



GREYHOUND
ADOPTION PROGRAM SA

Racing to Retirement

GAPSA e-NEWS

May 2011

Lou's Musings:

Don't you just love how compact these big dogs can become?
This is Juno sitting near the dinner table at a friend's house.

Apart from being delightfully well behaved as she padded silently around the house, she was more interested in sleeping than sniffing at the table or being a bother.

We are very proud of how easy-going she is and how we can enjoy socialising at our friends houses and bring her with us.

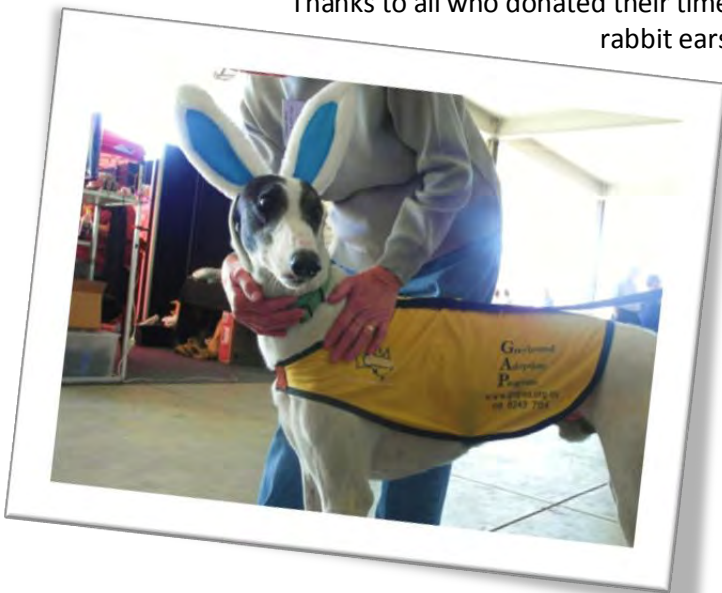
...perhaps our friends are actually more interested in Juno's company than ours??!



Easter Art and Craft Fair, Morphettville Racecourse.

We had a lovely couple of days at the Art & Craft Fair over the Easter weekend.

Thanks to all who donated their time – and the rabbit ears!



Foster Carers – Can you help?

Ever thought about becoming a Greyhound Foster Carer? Gap is seeking some new fosterers to join the fold.

Fosterers are an incredibly important part of the Adoption process and it is a very rewarding thing to do.

What does it involve?

Once a dog has been accepted into the Adoption Program, you take them home to begin their new lives. Your role is to give the dogs' time and assistance to help them adjust from their racing or kennel life into being a beloved family pet. They may not know what a washing machine is. They may never have encountered a glass sliding door. They don't know that we prefer them to sleep on their mat and not the new sofa. As their fosterer, you teach them these things. You help instil basic obedience, basic house training and manners. You help them adjust to their new and strange environment. Kennels don't usually have children running around, tempting rubbish bins or food left on benches, or toys that aren't meant for chewing. Kennels aren't usually as big as our houses – it can be a bit confusing! During this time you will begin to see their personalities emerge and this helps us find the right family for them. Some dogs will be happier in a busier house; some might prefer company or that of other dogs. Some dogs might prefer to be alone or perhaps only around older children. There will be some appointments the dogs need to keep – Angela will organise these for you. The dogs receive vet care, and will require micro-chipping, vaccinating, desexing, etc, to get them ready for adoption. The big aim of the fostering process is to get the dog their Green Collar and then a new home.

What is Provided?

- A dog!
- Dry dog food
- Training nights with other Fosterers
- Muzzles, leads
- Constant support from the Team



Things to Consider

- We ask that you have a secure and fenced yard to keep the dogs safe. Although not great jumping dogs, a high fence and secure gate is definitely best ☺
- Think about your time constraints. If your lifestyle was like mine years ago, you barely had more than 10 minutes at home in a week...
- Greyhounds must be walked on a lead at all times in public areas - this is particularly important for dogs learning to socialise and find out about the big wide world. Walking is a great way to bond with your dog and help to teach manners.
- Greyhounds earn the right to not wear a muzzle once they have passed their Green Collar Test and their *new owner* has applied to the Cat and Dog Management Board. As a fosterer, you will help get the dog ready for this wonderful muzzle-free life. This does mean that you will have the dog wearing a muzzle during their stay with you, which may be up to 8 weeks. This is incredibly important and must be complied with. SA is blessed to have a muzzle exemption process and we need to do whatever we can to keep it.
- Most dogs take about 4 – 6 weeks of your time. The hardest thing is saying goodbye – but you know that they won't forget you and will greet you warmly at the next function.

facebook & Twitter

Have you seen our *facebook* page?

Just search for **Greyhound Adoption Program SA** and become our friend. Check out the new dogs for adoption and hear the funny stories.

Pass on stories of your own.

Or, if you are on *Twitter*, head to **GAP_SA** and follow our updates. See you there!



Merchandise

Do you have some great ideas for GAPSA Merchandise? Is there something that you think other people would love to buy? Shirts? Hats? Vests? Corkscrews? Let us know!

Fundraising Items

Dog mats

Need a new mat for your long legged friend? These are thick and comfy for a long sleep but very lightweight for owners to carry around. No more struggling with dog beds and blankets. These ones come with a convenient carry handle and come in a variety of coverings. At \$20, they are a steal. Keep one in your car boot and be ready for any occasion.

“FURminator” Pet Hair remover

Do you have dog and cat hair floating around at your home? We have found the solution for you. It’s called the “FURminator” and takes all the hard work out of grooming your friend. It works by removing the loose hair and undercoat and leaves the strong top coat in place. Angela has even seen a red haired dog produce white undercoat hairs (and no lost red hairs!)



I was quite doubtful about how easy it was but thought I’d give it a go on my Siamese and Burmese cats - those hairballs are becoming annoying. I found it quite addictive and they both loved it. They both rolled around and purred and stretched out their legs to let me do their bellies. My brown Burmese girl in particular ended up with a very sleek shiny coat and I haven’t seen a fur ball (or heard the hacking cough) since.

It was so much fun, I was afraid I’d end up with 2 nude cats!!

I gave it a go on Juno even though it wasn’t really needed. Her tail produced a nice crop and she really enjoyed the process.

The FURminator comes in a variety of sizes depending on your pet and begins at \$15 for a small, \$20 for a medium, \$25 for a large and \$35 for a Extra Large. If nothing else, they make great presents! Contact the office to place your order.

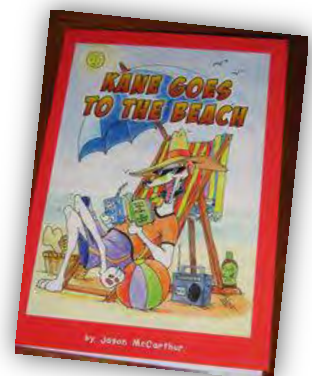


2011 Calendar

The team still have some 2011 calendars for sale. \$5! P.S. It’s time to start thinking about finding photos for the 2012 calendar. Start snapping away.

Books for Children

“Kane goes to the Beach” is a great book for children to learn about Greyhounds. It follows Kane’s beach adventure and shows that Greyhounds are a gentle and lovable breed. \$6



Raffle Books – Help raise funds for GAPSA

GAPSA are selling raffle books from the Credit Union (Australian Central) Community Raffle. Tickets are only \$2-00 each and the prizes are really fabulous - cars; holidays; sound systems. The tickets just sell themselves!

If you wish to buy some tickets or help sell some books, please call 8243 7124. This will help us get to the Royal Show this year!

GAP hounds – and proud of it!

Dress your Greyhound up in a walking jacket and help promote GAP!



We are now able to offer you a range of smart jackets embroidered with GAP's logo, through the extremely generous sponsorship of **Australia Wide Badges** based at Nuriootpa, and a catchy slogan sponsored by one of a number of smaller companies. They come in a variety of colours.



All Jackets are **\$20-00.**

Available in a variety of colours!

Contact Angela to place your order.



Upcoming Events

Looking for a family pet? Not sure what breed? Looking to Volunteer? Interested in Foster Care for dogs?
Or just want to meet a greyhound? Then we have an idea for you...
Get up close and personal with elite athletes - retired racing Greyhounds, of course!
Come meet and greet the GAP Greyhounds & their families, from GAPSA!
All events open to public unless otherwise stated. Some events may have an entry fee.

May

Sunday May 15th

Million Paws Walk – raising money for the RSPCA

For more info - <http://sa.millionpawswalk.com.au/>
Please meet at the GAP Stall on the day if you would like to walk with us!



Thursday July 14th

GAPSA Birthday Bash Fundraising Dinner

Chasers Restaurant - Angle Park Greyhound Track, Greyhound Racing SA

Time : 6:30pm start

Come and Celebrate GAPSA's 14th Birthday with us!

Dinner at Chasers Restaurant – all you can eat buffet plus a special GAP Birthday Cake to share with our guests for only \$35-00 per person. Children under 13 = \$17.50. Under 5's are free.

This is one of the biggest fundraising nights of the year for GAPSA. So get your family and friends and come along to our Birthday Bash! Everyone is welcome.

There will also be a GAP Greyhound parade on the night! (GAP Greyhound graduates only). All GAP greyhounds will parade out to the track in special GAP coats, with their owners and families for all to see.

This is also an opportunity to meet and greet the trainers who placed your wonderful pet into our program.

It's an awesome fun filled night with door prizes raffles, and all the party trimmings - all for GAP guests!

Bookings are essential. *Payment of fundraising dinners are required before the night.*

Please contact Angela on 8243 7124 or gap@grsa.com.au (subject: GAP Nite) to make a booking, and to place your Greyhound into the parade.

*****Payments for all dinners are due no later than July 7th ****

Tickets will be posted once payment has been arrange

Upcoming events con't:

August

Saturday August 6th

Foster Education - Leadership Training

GRSA building.

1-15pm for a 1-30pm start. Ends approx 5-00pm.

Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th

Greyhound Adoption Program Conference.

Sprint & Distance Championship Nationals – Brisbane QLD.

September

Saturday September 24th

Foster Education – Leadership Training 2 / Greyhound Behavior.

GRSA building.

1-15 for a 1-30pm start. Ends approx 5-00pm

October

October 14- 16th

October Craft Fair @ The Channel 7 Gardening Show.

Morphettville Race Course, Morphettville

9:30am – 5pm each day

Greyhounds are required for this event.

If you are interested in attending with your Greyhound, then please contact Angela on 8243 7124 or email

gap@grsa.com.au (subject: October craft fair)

Registration for Greyhounds to attend the event is essential.

November

Sunday November 26th

GAPSA Christmas Open Day

December

December 3 & 4th

Christmas Gift & Craft Fair.

Adelaide Showgrounds, Wayville.

9:30am-5pm each day

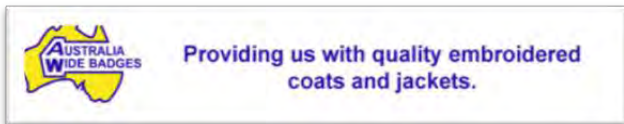
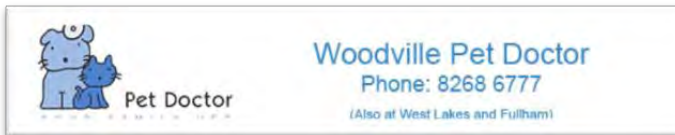
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