-768-5144
  - Dave & Diane Costello  
410-674-6544
  - Chris & Debi Persing  
410-969-2833
  - Ellen Pomerantz  
410-551-0898
  - Tim & Kay Smith  
410-519-5332

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★ Here's The Scoop ★  ★

★ **Who:** Anyone associated with AGW

★ **What:** Gathering for Group Photo

★ **Where:** Sharky's Grill, 1508 Rt. 1 (main street)

★ **When:** Noon — Saturday, October 7

★ **Why:** AGW would love for all of its adopters to meet and share experiences. PLUS, we'd like to take a group photo of everyone to put on the AGW website. — [www.agreyhoundswish.org](http://www.agreyhoundswish.org)

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**Do you buy things from the PETsMart website? If you do, please use the PETsMart link on the AGW homepage. Every sale gives AGW a \$5 donation. [agreyhoundswish.org](http://agreyhoundswish.org)**

**Congratulations to Riley Persing for passing his Beginners Obedience Class with flying colors. He learned to sit, stay, down, come, and stand on command. His Mommy (Debi Persing) is very proud!**

**For more information on obedience classes, contact Lisa Smith at 410-761-4648. If 6 greyhounds sign up, we can have a special Greyhound Only Class!**

## Picnic News

Due to unforeseeable circumstances, AGW will not be able to hold a picnic this fall. We are already working on next year's event and will be sending out lots of information when the time arrives.



**Kiss Karl reacts to the news of no picnic this year.**

## AGW Play Group Plans

A "play group" is when a group of greyhound owners gather at a fenced in field to let their hounds run together.

This fall, AGW plans on having at least one play group, depending on the weather. We typically hold a play group on Sunday afternoon.

Please check the AGW website calendar of events to find out when the next play group will be held. Also check out the "rules" of a play group. For the safety of all hounds, muzzles must be worn at all times. We will have extras available.

## Canine CPR & Heimlich It Could Save a Life

Let's face it...greyhounds tend to inhale every bit of food given to them (and sometimes food NOT given to them). If your greyhound were to ever choke on something, do YOU know how to perform the Heimlich maneuver? If you had to perform Canine CPR, do you know what to do? The following website offers knowledgeable instructions on these two procedures. If you would like to learn even more about Canine CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, contact your veterinarian.

For Canine CPR & Heimlich Maneuver:

<http://members.aol.com/henryhbk/acpr.html>

## Show off That Hound! Schedule of Meet & Greets

We are continuously looking for volunteers to help us at our Meet and Greets held at various PETsMart stores in the local area. If you plan to attend, please contact the POC. PLEASE CHECK THE AGW CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO ENSURE THE M&G IS STILL RUNNING AS SCHEDULED.

—1st Sunday of Month: Mountain Rd. PETsMART, Glen Burnie 12-3pm POC: Chris Persing [persing@abs.net](mailto:persing@abs.net)

—2nd Sunday of Month: Annapolis PETsMART 12-3pm POC: David Costello [ddcost@smart.net](mailto:ddcost@smart.net)

—3rd Sunday of Month: Columbia PETsMART 12-3pm POC: Don Collins [netcruzr@erols.com](mailto:netcruzr@erols.com)

—4th Sunday of Month: Ordnance Rd PETsMART, Glen Burnie 12-3pm POC: Tim Smith [TSmith1959@aol.com](mailto:TSmith1959@aol.com)



By Roxie Costello

If this is your first trip away from home with your new hound, be prepared for a little anxiousness and a lot of fun!

I'll be the first to admit that I am afraid of large crowds and playful dogs. The first time that my parents took me to Dewey Beach (in 1997), I didn't know what to expect. I wouldn't drink my water, I scratched the hotel room wall and I snapped at my Dad (who is my most favorite person in the world). It wasn't that I didn't like being at the beach, but I was STRESSED! I had never been in such surroundings.

To help me out, my Mom and Dad brought my crate. I felt safe in there. To make my water taste a little better, Mommy put a small amount of cranberry juice in it. Plus my Mom and Dad learned to read my body language. They realized that I am afraid of really big crowds. Now when we go to the Dewey reunion, Mom and Dad don't walk with me in a big crowd. We stay to the side.

Just because I'm a "scaredy cat" doesn't mean that your hound will be one too. Most hounds love all the attention they receive at the beach. Some dig holes in the sand and others even pull their owners into the ocean because they are so excited. Let your hound show you his or her personality and go from there.



## Thanks for Your Support!

A Greyhound's Wish extends a heartfelt thanks to Adam Thistle of Severn Grooming. With the help of this establishment, we are able to properly care for the new hounds who arrive from the racetracks.

Call 410-519-1523 for more information on grooming your pet.

## Greyhounds Need Coats

Because of thin skin and fur, greyhounds can not tolerate cold weather like many of their canine cousins. Since fall and winter are coming, it is a good idea to begin searching for a winter coat for your hound.

AGW makes winter coats out of polar fleece to custom fit your greyhound.

You can also look for coats at Dewey Beach and online.

Once the snow does begin to fly, make sure you wash your hound's feet after a walk. It will wash away any road salt, which could burn your hounds pads.



Roxie models her AGW coat.

## Touchdown Bacon Treats

- 3/4 C. flour (whole wheat or white)
- 1/2 tsp. Baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2/3 C. butter or margarine (softened)
- 2/3 C. brown sugar
- 1 egg (slightly beaten)
- 1 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 C. regular oats (uncooked)
- 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 C. wheat germ
- 1/2 lb. Bacon (cooked crisp and crumbled)

*Perfect treats to reward your hound with when your favorite team scores!*

I love BACON!



Combine flour, soda, and salt; mix well & set aside. Cream butter and sugar; beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour mixture, mixing well. Stir in oats, cheese, wheat germ, and bacon. Drop dough by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 16 minutes. Cool 1 minute on baking sheet before

## Memorials



This past quarter, we were saddened by the passing away of two very dear greyhounds.

### Night Napper

9-19-1991 to 6-11-2000

The AGW family wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Don and Mary Collins for the loss of their dear boy, Napper. Don and Mary adopted Napper when he was 4 years old as a companion for their aging shepherd, Poo. Shortly after adopting Napper, Don came across a message posted by Chris Persing about a play group that he and his wife, Debi were hosting. That's how Napper and his family met Chris and Debi and the rest of the founding members of AGW. Napper will always be remembered for his singing at all the M&G's he attended. People still ask about the hound who cried all the time. He was especially gentle with children. Napper succumbed suddenly to Osteosarcoma in June. Napper is dearly loved by all who knew him, including his greyhound friends and family. We will never forget him.

### Barga

2-17-1997 to 7-12-2000

This gentle hound crossed over the Rainbow Bridge too soon after retiring. He is lovingly adopted in memory by AGW. His gentle nature will always be remembered. His tag number #31 has been retired.

## New Retirees and Their Families

A special congratulations goes out to all of our newly adopted greyhounds and their families. These families have opened their hearts to this special breed and the hounds are forever thankful.

- The Naeseth family adopted Shasta Lena
- Sheila Proudfoot and Carey Inman adopted PJ's Best Shot
- The Burgess Family adopted Thunderbolt
- Don & Mary Collins adopted Charisma and Jaguar
- Carrie Udoff adopted Forever Love
- Ross & Andrea Miller adopted Kahlila
- Don Yeager adopted SC Black Ice
- The Stancil family adopted Allemande
- Art & Sharon Collins adopted Royal Clown
- Charles & Sheila Miller adopted Jarius
- The Ball family adopted Nosanks
- Annette Barbera adopted Go-Go Online
- The Feehley family adopted Rebel
- Phillip Aylestock adopted Nell's Old Spot
- Greg & Maggie Smith adopted Kip's Banner
- Kathy Novakowski and Mark Walker adopted Myles

## Services Offered By AGW

Do your hound's toenails need to be clipped? Do you need a new collar or a coat for your hound? Look no further! Contact the following people for more information.

—Toe Nail Clipping \$5

Debi Persing persing@abs.net

—Regular Collar & Leash Sets \$10—\$12

**\*\*Fancy Collars Now Available\*\***

Call for Prices

Tim Smith TSmith1959@aol.com

—Coats for Hounds \$25 — \$35

Diane Costello ddcost@smart.net



Thunder, who now owns the Burgess family is completely enjoying retirement!

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Hanover, Maryland 21076  
410-519-7300

## Become a Member of AGW

As the old saying goes, membership has its privileges. The same goes when you are a member of A Greyhound's Wish. You are entitled to several perks that non-members are not. AGW offers two levels of yearly memberships—Elite Memberships, and Associate Memberships.

- As an Elite Member, you will receive the quarterly newsletter, an email address on the AGW web server, a Premier collar and leash set, and admission for two to our annual picnic.
- As an Associate Member, you will receive the AGW quarterly newsletter.

Please fill out and return to:

A Greyhound's Wish, PO Box 603, Hanover, MD 21076

I'd like to become:

- An Elite Member \$25 (annual)  
 An Associate Member \$10 (annual)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hound's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hound's Birthday (if known): \_\_\_\_\_