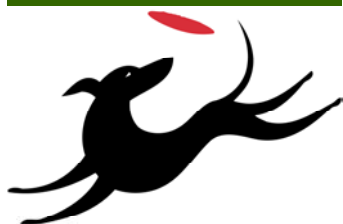


May 2009



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Happening Hounds

Photo Submissions - 2010 GAP Calendar

We are now accepting photo submissions for the 2010 calendar.

Is your greyhound super model material?

This year GAP WA is taking it's turn coordinating the GAP Calendar for Australia so dust off the camera and start clicking. Submissions from all states will need to be received by Tuesday 30th June 2009.

Please refer to the following guidelines for submitting your photos.

Image Quality:

Digital photos are preferred however printed photos will still be accepted if they are of a good enough quality.

Images submitted need to be the highest quality so they can be enlarged to the larger sizes printed in the calendar.

To improve quality, look at your digital camera settings and make the size setting = largest and the quality setting = finest this will be the biggest possible file size at the best quality.



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Naming:

1. Digital photos

It is important to have a clear reference of the Dog/s name and the Adopter/s name. When saving files to disk rename the file in the following format:

DogName_OwnerName_.jpeg

Make sure each photo on the disk is named along with the disk itself.

2. Printed Photos

Please write Dog/s name and Adopter/s name clearly on the back of each photo. If more than one greyhound is in the submitted photos, clearly state the name of each greyhound and their colour.

Please post your photos to:

GAP Calendar Photos
PO Box 6
Cannington WA 6987

Or email them to
kvernon@greyhoundswa.com.au

Remember to follow the naming guidelines so that we can ensure your dog is correctly identified if your pictures are selected.

Muzzles...

We've now formed a Committee and will be seeking a meeting with the Minister for Local Government John Castrilli.

We plan to present our submissions and hope to further progress the issue of removing the muzzles from GAP Greyhounds when in public.

Playgroup Notices

3rd Sunday of the Month in May - Greyhound Playgroup at Pampered Pooch on 17th May will not be held as a result of falling on the same day as the RSPCA Million Paws Walk.

Although the MPW is on in the morning, we know everyone will be at that and therefore will be too tired to make playgroup in the afternoon!!

It will be back in full flight in June :)



New Coordinator – 1st Sunday of the Month

Thanks for the expressions of interest from everyone who put their hands up to be coordinator for the popular 1st Sunday of the month Playgroup at Pampered Pooch.

The first one to put up their hand was Dave Burbidge who has been involved with GAP for many years and holds the crown for longest serving Foster Carer in our midst.

Dave took over the role of Coordinator at the 1st Sunday Pampered Pooch playgroup with a large number of dogs in attendance at his first playgroup. Well done!

Hills Playgroup – 3rd Sunday of the month

While it was a great idea and was strongly promoted in the local area by its ever enthusiastic Coordinator Robyn Everist, there hasn't really been the support of numbers to ensure the ongoing operation of the Hills Playgroup.

A HUGE thanks to Robyn and Charlie, Leslie and Snappa for their consistent efforts and others that attended, as well as Dog Logic for the use of the venue but unfortunately for now the Hills playgroup will be put on hold.

It may be revisited again in the future once increased adoption numbers lead to more people in that geographical area.

External Rhabdomyolysis - Acidosis

Following on from last newsletter's information about the Heat Policy, it seems fitting to include information on a condition known as Acidosis. The following information has been summarized and paraphrased from *Care of the Retired and Racing Greyhound* and a Vetsearch International article *Acidosis Alert*.

The technical term is actually Exertional Rhabdomyolysis and it is primarily a metabolic disease of healthy, young athletes. It is also recognized in horses and humans, in retired greyhounds that are excessively exercised without being properly conditioned or in greyhounds that escape from the owners and run to exhaustion.

Certain environmental and managerial circumstances seem to predispose greyhounds to "Acidosis". These are:

- ◆ A lack of physical fitness in relationship to exercise load
- ◆ The tendency of more highly strung greyhounds to become tense and excitable prior to running
- ◆ Hot or humid climactic conditions during travelling and exercise
- ◆ Excessive frequency of exercising in an otherwise physically fit greyhound
- ◆ A low potassium content in the body

It is apparent that the origins of condition has many contributing factors with the same end

result of varying degrees of muscle cell leakage or even death.

Muscle groups may appear swollen and tense and the dog finds it painful to change position and move around. Muscle protein may leak from muscles into the urine giving it a red-brown appearance. Dog do not have to be unfit to develop acidosis. A fit dog raced or trained excessively can also develop acidosis.

The condition can be arbitrarily subdivided into three categories Hyperacute, Acute and Subacute. While the following information has been written predominantly for racing greyhounds, the information about environmental and managerial factors applies equally to retired dogs.

Hyperacute Acidosis – this form tends to be seen after an unfit dog is raced or trialed. When an unfit greyhound is subjected to excessive fast work there is an enormous production of lactic acid in the muscles. The intracellular buffers in the muscle cell are unable to neutralise such a large amount of lactic acid and acidosis develops. In this situation the dog needs to be treated with intravenous fluids and electrolytes by a veterinarian.

Acute Acidosis – this form also follows a race or trial. Greyhounds that are either

highly-strung or tense or racing under hot and humid climatic conditions can develop acute acidosis. These greyhounds spend a lot of time barking and panting and this can lead to loss of the electrolytes that buffer (neutralise) lactic acid. The greyhound is primarily a non-sweating animal and when the environmental conditions are hot and humid it has an increased difficulty in getting rid of heat. A veterinarian should also treat acute acidosis.

Subacute Acidosis - it is thought that this form of less seen acidosis is due to a deficiency in potassium that can develop in greyhounds trialling or racing too frequently. The immediate treatment is aimed at minimising any damage to the kidney from the myoglobin in the urine. It is also important to keep the urine alkaline. For this you can use Neutradox. This is a special formulation of buffering salts designed for use after racing to flush the system and aid recovery.

Of course please remember that this information can never replace personal veterinary attention. If you feel your greyhound may have a case of acidosis please seek the services and opinions of a qualified veterinarian.

“Lock it in!” - The RSPCA Million Paws Walk

The 13th annual Million Paws Walk is on again - Sunday 17th May 2009 – and all creatures, great and small, are invited to join the party. The Perth Million Paws Walk will again be held at Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth, commencing at 10am. You can also join in the fun at a number of regional locations throughout the State.

Once again GAP will be trying their hardest to obtain the title for “Largest corporate team” and we’re hoping to beat Rio Tinto who stole the title from us last year!!! There’s nothing like a bit of friendly rivalry between little old GAP and the big Multi-National Corporates—bring it on!!

Million Paws Walk is a fun day for any animal lover. Whether you’re a pet owner or not, it’s a great day out and an important fundraising event for the RSPCA. Enjoy the walk with your pet, family and friends.

As well as the walk you can spend the day browsing the stalls and displays, enjoying the entertainment, entering competitions and taking part in a host of other activities in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

How do you get in?

The easiest way for you to register as part of the GAP team is to go online at www.millionpawswalk.com.au (make sure you select Greyhounds As Pets as your team).

If you have any problems with online registration, please contact the RSPCA on (08) 9209 9300.

Where

Sir James Mitchell Park, South Perth

When

Sunday the 17th of May 2009

Start Times

Registrations from 7.30am, walk commences at 10am.

Overview

Brush off your walking shoes, pull out your pet’s lead and bring along your “best friend” to Western Australia’s premier pet event!

So treat you and your “best friend” to a great day out and enjoy a leisurely stroll along the picturesque South Perth fore-show, while helping to raise vital funds for the work of the RSPCA in Western Australia.

And remember, you don’t need to have a pet to join in the fun. Come along and show your support for the work of the RSPCA. There are animal displays, entertainment all day on the main stage, half price dog washes, giveaways, food stalls and much, much more!

Want to bring more people along?

Your friends and family can register online or the day. Make sure you tell them to register as part of the Greyhounds as Pets team too!

Pricing

Adult - \$15

Children - \$7

Family - \$35

Concession - \$10

For further information contact:

RSPCA on (08) 9209 9300

Parking:

Parking is generally available at Sir James Mitchell Park with entry via Mill Point Road and Coode Street for a gold coin donation.

Activities:

- ◆ Half Price Dog Washes
- ◆ Free Vet Advice
- ◆ Live Entertainment on the main stage hosted by 92.9
- ◆ Pet Show - dress ups
- ◆ Animal Demonstrations
- ◆ Kids Rides
- ◆ Doggi-chino cafe



New GAP Merchandise

New GAP Hats

We have just received our new range of Greyhounds As Pets Caps. We’ve stuck with our corporate colours and now have 2 styles in 4 colour options available. Great value at \$15 each. You can get one in each colour to ensure that you’ll be colour coordinated with any outfit!!



New GAP Shirts

New style GAP shirts have been ordered and are on their way. To offer a change from the last GAP shirts with the red ¾ sleeves (which were unisex style), the new style is a more fitted shape with a V neck. Stay tuned for more info on sizes and costs - they’ll be ready for the Million Paws Walk.



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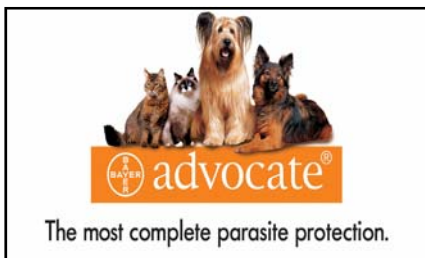
Hounds in Happy Homes

If you've got a story to tell about when you adopted your hound, put pen to paper and send it on in with some great photos.

These stories are all about why we do it! Feel free to include the good and not so good because it is all about being real and sharing the "in good and bad" aspects of pet ownership.

Email stories and photos to Kerry or Tammara.

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Hounds in Happy Homes - Kate

Just thought I'd update you on the lovely Kate. She has settled in amazingly well, now sleeps inside at night as it's too chilly outside. She's walking better on the lead and I've found she only pulls if she needs the loo. Also, she will come to me when called probably 6/7 times out of 10 which isn't bad in two weeks is it? Kate has us doubled over with laughter on a regular basis, she's hilarious to watch in the garden running around after her "ratty" (cuddly toy) and when she's sat herself down on the sofa, knowing she's not meant to be there, but hoping we'll let her stay.

She's calmer than I'd thought she was going to be, I'd expected a handful! Kate enjoys playing with cuddly toys, (she has two) a squeaky rubber bone and several balls (once owned by the children!) As you know she's excited to meet anyone new and has been great with people and other dogs. We went along to the meeting last Sunday at Pampered Pooch and she ran around like a mad thing for over an hour. Following day she was out of it though!

The all important information about cat... hope I'm not tempting fate, but all is going really well, Cleo has reduced the amount of hissing, spitting and lashing out and has walked (not crawled or run) past Kate several times, they successfully sit in the living area at the same time and any interest Kate shows is with a waggy tail and is short lived i.e. not really interested! Perfect!



She's fitted in really well and is a great part of our lively family.

Thanks very much for all your help over the past few months, it's probably been difficult for you trying to find the right pooch for us, but you did it :-). We'll keep you updated about Kate's progress in the coming weeks. Please keep us updated on any GAP events that we may be able to help out at, it would be our pleasure.

Lucy and Charlie Crafts.

New Owners

There's been a fair bit of adoption action in the last few months so a warm welcome to the new following new Forever Families and their respective hounds.

Welcome to the GAP family!

JANEY	Kym Pattiselanno & family
DOLLY	Rhonda Harvey & family
TONY	Clint Mance
ROSIE	Caroline Wynton-Rhodes
FISH	Stephanie Stowell
(Was Weed)	Simone Clarke
REBEL	Joanne Yates
MILLY	Kim Taylor & family
ANNABELLE	
ELLA	Amy-Ruth Ward
(Was Colleen)	Nadine Reghupathy
GAZ	
TOBY	Pettitt family
(Was Fury)	
SAM	Jennifer Carter & family
(Was Spot)	Fleur Barndon & family
MARVIN	Maria Fourie & family
BRUCE	
HOLLY	Matt & Laura Vigar
(Was Bindi)	
LEXIE	Gerard Madeley & family
RICKY	Taddei family
TARA	Alison & James Homer
STAR	Janet Hoath
OTIS	Tracy Trethewey
HOPE &	
ANGEL	Jacqueline & Ron Ashford
ITEE	Bobbie-Jean Taylor
ROLO	Andreas Koestler
BELLE	Jan Biggar
KID	Anne Knight
RUFFY	John Gianatti
MICKEY	Nicholas Dyson
PETE	Kathryn Tenger
BEAUTY	Loren Adams and family
ALFIE	Alison Brown
DELTA	
(Was Titch)	Joanne Lee
MOLLY	
(Was Flash)	Karl O'Callaghan
SMUDGE	Michelle Allison
MOLLY	Anthony Bonny
BANDIT	Richard Beatty
KATE	Lucy Crafts
KATIE	Kathlen Flett
ROXY	Bobby Etheridge
BABE	Amanda Greasley