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Spring 2014

## **QUAD CITIES GREYHOUND ADOPTION 2014 BOWLING BASH**



Place: Bowlmor, 2952 Brady Street, Davenport

Date: Saturday, May 17th, 2014

Time: 1pm to 3:30pm

Cost: \$18 per person (includes 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, 2 pieces of pizza & pop with \$10 of fee going to QCGA)

**Please call to reserve your spot!**

**We have 20 lanes we'd love to fill!**

RSVP TO: Paul or Ellie Bowe 563-386-0918

or via email at paulbowe1@msn.com

\*\*\*\*\*50/50 Drawing, Raffle & Silent Auction\*\*\*\*\*

(All drawings will be held that day)

Fun for everyone! Non-bowlers are welcomed too!

***There will be extra PIZZA sold by the slice with proceeds going to QCGA***

*In Memory of Tom Ryan*

Visit our website: [www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org](http://www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org)

QUAD CITIES GREYHOUND ADOPTION

# Greyt Tails

# Volunteer Corner

The volunteers of QCGA are truly a treasure. Each of them gives selflessly of their time and energy to take superb care of our wonderful greyhounds. We appreciate every volunteer, and are thankful you have chosen to give your time to our kennel kids. We've captured some pictures of volunteers in action that we want to share. Thanks to all QCGA volunteers for your dedication and efforts.



## Volunteering: A little work and a lot of fun

As you probably know, QCGA is entirely volunteer-run. We all do what we do out of love for our wonderful greyhounds. And we have a lot of fun too as we help care for our kennel kids.

Sure it's a bit of work, but it's really rewarding and fun to work with exceptional dogs like our greyhounds. And very often volunteers gain a whole new round of friends in the process. Even a few hours a month will help, and we want to invite you to join the fun and learn more about volunteering at QCGA. You'll find information about volunteering on our website—[www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org](http://www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org). Click on the "Help" tab and a small menu will pop up. Place your pointer on "Volunteer" and click. You'll find the volunteer application link on that page. We'd love to have you join us!

## Mc Kinley School chooses QCGA

On February 7th, QCGA volunteers Laura Chase-Smith and Sue Hamma, along with greyhound Roxi Hamma, met with students and staff at McKinley School. The student council at the school chose QCGA as a non-profit for the children to collect donations for the month of February. Everyone was very interested in learning more about our group and getting to meet a retired racing greyhound in person.

On March 16th, David Gamble, the teacher in-charge of coordinating the donations from McKinley school, dropped off the donations of dog food, dog treats and money for our kennel kids.

The greyhounds of QCGA would like to give a Big "Thank-Roo" to all of the students and staff at McKinley school for choosing our kennel and providing us with the wonderful donations.

A special "Thank Roooooo" goes to Reese Thomas and his family. Reese is a 3rd grader at Mc Kinley school in Mrs. G's class. He went home after our visit to the school and told his

parents that the greys needed their small refrigerator for vaccine storage. His parents agreed, and on March 7th Reese, his dad Jim, and his brother James brought the fridge to our kennel! What a wonderful gift from the Thomas' and especially Reese for caring enough to make it happen!



## QCGA and the Kids from Smart Intermediate School

Students at Mrs. Daniele Busher's advisory class at Smart Intermediate have been involved in an important service project this year. The class found out that Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption in Maysville, Iowa needed blankets for the bottoms of the greyhounds' crates.



Greyhounds are very lean animals and will suffer from bed sores if they lack the proper bedding on the bottoms of their crates to cushion their bodies. The

class had already made 26 blankets by the end of January and are working to make more blankets.

Mrs. Pamela Douglas, another teacher at Smart, brought the greyhound she adopted so the students could see what a difference the blankets could make to the animals' well-being and learn more about the advantages of greyhounds as pets.



## In Memory

*Ali – Cully Ford*  
*Boo Ray – Louise & Joe Collins*  
*Carla – Deb & Chet Brees*  
*Carrie – Kristin Harrington*  
*Catwalk – Brenda & Charley Roberts*  
*Chandler – Vickie & Kevin Leclair*  
*Charley – Sue Payne*  
*Dream – Cheryl Diver*  
*Eddie – Kara & Neal Blanche*  
*Foster – Amy & John Mikelson*  
*Frank – Skip Flynn*  
*Goody – Kathleen & Robert Harrington*  
*Ivy – John Johnson*  
*Joker – Judy & Larry Voss*  
*Lucy – Vickie & Kevin Leclair*  
*Marie's Try – Cheryl & John Ferguson*  
*Millie – Angie & Josh Fullbright*  
*Paula—Gary Black*  
*Pearl – Vickie & Kevin Leclair*  
*Puck – Sara & Brent Husser*  
*Red – Laura Neitzke*  
*Ruby – Bev & Stan Mizerny*  
*Ruby—Kate Conger*  
*Vespa – Juliette Schmidt*  
*Wilma – Peggy & Doug Collins*

## Current Kennel Needs

Canned GROUND dog food  
(Pedigree, Purina ONE, or Pro Plan)

Postage Stamps

Large Milk Bone type dog treats

Large Snaps! dog treats

No. 10 white envelopes

20x25x1 furnace filters

D.A.P. refills

Cash donations are always appreciated!

## 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.



### Available dogs

You can view the greyhounds available for adoption at our website: [www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org](http://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.

### Remember to use iGive and Goodsearch too!

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



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 dog food 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. And please note that we can only take Circles for dog food products, and not others. Thanks!

## Looking back on 2013 Meet & Greets

We want to thank all of those who made the 2013 Meet & Greets possible, from the Meet & Greet volunteers, to the businesses that welcomed us, to the special Greyhounds who shared their time representing all the Greyhounds who are waiting for their forever homes.

### Volunteers:

Brian & Deb H., Cathy, Tiffany, Tom, & Doug S., Deb & Tim H., Jennifer F., Kara B., Kathy H., Kristin H., Laura C. S., Linda L., Mona J., Natalia, Pat, Paul & Ellie B., Peggy, Doug, & Sean C., Sam N., Sue & Gene H.

### Greyhound "Ambassadors":

Ace, Bella, Belle, Bud, Butterbean, Cola, Dooney, Fritz, Journey, Max, Sunny, Logan, Gabe, Goody, Gypsy, Licken, Naomi, Ozzie, Panda, Ralphie, Roxie, Splinter, Wilma

### Businesses:

PetCo, Davenport, IA (10 Meet & Greets) Petco is now the where the greyhounds are for the 2nd Saturday of every month. People come specifically to see them there! Huge thank you to Petco for hosting us every month! Edward Jones Paul Schnell's Office, Christmas Walk, Village of East Dav-

enport, IA (2 Meet & Greets) People look for us at the Christmas walk every year now, too. A wonderful partnership with Paul Schnell!

Your support and your time make a difference for the Greyhounds – thank you!

*Meet/Greet mission: to increase the awareness and interest in Greyhounds while promoting Greyhound adoptions at QCGA by showing what Greyhounds are like, especially once they have been in a home.*

## Here are some Meet n' Greet highlights from 2013...



# 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!

Achim Schmidt	Ed Linn	Linda Smiley
Agnes Barnhouse	Eileen Fritz	Marcia Bornemann
Amy Pfeiler	Elayne Sexsmith	Margaret Mock
Animal Health International	Elizabeth Thomas	Marie Foster
Ann Holub	Ellie Bowe	Mary Bowe
Bank of America	Eric Brooks	Mary Stockdale
Berland Flying Eagle	Erin Irish	Melissa Koehler
Bob Rider Kennel	Exelon Corporation	Melissa Schmidt
Brad Hess	Gary Cangelosi	Merrill Lynch c/o Rhona Long
C. Symons	Grainger Matching Gift	Modern Woodmen
Calabro Greyhound Kennel	Hal Holman	Nancy Galusha
Carmelita Schneider	Hale Pet Doors	Nancy Keith
Carol McCall	Hayden and Addison Miller	Nancy Rawlings
Carol Miller	Herman Grubbs	Nicole Byard
Carole Taube	Hill's Greyhounds	Nina Brooks
Carolyn Walters	Holly Hall	Pam Swanson
Catherine Peterson	Iossi Construction	Pamela White
Catherine Wallace	James Hambleton	Patricia Blaser
Charles Kelsey	James Kron	Patti West
Cheryl Lange	James Stiman	Paula Williamson
Christien Rugh	Janet Kuttler	Peggy Collins
Christine Ewing	Jay Rakus	Petco
Christine Gaiden	Jean Regenwether	Phyllis Kreuser
Christine Lockmon	Jeff Junk	R&R Kennel
Christine Poe	Jenilee Thompson	Rachel Pulley
Christopher Huch	Jennifer Hochgesang	Rena Israel
Cindy Griggs	Jeri Chandler	Renee Ostrem
Cynthia Quinby	John Johnson	Rhonda Wolever
Dailygood	John Reinert	River Bluffs - Joe Lent
Dan Caplan	Jonathan Shimp	Robert Bowe
Darly Lynn Danvers	Judith Herlein	Robert Hardison
David Mattison	Judy Carney	Roberta Brooke
David Ward	Julia Humphreys	Sally Belk
Dawn Dipple	Julie Paisley	Sandy Brands
Dawn Hill	Juliette Schmidt	Sandy Hochgesang
Deane Warnecke	Karen Kolwey	Sara Andre
Deb Heberling	Karin Dixon	Shari Cole
Deb Huch	Kathleen Ransom	Sherry Roberts
Diana Tank	Kerry Strayhall	Simple Dog
Diane Geerts	Kurt Stevens	Skip Flynn
Diane Gibelstein	Lana Cassidy	SSAB
Donna Fiedler	Larry Voss	Steve Garafola
Donna Fowler	Laura Chase-Smith	Sue Hamma
Dwight Quinn	Linda Perrigoue	Tamra Vena

## Roooooooooooo's ..... continued

Teresa Goode  
 Teresa Lemon  
 The Bank of America  
 Tim Ertl  
 Todd Whitlow  
 Tom Toner  
 Trachele March  
 Trina Heath  
 Valerie Wales  
 Victoria Gilpin  
 Warren Angerer  
 WPG Solutions  
 Younkers

### 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!

- 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
- Tri-City Electric for doing such a greyt and fast job at replacing our backup generator
- All our faithful volunteers who do their kennel shifts every month!

## Our Current Calendar

### April 2014

#### 5th, Saturday—Meet n' Greet at PetCo in Davenport

Meet n' Greets are a greyt way to meet greyhounds who have been placed with families. You'll see how they interact with people and with each other, and the participants will be happy to answer questions you may have. PetCo is on Elmore Avenue in Davenport, just north of Kimberly Road. Time is 1pm-3pm.

### May 2014

#### 10th, Saturday—Meet n' Greet at PetCo in Davenport

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### June 2014

#### 14th, Saturday—Meet n' Greet at PetCo in Davenport

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## Bunny's Big Donation

Hello! My name is Bunny and I was adopted through QCGA about five years ago. Since then, my life has become pretty exciting and adventurous. Not long after I was adopted, Mom started a blog about us and people around the world started reading it. Sometimes I write for the blog, too. One of the things you need for a good blog is some great pictures, so Mom takes a lot of pictures of me.

There was a big conference for pet bloggers that Mom got invited to, and they have some awards. The next thing we knew, we found out that a picture of me was entered in the contest. To our great surprise, Mom's picture won the award for Best Blog Photo. It's a pretty prestigious award.



One of the best things about the award was that I got to choose an adoption group to get two hundred pounds of dog food and two hundred pounds of cat food for being a winner. As it turns out, a cat blogger won another award and wanted to donate her prize to a cat rescue, so we traded and her rescue got four hundred pounds of cat food and I was able to donate four hundred pounds of Natural Balance dog food to the dogs at Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption still waiting for their homes.

When I went to bed at night in my crate at the kennel, I never dreamed that one day I'd be able to give such a gift. I feel like such a lucky little hound to have come from such humble beginnings and be able to share my good fortune.

**Quad Cities Greyhound  
Adoption**

9525 New Liberty Road  
Walcott, IA 52773

Phone: 563-823-8900  
[www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org](http://www.qcgreyhoundadoption.org)



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## **A Local Greyhound Meets a Rock Star!**

I am one Lucky Greyhound...my Mom and I got to meet Bret Michaels and have our picture taken with him at Petsmart in Davenport. Bret is an awesome guy and Mom even bought me some "Pets Rock" toys!

Signed,  
Naomi Hamma  
QCGA Alum





# Sponsor A Crate!

Would you like to help the greyhounds, but can't find the time to volunteer at the kennel? Are you looking for a holiday gift for someone who has everything? What about a unique birthday or anniversary gift you can give at any time of the year? Would you like to set up a memorial for a beloved pet that has gone to the Rainbow Bridge? Maybe you would like to adopt a greyhound but aren't in a position to have one at this time.

## Whatever the reason, sponsoring a crate may be perfect for you!

Our crate sponsorship program allows you, or your organization, to sponsor a crate at the Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption kennel for any length of time with a donation of **\$20 a month** (minimum). This donation will help to provide a greyhound with food, medications and other necessary supplies. Sponsors are publicly recognized at the kennel and on our website during the month of their sponsorship.

We are a **not-for-profit 501(c)(3)** organization; your sponsorship is **tax-deductible**. (Tax ID #41-2230045)

If you are sponsoring for multiple months and prefer to pay one month at a time, we will be happy to email you a monthly payment reminder...please indicate your wishes below. Your sponsorship begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following the date it is received.

Questions? Please call the kennel at **(563) 823-8900**; leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Please send this form and your check, made payable to **Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption** or **QCGA** to:

**QCGA - Crate Sponsorship, 9525 New Liberty Road, Maysville IA 52773.**

**Thank you for supporting our efforts to find forever homes for retired racing greyhounds!**

***YES! I'd like to sponsor a crate at the QCGA Kennel!***

**Sponsor Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail :** \_\_\_\_\_

*OPTIONAL:* If you would like to sponsor a specific kennel dog--name of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this sponsorship a **Gift** or **Memorial** ? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If *yes*, please circle which (above) and provide **Name(s) and Message** here:

**Monthly donation amount** (\$20 per month minimum): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of months** you are sponsoring the crate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Enclosed** (One month minimum): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a monthly E-mail reminder? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No