

# The Home Run

Greyhound Rescue of N.E.

Greyhounds Waiting to Go Home

Summer 2009

## Hound Homecoming!

### Greyhound Festival and Reunion Featuring a Walk-a-thon

October 3, 2009 (rain date Oct. 4th)  
11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.  
River Bend Farm, Uxbridge, Mass.

Come out to a beautiful state park in Uxbridge for an afternoon of fun. Bring your kids and your dog(s), or come alone! There will be vendors with lots of Greyhound merchandise to buy, raffles, a silent auction, games for the dogs, face painting for the kids, information booths, and yummy food. Come visit with other Greyhound owners, shop, eat, and just have fun. We can all share Greyhound stories or learn something new about this great breed. What a great place to learn about Greyhounds as pets!

### Fundraiser Walk-a-thon—same day, same place.

**Please help us make this our biggest fundraiser yet!**

We're again combining our Reunion with our Annual Walk-a-thon. This is one of our biggest fundraisers so we hope you will all participate. Right at River Bend Farm there's a beautiful two-mile walk along the Blackstone River. Just start with



the enclosed Sponsor Sheet and ask friends, family, and co-workers to sponsor your walk. Then show up with your sponsor sheet and donations and join the walk along this beautiful river (you can walk all or part of the two miles). We've enclosed instructions for the Walk, a Sponsor Sheet, and directions. We'll have a free sweatshirt for all who collect over \$100, and a Goodie Bag stuffed with prizes for all who

walk! And the top three fundraisers will get special prizes, including a first prize of a \$250 gift certificate to PetCo!

### Schedule of Events

- 11:00 Registration for the Walk
- 12:00 Group Walk along the Blackstone River
- 2:00 Top three pledge collectors announced
- 2:00 Doggie games and Costume Contest
- 3:00 Silent Auction ends

**Check our Events section on our web page for more detailed info and updates!**



# From

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# Mailroom

Dear Diane,

We had to let Jax, aka Jaxie Blue Bum, go to heaven today. He was starting to have more sick days than feel-good days. He was *the* best dog we've ever had; don't tell Teaspoon I said that.

Many times this past year we thought we'd have to let him go, but he kept bouncing back. When you told him he was being adopted and going to his "forever home," he thought that meant he'd be here "forever." So he kept trying to hold on. He was the most loveable, kind, unselfish dog we've ever had.

He was 10 when we adopted him and lived to 12<sup>1/2</sup>. He was a lucky boy, but we were even luckier. He was a mommy's boy for sure. The *best* friend I've ever had. Never took his eyes off me. Even the day before he went to heaven, he was jumping up at me and playing with his toys. He was so beautiful inside and out: incredibly soft and fluffy slate gray fur, blue eyes, tiny little face. Jaxie had such a strong spirit and a will to live forever in



his forever home. Mentally he was a puppy, but physically his body wore down. Awwwww I miss him.

Thanks again for giving us the privilege of having such a wonderful, beautiful boy enrich our lives.

Debbie & John & Teaspoon

*Jax was returned from a home of 8 years when he was 10 years old. I have a special place in my heart for the needy Greyhounds, and a ten year old dog looking for a home is*

*needy. People don't want to adopt an older dog; "he'll just die soon and I'll be so sad," they say. But then there are special people who come along and adopt these older needy guys. And now I have a special place in my heart for these people, too. They are so compassionate and unselfish to love these older dogs, even for a short time. Thank you so much Debbie and John. I'd also like to grant heartfelt thanks to Judy Lewis, who adopted an 11 year old return from us a couple of months ago. You're special too!*

Diane

## Agway BBQ

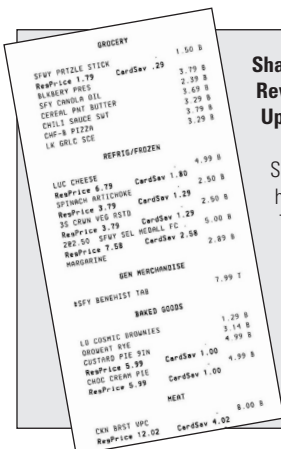
Many thanks to Agway in South Chelmsford and Manager Glenn Serra for sponsoring two Saturday cookouts this spring to benefit GRNE. The BBQ's were the best lunch in town, for the best cause around, and set against a beautiful backdrop of colorful flowering plants and verdant trees in the Agway garden center. Funds raised (\$252) went towards surgery for our recent broken legged Greyhound, "Scotty." Thank you, Glenn! (And many thanks to Kathy for running the BBQ's for GRNE ... so very kind of you.

Thanks!

## Flatbread Company Restaurant Fundraiser

Please watch our website's Events page for the date of our upcoming fundraiser to be held at the Burlington Flatbread Company restaurant. Part of the mission at Flatbread Company is to support local organizations that have an impact on the community. One way they do this is by having benefit nights on Tuesdays and donating a percentage of all pizza sold to the non-profit organization of the evening. Hope you can join us there for great food, and of course a greyt cause!

Coming up!



### Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program: Update and Change

Shaw's Receipt Rewards has a new program. They are going paperless and helping us save time counting, calculating, and mailing so many receipts. It's easier to use, online and

electronic. No more register receipts. Just use your Shaw's Rewards Card on specific days and your purchases are automatically tracked. It's now easier than ever to save money for Greyhound Rescue of N.E.

You can register for the program by linking your Shaw's Rewards Card number with our Neighborhood Rewards organization identification number at [shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards](http://shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards). (You are required to register annually). Greyhound Rescue of N.E.'s Rewards ID# 49001018345.

Then shop at any Shaw's or Massachusetts Star Market on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and use your registered Shaw's Rewards Card number. Shaw's will contribute 1% of each supporter's eligible Rewards Card purchases made on those days to our organization.

We'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to all of our friends that have faithfully mailed or dropped off Shaw's and Star receipts. We have earned over \$1,300 from this program. And we hope you'll sign up to continue to support us. If we can help you sign up, please call us at 508-478-1617.

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# “Oh, so beautiful”—GRNE’s 10th Anniversary Party!

“Oh, so beautiful” was heard a thousand times on June 6th at the Tenth Anniversary Celebration for Greyhound Rescue of N.E., Inc. Scores of Greyhounds, owners, and friends gathered at the shelter to express gratitude to Executive Director Diane Stevens for all that she has done for the dogs.

There were hundreds of reasons to celebrate! GRNE has found homes for over 600 Greyhounds: young retirees, older surrenderees, many who had full careers racing until the age of five, brood mommas, and of course the emergency cases—the “broken-legged” Greyhounds whom Diane could not and would not turn away. GRNE has provided compassionate care for each dog, nurturing them emotionally and physically, providing top rate veterinary care, and working to find just the right home for each one.

The shelter couldn’t function without the help and support of the caring kennel staff, wonderful adoptive and foster families, dedicated volunteers, generous donors, a committed Board of Directors, and most importantly, the shelter’s greatest champion, Diane.

Standing behind the table I was staffing, I had a great view of the day’s activities, as well as the opportunity to meet the visitors and their dogs. From the moment the first supporters arrived until the close of the event, the atmosphere was joyous: it was a celebration of the



Greyhound as a breed, of individual cherished Greyhound pets, and of the community of people who support the shelter. Each Greyhound received a heartfelt welcome, a goody bag filled with treats, and smiles and “Oh, so beautiful” comments from everyone they met.

In the relaxed setting of the shelter’s back yard, visitors strolled around the grounds, meeting old friends and making new ones. There were tables to visit, treats to eat, ice cream to enjoy, massages for the dogs, raffle items to consider, face-painting for children, Greyhound merchandise to buy, and a Silent Auction of beautiful Greyhound art. One lucky couple was high-bidder on a life-size portrait of a greyhound!

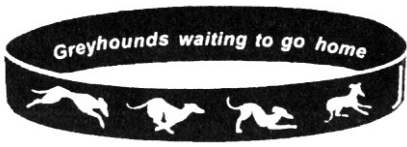
Some people traveled across the state, others just across town. One dog was from Guam, another from Ireland. It was great to meet two of the broken-legged dogs GRNE helped last year, Lenny and Sugar. Both are doing so well! And I met “the greyhound puppy” I had heard so much about, now 12 months old and full of energy.

The crowd grew silent and contemplative as Pastor Bruce performed a Blessing of the Hounds. He spoke of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, who lived life with a passion for peace, honesty, and charity, and caring for those in need. Pastor Bruce spoke of the importance of GRNE’s work, and recognized it as a place of peace, comfort, and tranquility for the retiring racers. And finally, he invited us to reflect on the love our Greyhounds give us every day, and how blessed we are by each Greyhound that enters our lives.

After browsing tables, and enjoying the refreshments, many people spread out picnic blankets, and lounged in the sun (ah, the sun—another reason to celebrate). Others took the opportunity to visit with Chestnut the rescue cow, or to take a tour of the kennel.

The day was, indeed, Oh so Beautiful.

—Kathy Estridge



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## Foster Homes

are always needed. You can help save a Greyhound's life by fostering for 2-4 week period. This will free up a crate in the kennel and we can save another dog. Then you tell us something about the dog's personality, making placement easier.

## Board Your Greyhound

We can board up to six Greyhounds at a time here at the kennel. They'll have fun socializing with other Greyhounds in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We



book up quickly, so let us know as soon as you need to board. We will cater to your Greyhound's every need!

New Boarding Fee effective 1/1/09: Each dog: \$25 per day

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