Plan now to join us at…

The 14th Annual QCGA Greyhound ~REUNION~

Saturday, September 17, 2011
11:00am to 3:00pm at the Maysville Community Center
**All greyhounds welcome**

Requested Admission: One item from our Kennel “Wish List,” which you’ll find on page 3 of this newsletter

It’s a greyt opportunity to:
♦ Meet and socialize with other greyhound families
♦ Meet some of the volunteers who help take care of our kennel kids
♦ Enjoy shopping at vendors booths, winning greyt raffle prizes, and placing bids into our silent auctions
♦ … and help raise funds to care for our wonderful greys

Lunch and snacks will be available, and feel free to bring lawn chairs, blankets for the pups, and any other supplies you need to enjoy the afternoon!

Just Announced!
We’ll be having a Trivia Night to benefit QCGA, and it will be on Friday, October 21st at the Elks Lodge in Davenport. We’ll have more information soon!

Visit our website: www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org
Volunteer Spotlight - Laura Chase-Smith

Laura is one of many wonderful volunteers at Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption. We couldn’t provide the care that we do for these special dogs without all the dedication and hard work from each one of our caring volunteers.

1) What got you interested in volunteering at Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption?
I guess you could say “selfishness” got me interested in volunteering. Two things were happening in my life when I discovered QCGA: my husband and I were traveling a lot and my 16-year-old Border collie mix, Ellie, was journeying closer to the rainbow bridge. My husband and I kept telling each other that after she was safely across the bridge, we would wait a few years to adopt another dog because “traveling was hard on a dog”. Well that was a good plan, but I knew I would miss Ellie terribly so I started to investigate different organizations that could use my help and give me some canine time each week. I googled greyhound organizations in Iowa and the QCGA website came up. Once I read that QCGA was 100% supported by volunteers and donations, I knew this organization was for me. The rest is, as they say – history.

2) What is most rewarding about your volunteer experience?
Very tough question because there is so much that is rewarding when you volunteer. What comes to mind are the moments that you never forget like Carl, our shy boy, who came up to me to be petted out in the turn-out yard while I scooped for treasures – it makes my eyes leak just thinking about these moments. More moments of watching Foxy zooming around the turnout yard and leading the other girls as if she’s still on the track and winning another race and then coming inside with a big grin on her face as if to say, “I won again!” Or, inviting Plat into the kitchen to hang out with us while we fill the next day’s food bowls or fold clothes and then watching him sleep on a bed by the washing machine as if he belongs there – these are all moments that I get to enjoy and have enjoyed each week for over two years. The biggest reward is what we all work for each moment we volunteer and that is watching these great, gorgeous, loving dogs go to their new homes.

3) What could you tell potential volunteers about volunteering at Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption?
If you are thinking about volunteering – please join us. It is the most satisfying volunteer job you will ever do. Your payment will be many enthusiastic tail wags, pokes from long houndie snouts that say, “HELLOOO”, a few barks, many moments of greyhound leaning, and the biggest paycheck of all, watching them go to their permanent homes. When you come into the kennel and see that “empty” kennel, your heart smiles, and you think, “Mission accomplished one more time.” Also, not only are the greyhounds awesome but the QCGA folks are dedicated and passionate about this organization. If you are looking for a worthy organization that has great volunteers, is focused and successful, runs like a top, please give Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption some of your time. It’s worth every second.

4) What could you tell potential adopters about greyhounds that would pique their interest in the breed?
If you are looking for a gentle, funny, quiet and calm canine that loves to be with their people, this is your breed. Rescued greyhounds are like no other breed that I have brought into my family. These guys are truly remarkable and adaptable. A wise QCGA woman once told me that the retired greyhound is so appreciative of everything they are given – even in the kennel. It’s so true.

Thank you Laura for all that you do!

Post Script:
When I told Gabe, our Greyhound, (fka Happy Feet) that I was doing this spotlight, he asked if he could say a few words to the QCGA volunteers. The following is translated from greyhoundese to you –

To all of you kind volunteers who fed me, spoke kind encouraging words to me, gave me treats and scritchies behind my ears: Thank YOU so much for all of your care! You guys rock and I will never forget you! ~Gabe

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.

~Author Unknown
Kennel Kid Spotlight—Carl & Ruffy

We are Carl and Ruffy. We have been cared for by the greyt volunteers at QCGA for 2 years. Although we love it there, we are hoping you might have the environment we need at your house!

I am still wary of strangers, but once I know you I am a devoted companion. I would like it best in a home with another friendly grey. That would help take the focus off me, and allow me to feel confident in a new situation with a new greyhound friend. I would enjoy the security of a fenced yard to play in and explore with you! I hope you can come visit me! Carl

I came to QCGA with a pretty bad break...all the toes on my left front foot were broken!! After a very long recovery, I still have a limp. I would really like a home where I can play in a fenced yard for short periods or go on short walks with you. I love to play with toys, taking them to my bed so they are always handy! Won’t you stop and play with me? Ruffy

Carl

Looking for a special person to call his own -- that's Carl. From his soulful eyes to his wonderful red coat, he is head to toe a handsome boy. Carl loves to explore the play yard with his volunteer friend watching - just in case there is something he is not sure of -- he has them there for support. Then he runs off again to see the sights. He loves to show his speed and will race past just to turn around to see if you are impressed. Who wouldn't be? He loves to have a nice head scratch and treat before he settles in for a nap. He’s cat-safe, and you might just be that special person Carl has been looking for! Come on in and visit Carl!

Race Name: Pat C Carleton J
Birthdate: 11/22/07

Ruffy

Ruffy is a sweet and beautiful brindle boy with a dark mask on his face. He came to us with a broken front foot. He’s all healed now, and ready to begin his life as a retired racer. He loves to collect toys, and will take them all out of the bin if you let him! He’d make a wonderful addition to your home!

Birthdate: 7/29/07

Available Dogs

For the most complete list of available dogs, please go to our website: www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org. There you will find the newest arrivals and information as well as pictures of all our kennel kids.

Current Kennel Needs

- Copy paper
- Postage stamps
- Canned air
- Tall kitchen bags
- 55 gallon drum bags
- Regular bleach
- HE liquid laundry detergent
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- 20x25x1 Furnace filters
- Kirby Micron vacuum cleaner bags (for a G4-G5)
- Large milkbone biscuits

Monetary donations are always appreciated!

Reminder

Please keep turning in your Purina Weight Circles! We turn those back in as cold hard cash for the kennel. It’s right on the package of many Purina products. Just cut the circle off and drop them off or mail them to the kennel. Please make sure it’s the actual Weight Circle (as shown) as we have had other emblems mistakenly sent instead.
In Memory

Bonnie – Sam Newton
Ceasar - Anita Schindler and Julie Hillyer
Clyde – Kate Aspengren & Kelli Grey
Devine – Victoria Gilpin
Finn - Melissa Hostetler
Goldie – Joyce and William Kephart
Hondo – Ernie Lakics
Lilly Lou – Brian and Deb Huch
Lovey – Mary Parsons
Misty – Pam Swanson
Prince – Janet and Joseph Stoefen
Sadie – Sherry King and Paula Passe
Sophie – Betty Barnes
Willie – Chandra and Jeff Borland
Wink – Kathy and Craig Lindle

Beyond the Rainbow

As much as I loved the life we had and all the times we played,
I was so very tired and knew my time on earth would fade.
I saw a wondrous image then of a place that's trouble-free
Where all of us can meet again to spend eternity.

I saw the most beautiful Rainbow, and on the other side
Were meadows rich and beautiful -- lush and green and wide!
And running through the meadows as far as the eye could see
Were animals of every sort as healthy as could be!
My own tired, failing body was fresh and healed and new
And I wanted to go run with them, but I had something left to do.

I needed to reach out to you, to tell you I'm alright
That this place is truly wonderful, then a bright Glow pierced the night.
"Twas the Glow of many Candles shining bright and strong and bold
And I knew then that it held your love in its brilliant shades of gold.

For although we may not be together in the way we used to be,
We are still connected by a cord no eye can see.
So whenever you need to find me, we're never far apart
If you look beyond the Rainbow and listen with your heart

~ C.G.

A happy QCGA Alumnus!

Here are a few pictures of Champ—formerly known as Steam—enjoying his new home. Thanks to his new family for sharing the pictures!

Enjoying some Tiger Time
Watching his favorite shows
Stopping to smell the flowers
Our Current Calendar

July 2011
2nd, Saturday—Meet and Greet in Iowa City area
Join us at 10:00 am at the Petco in Coralville to meet some greyhounds “in person.”

12th, Tuesday—KWQC TV6, News at Noon
A QCGA representative and an adoptable retired racer will be the guests on the “Adoptable Pets” segment at approximately 12:35 pm. Tune in to learn about upcoming events and possibly meet your next family member!

August 2011
6th, Saturday—Meet and Greet in Iowa City area
Join us at 10:00 am at the Petco in Coralville to meet some greyhounds “in person.”

9th, Tuesday—KWQC TV6, News at Noon
A QCGA representative and an adoptable retired racer will be the guests on the “Adoptable Pets” segment at approximately 12:35 pm. Tune in to learn about upcoming events and possibly meet your next family member!

15th, Monday—KWQC TV6, Paula Sands Live
A QCGA representative and an adoptable retired racer will be the guests on the “Four-Legged Friends” segment. Tune in at 4:30 pm to learn about upcoming events and possibly meet your next family member!

September 2011
3rd, Saturday—Meet and Greet in Iowa City area
Join us at 10:00 am at the Petco in Coralville to meet some greyhounds “in person.”

10th, Saturday—Meet and Greet at the Vineyard Church Family Fun Day
11:00 - 2:00 pm in the church parking lot
2402 W Kimberly Road, Davenport, Iowa

13th, Tuesday—KWQC TV6, News at Noon
A QCGA representative and an adoptable retired racer will be the guests on the “Adoptable Pets” segment at approximately 12:35 pm. Tune in to learn about upcoming events and possibly meet your next family member!

17th, Saturday—Annual Reunion
Join QCGA Alums and other greys—and their families—at our annual Reunion held at the Community Center in Maysville. It’s from 11-3, and there will be vendors on hand, a silent auction, a raffle, and, of course, food! Be sure to save the date!

Volunteering: Can you lend a hand?
As you all know, QCGA is entirely volunteer-run. We all do what we do out of love for our wonderful greyhounds. And right now, we can use a hand.

We have some shifts that are regularly empty, that we can only fill when our caring volunteers dig deeper into their lives and give up even more time from their families and lives to help out. Perhaps you can spare just a few hours a month. That would help the greys and the volunteers who have been working extra hard. Please consider it, and contact Volunteer Scheduler Kevin Adam if you’re willing and able to help. You can reach him at Kevin@kevinadam.com or 563-650-4873. Thank you!
We would like everyone to know that no donation goes unnoticed and all donations are very much appreciated. If we have missed anyone on the lists or sending a thank you—we apologize for that. All of your generosity past, present, and future help us to continue to find forever homes for the greys. So THANK YOU. And a big roo from the greys!

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Thank”roo” too!
An extra big thanks to these companies that continue to help out QCGA. Please patronize these businesses and tell them the grehounds sent you!

- **Wal-Mart** on Elmore Avenue—for donating bags of dog food
- **Sam’s Club**— for donating dog food and treats
- **Nestle Purina**- for donating premium dog food to our kennel
- **Walcott Family Pet Clinic**-Dr. Berger and Staff who take loving care of our kennel kids
QUAD CITY STUDENTS HELPING QCGA GREYHOUNDS

QCGA has been very fortunate this past year with many area students having fund raisers to help our greyhounds. Last fall, Bettendorf students Kaitlyn & Sarah Rogers along with Victoria Tappa made items to sell to folks in their neighborhood. They raised enough money to sponsor a greyhound at our kennel for one month.

This Winter, students from John Glenn Elementary School’s “Tie-Dye Tree Hopper Tribe” in Donahue held a bake sale at their school and raised $53.60 to donate to QCGA for our hounds.

And this Spring, 8 Girl Scouts from Troop 1224 in Bettendorf raised money to buy material for a fleece blanket. The donated fleece blanket was put on our Silent Auction at the Bowling Bash in April and raised $40 for QCGA. In addition to the donated fleece blanket, the girls sewed 54 crate blankets for our kennel kids!

Another 9 Girl Scouts from Eldridge also raised money to buy material for a fleece blanket and this hand made blanket was auctioned at our Bowling Bash raising another $40 for QCGA!

In May, 8 students from Williams Intermediate School’s TAG (Talented And Gifted) program in Davenport made items out of duct tape (wallets, flower pens and bookmarks) and sold them during their lunch hour at school. They raised enough money to pay for the duct tape and purchase fabric to make 5 fleece blankets to be used for our Silent Auction at QCGA’s Annual Reunion in September and our Christmas Party in December.

We really want to give a Big “THANK ROO” to all of these students for their hard work and generosity to QCGA and the greyhounds!

Greyhound Strolls: Come Join Us!

Greyhound Strolls will be announced on our website (see the calendar section on www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org for the dates/times/locations). We’ll also announce the strolls via FaceBook. Please note: We'll be choosing a different location for each stroll.

These gatherings are for anyone who has a Greyhound and would like to join together for a stroll. Before the stroll begins, we’ll hand-out Greyhound fliers to all those participating in case we meet anyone along the way that is interested in adopting, volunteering, or donating. (Folks that are Greyhound fans are also welcome to join us!)

This will be a great way to increase awareness for Greyhound adoption and have fun together.

We hope to see you there!
See you at the Reunion!

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We are again taking **Prepaid Orders** so that you can be sure you will receive the **2011 QCGA REUNION T-SHIRTS** in the color and size that you want. All t-shirts will have our logo screen printed on the front. Short sleeve shirts will again have the past years kennel dogs listed on the back along with the year. Long sleeve shirts will only have our logo printed on the front. Sweatshirts will have our logo embroidered on the front. Please send the order form below with your check or money order payable to **QCGA** by **AUGUST 18, 2011** to -Sue Hamma, 4035 W. Garfield St., Davenport, IA  52804.

If you are unable to pick up your shirts at the reunion or the kennel, we will ship them to you (we will call you with the shipping charges). If you have any questions, please call Sue (563-445-1212).

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- Heather Grey
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- XS – 3XL - $45

*Heavyweight sweatshirts run VERY LARGE. If you normally wear an XL, it is recommended you order a LARGE.*

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