

# The Hound Herald

## News from... Hounds of the Heartland

April 2010

### Happy Birthday HOH!



HOH celebrates our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of helping retired racers find their forever homes and things couldn't be better. It appears that there is a greyhound

movement going on around OKC. Everywhere you look there are greyhounds; on the streets, in stores, at the parks and even in The Gazette! HOH and our adopters have been doing a fabulous job getting the word out about our "perfect pets." We can't wait to see where greyhounds will turn up next in OKC.

### HOH Out on the Town



**Go Team Greyhound!** Jim & Angela Flynn, Emily Hummel, Candee Scott & Jane Pace [pictured], Tristan Adler and Trisha Whitley participated in the Red Bud Classic.



Paws Around Town show and tell



Greyhounds @ LIVE on the Plaza!

It's the time of year when wild life abounds and our Greys explore the outdoors.

#### De-SKUNK RECIPE

Mix together:

32 oz. hydrogen peroxide (freshly opened)

1/4 cup baking soda

2t. liquid dish soap

Pour over the dog

Let this stay on the dog 5-10 minutes.

Then rinse and repeat if needed.



### Medical Moment

by Candee Scott

#### THE WORMS GO IN THE WORMS GO OUT

Spring has sprung and it seems so have the worms. When everything is alive it goes to reason that the ground is waking up too. This is the time of year that we notice more intestinal problems with our dogs. Some of our dogs are poop eaters and this compounds worm problems as worms from the soil get in to the poop and then the dogs can eat it and get the worms in their system. Worms are a big cause of diarrhea.

There are several types of worms that our dogs are prone to get. Hook worms, Round worms and Whip worms are the most common. The monthly heartworm preventative that our dogs take generally takes care of the hook and round worms. If you give Interceptor it also takes care of the whips. Tape worms are another type of worms that dogs and cats get from fleas. Since it isn't flea season yet you shouldn't have to worry about them yet. If your dog is experiencing unexplained diarrhea it could be worms. Just treating the diarrhea will not get rid of the worms. If canned pumpkin or Imodium AD does not help the diarrhea the problem could be worms. If this is the case your veterinarian will most likely want to test a stool sample to be sure and then will prescribe a wormer/worming pill.

#### OTHER INTESTINAL PROBLEMS...

Another anomaly of spring is birds and their products. This time of year birds like to sit in the trees and poop on the ground. We specifically have this problem with doves, but any birds' poop has bacteria in it that can wreak havoc on our dogs' and their intestinal systems. Johnny inhales the bird droppings and then gets sick. Once the rains come that helps to clean up the bird poop. Do your best to keep your dogs from eating their own poop as well as bird poop and if possible wipe their feet at the back door with a wet paper towel or baby wipe. This will help with any bird poop etc. they may have walked through and then will lick off their feet later.

If your dog has eaten/inhaled/licked the bird poop there is a chance they will get a bacterial infection called Giardiasis. Symptoms of infection include (in order of frequency) diarrhea, malaise, excessive gas, and vomiting. The most common and effective treatment is a 5-7 day course of Metronidazole. Once again the diagnosis requires your veterinarian testing a stool sample. Because we have had this happen so many times at our house I know exactly what it is and how to prevent it or if needed get rid of it, but if it is your first experience call your veterinarian and get a stool sample to them as soon as you can.



Peter and Marilyn Balaban recently won "Foster Parent of the Year" at the 2010 Greyhound Gala. The Gala celebrated all of the 2009 Hounds of the Heartland success, and raised support for future adoptions. At the Gala Peter graciously accepted the award and we would like to share all the wonderful things the Balabans have done for the greyhounds and for Hounds of the Heartland.

Peter and Marilyn actually lived in Abilene Kansas before moving to Edmond, OK. Abilene is the location of both the Greyhound Racing Hall of Fame, and the National Greyhound Registry. So, they have been exposed to greyhounds for several years just by the nature of where

they lived. As Pete's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday present from Marilyn they adopted their first greyhound - 'Bullet'. Pete had met Bullet at a Petsmart Show and Tell and knew he was the right dog for him. The Balabans fell into fostering by first asking for 'play dates' for Bullet. After several play dates, the step into fostering was easy and worked well for them and for Bullet. Over the past 5 years they have fostered many greyhounds, some for just a few hours, some for a few weeks, and then Pongo who they fostered for over a year! They are often questioned about their sanity by owning two greyhounds and fostering two. Their response is easy: The dogs are the reward in themselves, we love them, they love us back, and it is a perfect match.

Pete and Marilyn's love for greyhounds is obvious, and seeing adopted greyhound reunite with Pete is simply an amazing site!

Some greyhounds don't seem to remember, but the ones that do are just overcome with excitement to see an old friend. Hounds of the Heartland salute Pete and Marilyn!

### **Upcoming Special Events**

**LIVE on the Plaza!** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of the month thru September  
The Plaza District – 16<sup>th</sup> & Gatewood Ave., OKC - Look for us just west of Lyric Theater

**Greyhound Day @ Johnnie's!** - Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lunch and Dinner  
Visit any of the 7 metro area Johnnie's locations and mention Hounds of the Heartland to the cashier. A portion of your meal price will be donated.

**A1 Pet Emporium**- Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
9417 N. May Ave., OKC (NW Corner of Britton & May)

**Give Back Day @ Rococo**- Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> stop in for lunch, happy hour or dinner  
Rococo will donate 10% of ALL sales ALL day to Hounds of the Heartland. Tell your friends, family & coworkers!  
2824 N. Penn. Ave., OKC

**Show and Tells**- We will now be at the Norman Petsmart on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month! We have numerous show and tells around town. You can find their dates and locations on our web site [www.greyhoundpetsok.org](http://www.greyhoundpetsok.org).

Check the blog for info about upcoming special events:  
<http://HoundsoftheHeartland.blogspot.com>



## Read all about it! HOH in the News

Not only has the Gazette recently printed an article on Hounds of the Heartland, but **four** local magazines will run stories on our group in their next editions. So, be on the look out for the June copies of NW Style, Nichols Hills News, Norman Living, and the Edmond Monthly. Soon everyone in Oklahoma City will get the news that greyhounds make great pets.

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## Don't Miss These Greyt Buys

### HOH T-Shirts

For only \$15.00 you can have the latest HOH t-shirt. Quantities are limited, but we have a few shirts left in sizes M, L & XL. You can see a photo of the shirts on our blog. Contact Emily at 837-7266 to order. Don't wait- these won't last long!



### Illuminated Wine Bottles

These recycled wine bottles look great on a countertop and make awesome gifts!! Buy one of our premade bottles or give us your favorite bottle for a custom look! Regular sized bottles are \$15 and larger bottles are \$20. **100%** of the profit goes to our foster greyhounds to help pay for food, supplies and vet bills.

Contact Katie Turner at [frauturner@juno.com](mailto:frauturner@juno.com) to order yours today!

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## Have You Heard?

*If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went.*

*-Will Rogers. 1879 - 1935.*

**My goal in life is to be as good of a person my dog already thinks I am.**

**-Unknown**

There is something to be said at how quickly a dog makes friends in comparison to a human. **-Anonymous**

**Dogs are not our whole life but they make our lives whole. - Roger Cares**