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## Lance's long loving life

A special senior who charms one, everyone

By Pam Brown

If Lance could talk, he'd tell us about his racing career and retiring at age 5 from a Florida track. Then he'd tell us about the lost years — the time between his retirement and when he was turned in to a veterinarian in south Alabama five years later. He was skinny, unkempt, sick with heartworms, bad teeth and was unneutered. That was in 2004 and Lance was 10.

I adopted Lance as a companion for Nelda, my first greyhound. I fell for Lance's sweet face, charming personality and the way he puts his paw on you if you sit or lay by him. Lance has been good for Nelda. But I also think Lance and I have been good for each other.

### SOMETHING ABOUT SENIORS

I don't see adopting a senior as having only a short time with him, but of having an opportunity to make his life better. In return,



Lance is a senior hound who always likes to look his best. His forever home is with Pam Brown and his greyhound sister, Nelda.

he rewards me in many ways. He is a very loving and hound without any fears!

He gives gentle little kisses and nudges me toward the kitchen with his nose when it's breakfast time. When I get dressed to go out, he gets so excited, dancing and prancing because he wants to go. And he's willing to sit in my van all day

just to be with me.

Age is no barrier to being a good companion. At 13, he loves life and to run and play. He wants to be with me more than anything. I am a caretaker by nature and Lance needed to live out the rest of his days in a secure, loving home without a care in the world. It's like he's seen it all and knows what is important! That's a lesson we could all learn.

### \$\$\$ Pricing parameters

Not sure how to price your stuff? Imagine what you'd pay for something at a yard sale and price it accordingly. Below are guidelines. Books and DVDs/cassettes will be priced as a group, so no need to price them individually.

Shoes - \$1-2 include the shoe size on the price tag  
T-shirts - 25c  
Jeans - \$1  
Dress Shirts - 50c-\$2  
Sweaters - \$1-5  
Kid's Clothes - 25c - \$1  
Purses/Luggage - \$1-5  
Hats - 25c-\$1  
Belts - 25c-\$1  
Dishes - 25-50c  
Baskets - 25c-\$1  
Lamps - \$3-10  
Videotapes - 50c  
Toys - 25c-\$1  
Linens - 25c-\$5  
Chairs/Couches - \$5-25  
Rugs - \$1-10  
Large Appliances - \$25-50  
Small Appliances - \$5-\$10

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# Greyt NEWS

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## Yard sale - May 19, 20

Proceeds benefit injured greyhounds



In addition to terrific shopping, this year's yard sale will again feature the culinary expertise of Steve and Ginger Tessier (center) who grilled hot dogs for sale to last year's customers.

Start your spring cleaning early by donating items for GPA/Nashville's yard sale. It's Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20 at 5940 Abbott Drive off Old Hickory Boulevard near Edmundson Pike in the Nipper's Corner area.

Last year, we raised nearly \$6,000 which was used to help pay for surgeries and rehabilitation of broken-legged dogs such as Magic.

### DONATIONS & DROP-OFFS

You can donate clothing, shoes, books, house wares, jewelry, electronics, tools, small and large appliances that work, CDs and videotapes, furniture and rugs, purses/luggage not to mention animal paraphernalia will be accepted. Please, no exercise equipment or holiday décor.

Price all merchandise in advance. (See Pg 4 for pricing suggestions). To arrange to drop off your stuff, contact Carol

Macherey at [cmacvet@comcast.net](mailto:cmacvet@comcast.net). Yard sale donations are tax deductible.

If you need pick-up service for large items, please post to the list and you'll be contacted. We also need to borrow tables to display merchandise. If you have some to loan, post to the list about dropping them by or for pick-up.

### YARD SALE RAMP-UP

In the week immediately before, volunteers will gather daily to get organized and set up sales areas. Interested in helping or just have questions? Contact Pam Neiman at [pamelaneiman@bellsouth.net](mailto:pamelaneiman@bellsouth.net).

In addition to great stuff to buy cheap, Steve and Ginger Tessier will again be roasting wieners with all the fixings on Friday and Saturday to sell to hungry customers, plus soda, fruit and baked goods. If you can only come to the sale at lunch, you'll be able to shop and eat, too.



### Age no barrier to adoption

May is Adopt a Senior Greyhound Month. That's when the spotlight shines on older hounds, like Oreo (above) — usually age eight and up — who are still looking for their forever homes. Sometimes they've been in breeding programs or they may be returned to GPA/N because of a change in family circumstances.

If you've considered adding another greyhound to your family, think about a senior. Typically, they're well-adjusted to life at home and are pros at going up and down steps, walking on lead and housebreaking.

GPA/Nashville can work with you to help you find a senior who will fit in your household. In return, you gain the gratitude that comes with helping seniors live out their years as a loved pet. To learn more, contact: Liz Trapp at [ltrapp44@aol.com](mailto:ltrapp44@aol.com) or 307-3814.

To learn more about the rewards and pleasures of living with a senior hound, see Pg. 4.

# Who owns your greyhound?

## Blue slip essential to final ownership

Do you really own your greyhound? You might be surprised to learn you don't. That's because officially, unless you transfer your hound's ownership through the National Greyhound Association (NGA), he still belongs to his original racing owner.

Transferring ownership is important. If your hound is lost without tags, his ear tattoos are the only clue to true ownership. If you haven't sent in the ownership transfer paperwork, the only record NGA will have is his racing

owner. Since most racing owners don't follow their hounds after adoption, your hound will have no way of getting back to you.

### BLUE SLIP BASICS

GPA/Nashville writes to the racing owners of all the hounds it rehomes, requesting their "blue slips." That's the paperwork to transfer a hound from his racing owner to you, the adopter. Most GPA/N adopters received their hounds' blue slips at or shortly after adoption.

Your job is to fill in the sections marked and send it to the NGA (the address is on the form) along with a check or money order for \$30. Within a few weeks, you'll receive from the

NGA a framable certificate of ownership that includes information on your hounds' lineage and a bertillion that reflects his identifiable markings. The NGA sends a donation of \$10 to GPA/Nashville each time an adopter transfers ownership, so that's another incentive to get it done.

If you've lost your hound's blue slip or need help with this process, contact Liz Trapp — ltrapp44@aol.com or 307-3814.

Get it done today. Our hounds count on us to keep them safe.

Ray Wong  
President, GPA/Nashville

## Hounds will roo for these treats

When it comes to snacks, Carol Hunt's hounds, Dave Wolf and Chocolate Milk, are living the high life. Carol shares her recipe for a healthy treat for greyhounds.

### Greyhound Breakfast Bars

12 C. old-fashioned oats  
1/2 C. molasses  
4 C. whole wheat flour  
2 C. milk  
8 eggs  
3 or 4 mashed bananas  
2/3 C. honey

#### OPTIONAL:

1 large can solid pack pumpkin  
or 3/4 C. vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Dump all ingredients in a VERY large bowl and mix thoroughly. Pat onto greased cookie sheets or jellyroll pans to a thickness of a half-inch. Bake for about an hour. Allow them to cool in the oven with the door open slightly.

Break apart and store HIGH up away from counter-surfing greyhounds! If you want to get fancy, while they're still warm, use a pizza cutter to cut them into shapes or use small cookie cutters.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 17  
**GPA/Nashville Annual Picnic**  
in the large Events Pavilion  
Centennial Park, Nashville

## Greyhounds need vacations, too

Every year, greyhound groups around the country host picnics and gatherings as fundraisers to support adoption.

Plan to attend one of the events below with your hound. You'll meet new greyhound owners, see new sights and support greyhound adoption.

### April 27-29

Greyhounds in Gettysburg  
Gettysburg, Penn.  
[www.trianglegreyhound.org](http://www.trianglegreyhound.org)

### June 2-3

Mountain Hounds  
Gatlinburg, Tenn.  
[www.gfncmountainhounds.com](http://www.gfncmountainhounds.com)

### June 8 -11

Greyhound America  
Abilene, Kan.  
[www.racethewind.org](http://www.racethewind.org)

### July 14-16

Greyhound Festival  
of the Bluegrass,  
Louisville, Ky.  
[www.greyhoundsofshamrock.org/festival](http://www.greyhoundsofshamrock.org/festival)

### Sept. 8-10

North American Greyhound  
Adoption Conference  
San Diego, Calif.  
[www.greyhoundpets.org/conference2006](http://www.greyhoundpets.org/conference2006)

### Sept. 23

Mid-South Adoption Reunion  
West Memphis, Ark.  
[www.mid-southgreyhound.com](http://www.mid-southgreyhound.com)

### Oct. 6-8

Greyhounds Reach the Beach  
Dewey Beach, Del.  
[www.adopt-a-greyhound.org](http://www.adopt-a-greyhound.org)

# Easing greyhounds' bad weather worries

## By Carol Macherey, DVM

Thunderstorm season is upon us and for greyhounds who are afraid of bad weather that's very bad news. The agitation and anxiety that can come with stormy weather is a complex problem. What helps to calm one dog may not work for another. Be prepared to try different things, and also combinations of techniques, to try to give some relief. Here are some ideas

**Rescue Remedy** - This is a mild anti-anxiety over-the-counter medication that is given either directly in the mouth or in drinking water. It's used for separation anxiety, traveling, company coming, etc. It may help mild anxieties, but if you have a dog that is a full-blown thunderphobe, it probably won't be enough.

Available: Wild Oats and on-line.  
**Melatonin** - This is a natural medication that probably is a bit more effective than Rescue Remedy. It can be given at 3 mg per dose, and repeated 2-3 times a day. I would not recommend continuous dosing for weeks at a time, but during a stormy day or two, you can do it for the duration. It may not be enough for the severe thunderphobe.

Available: Vitamin/herbal section of drugs and grocery stores.

**Benadryl** - An over-the-counter antihistamine, Benadryl causes drowsiness. While it's not an anti-anxiety drug, it may allow the hound to sleep through storms. Most greyhounds can take 50 mg per dose and have it repeated once in 12 hours. Don't give it for more than a day. Reduce the dose if it seems to make your hound too sleepy.

Available: Drugstores.

**Desensitization** - You'll hear about playing a recording of a storm at gradually increasing vol-

ume to try to desensitize the dog. I have yet to see it succeed, but if you do it, let me know.

**Sound Muffling** - Consider earplugs or the like to diminish the sound. The draw back is the difficulty fitting an earplug (but not impossible). It also assumes the phobia is just the noise.

**Xanax** (alprazolam) - A true anti-anxiety medication, at proper levels, it's safe to give greyhounds. It can be given at a low dose over a long period of time, or at a higher dose for a brief period. It is the most effective drug for stormphobia. Unfortunately, even that doesn't help all dogs.

Available: From your vet.

**Storm Defender Cape** - A dog coat of material that blocks the static associated with an electrical storm, the Storm Defender is based on the theory that dogs feel the static from a storm before it arrives and that that sensation heightens fear. You put the coat on before the storm and many dogs remain calm.

Available:

[www.stormdefender.com](http://www.stormdefender.com).

**Dryer sheet** - Similar in theory to the Storm Defender Cape, you can rub your dog down with a dryer sheet to remove some of the static from his coat.

**Safe Havens** - Some dogs just need a place to hide, one that feels safe, i.e., closet, under the bed, in the bathtub, in a crate. You may feel uncomfortable to see your dog hiding, but if he feels safe, let him stay.

**Your Behavior** - We hate to see our pets so terrified and it's instinctive to cuddle them and reassure them with sweet talk. But if you "reward" your dog with extra attention, you may actually be training him to keep doing it. Instead, be calm and reassuring, then go about your routine.

## Growing GPA/N family

Between Nov. 15 and April 1, 40 greyhounds have found homes through GPA/N. They are:

### RECENT ADOPTIONS

Billy & Heather Young – General Orders - Ike  
Cindy & Rick Cantrell – BB's Passdabeans - HRH Wendy  
Robin Robinson & Phil Scruggs – BB's Slam Dunk - Catche  
William & Sherrie Watson – Capella  
Sandy Kemp – Hallo Celt Copy - Hallo & Nitro Leonard - Lenny  
Justin & Jenifer Cross – Bangio  
Ed & Bonita Kimbrell – Solitary Silver - Avalon & AMF Ho Lotta Sun - Greystoke  
Jerry & Mary Jane Manley – Bb's Belladonna - Donna  
Gary & Tami Kleczinski – Skiddy Oath - Oath  
Bryan Byrnside – Bacs Banchee - Banchee  
Doug & Jennifer Cantrell – JR's Phoenix - Riley  
Raymond & Sherry Rader – Shot of Whiskey - Whiskey  
Doug & Mary Shaughnessy – Okie Juan - Juan  
The Jerrell Family – Hey Jerry - Jerry  
Angela & Brian Deaton – Kahlua  
Art & Kathy Dumais – Koolade Episode - Koolade  
Justine Venegas – Jenn's Ladybug - Ladybug  
Chris & Tiffany McDaniel – Nitro TB Thurman - Thor  
Nathan Wall & Lisa Gordon – Quik Getaway - Quik  
Linda DeBruan – Mesa Calendar - Josh  
Bill & Rachel How – LNL Grand Slam - Elvis

### CHIPS (As in you can't have just one!)

Scott W Coffey – Pat C Amount - Ammo  
Louise Joyner – HK's Santana - Santana  
Jana Rich & Melissa Lay – Annie Rooster - LeeAnn  
The Shaw Family – Bd's Angelica - Gelli  
Chris & Kristal Dexter – Sandhill Danny - Danny  
Jenn Krause – Roseland - Rosie  
Beau & Vicki Pacheco – Ts Feel Da Bite - Mick the Stick  
Dave & Terri Hedges – Rapido Boston - Boston  
Liz Trapp – Miz Zircon  
Randy & Britt Philips – Chick Chickerson - Sam  
Greg Limbaugh – PTL Leftwich - Lefty  
Charles & Dot Rosenberg – Zam Ever Ivy - Ivy  
Carol Hunt – Chocolate Milk  
Bubba & Janet McIntosh – Oshkosh Jitters - Jilly  
Carol Macherey – TJ's Horseshoe - Horseshoe  
Diane LaMog – Second Base - Zena  
Tiffany & Chris McDaniel – De Cart

In 2005, 90 greyhounds found homes through GPA/Nashville. That's up 10 hounds from 2004.