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July 2012

You're invited to celebrate with us...



Follow us to the 15th Annual QCGA Reunion!

The 15th Annual QCGA Greyhound Reunion!

Saturday September 15, 2012

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maysville Community Center

***** All greyhounds welcome*****

Requested Admission: One item from our kennel wish list (page 3)

Get the details about the Reunion on page 5

**Want a special edition T-shirt or two? You'll find the order form
inside this newsletter.**

***And one more thing...* Save the date and mark your calendar for**

Trivia Night to benefit QCGA!

Friday, October 12th, 7pm at the Elks Lodge in Davenport

More details on page 4

QUAD CITIES GREYHOUND ADOPTION

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Visit our website: www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org

Volunteer Spotlight - Barb Ward and Dean McCrea



Barb and Dean started volunteering as a couples activity over 6 years ago. We appreciate and admire their dedication in taking care of our sweet greys every week.

1) What got you interested in volunteering at Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption?

We dog-sat my son's greyhound one summer while he worked out of state. We fell in love with her and decided to volunteer with greyhounds. A few months later we met our own forever greyhound, Lucy.

2) What is most rewarding about your volunteer experience?

Just being with the dogs. Seeing how relaxed they get after getting let out and fed. They get into some of the most interesting relaxed positions. Once in a while we get a "roo" concert – hilarious! There is also camaraderie with the other volunteers we work with.

3) What could you tell potential volunteers about volunteering at Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption?

The dogs depend on the volunteers for everything. Spend a couple hours once a week or whatever time you can manage – it really helps the dogs.

4) What could you tell potential adopters about greyhounds that would pique their interest in the breed?

Go to the kennel and check out some of the hounds. Don't judge by how they act in the crate – take them out to play. They really don't take up much space and they really don't need much exercise. They are very gentle and intelligent dogs.

Thank you Barb and Dean for all that you do!

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

~ Author Unknown

Kennel Kid Spotlight—Bo & Poppy

We have two really sweet kennel kids spotlighted in this Edition—Bo and Poppy. Bo loves to play, and he's also a great companion. You'll need to share the couch with him, but he'll pay you back with some great cuddling. Poppy—affectionately called "Pop-Pop" by some of the kennel volunteers—is a very sweet girl, and she's also a great companion who will love to keep you company. Neither one is cat safe, but either would make a great addition to almost any family. Come on in and meet them in person!

Bo

Be ready for Bo to be involved - he's interested in life to the fullest. No matter the task, Bo is in it 100%! He is an expert at laundry and dishes, yet is always ready for some play time. He's a big old marshmallow for a neck rub, and loves to spend time with you on the couch! Come on in and visit Bo— there's sure to be something Bo can help you do!

DOB: 12/1/06

Cat Safe? No



Poppy

Poppy is a wonderful girl that came to us with broken right front foot. She's all healed up, and ready for her forever home! Poppy loves to cuddle, run in the yard, and talk things over with her kennel mates. She gets along with everyone, rides well in the car, and walks like a dream on lead. One "but": Poppy is NOT cat safe. She IS a very sweet little girl you won't be able to resist taking home! Come on in and see what we mean!

DOB: 7/8/08

Cat Safe? No



Current Kennel Needs

- Bleach (plain)
- Copier paper
- Dog Food (ProPlan, Purina One- dry or canned)
- Furnace filters, 20X25X1
- 55 gallon Drum bags
- Tall Kitchen trash bags
- Milkbone like dog treats
- Paper Towels
- Purina Weight Circles (from Purina products)
- Vet Wrap
- Postage stamps

Monetary donations are always appreciated!

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.



Remember to use iGive and Goodsearch too!

The kennel earns money when you sign up and use goodsearch.com as your main search engine, or when you use igive.com for your online shopping. Thanks for helping out!



Available dogs

You can view the greyhounds available for adoption at our website:
www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org

Just click the "GREYS" tab for a list. Remember to check the site regularly since we get dogs in at different times during the year.



In Memory

Abbott – Jackie Sterba
 Aries – Linda and Charles Jarrett
 Bay – Cindra and Ken German
 Beauty- Sue and Gene Hamma
 Birdie – Kathy Droll
 Cairo – Debbie and Steve Murdock
 Chey – Sara and Brent Husser
 Cracker – Amy and John Mikelson
 Emily – Margaret Freuholtz
 Fiddlestix – Janene Anderson
 Fine Point – Deb and Tim Heberling
 Fred – Gary Black
 Gracie – Sue and Gene Hamma
 Grady – Deb Floyd
 Igor – Mickey and David Miller
 Jess – Shirey Lego
 Lonnie – Robert Fisher
 Luci – Ann Jacobsen
 Mrs. Doubtfire – Kathy Droll
 Ona – Vicki and Charles Kelsey
 Pretty Girl – Kathy Clementz
 Rylie – Nancy and Ron Rasmussen
 Soldier – Al Johnson
 Tam – Deb and Brian Huch
 Tulsa – Cindy Brass
 Tyler – Janet and Chris Scott
 Van – Ellie and Paul Bowe
 Wakey – Teresa Fitzgerald
 Yogi – Rhonda and Bob Wolever

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 all right
 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.



Our next Trivia Night—Friday, October 12th

We know October is still a bit off, but here's an opportunity to mark your calendar early for our next Trivia Night! Just like the last one, it's both great fun and a great to benefit QCGA. It's on Friday, October 12th at the Elks Lodge in Davenport. The doors open at 6pm with the first round starting at 7pm. Feel free to bring your own snacks, but all drink items must be purchased from the Elks. Contact Laura Smith for table reservations at Lola.Chasesmith@gmail.com or by calling 563-349-7889. We're looking forward to another exciting trivia night!

Watch our website for additional updates www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org

Join us for the 2012 QCGA Reunion at the Maysville Community Center Saturday, September 15th, 2012 11am-3pm

QCGA is celebrating 15 years, and all greyhound families and supporters are invited to help us celebrate!

We're doing things just a little differently this year. One new highlight: We have live music! Join us for The Irish Kin... and you may even get the chance to do a dance—with your hound! So remember to teach them a few steps by then!

We won't be doing a bag auction or silent auction this year, but we will have our very first **jewelry** auction! You'll be able to buy raffle tickets soon,



"I can smell the Reunion coming—can't you??"

so look for more info to come in your mailbox.

As always, you'll be able to visit with other hounds and their families. Be sure to leave time to browse our expanded vendor area too.

Lunch and refreshments will be available, and feel free to bring anything you may need to enjoy the afternoon—blankets for your dogs, lawn chairs, sunscreen, or anything else you need to be comfortable and enjoy your day.

See you at the Reunion!

Spotlight: QCGA and Kids

Sometimes, kids can really surprise you.

Olivia recently had her 8th birthday party. But, when planning it, she realized she wanted to do something different. She wanted the party, all right—but instead of presents for her, she had her friends bring supplies to help QCGA greyhounds.

OK, so it's not a *total* surprise. After all, her family has grey-

hounds. And her mom, Melissa, is a regular volunteer at the kennel. It's still a very special thing for a young lady to do, and all of us at the QCGA thank her and her friends for their wonderful contributions.

Here's a list of the "loot" Olivia collected for the greyhounds:

18 vacuum bags
11 toys
2 furnace filters



*Here's the invitation
Olivia sent*

1 zoom groom brush
1 massaging bath mitt
3 pounds Pupperoni treats
1 bag Nutrient bones
75 pounds of milkbones!
and \$12.00

That's quite a haul! Thanks again to Olivia, all her friends, and Melissa too!

~ the QCGA greyhounds



Olivia and the "loot" she collected



Olivia and her friends enjoy the party

Sold on Sissy

By Shawnelle Eliassen

“We need a dog,” I said.

My husband Lonny and I were taking a walk. Three of our five sons bolted ahead, feet crunching winter frost.

Lonny looked at me with the expression. The strained expression he always wore when I mentioned a dog. “We’re too busy,” he said. “Too busy with the boys.”

“Oh, c’mon,” I said. “They’d love a dog.”

That was true. Well, three-fifths true. Our college boy wasn’t keen on house pets, and our four-year-old had had a frightening dog experience. But the three in the middle would be overjoyed.

Still Lonny was firm. Until the blustery day I pulled him to the adoption center to look at greys. “Just a peek,” I said. “An information-gathering thing.”

Lonny made the face. But he went anyway.

At the adoption center, he and I met three beautiful girls. One was especially loving. One sported a charming needle-nose grin. One panted a lot. But there was something about her eyes. Espresso brown. Kind. Deep.



“How will we ever choose?” I asked.

Lonny shook his head. The worried look was gone. The greys, with their grace, strength, and calm natures, had pressed into his heart.

A couple of weeks later, we returned with the gang. We were there to see the panting dog. We’d been unable to forget her eyes. Those stretch-into-your-soul eyes.

Karen had been working carefully with our family, to learn a little about us. To help with the right fit. When she came around the corner with tawny Sissy on a lead, I hoped this was the one. Three of my sons went to their knees with outstretched hands. Our big guy held back. The small one twisted around my leg.

Sissy proved to be a real lady. Her dog manners rocked. She was patient and kind, even when lost in a knot of excited young men. She began to pant a little harder, her long sides flicking fast. But when we took her outside to play, she settled. My little guy even pried from my legs. Four boys and Sissy ran and played. She tore, in great, fast loops, around the yard. Then she’d stop, spot-on, beside the boys. She never jumped. She respected her boundary.

When the playing was over, our big guy knelt and stretched out his hand. Sissy came forward, with all kindness and grace.

Boy number one? He’d joined the pack, too.

Over the next few weeks, we visited Sissy at the adoption center. Karen watched Sissy closely, but she observed my boys, too. She noted Sissy’s gentleness with our youngest son. He was still nervous. But

Sissy didn’t approach him. She knew to give him time and space.

And after a month, we signed on the line and brought our girl home.

The rest is sweet history. Sissy settled into our home like she was built to be here. We home teach, and during the day, Sissy is sprawled on our school-room floor. Recess means a walk. She bounds with joy at the jingle of her lead. When our oldest is home from college, Sissy is his sidekick. Their gentle natures meshed with ease. And the little guy? When he wakes in the morning, he first greets our grey. Then he lies down and curls into her. Guess what? Perfect fit.

Sissy, we’ve learned, is a little shy. The panting, which stopped early on, happens only when she’s out-of-her-zone. But teaching her to trust us, learning our way together, has been a beautiful thing. She’s taken the love in our home and has run with it. It’s deeper. Even more rich. With this girl, the goodness is multiplied.

It overflows.

Last week we were out for another family walk. This time the sun rested firm on our shoulders. Lonny held the lead, and Sissy pranced by his side. Well, sort of by his side. Three young boys flanked our dog, hands resting gently in her back.

“Well,” I said, “What do you think? About the dog?”

Lonny looked at me. His smile was broad and full. So was his heart for this little lady.

“Sold,” was what he said.

Lonny and I plan to have a grey in our home for the rest of our “forever”.

Rooooooooooooo.....(thank you in Grey-speak)

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 greyhounds 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
- **Kurt Hintermeister** for plowing the kennel snow again this year
- **Appliance Rescue** for keeping our dryers running
- **All our faithful volunteers who do their kennel shifts every month!**

A very special Thank You to...



We want to thank the **Dubuque Racing Association, Mystique Greyhound Park and Casino, and the Diamond Jo Casino** for our grant award this year of \$10,000. That money will go toward installing a sprinkler system into the kennel building to help keep our kids and volunteers safe!

Another big Thank You goes to **Alcoa Community Chest** for \$1000 to add to our \$10,000 from the DRA Grant for Automatic fire sprinklers. It's protection we've really needed to have, so thank you all for making it possible.

We'd also like to thank...

... **The Pedigree Foundation** for their grant. They helped provide spays and neuters for some greyhounds to help get them ready for their forever homes. We appreciate the help, and we know our greys and adopting families do too!



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**DO NOT
LEAVE
YOUR
DOG
IN
THE
CAR**

A Few Hot Weather Tips for your Greyhound

- 1: Keep them indoors.** Greyhounds have a high metabolic rate, so they can overheat quickly. If you like your house on the warmer side in the summer, consider having a fan available for them if they appear to be feeling the heat.
- 2: Water:** Make sure it's available *everywhere*. In the house, in the yard, on walks, and even on long trips in the car.
- 3: Walking:** Walk them during the cooler parts of the day, and on routes with as much shade as possible. They may want to walk further, but limit the duration of the walk to limit their heat exposure.
- 4: Terrain:** If possible, walk in an area in which they can travel part of the time on grass. Grass and shade are cooler on their feet and reduce risk of burns.

Hot weather can be dangerous to dogs and people, so a few simple precautions will help prevent heat stroke or other related injuries.

Help out the kennel kids while advertising your business! Would you like to find out how?
Contact Kevin Adam (Kevin@kevinadam.com)
for more info.

Order Form for 2012 Reunion T-Shirts

We are again taking **Prepaid Orders** so that you can be sure you receive the **2012 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 only have our logo embroidered on the front. Please send the order form below with your check or money order payable to **QCGA** by **AUGUST 25, 2012** 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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2012 REUNION SHIRT ORDER FORM

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