



Be sure to check out:

- New QCGA Board
- Upcoming Events
- ROO-sevelt fundraiser
- Available kennel dogs

Home Sweet Home

As of January 1, 2007, QCGA owns the kennel in Maysville! It is a ten year contract with simple interest. The remainder of the building will eventually be vacant and freed up for QCGA to use as storage or to rent out. Many of you helped us through this process and we are very greytful!

A few projects are in the works for the future.

- Build breezeway to help with noise abatement
- Purchase backup generator for future power outages
- Add shrubbery/landscaping around dog run to help with noise



Wine & Dine Success!

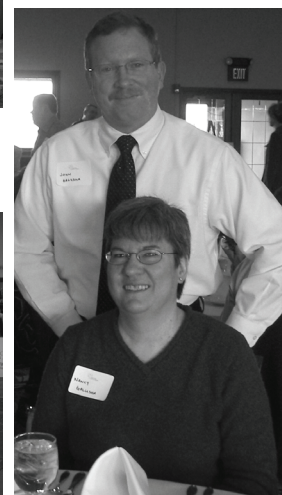
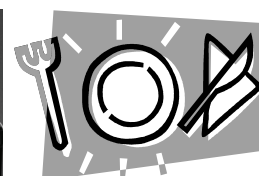
On Sunday, March 11, QCGA held our first annual Wine & Dine. The event took place at Lavender Crest Winery in Colona, IL. Approximately 60 guests enjoyed socializing over delicious food, while raising money for the kennel. Mary Chapman was the guest of honor and was recognized for her generous support of QCGA. There were many silent auction items donated as well as crate sponsorship sign-up. Guests were also able to donate towards some of our long-term project goals via an anonymous pledge card. Overall, it was a huge success and we look forward to seeing more of you next year!



Kristin Harrington, Lindsey Hocker, & Jake Krouth



Lisa Blechle & Deb Heberling



John & Nancy Galusha



Mary Chapman



Rick & Faith Damewood

QUAD CITIES GREYHOUND ADOPTION

Greyt Tails

Ruffian 2001-2007



By Michelle Brandt and Andy Richmond

Many of you who volunteer at the kennel remember Ruffian, the red fawn boy with the big overbite. Nearly two months ago, we lost Ruffian to a condition called **Dilated Cardiomyopathy**, which is an enlarged heart. This is not very common in greyhounds, but since they already have larger than normal hearts, we have discovered that they can be prone to this condition. We initially noticed that Ruffian was disoriented and was breathing more heavily than normal. He was also extremely lethargic and would not stand up to go outside. After rushing him to Abel-Keppy, our veterinarian, Dr. Brian Manwiller performed many tests on Ruffian and soon realized that his heart was not able to pump blood to any of his vital organs, due to its enlarged condition. Dr. Manwiller used the example of an athlete who drops dead on the basketball court with a previously undiagnosed heart condition to explain what happened to Ruffian. Dr. Manwiller does not believe that Ruffian was born with this condition but for some reason developed it over time.

In many dogs this just happens without warning - that is what happened to us. Dr. Manwiller stated that some dogs are lethargic and have labored breathing before it is critical - these are two symptoms of Dilated Cardiomyopathy. If you can catch it in its early stages medication can help the condition, but cannot cure it. One difficulty in diagnosing this condition is that especially during the warm weather months it isn't uncommon for greyhounds to breathe heavily and become tired more quickly.

With the warm spring and summer months upon us, this is a good time to remind all owners that greyhounds can overheat quickly. Try to limit the time your dog is outdoors and walk your dog in the morning or at night when temperatures are cooler. Make sure that your greyhound always has plenty of water and remember that the darker colored greyhounds are prone to overheat more quickly than the lighter dogs. And please remember that greyhounds are retired racers.

We share Ruffian's story in order to educate as many greyhound owners as possible about this devastating disease.

"The dog is a gentleman; I hope to go to his heaven, not man's." - Mark Twain

Sponsor a Crate Program

Would you like to help the greyhounds, but can't find the time to volunteer at the kennel? Do you already have a greyhound, but don't have the room to bring home another one? Maybe you would like to adopt a greyhound but aren't in a position to have one at this time. Are you looking for a unique gift for the person who has everything? Maybe you would like to create a thoughtful memorial for a beloved pet that has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Whatever the reason, sponsoring a crate may be perfect for you!

The program allows you to sponsor a crate at the QCGA kennel for any length of time with a minimum donation of \$20 a month. This donation helps to provide a greyhound with food, medications and other necessary supplies.

If you have visited the kennel recently you may have noticed white signs on some of the crates. The following dogs already have sponsors:

Hot Rod – Karen & Robert Kowley

Rowdy & Pooch – Linda Perrigoue

Beluga (adopted) – Steve & Marie Minner

Buck – Nacho, Taco and Bashful Ryan

Classy Joey – Michelle Brandt & Andy Richmond

Gringo – Tom & Erin Toner

Bluff – Kris Garrison

Ashley-Warren Angerer

Carrie – Rick & Faith Damewood

Comedy – Tim & Deb Heberling

Abbott – Jamie Sharp & Dash

Pride – Greg Scalf

Winner – Jeanne Hagg

Davey – Paula Teel

Beth (adopted) – Paul & Ellie Bowe

Grandpa – Roger & Mary Chapman

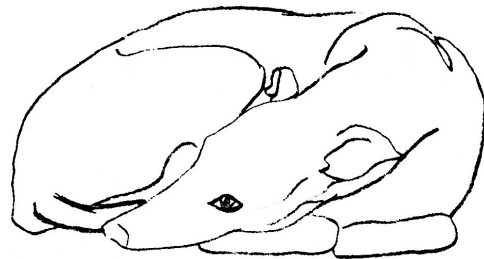
There are plenty of greys that still don't have sponsors. For more information contact Paula Teel at 309-755-3417 or pteel@msn.com or log onto the QCGA web site:

www.qcgreyhoundadoption.com

QCGA President Resigns

After nearly 7 years as president of QCGA Janet Stoeffen has resigned. Through her many years of service Janet worked tirelessly and with great passion on behalf of the greys. Anyone who ever observed Janet with the greys can attest to the special and amazing connection that exists between her and the dogs. Of special note are all the injured greys who Janet skillfully and lovingly re-

habilitated so that they could move on to their forever homes. On behalf of the board, volunteers and especially all of the greys who were under her care, we want to thank Janet for her many years of personal sacrifice, dedication and service to QCGA. We wish her all the best in the future and appreciate that she will still be functioning as a volunteer for QCGA.



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Chey **Puck**

For every greyhound lover that buys or sells with me, a donation to QCGA will be made in your name.

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QCGA Elects New Board

In March QCGA elected a new board. Amy Mikelson and Jennifer Franklin will assume positions as co-chairs. We are all eager to get underway with some of the projects and ideas we have for the future. Please contact any of us if you have suggestions.

Name	Board Position	Responsibilities	Contact #	Email Address
Amy Mikelson	Co-Chair	Adoptions & Fosters	319-321-9369	Amy-mikelson@uiowa.edu
Jennifer Franklin	Co-Chair	Business & Treasury	563-260-5760	jfranklin@ipsco.com
Nancy Jones	Chair Advisor	Expert Advisor	319-530-3827	grayhownd@aol.com
Nancy Galusha	Medical Coordinator	Medical & Vetting	309-737-2769	
Kristin Harrington	Office Administrator	Blue Slips & Filing protocol	309-781-7464	krissn333@sbcglobal.net
Michelle Brandt	Fundraising Coordinator	Fundraising	309-558-8122	mjbrandt27@hotmail.com
Sara Husser	Newsletter Coordinator	Newsletter	563-505-7038	sarahusser@gmail.com
Deb Heberling	Volunteer Coordinator	Volunteer Scheduling Monday-Thursday	563-326-7030	Deborah.A.Heberling @Rbcdain.com
Nina Brooks	Volunteer Coordinator	Volunteer Scheduling Friday-Sunday	563-323-3904	ninaspades@yahoo.com
Linda Jarrett	Member at Large		309-593-2894	ljarrett@mchsi.com

Special Facilitators

Kara Blanche	Meet & Greet Facilitator	Meet & Greets	563-323-4997	kbblanche@yahoo.com
Chandra Borland	Boarders Coordinator	Boarders	309-314-6264	chandra.borland@hrh.com
Paula Teel	Crate Sponsorship Facilitator	Crate Sponsorship	309-755-3417	pteel@msn.com

Calendar

June 30

- Meet & Greet
- Petsmart-Davenport
- 11AM—3PM

July 12

- Meet & Greet
- Bettendorf Farmer's Market
- 2PM—6PM

July 30

- Golf Outing (see page 5 for additional information)

September 15

- Annual Reunion
- Maysville Park
- 11am—3pm
- Get ready now for our reunion! We are in need of items for the silent raffle and auction.

October ?

- Trivia Night



QCGA cordially invites you to our first annual Golf Outing

at

Hawthorne Ridge Golf Club

Address: 621 State Highway 94, Aledo, Illinois

Date: Monday, July 30, 2007

Time: 8:00 a.m. - shotgun start

12:30 p.m. – lunch

1:30 p.m. - drawing

Event Fee: \$50/person (includes clubs, cart and a porkchop lunch!)



Contests for: Longest drive, Longest putt, Closest to pin, Betting hole,
Watering holes, and Mulligans/Strings

Reserve space for yourself or a foursome by contacting:

Jennifer Franklin @ jfranklin@ipsco.com

REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 23RD

Show your support and consider donating a hole sponsorship, prizes, or cash for our biggest fundraising event of the year! For added exposure, all donating companies and individuals will be acknowledged in our program booklet.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

- Individual Hole Sponsor - \$100.00 (multiple sponsorships available)
- Lunch or Special Event Hole Sponsor - \$125.00 (multiple sponsorships available)

All sponsors will have a sign with their company name displayed at the location sponsored and also displayed at dinner.

Donation Opportunities Available

In order to make this event a success, monetary or product donations would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions: Gift certificates, golf apparel, sports equipment, small electronics, coolers, tickets for sporting and social events, or company promotional items, etc.

To show your support, please contact:
Jennifer Franklin @ jfranklin@ipsco.com



"Buddy, Can You Spare A Dime?" By Lisa Blechle

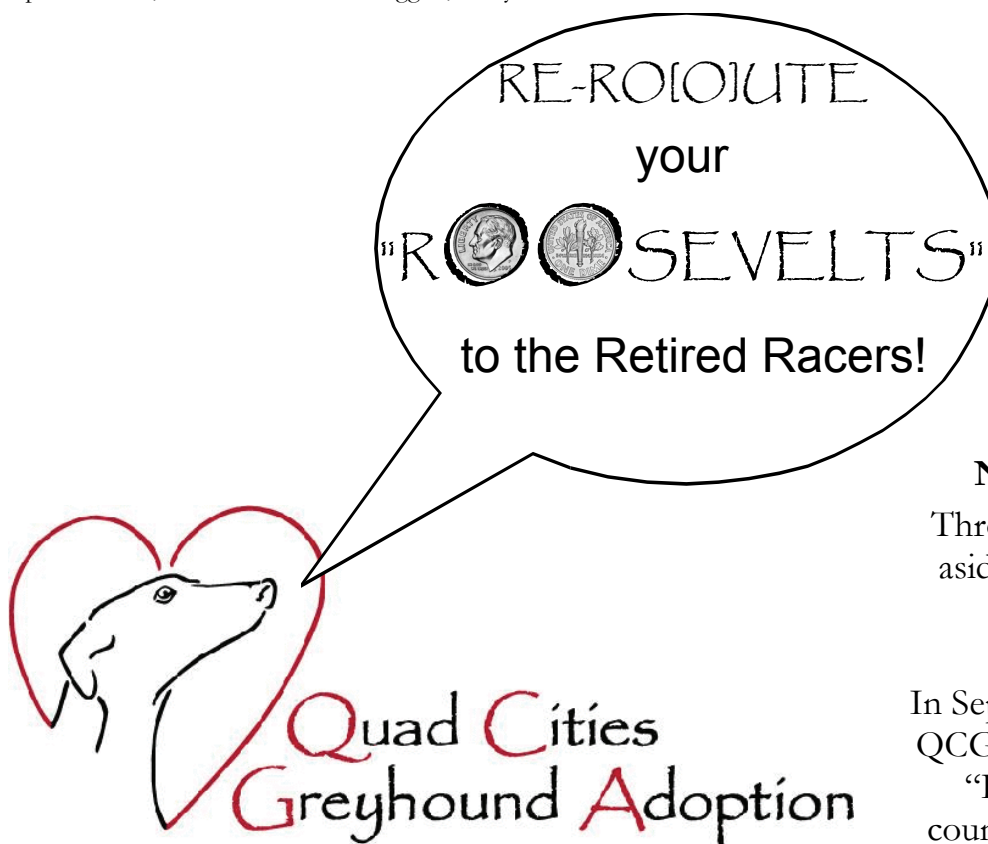
My husband, Kevin, and I adopted our first greyhound, Sweetie, in November 2005. When we arrived at our first QCGA Reunion picnic last September, I heard for the first time, someone mention "Dimes for Doggies." Feeling a bit chagrined, I emptied what little change I had in my wallet into the bucket.

The phrase stuck in my head and, because I was curious, I started setting aside my dimes the very next day—*just* the dimes. I was already in the habit of regularly dumping my change into a jar on my bookshelf; I just started re-routing the dimes into a separate jar next to it.

The day my curiosity got the best of me happened to be exactly 200 days later. I counted them and discovered I'd already saved 318 dimes! At that pace (1.59 dimes/day), I calculated that I'll have \$58.00 saved to donate at the next reunion! It seemed to me to be a very respectable amount for something that took so little effort. And when I took my regular change jar to the bank, the deposit amount was still in the same ballpark as before.

So I am inspired to share my little experiment with the rest of the QCGA family and turn it into a bona fide fund-raiser. And every fund-raiser needs a catchy name, right? How fortunate that President "ROO"sevelt's portrait appears on the dime! I've started referring to dimes as "ROOsevelts," and have dubbed myself a "ROOsevelt Re-RO[O]uter"! My goal is to encourage at least 99 more people to do the same. Just imagine what we could do for the greyhounds with another \$5800.00 every year! Or MORE!

Kevin and I will be donating "Re-RO[O]ute Your ROOsevelts" reusable coin banks to be distributed at this year's Reunion Picnic (and, most likely, well *before* then at the kennel; if you would like to get a coin bank as soon as they're available, please contact me at (563) 391-9315 or lblechle13@msn.com). But you can get started right now with your own container! Then bring your re-RO[O]uted ROOsevelts to the reunion; we'll run them through a counter and give you a receipt for your tax deduction! It's so simple— just never spend a dime, donate them to the doggies, and you'll be a charter member of the "ROOsevelt Re-RO[O]uters!"



Never Spend a Dime!

Throughout the year, just put aside every, single, thin dime that comes into your possession.

In September, bring them to the QCGA Reunion, we'll run your "ROOsevelts" through a counter and give you a receipt for your tax deduction!

It's so simple....and you'll never miss them!

Fundraiser sponsored by Lisa & Kevin Blechle,
delighted to be sharing our lives with Sweetie & Spicy

In Memory

- Bounder—Betty Barnes
- Chester—Garry & Janine Andersen
- Cici—Ken & Cindra German
- Dex—The Grubbs Family
- Dumbledore—Richard Aper
- Fluffy/Ernie (Honorary greyhound cat tester) - QCGA & Kristin Harrington family
- Ginger—Cheryl & Bob Johnson
- Goldie & Mocha—Rick & Effie Pruisman
- Hank—Jane King
- Hut—Marsha & Dane Atkins
- King—Iris Decker
- LaBamba—Kevin & Vicky LeCleur
- Lady—Deb & Gary Christensen
- Lakota Star—Holt family
- Lucy—Toni Willey
- Magnum—Jessie Nelson & Patrick Collins
- Mariah—Ilene Dunn
- Mary Jane—Margaret Vernier Seger
- Noble Tully—Rich & Jeri Ingersoll
- Nummie & Pammie—Dan & Nancy Jones
- Paddy—Joe Collins
- Patty Poo—QCGA
- Ruffian—Michelle Brandt & Andy Richman
- Sharpshoot—Chris & Mary Hill
- Squaw—Nina Brooks
- Velvet—Paul & Kathie Fritz
- Willie—Frank Weinstein
- Willy—QCGA
- Passed in hauler accident—Ash Trey, Burger King, & Sweet Hallie

Wish List

- Blankets—NO OPEN WEAVE PLEASE
- Bleach
- Ceiling fan duster
- Copy paper
- Dry erase markers
- Farm & Fleet gift cards
- Floor fans
- Dap diffusers & refills
- Crates (Extra Large size)
- File folders
- High-Efficiency liquid laundry soap
- Industrial grade vacuum
- Postage stamps
- Sheets
- Simple Green cleaner
- Trash bags (55 gallon drum and medium size)

I Am Not There

*Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds circled in flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.*

~ Joyce Kilmer



Kennel Dogs

Name	Sex	Color	Notes	Cat Safe
Admiral	M	Red Fawn	Name suits him, Rowdy's brother	Yes
Alyssa	F	Fawn w/black mask	Sits like a lady	No
Amy	F	Red brindle	Healing pulled muscle, likes to give kisses	Not tested
Ashley	F	Fawn	Brood mom	No
Bluff	F	Red	Brood mom	No
Buck	M	Red	Older big boy, needs to be only dog, needs a couch!	No
Bungee	F	Red brindle	Healing broken bone, beautiful girl	Not tested
Carrie	F	Dark Brindle	Been at the kennel the longest, sweet girl	No
Cleveland	M	Brindle	Has short tail, loves to play, stakes claim winner	No
Comedy	M	Red & white	Small, happy boy	Curious
Cracker	M	Red Fawn	Lots of energy, well behaved	Yes
Cracker II	M	White w/ brindle ticking	Beautiful color	No
Davey	M	Brindle	Laid back	No
Dream	F	Dark Brindle	Rides very well in the car, sweet	Yes
Falcon	M	Black	Stunning black boy	Yes
Forget-me-not	F	White & brindle	Sweet, beautiful new girl	Not tested
Frank	M	Fawn	Small boy, young	Not tested
Grandpa	M	Brindle	Relaxed and fun	No
Gringo	M	Fawn	has a "hoarse" bark, beautiful boy, good natured	Yes
Hawkeye	M	Black	Healing broken leg, loves the Hawks!	Curious
Hot Rod	M	Dark Brindle	loves attention, wants a home badly!	No
Joey	M	Fawn	Sweet boy, loves people, no small dogs	Yes
Lassie	F	Black	New girl, friendly	Yes
Louie	M	White w/ brindle ticking	Beautiful, sweet, happy, healing a leg injury	Not tested
Minute	F	Dark Brindle	New girl, friendly	Yes
Pooch	M	Fawn	Breeder's cup winner, has a "fuzzy" coat	Yes
Pride	M	Fawn	Tall boy, sweet	No
Rabbit	M	Dark Brindle	Tiny male	Curious
Rebel	F	Black	Sweet, quiet girl	Yes
Robby	F	Red brindle	new, has a short nose	Not tested
Rowdy	M	Red	lots of energy, Admiral's brother	No
Royal	M	Red & white	Healing broken leg, big smiler, friendly	Curious
Winner	M	Black	Quiet, gentle	Yes

Adopt one today!



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. We also want to thank everyone who contributed items and funds for our 2006 reunion. Because of your efforts our reunion was a big success! And thank you to all of our kennel sponsors past and present. And a big roo from the greys!

Cedar Valley Greyhound Adoption	Trina Heath	Kay and Ron Schriefer
Central Illinois Greyhound Adoption	Lindsay Hocker	Deborah and Mark Schwiebert
Dubuque Racing Association	Brian and Deb Huch	Brian Smith dba Superior Racing
IPSCO	Brent and Sara Husser	Jennifer Smith and Charles McKinley
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Roger and Mary Chapman	Sam Newton	
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Crescent Laundry	Linda Perrigone	
Dad's Pet Care/Dawn Templeton	Doug and Mary Petch	
Ronald and Faith Damewood	Scott Phillips	
Laurel Darren	T.S. Pomrehn and J.M. Birch	
Tammy Ertl	Vic Quinn	
Tim Ertl	Paula Passe and Sherry King	
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Crate Sponsorships

Michelle Brandt and Andy Richman
 Ronald and Faith Damewood
 Jennifer Franklin and Greg Scalf
 Kris Garrison
 James and Jean Hagg
 Tim and Deb Heberling
 Karen and Robert Kolwey
 Linda Perrigoue
 Tom and Doris Ryan (Taco, Nacho,
 & Bashful
 Jamie Sharp
 Paula Teel
 Tom and Erin Toner

The following donated items for the Wine & Dine Auction:

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Additional Info



QCGA has extra floor crates available for rent. They are the perfect option for when you bring a new grey home and need help with the transition. Or perhaps you are pet-sitting and want to keep your pets separated. Either way, it's a great option! Rates are \$10 per week.

Crate Rental



Please continue to save the weight circles off any Purina product, this includes treats and food. Send them to or drop them off at the kennel. Keep clipping and saving them to help us earn more \$\$\$\$! We appreciate them!

Purina Circles



If you saw the 2007 calendar, you saw some of the great photos we received of your greys! Now is the time to pick out your favorite photo of your beautiful hounds for the 2008 edition. We will be collecting photos for the next calendar soon!

2008 Calendar

Proceeds

Please return any proceeds for candy bar sales and/or other unsold products to the kennel.

Recommended Vets

We would like to compile a list of recommended vets serving our greys. Occasionally we get a new adopter that would like suggestions. We've also had phone calls to the kennel from out of town owners, wanting to find the nearest grey-savvy vet. So please contact Sara Husser at (563)505-7038 or sarahusser@gmail.com to let us know who you use. Thanks!

Misc.

Do you own your own business and want a grey advertising opportunity? Maybe your company would like a different audience? Contact Sara Husser at 563-505-7038 to find out more regarding advertising in our newsletter.

**Quad Cities Greyhound
Adoption**

9525 New Liberty Road
Walcott, IA 52773

Phone: 563-823-8900



Sound Familiar?



Now I never have the bathroom to myself, or the couch for that matter,

Now going out for the night is a pain because I have to get home to walk you,

Now vacations are more trouble than they're worth,

Now I can never sleep in on Sundays - even after a 60 hour work week,

Now I spend my "fun" budget on dog food, coats, and toys,

Now all my clothes are covered in hair, boogies, and drool,

Now my hardwood floor is scratched and is always dirty,

Now my car smells bad...

Now I rush home every night from work completely giddy knowing that soon I will be there to rub your ears,

Now I look at your picture on my desk at work 100 times a day,

Now I never have the bathroom to myself,

Now I cannot sleep at night unless you are there sleeping on my feet (or my head),

Now I can just sit and watch you play or sleep for hours,

Now just looking at you makes me happy,

Now I know my life will never be the same, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

How the heck did this happen?

~Unknown