

GAPSA E-NEWS

March 2011



Lou's Musings:

If you are like me and perused the GAP websites before deciding if a Greyhound was for you, you also read what people put in newsletters. Here is a thought for you about the gentleness of this breed. You keep hearing that they are gentle, quiet, loving and considerate. Well, this week I stupidly managed to break two of the big bones in my foot and have been at home on crutches. My husband has been fabulous, but I have to acknowledge Juno as well. I finally needed to get out for a while (and I knew she wanted too as well) so I thought I'd try hobbling down the street with her whilst on the crutches. Odd you say, well, ...yes. However she was absolutely perfect – never pulling, not even stopping to sniff at her usual spots and always keeping to the left. Only once did she get ahead and then she slowed right back down to my very sombre speed. She even stood for about 5 full minutes whilst I somehow got us all in the front door. She waited patiently for me to get her walking harness off and then checked before heading off down the corridor. Try getting a smaller dog to do that!

2010 Greyhound of the Year Awards

Congratulations must go to Angela and Jennie who received awards and recognition for their continuing hard work for the GAPSA program. Congrats!

Micro-chipping

Did you know that from 2011 all GAP dogs up for adoption come micro-chipped as well as desexed, wormed, vet checked and vaccinated? Yes, this is great news to keep all hounds safe.

If you are like me, you adopted your greyhound last year or earlier, you may have chosen to micro-chip off your own bat. GAPSA will be asking for these numbers eventually to add to our database.

Hot Weather Reminders

I am sure that you are all aware that hot weather means we have to think extra carefully about our Greyhounds and our schedules. Most of us will have to alter our walking schedules to later in the evening. Those of us who leave our Grey's outside during the day will have to carefully consider the areas they have to relax in and how appropriate those areas are when the temperature soars.

Here are some reminders:

- On a hot day, you should never walk your dog during the middle of the day or afternoon.
- Keep walks to the early morning (prior to 10AM) or evening (after 6PM). You may also have to consider shortening your walks.
- ALWAYS ensure that your dog has water available and don't stand them for long periods in the sun.
- Think about getting a claw proof kiddie pool / clamshell to fill with water for them to laze in.
- Restrict heavy exercise, especially if your dog isn't fit.
- Don't take your dog with you for lunch at a cafe' on a hot day and expect them to stand or lie on the hot footpath. If you can't (or wouldn't) then you can guarantee your hound doesn't want to either!
- The other thing that many people don't consider is the temperature of the ground they have the dog walking on. There's nothing more heart breaking than seeing a dog hopping from foot to foot

because their pads are burning on hot bitumen. Greyhounds are particularly prone to this as they have such soft, delicate pads. A good tip is to put your own hand on the bitumen or footpath before walking the dog on it. If it's too hot for your hand, then it's too hot for your dog to walk on. Keep this in mind if you take your dog to the beach, as sand gets particularly hot.

- The other killer for dogs is humidity. Dogs need air flow to help them keep cool. In humid weather, the air contains more moisture and it's harder for the dog to regulate their temperature by panting. Restrict exercise in humid weather and ensure the dog is in an area where it has a breeze or the air is kept moving (eg with fans)
- Angela has taught me to keep Juno cool by spraying her belly and paws, rather than the top of her coat. She loves it! Some dog coats when wet can act like a wet blanket, holding in the moisture and actually making them hotter. Spraying the belly and feet is the cool areas on a greyhound. ... hence the reason why they like clam shell pools and will step in their water bowl!

Kyton's Easter Buns and Kookies

Easter is rapidly approaching and GAPSA are helping you stock up your kitchen with yummy treats from Kyton's award winning Bakery. The available goodies are:

Hot Cross Buns 500g: 1 DOZ @ \$9-00

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Apricot Macadamia Slice, 250g gift pack @ \$11-00



White Choc Bites, 200g box @ \$6-00



Rocky Road, 230g gift box @ \$10-00



Your orders can be placed with committee members or via the Gapsa office. Please note you will have to have all orders finalised by April 12. You will also need to have the correct change, supplied in a sealed envelope with all your details.

Collection Date : Monday April 18. From 9am – 7pm at the GAPSA Office – Angle Park Greyhound Track (Angle Rd, Angle Park)

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 the Greyhound Adoption Program of SA!
All events open to public unless otherwise stated. Some events may have an entry fee.*

April

April 19th -

Foster Meeting (foster homes only)

Greyhound Racing SA Building

6:30-8pm

April 22 – 25th

Easter Craft & Gift Fair

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 : Easter craft fair)

Registration for Greyhounds to attend the event is essential.

June

Saturday June 18th

Foster Education – Foster homes only

Greyhound Racing SA

Times to be announced.

Formal letter will be sent to all foster homes

July

July 9 – 10th

July Craft & Gift Fair

Adelaide showgrounds, Wayville.

Time: 9:30am -5pm

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: July craft fair)

Registration for Greyhounds to attend the event is essential.

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 arranged.

August

Greyhound Adoption Program Conference.

Sprint & Distance Championship Nationals – Brisbane QLD.

Tuesday August 23 - 26

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

GAPSA Xmas Open Day

Dates and times to be announced.

December

December 3 & 4th

Xmas Gift & Craft Fair.

Adelaide Showgrounds, Wayville

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: xmas craft fair)

Registration for greyhounds to attend the event is essential.

Fundraising Items

Kytos Fundraising – see previous info.

Australian Central/Credit union community Raffle – tickets \$2 each or if you are interested in selling books for GAP please contact Sonia -0401345214 or Jayne – 0411033842. This Raffle will help GAPSA attend the Royal Show again this year, so please contact us if you are able to help.

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