



# The Hound Herald



News from... Hounds of the Heartland  
January thru March 2006

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## "The Process" from our President...

Traditionally, the beginning of each year is a time for making resolutions. It is also a good time to review our commitment to our greyhounds. Adoption is not a "right", it is an earned privilege, as anyone who has been through the process will tell you, and not everyone is approved.

As much as we want a home for every greyhound, we will say "no" to potential adopters if they cannot demonstrate the willingness and commitment necessary to care for these splendid animals. The greyhounds trust us to do that for them, and we take the responsibility seriously.

A greyhound can't pick up the phone six months after an adoption, give us a call and say- "Hey Diana, I haven't had heartworm preventative in two months and I stay in the garage during the day and the concrete is cold and hard. I thought you said it wouldn't be like this?" Because the greyhounds can't speak for themselves, we do what we can to prevent these, and similar situations as much as possible. So during the application process we make phone calls to vets and personal references, ask questions, do home visits, require reading. Educating the potential adopters is our best defense against an unsuccessful adoption. We are not trying to scare anyone off, but given all the facts, it is better potential adopters decide for themselves if a greyhound is not for them. After a greyhound is placed in a home, we follow up with the new family, offering suggestions, inviting them to events, sharing experience and tips that have worked with our dogs.

Finally, we seal the deal with the adoption contract, a legally binding document where all adopters, including ourselves agree to certain terms regarding the care of their greyhound. I/We agree to; not let the greyhound run loose or be tied to a stationary object. Keep the greyhound on HW preventative and current on vaccinations. Not keep the GH as an outside dog. Keep a lock on my gate. Contact HOH if my greyhound gets loose. Keep ID on my GH at all times. And finally, if all other possible options have been exhausted, contact HOH if I have to return my GH.

A yearly review of these terms is good for all of us.

*Happy New Year, hugs and paws to all .*

## 11 Fun Facts about Greyhounds

1. On the track, Greyhounds can lose up to 5 pounds in a single race.
2. Each racing greyhound is tattooed. The right ear is their birth date; the left ear is the litter number. You can track the greyhound's brothers & sisters through these tattoos. You can also trace their racing record & racing name by the tattoos.
3. The greyhounds are trained not to sit in the starting box, so it is very seldom that you do see a greyhound sit.
4. Adopting a greyhound can be described as the potato chip theory, you can't have just one.
5. Greyhounds are commonly called 45 MPH Couch Potatoes
6. The Greyhound's body weight is only 16% fat, less than half the amount of dogs of a similar weight in other breeds.
7. The smallest retired racing Greyhound can weigh as little as 40 pounds, and the largest may tip the scales at more than 100 pounds and still be at a normal weight.
8. Racing Greyhounds have never seen other breeds of dogs.
9. Stairs are something a Retired Greyhound has never experienced. Watching in an adult Greyhound tackle stairs is amusing.
10. Greyhounds can reach speeds of 45 MPH in 6 to 8 feet
11. When a Greyhound is in full stride, all four feet leave the ground.

## MEDICAL MOMENT from Candee Scott...

Our greyhounds tend to get a few more scrapes and cuts than most dogs due to their thin skin so many of us end up playing Junior Vet. To this end I wanted to pass along some information about some products that some of us have found helpful in healing wounds that don't really require Veterinary care.

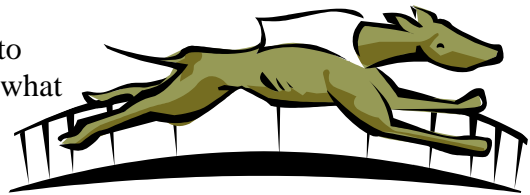
**Aloe Wound Salve by Aloe Advantage** can be found at Lumber Two and probably other stores that carry horse and dog supplies. This salve is nearly a miracle and I never thought I'd think anything worked better than Neosporin. It promotes healing and skin growth.

**Liquid Bandage by Band Aid** can be found at any drugstore or pharmacy or department store that has a first aid section. It is good for wounds that don't quite require stitches, but still need a protective coating especially if they are in a difficult area to wrap or bandage.

It's always good to clean any wound with soap and water first. You can use Hydrogen Peroxide to clean up the blood and see where the wound actually begins and ends and follow that up with cleansing with Saline Solution. Dry the wound good with clean white towels or paper towels and then try one of the above products.

All of the above are good to keep on hand in case of an accident. Gauze, tape and vet wrap are good to have too.

Some greyhounds get cuts easier than others. As you get to know your greyhound better you'll get better at knowing what requires a visit to the vet and what you can handle with some first aid at home.



## Adoptions for the Quarter

*Cici* is now living with Splash and Chris Cook

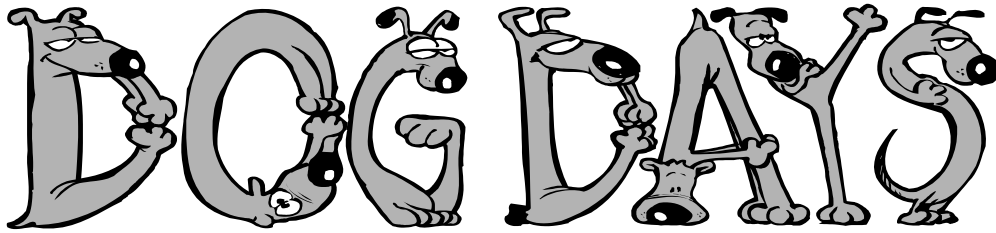
*Jeremiah Johnson* is in Norman becoming an OU Sooner with Mark & Becky Busey

*Joey* is with his new Mommy Phillis Davis and lots of kids

*Kona* is living the country life with Arlene & family in Wynnewood

*Pongo* and his friend kitty cat now live with Tim & Paula Harrington

*Tory* is living the good couch life with Donny & Deidre McConnell



## Hounds of the Heartland Activity Calendar for January thru March 2006

### January 2006

- Saturday Jan 7 - Dog walking Meet at Nichols Hill Park on Grand 9am
- Tuesday Jan 10 - Borders Bookstore NW Expressway OKC Show & Tell 6-9pm
- Sunday Jan 15 - Petsmart Show & Tell Norman 12 - 4pm
- Sunday Jan 15 - Petsmart Show & Tell NW Expressway @ Rockwell OKC 1-4pm
- Saturday Jan 21 - Petsmart Show & Tell Edmond 11am - 2pm
- Saturday Jan 21 - Petsmart Show & Tell NW 63<sup>rd</sup> OKC 11am - 2pm

### February 2006

- Saturday Feb 4 - Dog walking Meet at Lake Hefner at Portland and Grand 9am
- Tuesday Feb 14 - Borders Bookstore NW Expressway OKC Show & Tell 6-9pm
- Saturday Feb 18 - Petsmart Show & Tell NW 63<sup>rd</sup> OKC 11am - 2pm
- Saturday Feb 18 - Petco Show & Tell 324 S Bryant; Edmond 11am - 2pm
- Sunday Feb 19 - Petsmart Show & Tell Norman 12 - 4pm
- Sunday Feb 19 - Petsmart Show & Tell NW Expressway @ Rockwell OKC 1-4pm

### March 2006

- Saturday Mar 4 - Dog walking Meet at Nichols Hill Park on Grand 9am
- Tuesday Mar 14 - Borders Bookstore NW Expressway OKC Show & Tell 6-9pm
- Saturday Mar 18 - Petsmart Show & Tell Edmond 11am - 2pm
- Saturday Mar 18 - Petsmart Show & Tell NW 63<sup>rd</sup> OKC 11am - 2pm
- Sunday Mar 19 - Petsmart Show & Tell Norman 12 - 4pm
- Sunday Mar 19 - Petsmart Show & Tell NW Expressway @ Rockwell OKC 1-4pm



**FUNDRAISING IDEAS NEEDED:** If you have an idea for raising money for Hounds of the Heartland...please let us know. We've tried selling our logowear t-shirts and sweatshirts, selling decals and other greyhound paraphernalia.

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Run Hard...  
 Retire Easy..  
 Adopt A  
 Greyhound

Catch us on the web  
[www.greyhoundpetsok.org](http://www.greyhoundpetsok.org)

Living the good life...

I told them I wouldn't eat you! You're my friend!  
 Pongo



I don't know why people think I'm spoiled  
 Reba



Mom, you told me I didn't have to wear the penguin pj's in public anymore!  
 Topper



Hound of Heaven  
 Dog Coats  
 Coats can be made with your choice of fabric, color and style.

Styles: Single Fleece- no collar	\$25.00
Double Fleece—no collar	\$30.00
Single Fleece with Snood	\$35.00
Double Fleece with Snood	\$40.00
Outer Fabric & Fleece with Snood	\$50.00
Monogram	\$5.00
Custom bed covers for existing dog bed	\$35.00

\*Price increase due to using MicroFleece when color available. Will take \$5.00 off per coat when using regular fleece.  
 \*Prices will vary when requesting "haute couture" (belts, etc.)

30% Goes to Hounds of the Heartland Adoption  
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