

GreytTalk

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Where are they now?

By Kathy Lazenby

LB Highwire arrived in Michigan in August 2002. He was fostered by Chuck and Linda Falcon and ended up weaseling his way into the family, joining Shiloh (their previously adopted Greyhound) within a month. Chuck and Linda joined Shiloh and L.B. in retirement a few years later and the family has been full time RVing for a few years now.



Shiloh is 12 now and L.B. is eight. Linda says, "They love the lifestyle just as much as we do. What could be better than

a sofa that goes bye-bye?" As of now Shiloh and L.B. (and maybe Chuck and Linda-who knows?) have rolled in the grass and leaves in 26 states. That is really Shiloh's thing, the more leaves the better. L.B. Just thinks she is nuts. They always find places for them to stretch their legs, because they still love to run.

Chuck and Linda report that they have run into a few other Greyhounds in their travels and still hand out GEM information. "You know how just

walking them can turn into a meet-n-greet."

As I was getting ready for bed on the Fourth of July I got an email from the Falcon's. They are currently working in a campground near the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes in Empire, Michigan. It seems they were sitting in their RV after dinner and caught a glimpse of a Greyhound walking by. "Of course we were out of the rig in a flash" they said. They asked his name and it was our very own Zero Augustyn taking Elizabeth for a walk. Linda says, "He sure was a beauty." What a small world.

So if you are in Empire stop in and say howdy to L.B.GEM #338 and the rest of the Falcon family.

Future "where are they now" columns will depend on you.



Have you moved and not updated your address with us, or switched internet providers and have a new email address? We would love for you to contact us with any updates so we can continue to send you your GreytTalk issues. I tried to contact some of GEM's first retirees via email: N's First GEM, N's Little Dot, N's Little Sister and Seasick Shelia and all the email addy's on record bounced. If you would like to update GEM on your Greyhounds escapades or activities and whereabouts you can email me at klazenby@charter.net or send it via snail mail to GEM, PO BOX 194, Wayne, MI 48184. We would all love to hear from you!

Shruggy Rindhage turned 12 June 24th.

Lissa Rindhage's Gotcha Day 1st Anniversary was July 15, and she turned 10 on July 22nd!

N's Kinky Kristen turned 8 on September 4th and her Gotcha Day was August 30th.

N's Bold Gust (Gus) birthday September 4, 2000

Santa Fe Laze (Karroo) Gotcha day September 18, 2005....life has never been the same, hahahahaha

N's Sugartime (Gina) Gotcha day October 18, 2001

LJ's Hefty (Hefty) Gotcha day November 11, 2000

-Laze

Moondust Darfler turned 12 in July



BlackJack Kukla will be 8 on October 11th

Justice Derryberry turned 4 on September 11th (Happy Birthday my sweet boy! -Wendy)

"Just want to give notice that our sweet Allie [turned] 14 this September 11. Thanks for everything." - Jim Berning

"Claudia Flores' gotcha day is October 12th! It will be 3 years since we adopted this beautiful, spoiled little girl!"

-John and Robin Flores

Ms. Little Frazho turned 10 on September 14th!

Ginger Helm will be 12 on Oct. 11 and will have been with us 10 years on Dec. 23rd

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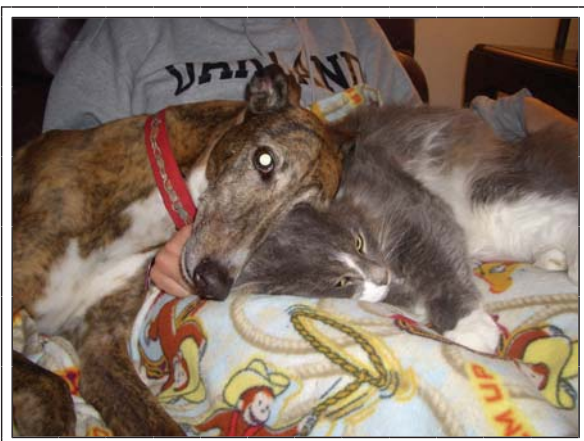
Mr. T, Acting Editor



From the Desk of the (Acting) Editor

I must declare that this was the highest point of humiliation in my entire life.

No, I am not referring to editing this most magnificent mewsletter. Indubitably, when I secured this job I had great hopes of writing for a large publication like Cat Fancy. Now I understand that I would rather get a job writing for a fine magazine such as Celebrating Greyhounds. This job has actually taught me something about greyhounds besides that they are able to fit half of our bodies in their mouths. Nay, what I refer to is the picture that is below this paragraph.



When this picture was taken, I was har-r-rdly amused. Little did I realize, however that I was being welcomed into their pack. This is how these large lazy canines treat each other! After intense study and frequent flurries of paws-on investigating, I now find myself actually playing with the large red greyhound. I truly love to entice him over to me. Then I engage in fisticuffs and commence flying down the hallway as he is hot in pursuit!

Thus, thank you for this opportunity! It has been a great experience and a good chance to see how the other half of the house lives. Now I must return to my feline duties. I hear Fuzz. He is meowing. He is also not expecting an attack from above. The hunt is on! -Mr. T

Mackinac Island Weekend

By Mary Beth Rhodes

If you attended the Lilac Festival this year I wish to again say thank you for such a wonderful turnout of people and dogs! For those who couldn't make it, I thought I would give you a little insight into the fun we all had.

Starting out Friday night we were to all meet at this little pub that we found the year before that had a really nice outdoor patio that allowed the dogs. My daughter and I both worked Friday so we arrived at our hotel around 7:15. As we were checking in, my cell phone rang and it was Merrie West wanting to know where we were. I told her that we had just arrived in town and as soon as we got a room we would be down for the get-together at the pub. I was pretty sure they all had ordered so we gave the dogs a rest stop to pee and off we went for our Friday night get-together.

We sat outside on the patio just like last year, but it seemed like our waitress didn't want to have dogs around her. We ate inside, and people

took turns going out to walk by all the vehicles checking on dogs. After an evening of listening to wonderful stories it was off to walk all the dogs. After that, I only wanted to settle down for the evening so that we could make it to the island in the morning.

Saturday morning it was off to the Island for the Dog and Pony Parade! We all got over in plenty of time to be able to see those who showed up Saturday morning instead of coming in the night before. Again everyone had cameras and were taking tons of pictures of all the dogs and people. According to people I talked to, it sounds like this was the best showing of dogs in many years. Each dog got a bandana with a greyhound embroidered on it for the walk past the judges. Of course the bandanas had to be lilac-colored since it was the prelude to Sunday's parade. From the amount of bandanas I made, there was at least 22 dogs there not including our three. GREAT TURN OUT! I was thrilled to see the enthusiasm of all the people there.

After the event everyone's dogs were tired but the weather was very cooperative. The rest of the day was open to do what you wanted but that evening there was a get-together at the park by the bridge. The sky was looking rather dark and the wind had really picked up, but we all decided that it was worth getting wet. There was a nice covered area with tables and the dogs could lay and be comfortable. There was also a trail around the lake and a building that told you all about the bridge and how it was built. Everyone had another chance to talk about things like coming events, recipes for the dogs, and vacations that have been taken. As the sky got blacker and the winds got higher, I decided it was time for me to head for the hotel. I have two thunder-phobic dogs who wanted to get in the room quickly.

Sunday was a long day since the Parade was at five in the afternoon this year. I saw a lot of GEM people in Mackinac City walking their dogs and talking to people about what great pets greyhounds make. Except for a few glitches with the ferry lines, everyone made it over in time. We had a few less grey-

hounds, but being that the event didn't start until five it was really hard if you had to be to work the next day.

So for the ones who attended, thanks and again it was a nice event. All went well but a little too fast from start to finish. The weather was great and lots of people asked about these wonderful dogs and wanted to know more about the work that GEM does. Jennifer and I stayed until Monday so we got together with others and had pizza in the hotel's breakfast area for supper.

Monday morning rolled around and my only thought was it went way too fast and what a GREAT time I had, and I hope everyone else did. So for those of you who came Thanks Again and for those of you who didn't this year remember: there is always next year. Father's Day weekend is something you may want to circle for next year. I promise it will be as fun-especially if the same group and more come.

Mary Beth, Jennifer Priscilla, Baby and Beth-Ann

15 Years of Adoptions on Lamont Include Another Repeat

Article and Pictures by Kathy Lazenby

On October 30, 1995 Pat Petro was joined with Gibby. Presiding over the adoption was Merrie West, who was then volunteering for REGAP. Over the years the West home on Lamont has been the site of many successful Greyhound adoptions for GEM and in the past REGAP and TLC.

Pat had never wanted a dog, then one day while driving she saw

a woman in her complex walking a Greyhound. She literally stopped her car in the middle of the street and flagged the woman over. The conversation and contact convinced Pat that this was the dog for her, a familiar story to many of us I am sure. So the process began and Pat and Gibby became family.

Gibby was a regal girl, often described as a lady in fur. Pat looked past or

chose not to recognize any of her flaws...well, except the fact that she refused to pee on lead. Eventually they worked through that and Gibby proved to be the perfect condo mate. Gibby smiled, talked and laughed. She wormed her way into many hearts. I remember meeting her on many occasions when she would vacation back at the West house.



One day in 2006 Pat recalls coming home and suddenly realizing that Gibby was getting older and their time together would come to an end. She spent that evening

cuddling with Gibby and trying to deal with the realization of that inevitable day. That day came in February of 2007 and Pat initially thought she would never get another Greyhound.

Over the years with Gibby, Pat had fostered a few times. Hardie and Farrah were among those who spent some time in

the Petro home. Even in the 16 months after the loss of Gibby, Pat remained a GEM; reading the newsletters and GEM mail and eventually opening her heart and her door to a new foster: GEM #737 Stayin Strong, Sipsey in June of this year.

Sipsey is a graduate of the SCAL Program at Coldwater. Her trainer wrote a wonderful letter about Sipsey's likes and dislikes and her training. Where Gibby was a lady, Sipsey is more of a dog. Pat quickly learned about counter surfing. Sipsey is a food frenzy on four legs, she will go through all her commands for treats. Another thing her trainer mentioned was that she loved to play fetch with tennis balls. Pat lives in a condo so she had not had the chance to see Sipsey in action.

In the safety of Merrie's yard Sipsey showed her tennis chasing skills and Pat marveled at her speed and agility. The bond



between them was already evident on August 3, 2008 when almost thirteen years later Merrie presided over the second Petro Greyhound adoption.

Pat wanted to thank Merrie, Barb Mace and Helen Davanzo for all their help getting Sipsey healthy and happy and acclimated to her new home.

Pat works full time and is

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Hidden GEM

by Allison Carey



I would like to nominate for the hidden GEM a bunch of people...and dogs. These GEMs are so hidden, in fact, that I don't even know their names. These people and their dogs are the folks who come out to help search whenever a GEM dog gets loose. They come from all corners of the GEM map and they do all kinds of tasks to help recover a lost dog, from putting up posters and passing out flyers to calling local authorities and organizing searching parties. They drive around in cars and walk around on foot for countless miles looking for the lost GEM. Sometimes it seems hopeless, but still they search. They send emails out to the membership to encourage participation in the hunt and they send emails to the Greyhound-L and other lists to let other greyhound people know that a GEM is lost. They can be adults and children, people and dogs, GEM members, family members, strangers, police, veterinarians and people who work at shelters and other rescues. They give encouragement and support to the family whose dog is lost, they round up their friends to help and they bring out their own dogs to assist in the search. Sometimes at the end of a search a very scared, tired, hungry and possibly injured dog is located, often in some hiding place that is difficult to reach. And this is when the dog helpers become so important because often it is only another dog that will lure the loose dog out of it's hiding place. To all the people and dogs who have ever assisted in a dog search - no matter what the outcome - please give yourself a pat on the back because you are someone's special GEM.

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also a volunteer with the civilian arm of the Coast Guard. Maybe unlike Gibby, Sipseey will enjoy an occasional leisurely ride on the water. Pat is looking forward to retiring in the next year or two and plans on doing some volunteer work with Sipseey.

Pat's 14 year history of Greyhound ownership proves what wonderful pets Greyhounds can be to condo or apartment dwellers.

Congratulations to both of you and we look forward to hearing your "tales" in the future.

Join us at the 2008 GEM Bowl-a-thon!

Sunday, November 2, 2008

Score One Lanes at 22255 Ecorse Road Taylor, MI

\$10.00 registration fee includes 3 games of bowling, and shoe rental! Family and friends are welcome to bowl.

ALSO, there will be a conference room available to *show off your hounds*. This is a great time to bring your fosters along!

Pledge sheets are available in the files section of the GEM Events page. Remember:

Registration begins at 1 pm

Bowling starts at 2 pm

I'll catch my first ball at 2:01 pm!



I just wanted to share this pic of my Addie. She is the best dog I have ever owned. We are both so lucky to have her and she has brought such happiness in our lives. We can't imagine our lives now without her! Thanks!

~Michele Moore & Brad Sawicki

Letter to the (acting) Editor

Dear Mr. T:

Although I celebrated my 5th birthday in August I still retain my girlish figure. Madam Gingersnap turns 10 years old in August and is still looking pretty slim herself. Simon & Clue, along with the rest of the games litter, including GEMs Bingo, Black Jack and Domino and sister Uno (now known as Ladybug) will be turning 8 years old on September 4th. We would all like to share our birthday celebration with our many GEM friends so I sneaked into my mom's cookbook and have attached hereto, recipes for the Fearsome Foursome's favorite treats. Please print these recipes in the upcoming issue of GreytTalk so all our friends can ask their humans make them treats for our birthdays too. Happy Birthday to US!!! Yay!!!

Greyt regards,

Asia Carey (still naughty after all these years!)

Asia recommends:

Wheat Free Peanut Brindle

Ingredients:

5 cups rice flour

1 tablespoon cinnamon

1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. Baking soda 1 cup peanuts, chopped

In a bowl mix all dry ingredients except peanuts. Set aside

1 egg

¼ cup honey

¼ cup peanut butter

1 small apple

½ cup vegetable oil

2 ½ tsp. vanilla

1 ½ cups water

In a food processor add the above ingredients and blend together. When thoroughly mixed add to the dry ingredients. Combine and turn out on a lightly floured board. Cover with a piece of plastic wrap and roll out to a thickness of ¼ inch. Cut into 4x3 inch rectangles. Spritz with water and spread the chopped peanuts evenly over the treats. Press the peanuts in with the palm of your hand. Bake at 325 degrees for 50-60 minutes

Simon & Clue's Birthday Treats

1 ½ cups barley or rice flour

2 large eggs

1 12 oz. can of salmon (do not drain)

2 tsp. crushed garlic

¼ cup of low fat parmesan cheese

Mix all ingredients together then spread evenly in a 9x9 inch baking pan that has been coated with olive oil. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Cut into squares and serve to happy birthday dog and friends. Leftovers should be refrigerated.

2 GREYT Recipes

By Robin Willoughby

Need something fabulous and stinky to add to your dog's food to make it yummy and enticing?

Try this recipe that is so simple you'll wonder why you didn't think of it yourself.....

Vital Gravy

1 can of good quality dog food (I use one with a fish base)

½ baked sweet potato

1 clove garlic (I use the jarred stuff)

Chicken Broth

Put all this in a food processor and blend adding chicken broth till it's soupy. I put it in a 1 quart canning jar and store in the fridge. Heat it up in the microwave so it's nice and stinking...

Put a heaping serving spoon on your dog's kibble. Yum.



Here's Hefty, Zoe(on a box), Gina, Karroo and Gus.

Need an all natural no additives snack for your pup? Hate to BAKE?????

This is simple!! And only 1 ingredient! Ok...2, but you can leave out the one if you want ...

Turkey Jerky

1 ½ # ground turkey (shop around to find it at a good price or grind your own)

1 T oil

Put in food processor and make as pasty as possible.

Spread out onto 2 cookie sheets that have been lined with parchment paper.

Put into oven that has been set at 200 degrees.

Crack the door (I put an oven mitt) open so the moisture escapes.

Cook 2 hours. Remove and flip over. Use a pizza cutter to cut into the size treats you want.

Put back in oven and cook for at least 2 more hours. It may take more. It depends on how thin you spread the mixture.

Store in fridge.

Kirby's Day at the Melon Fest

By Linda Maton

I just love Saturdays. It usually means that my mom is taking me to a Meet & Greet. I wait patiently until she finishes her usual routine. Drink coffee, checking her email, watching a little TV, then going in to the room where she stands under water and soaps herself and puts soap in her hair and then rinses it out. YUCK - I hate getting all wet and soapy. Why do humans do that?

After she gets dressed, my patience runs out. Now it's time to go. My tail starts wagging, I start getting excited. She takes me out one last time to the backyard. I stop at the van but she tells me that I have to go potty first. But I'm so excited I don't really want to go! But she insists. Then she takes me back in the house - Wait - No I want to go in the van.

She has a few last minute things to do before we leave. I pace back and forth...I do my little happy dance...but she is

SO SLOW!! Come on mom- let's go...I start to whine - then if she's not fast enough I'll even bark. (I rarely bark so when I do - she knows that I REALLY WANT TO LEAVE).

Finally, she grabs her keys and my leash and she tells me to sit but I'm doing my little happy dance. It's really hard for her to put my leash on when I'm dancing around. I finally sit and off we go.

I jump in the back of the van. Yeah - we're going someplace...I run around to all the windows and look out. Mom has this GREYT new van and the back windows go down... I stick my nose out the window. I love the fresh air blowing through my hair.

We finally get to the Melon Festival...mom drives around and finds a place to park. She opens the back door, puts my hat and pearls on and my poofy pink collar and off we go. I prance down the street. People



walking by and sitting in their yards smile and wave, which makes me prance even more. I love it when people smile at me.

We get to the GEM booth - there are all my fur friends. We all do our usual sniffing. This is great. Everyone smiles and says, "Look at the dog all dressed up - and wearing pink nail polish" People all day stop by to admire me...(well -ok not only me). I get lots of pets. Mom leaves me for awhile but when she comes back she brings ice cream. I love ice cream, but it's in a plastic cup and not a cone. It's kinda hard to stick my nose in the cup but I manage. I finish it off and smack my lips.... anymore treats anywhere?

Then some man comes

by with a camera and asks if he can take my picture...mom says yes. I look but wait that's not Laze! I like it when Laze takes my picture, so I turn my head and he can only get a side view. He tells her to check out Livingston County paper website. I get my picture posted!

What a fun day, but having people admire you and pet you all day is exhausting. Mom finally says it's time to go home. I'm kinda glad, since I'm tired and really need a nap. We say our good-byes and go back to the van.

I sleep all the way home.

Whew is it Saturday again?



Pictures taken by Kathy Lazenby



Carolyn, Chloe, Snow, and Laura



Obi (are you looking at me?) with Emily



Laze, Connie, and Caiti (back row)
Skye, Cammie, and Libby (front row)



Daniel and Tina with Gigi



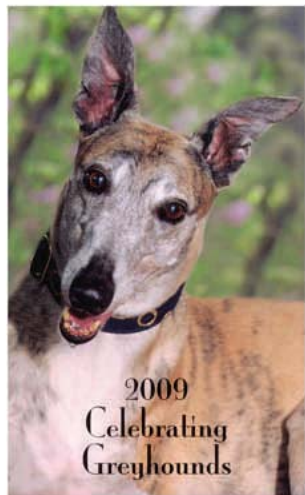
Inger and Mike with Cleo and Obi



Gigi, patiently waiting for a treat

The GEM Store *By Merrie West*

Celebrating Greyhounds Desk Diary 2009



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"Hefty"

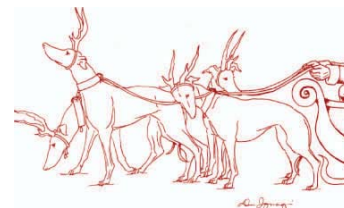


Plus two brand new cards! These are drawn by the artist, Dan Ignagni:

"Santa's Chair"

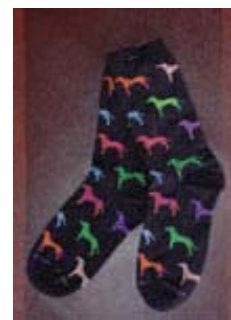


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For Bare Feet Greyhound Socks

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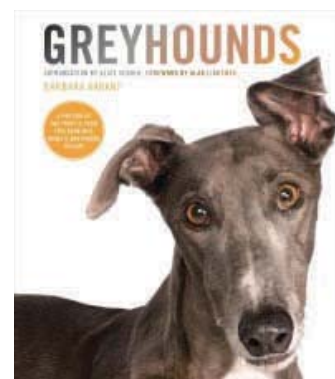


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GEM's First Annual Calendar returns! This calendar features over 50 full color photographs of GEM adopters' greyhounds.

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October 2008

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