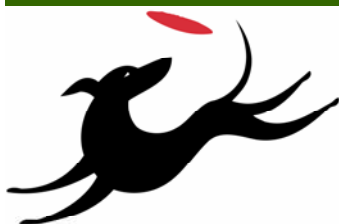


July 2007



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Happening Hounds

GAP Race Night

If you have ever wondered what your greyhound did in its former life as a race dog, here is your big chance to obtain some insight.

*It's time for a
BIG NIGHT OUT
At the
GREYHOUNDS*

Greyhounds As Pets is sponsoring the Race meeting at Greyhounds WA Cannington on Saturday 25th August.

We have organised a specially reduced price in the restaurant to say thanks to all the people who have adopted a greyhound through GAP, your family and friends. We're hoping the GAP race night will become an Annual Event.

On the night there will be a parade of the dogs that are currently in foster care, for anyone interested we can walk over to the kennels to see what happens to prepare a greyhound for

a race and we will also have some trainers available for you to talk to and ask questions of.

The main idea is for you to come along and have a good time - eat, drink and enjoy and even have a bet if you wish.

Date : Saturday 25th August 2007

Time : Restaurant Opens 6.30pm

First Race : 7.00pm

Cost : Adults \$33.60

Children 12-17 \$18.40, 5-11 \$10.40 and Under 5 free.

Buffet : A fantastic award winning buffet includes two mouth watering roasts, a huge array of international hot dishes and vegetables, gourmet salads, prawns and a massive dessert selection die for. Tea and Coffee are also included.

Drinks : Cash bar with full bar facilities

Bookings are essential. Please call Kelly Frampton on 9458 9182 and tell her you're booking with the GAP party.



Aussie is currently in foster care but can be seen here on the winners dais collecting first prize

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Royal Show Volunteers

Remember that the Perth Royal Show starts on the last weekend in September (the long weekend) and goes for 8 days.

If you're interested in volunteering a few hours to help man the tent this year please call Kerry on 0408 883 669 to register your interest.

Million Paws Walk - we did it!

For the second year running GAP have managed to take out the title of the biggest Corporate Team. You should all be so proud of yourselves. Nearly 110 people and 60 Greyhounds - and that's not even including the WAG's (Wannabe A Greyhound dogs).

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

To put our achievement into perspective you should be made aware that all of the other Corporate Awards were won by teams coming from companies in the major resource, mining, legal and financial sectors. Companies such as Mallesons Stephen Jacques, BHP, Rio Tinto, Alcoa, Woodside and Police and Nurses Credit Union who all have hundreds of staff members, some of these companies even have Corporate Sponsorship budgets.

On a day that threatened rain, was windy and overcast our turnout was nothing short of tremendous.

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Greyhounds were clearly the best represented of any one breed, the best behaved breed there and the most swish looking in their sexy promotional stretch vests. (Even if we are biased!)

A huge thanks must go to everyone who came, with some GAP owners traveling from as far away as Bunbury to attend - what a huge effort. A special thanks too, to Greyhounds WA Chairman Patricia Tassell for also coming along and supporting us.

Apart from being so "obvious" on the day, special mention must also go to all of the people and hounds that entered the Fancy Dress on the day, prompting host Channel 10's Michael Shultz to remark "Here's another greyhound, wow they're getting popular!" and then proceed to interview Kay Cooper who was parading Milly at the time!

Congratulations to the Easton family for winning the Fancy Dress competition with Billy in his Dr Frankfurter from Rocky Horror outfit that we first saw at the GAP Picnic in February.

All in all it was an excellent day and wonderful exposure. Keep up the good work and next year "We'll be back"!



City Farmers - Pet Fashion Month and Expo

As a result of our ongoing partnership with **Advance**, and their association with City Farmers, GAP has been invited to participate in the City Farmers Pet Fashion Month.

So, do you think your hound has what it takes to be a star? Of course they do! So why not enter them in the City Farmers annual Most Fashionable Pet competition.

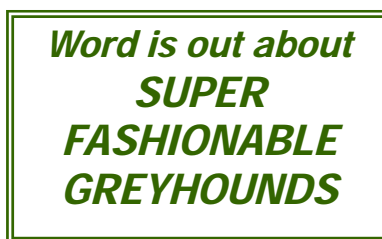
HOW TO ENTER

Entry forms can be found at the counter of any of the 10 City Farmers stores across Perth, or download the [Entry Form](#) from their website. www.cityfarmers.com.au

Fill out an entry form (photocopies allowed, every pet entered must be on a separate entry form) and attach a photo of your fashionable greyhound dressed in their favourite outfit, but don't forget to include your name and the name of your hound on the back of the photo.

Then send to:
Pet Fashion Month, PO Box 2081, Bedford WA 6052

Entries close by Sunday 15th July



Pet Fashion Month culminates when the top 50 Fashionable Pets are chosen to compete in a one day only "cat" walk parade event. There will be a prize pack for each of the 50 finalists and the major prize is \$1,000 cash (in addition to a prize pack).

GRAND FINALE EXPO

Come along and enjoy the day regardless of whether you enter the Fashion Parade Competition.

Where: Canine Association, Ranford Road Southern River

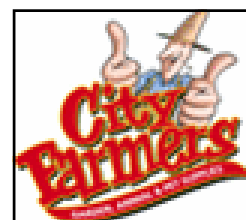
When: Sunday July 22nd

Time: Between 10am and 3pm The Fashion Parade expected to be at 1pm.

GAP have also been invited to do a presentation on the main stage at 12.30pm and Advance have requested that we support them by appearing in their tent on the day.

There will be loads of entertainment, including, bouncy castles, fashion shows, dog agility demonstrations, face painting, not to mention Nathan and Nat from NOVA 93.7 hosting the main Finale Parade.

Enter the fashion competition and then come along to show the rest of WA just how fashionable our greyhounds are.



Sponsors - wonderful news

Without our sponsors GAP would find it extremely difficult to survive. As a result is important that our supporters and owners are all aware of the tremendous contribution they make.

Since the inception of Greyhounds As Pets in 1998 we have been lucky enough to have the support of Advance and Bayer Australia. Their support makes a huge contribution to our program and our ability to provide an ongoing professional service.

MASTERFOODS PET CARE - ADVANCE

Masterfoods Petcare support GAP by supplying ADVANCE Food for the Greyhounds in Foster Care.

Once more they have come to party and agreed to support us in Western Australia and we're happy to say we have a wonderful working relationship with them.

The other fantastic move is the Advance is now in negotiations with GAP's in other states and are looking to increase their support of GAP throughout Australia.



BAYER ANIMAL HEALTH

BAYER supply GAP with the Advocate Flea, Heartworm and Worm control treatment given to new adopting families.

BAYER have said that GAP WA (and moreover, GAP Australia-wide) is not only a very worthy organisation to support, but also presents a good strategic fit with their business and products. As such, they are keen to continue, and build on, their relationship with GAP WA in 2007

They have suggested a new treatment strategy using Advantix and Drontal Chewables, both products specially formulated for dogs. Advantix covers fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and sandflies while Drontal Chewables cover all intestinal worms including tape worm.

This support will assist in us in knowing that we're offering healthy hounds for adoption.



Muzzles...

Yet another update...
 The current position is that we have letters of support from the following major stakeholders -
 RSPCA WA
 Canine Association of WA
 Western Australian Rangers Association
 Australian Greyhound Veterinarian Association

We approached the WA Local Government Association for a similar letter and despite not voicing any concerns with our proposal in the past they felt that they needed to approach their members before writing us a letter of support. They went to their 144 members with a questionnaire. Of the responses obtained 14 councils were in support of our submission while 16 councils were not.

As the result was so tight we are now discussing with the WALGA ways to work with them to educate their members and move forward.

While it is a long and arduous process we're getting really close so please keep doing the right thing, muzzle your dogs and keep your fingers crossed that it won't be for too much longer.

2008 Calendar Photos

That time of year again! Please send in any pics you have that you think might be a good one for the 2008 GAP calendar.



Email them to Kerry at kvernon@greyhoundswa.com.au or post them in to Greyhounds As Pets PO Box 6 Cannington WA 6987

Photos need to be in by the end of July in order to be sent over to Victoria for inclusion.

Remember to keep a copy of anything you send in as they are unable to return them all.



Greyhound Adopters Pledge

Whatever it takes, I will learn about you;
 How you raced and ran as they cheered you through.
 Your history and character I'll study too.
 I know it's the very least I can do.

Whatever it takes I'll provide for you,
 From the soft cushy bed to the bones you chew.
 I'll read all of the books about what you need,
 And all the advice I promise to heed.

Whatever it takes I will do for you,
 Trips to the vet and the pet store too.
 I'll do it all with a loving heart;
 You deserve nothing less than a brand new start.

Whatever it takes I'll appreciate you,
 For the joy that you bring and your loyalty too.
 It's time you receive the love you have earned,
 And what you have given should now be returned.

Whatever it takes I will honor you,
 For the grand creature you are and your ancestors too.
 I'll admire how you love and the way that you trust,
 And show me the way to forgive the unjust.

Whatever it takes I will remember you;
 "I'll be there with you when your life is through"
 There's a place in my heart that's there just for you,
 And we'll meet again someday with a joyful roooooo.....!

Hettie Ballweber

GAP Playgroup

Sunday 3rd June

In magnificent weather we had a fantastic turnout for our first ever playgroup.

While we thought the idea might prove to be popular we had no idea just how many people would turn up. In all the excitement no one seemed to remember to do a head count but there was at least 30 greyhounds and their families - truly a show of fantastic support.

The day seemed to go without a hitch, with a whole lot people mingling, plenty of pointy noses sniffing butts (the dogs that is!) and plenty of talk about the antics of our beloved fur-kids it was all in all a terrific way to spend a Sunday!

Sunday 1 July

In complete contrast to the first playgroup the second month arrived with torrential rain, gale force winds and not a break in the clouds all day. In a word YUK!

Well done to the three brave souls who attended - now that is true devotion!

Bev was there with Opal and her new foster Basil. Patch's new family and Liberty's family braved the elements and deserve a medal! However there is proof that playgroup goes on rain hail or shine because they were certainly confronted with adverse conditions that day!

GAP PLAYGROUP VENUES

Southern River

When : First Sunday of every month
Time : 2 - 4pm

Where : Passmore Rd Southern River
Turn into the German Shepherd Association show grounds and the running track is down the boundary fence.

Contact: Bev Goodall 0416 284 331

Joondalup

When : Third Sunday of every month
Starting Sunday 19th August
Time : 10 - 12pm

Where : West Coast Pet Care Centre
49 Adams Road Mariginiup Wanneroo
Contact : Sue Epps 0438 887 584

If anyone is interested in coordinating another venue / day / time please contact Kerry Vernon on 0408 883 669.



PLAYGROUP RULES

- Greyhounds only
- All greyhounds MUST BE MUZZLED while running
- Only 4 greyhounds running together at any one time
- \$5 per dog for as many runs as you want (Proceeds after costs go to GAP)
- Foster dogs run FREE
- All dogs not running must be KEPT ON LEAD at all times
- All owners please PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

The rules are there to help create a safe enjoyable environment for everyone

GAP Dog Sitting Registry

Don't forget to join the GAP Dog Sitting Registry

This information was in the last newsletter but we thought it was such a good idea that we'd give it another run to remind everyone!

As an alternative to kennel accommodation for your beloved hound, Christine Higgins has offered to maintain a registry of people who would be prepared to offer occasional dog sitting for other GAP Greyhounds.

The idea is that by registering to do occasional dog sitting you may also be able to find someone who is willing to dog-sit your own hounds the next time you go away.

Chris will maintain a list of families and contact details that can be forwarded to people looking for dog-sitting so that they can contact the potential dog-sitters. That way you can look for someone you may have met at a picnic or GAP event, someone living close to you and make sure the dogs needing the sitting will fit in with kids

and other pets. These details should then be worked out between the dog-sitters and the people with the dog.

The details of who supplies food, any costs and / or charges can be left up to the individuals involved to discuss.

If you're interested in placing your name on the registry please contact Christine on 0419 150 748 or email her at crazy_marnie@hotmail.com



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Let us know your email address as soon as possible.

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Hounds in Happy Homes - Casper

Our little family consisted of my three year old daughter Zoe, our 10 year old Javanese Oriental called Claudia and me. After doing tonnes of research, we decided a greyhound would suit us perfectly as a new 4 legged companion.

From the minute Kerry introduced Casper to us, we were sold. Mind you, after he had been with us for four weeks and my entire backyard had been destroyed, I wasn't so sure! With some great advice from Kerry and Garth the fantastic doggy behaviourist, Casper settled down and the garden recovered. Casper and Claude were best of friends from day one and he is not only Zoe's best friend, but he is also her constant shadow.

A week before Christmas we decided to take advantage of the beautiful weather and head off for fish and chips by the river with my sister and her two kids. We busily gathered picnic rugs, drinks and aerogard while the kids ran around with Casper in hot pursuit loving the game.

Just as we were about to pile in the car, my sister pointed at Casper saying "Hey, what on earth is Casper doing with his face?!"



The side of Casper's face was all puffed out, almost like he was hiding something in his cheek! After a quick check, I realised there was nothing in his mouth, rather that the swelling was coming from inside his cheek, at a point just on his jawline. My first thought was "Oh great, a bee sting!" but I couldn't see or find a sting anywhere.

We dropped everything and headed off to the vet. By now Casper was looking almost comical, from one side he still looked like a greyhound but from the other side it was hard to tell what breed he was!

The vet also thought it was a bee sting and sent us home after a shot of antihistamine. As it was still early enough so we headed off for the fish and chips but I must say, Casper got some funny looks!

I stayed up late that night, keeping an eye on Casper's face. The vet had said it should go down within a few hours, but it actually looked like it was getting bigger. Paranoid mother, I kept telling myself and eventually went to bed.

At 7:30am I took one look at Casper and nearly died of fright. The entire side of his face and neck were so swollen and so full of fluid. Another mad dash to the vet followed. Halfway there, I looked in the rear-view mirror to see Casper's face literally bursting open. It was horrific, if I had seen it in a B Grade horror movie I wouldn't have believed it. A split second later, the car was filled with the revolting smell of old blood.

We finally arrived, the vet took one look, said it was a white tail spider and immediately started injecting him with antibiotics. They didn't know if he would make it to the afternoon, the waiting began.

You feel so helpless, knowing there is nothing you can do but wait. By the next morning, there was still no real change, but at least the swelling had stopped. They had inserted a drain the day before and it looked like he was starting to turn the corner. Three more days in the vet, with us visiting twice a day and he was finally allowed to come home just two days before Christmas.

No prizes for guessing how spoilt he was on Christmas day! It took a few weeks to heal but thank goodness there appears to be no lasting problems, just an interesting looking scar to remember his ordeal by.



Casper and Zoe at the Million Paws Walk