



# The GREATvine

Greyhound Rescue & Adoptions of Tampa Bay, Inc.

## Volunteer Salute: Eva and Jaime

by Carol Chilton



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Eva Sosnowska and Jaime Garcia adopted their first greyhound, Pani, in 2003. Eva and Pani began attending the meet-and-greets at Citrus Park Petsmart and Dog Lovers, gladly promoting greyhound adoption. They also coordinated a meet-and-greet at Fluffy Puppies in Westchase.

For several years Eva and Jaime hosted GREAT's garage sales at their home in Westchase. The garage was packed full of stuff several weeks in advance; the day before, other volunteers would pitch in to sort and price. The each 2 day garage sale brought in much needed funds used to care for the foster dogs in GREAT's care.

The next step in volunteering was fostering. They had 10 fosters beginning in 2009: Rob, Marty, Lizzy, Stars, Windy, Max, Comet, Orlando, Corey and Kami. Number 11 was Becca who was Eva's 2012 Christmas present when she transitioned to a permanent family member.



In 2010 another step in volunteering was taking the big, time-consuming responsibility of processing the adoption applications, responding to calls to the GREATline, and emailing the Weekly Updates to coordinators, home visitors and foster parents.

In spare moments Eva began her Etsy shop, PaniEva. She sells handmade greeting cards, whimsical drawings and donates many to various canine charities. She also joined Hand-made4Hounds team on Etsy, donating both her work and time as shop manager. Twice she has nominated GREAT as H4H charity of the month.

For fun away from Tampa, Eva, Jaime and Pani went to Sandy Paws in Jekyll Island, Georgia 7 times between 2005 and 2012. They also travelled with Pani to Myrtle Beach, Atlanta, Savannah and Blue Ridge Mountains.

Eva will soon be moving from Tampa to the United Kingdom by way of Poland where her family lives. She will be in Poland for several months; the move to the United Kingdom will hopefully be in the spring of 2015. Once Eva is settled, Becca will take her flight to join Eva.

GREAT, the many folks who have volunteered with Eva and Jaime, the many families she helped through the application process, and the foster dogs who have forever homes due in large part to her efforts, wish her the very best with her travels. It has been a pleasure knowing and volunteering with you, Eva!

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## Brandon Meet and Greet *by Susan O'Hara*

Joe and I have been doing a Meet & Greet for Great for about 10 years, first at the Pet Supermarket and later at the Petco in Brandon. It takes place the 3rd Saturday of each month from noon to 3PM and we try to get as many volunteers to join us as possible in order to attract more attention.

We came from Pennsylvania 11 years ago and brought along 3 greys - Kelly, Greta and Trouper, who have since departed. Over the years we have had several more of our own - Delia, Claribel, Sugar and Ralphie - and more fosters than we can remember. Each has been unique and greatly enriched our lives.

## Odessa Meet and Greet *by Linda DePietto*

I became a volunteer in January 2009 after adopting my very first greyhound, Yentl in December 2008. I have fostered and am currently fostering and loving every minute of it. I have also adopted another grey, Bauer, in July 2013. He is 12 and he is a sweet loving senior boy.

I am the coordinator of the Odessa Meet & Greet. Our location is the Petco on SR 54 in Odessa, and we meet once a month, on the 4th Saturday. I have a GREAT group of regulars at my Meet & Greet: Susan Durance & Mally, Sally & Ted Trenta with Josh Freeman & Gypsy Rose, Don Weagle & Titus and Pam Thomas & Honor. We also have some surprise visitors along the way and we always have room for more. I think it's great to also visit other Meet & Greets so you get to see we are really an extended family that share the bond of rescuing a greyhound. I've been to a few Meet & Greets over the years and I have learned so much from the people who have the greatest stories to tell. I wouldn't trade them for the world. I also love doing the State Fair and other events. I have done many home visits and completed a few adoptions. There is nothing more fulfilling than seeing one of our beautiful greys placed in a loving home. Being involved with GREAT has been a truly wonderful part of my life and I am very thankful for the people I have come to know, but mostly for being able to help give these beautiful dogs a real chance at life.



## Monthly Meet & Greets

### **MUVICO – NEW TAMPA**

Jean Mauser 813.971.5772  
JoAnn Copertino 813.994.9825

### **PETCO - BRANDON**

Susan O'Hara 813.643.7709

### **PETCO - ODESSA**

Linda DePietto 727.848.2241

### **PETCO - PORT RICHEY**

Burke Barnaby 727.697.2394

### **PETCO - WESLEY CHAPEL**

JoAnn Copertino 813.994.9825

### **PETCO - WEST SHORE**

Cyndi Rennick 727.417.0913  
Buddy Holliday & Darryl Gilbert 727.323.6057

### **GROOVY CATS & DOGS - TAMPA**

Jodi Frazier 813.969.1310

### **PETCO - PALM HARBOR**

Karen Powers 727.786.4398

### **PET SUPERMARKET - LAKELAND**

John Sprenkle 863.940.4065

Please see our event calendar at [www.great-greyhound.org/](http://www.great-greyhound.org/)



## *Houndie Tips*

### EASY HIGH FEEDER STAND Tip from Brent Worrell

Here's an idea for an easy high feeder for your greyhound. It takes up less room than typical 2-bowl stands you find for sale. It's lightweight, fairly inexpensive and can break down for travel. One 10' piece of 1/2" PVC will be enough for at least 2 stands. The fittings are called "side outlet elbows" and can be hard to find. Lowes does carry them and each stand requires 8. Since you will be making it yourself, you can adjust the dimensions for the size of your bowl and height. My lengths were approximately 6-7/8" for the top pieces and 10" for the legs. It can be difficult to get things square before PVC glue sets up. I suggest you dry fit the top and bottom "squares". That way you can make sure it fits your bowl. One you get it perfectly square, weep some CA (crazy glue) on the joints. That's all you need to keep it from coming apart. If you want it to break down for travel or storage, don't glue the legs. If you want it to look nice, rough up the surface and paint accordingly.



### POOP SCOOPING Tip from Dana Laggan

One of the best tips I have ever received is one that I read in Celebrating Greyhounds magazine a few years ago. Who wants to stick their hand in a baggie and pick up a warm piece of (sometimes mushy) poop? A job that nobody enjoys! Thanks to this tip, I have not felt warm poop in my hand for a couple years now! You get a kitty litter scooper and put a baggie over it. Now, I know this might sound weird and you might feel weird doing it, but trust me, it's worth it. When your dog is walking and about to poop, you can put the scoop right under their butt and catch it and then turn the bag inside out and tie it up. If that grosses you out too much, you can still benefit greatly by scooping it up with the cat litter scoop (with the baggie over it) instead of feeling it in your hands. Try this tip and I promise you, you'll never look back!



Editor's Note: I'd like to make this a regular part of the GREATvine. If you have any tips that you'd like to share, please send them to me at [DGGoldstein1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:DGGoldstein1@tampabay.rr.com). Thanks, Don





## Adoptions

GREAT congratulates the following adopters on their new four-legged family members!

Renaann & Andrew Apple	Barts Back Road	Roadie
Trisch & Rich Armading	Klowa Hutton	Hutton
Tina & Sam Bubb	Paul Uh See	Paul
DeeDee & Bob Jones	LD Weihl Culprit	Grace
Karen Logar & Joseph Paukst	Jet Set	Jenny
Natie, Robert & Matthew Metnick	VJ Cricket	Romeo
Grace, Mike & Justice Parks	KBJ King Buster	Buster
Connie & Brent Worrell	BW Free to Flee	Free



## Keep Your Dog Cool With Cooling Neck Wraps and Collars

by Dana Laggan

Florida is hot! I know I don't even need to tell you that! The Florida heat can be extremely difficult on our hounds. We adopted our first black greyhound, Callie, from GREAT in April 2012. I specifically did not want a black dog after moving to Florida because of the hot sun, but let's just say our dogs often choose us. A year later we adopted another black dog, Callie's daughter Penny.

Black dogs (or any dog) + Florida heat + Sun = TROUBLE. Dogs do not sweat like we do. They cool themselves off through panting. My black dogs suffer tremendously outside in the heat. Many months out of the year I have to be very careful when I take them outside and for how long. I'm so excited that I recently discovered neck cooling devices, such as the Kool Collar. What is a Kool Collar? As its name depicts, it's a collar that cools your dog. You can fill it with ice which produces evaporative cooling as the ice melts and drips down the chest, cooling the most effective area on the dog because the chest is very vascular. It basically creates artificial sweating on a dog. If you are concerned about a drippy wet dog, you can use their freezer tube instead, which keeps the dog cool yet dry.

There are also other neck cooling options out there. My husband recently received a sports cooling neck wrap from a triathlon that he participated in, which I am now using on my dog Callie. There are also sites that carry cooling bandanas and wraps specifically made for dogs, such as [cooldogs.com](http://cooldogs.com). Cooling wraps often contain water polymer gel beads which, like the Kool Collar, also work via evaporative cooling.

My only regret is not knowing about cooling neck wraps when we first adopted our black dogs. The reason I found out about them recently is because Callie (12 ½ years old) has developed signs and symptoms of laryngeal paralysis this year, a fairly common condition in large breed older dogs. Fortunately her condition is currently pretty mild, but her main triggers are heat and humidity. She immediately starts panting very loudly in a hoarse voice when she goes outside. And more recently she was having "fits", as I call them, when she was outside for more than a couple minutes and right after

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## Forever in Our Hearts...

With Greyt sadness, we say goodbye to the following beloved pets:

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Virginia Rice & Dustin Belyea | Annie         |
| Tina & Sam Bubb               | Sweetie       |
| Kelli & Steve Chickos         | Burl          |
| Linda DePietto                | Bauer         |
| Bob Elsner                    | Sundown       |
| Tom Emundi                    | Hickory       |
| Amy & David Foshee            | Sunny         |
| Jodi Frazier & Eric Ballard   | Dusty         |
| Charlene & Steve Hasley       | Stan          |
| Jeanette & Alan Kauf-Stern    | Ike           |
| Karen Lawrence                | Sam           |
| Janet & Larry Osalkowski      | Katydidit     |
| Karen & Joe Osman             | Angie & Riffy |
| Karen, Bob & Cliff Powers     | Rosie         |
| Cyndi Rennick                 | Dodd          |
| Cindy Wiehrs & Hank Orr       | Cruiser       |



## Upcoming Events

**October 18** Polk State College in Winter Haven will hold its annual Fall Fest. This is a fall arts/crafts festival that typically draws large crowds. . GREAT has participated in this event for several years. We will once again have a booth. We are searching for volunteers to come out and raise awareness about Greyhounds. Contact John Sprenkle.

**November 1** GREAT will be participating in Woofstock at the Original Carrollwood Park, 11430 Orange Grove Dr. in Tampa. We will be there from 10 AM to 2 PM. We are looking for volunteers who are able to work during that time with their dogs. This is a big event being hosted by Groovy Cats & Dogs, the New Barker, and several other organizations. We have the potential to bring in lots of donations and spread the word about greyhounds as pets! There will be food, vendors, raffles, prizes, music and entertainment. Please let Kelly know if you can support this.

**November 16** The GREAT Picnic is coming up on November 16. It will be the same place as last year, and we'll follow the same format, namely relaxing with the dogs, eating and catching up with our former foster dogs. This event will not feature vendors, sales or raffles. We will have the Board election, fun games, and we will have a 'swap' table - bring your gently used dog collars, etc.!). See Page 6 for more details. Please join us from Noon to 3:00 pm at:

Philippe Park, Shelter 7  
2525 Philippe Parkway  
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

**November 20** Great American Teach-in. This is an opportunity to share our pups with school kids. Everyone who has participated in the past has thoroughly enjoyed it, and of course the greyhounds love kids. We take our greys to an elementary or middle school, talk about greyhounds with the kids, and let the kids love on the dogs. This is during the school day, generally between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. The schools are flexible with in that timeframe. If anyone is interested in participating, please let Don Goldstein know as soon as possible.

**Holiday Fund Raiser** We are currently trying to develop a fundraiser to replace our Gift Wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Please watch your email for details as they develop.

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Karen Powers



## *GREAT Picnic*

It's time for the GREAT Picnic, coming up on November 16. We'll be doing the same thing we did the last couple years—having a relaxed “un-picnic.” We will once again be at Philippe Park on Sunday November 16 from Noon to 3 pm in shelter 7. A pre-paid cover charge of \$15.00 per family (no matter how many people and hounds you can fit into your car) covers the shelter price, hotdogs, butts, condiments and beverages. We are asking every to bring a covered dish. We will also have water bowls for the dogs. There will be no vendors or shopping, but we will have a swap table—bring your gently used collars, leashes and coats. Whatever is left will be donated to the galgos or other hounds in need. Mostly it will all be about just hanging out, stuffing our faces, and enjoying our hounds and hopefully, the weather! Hope to see you all there! You can register for the picnic online at [www.great-greyhound.org](http://www.great-greyhound.org).

It's also time for our elections. Half of the GREAT Board have finished out their two year terms, and can decide to run again. This year Brenda Hodges, Karen Powers, and Don Goldstein are completing their terms, and all are running to continue on the Board.

Anyone can run for a position on the Board. Nominees do need to commit to checking emails daily and responding to items that need immediate attention. They also need to commit to taking on at least one function for GREAT (whether that be coordinating a Meet & Greet, transporting dogs regularly, answering the GREATLine, or another regular duty). The Board meets one per quarter in a central location (close to a highway) for approximately 2 hours per meeting.

If you are interested in running for the Board, please submit your name, a list of functions that you are interested in and a short bio (approximately 200 words) to the Board at [GREATBoard@great-greyhound.org](mailto:GREATBoard@great-greyhound.org) no later than October 18, 2014. Ballots will be available online from October 18 to November 16, 2014, and all members will be eligible to vote. Voting will also be possible at the picnic at Philippe Park, with results posted on the website on November 17, 2014.

## *Keep Your Dog Cool (continued)*

she would come inside if she got too excited. She would cough, gag, and struggle to breathe. That's when I joined a laryngeal paralysis Yahoo group and learned about the Kool Collar. It clicked in my brain that my husband had recently received the sports cooling neck wrap and decided to use that. What a godsend! The first time I put it on her was when I let her out midday. Her panting was a lot quieter, she didn't struggle to breathe, and completely normal breathing resumed within 30 seconds after coming inside. I was ecstatic! (And I think it's fair to say that Callie was too!) I feel so empowered that I can do more to prevent her from suffering effects of laryngeal paralysis. I highly recommend using neck cooling products for your pup.

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