

# The Home Run

Greyhound Rescue of N.E.

Greyhounds Waiting to Go Home

Winter 2008

## The Joys of Fostering—Jeremy

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**M**y husband, Dave, and I are relative newcomers to the amazing greyhound breed. We lost our beloved Sheltie to Inflammatory Bowel Disease about three years ago and, six weeks thereafter, adopted our first greyhound. Why a greyhound? Well, about twelve years ago my hubby was introduced to one at his daughter's soccer game, and he never forgot the beauty, grace and elegant sweetness he experienced. We can never know the long-term effect of one chance meeting when we bring our hounds out in the public, can we?

So in April 2005, Abby ("Kansas Whisk") adopted Dave while I was still in the Greyhound Friends office filling out paperwork! He said, this little girl is sweet, inquisitive, and friendly, how about her? And I, in my infinite wisdom said, but shouldn't we look at others? We did but Abby had won us



over and we took her home that day. She is a wonderful ambassador for the greyhound breed. Once Dave's brother and his family met Abby, they had to have one of their own! And six months later, they adopted their second one. We had also been thinking of getting another, but came up with many excuses why we were just fine with one (Will they get along? Abby is the "perfect" dog, who needs another? Isn't it more work?).

Fast forward to May 2007. For a year before that, I had been "surfing" all area greyhound adoption service websites "just looking." When a picture of "Jeremy" appeared on the GRNE website, I was mesmerized but unfazed as I went through the "Why We Don't Need Another Dog" checklist. In June we visited Greyhound Friends and met several wonderful dogs, but again made excuses.

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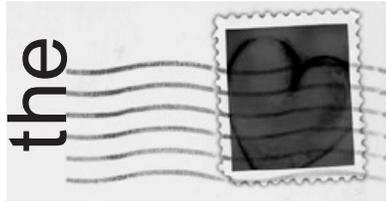


**From the Kennel.** We get calls every week for Greyhounds needing a place to go. They are all out there, lined up and waiting for their chance at a loving home. It can be heartbreaking for us to say, "I'm sorry, we can't take your dog right now." We have limited space, limited adopters, and limited funding. With the elimination of funding from the State in June, we're experiencing some financial shortfalls. We appreciate any and all donations as always, and if you have room for just one more Greyhound (foster or adopt), please call us. We sincerely wish you all a very Happy Holiday season.

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**From**

the



**Mailroom**



Saturday Night 29 March 2008

**Dear Diane,**

Valentine's Day, 2004, we adopted "Ahoy Liz" from Greyhound Rescue to fill the hole left in our hearts by the loss of Mitzi two years earlier. Lizzie has filled the hole and become our dearest companion. She is a happy dog who loves to please us . . . and eat! We built an enclosed track for her in our backyard and she's still able to run to her heart's content. We couldn't have a more perfect fit for her and for us. Thank you, Diane!

Cheers,  
Boots and Richie Roth

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## **GH Fall Festival was a success!**

Many thanks to all our diehard supporters who came out the GH Festival and Walk, rain showers and all! We had a great time and made over \$5,800! Many thanks to Pat & Zeus, Liz & Red, and Pam & Skye—our top 3 pledge collectors! You guys are awesome.

I'm always inspired by our supporters who participate in our events and wholeheartedly have fun! It's inspiring for us and helps keep us going here. We couldn't continue without your support. And needless to say, I'm especially grateful to my Volunteer crew who helped put it all together! You all rock!



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**We'd like to set up an e-mail group to send out quick and interesting notes from time to time. If you're interested in being informed about what's going on at the kennel, e-mail me your e-mail address and we'll include you. Thanks!**



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Jeremy had a few adventures of his own that summer. He arrived at GRNE in February with unremitting diarrhea (but never in his pen!) which was treated several times. He was fostered for about a month but returned due to his bowel issues. Eventually he was put on a prescription kibble which seemed to stabilize him. He went to a new foster home but was returned after a weekend because he didn't walk well on a leash.

Weeks went by until early September, when we brought Abby to GRNE to be kenneled for a few days. On our return for Abby and with some trepidation, I asked Diane if I could briefly meet Jeremy. He bounded out of his crate with nearly 80 lbs of wiggles and excitement and I thought yikes, that is a lot of dog (Abby is a mere 57 lbs.).

I felt my guard go up when Diane in her infinite wisdom said: "Would you like to foster Jeremy?" I believe Diane suspected that we could be the perfect match for Jeremy and his digestive issues; Abby has been on a raw food diet for the past two and a half years and this might be a good solution for him. I thought about her offer for the next week.

The idea of fostering Jeremy made it easier for us to accept the "second dog" concept since if it didn't work out, we wouldn't feel quite so much like we had failed. And maybe she knew that once we took him home, he would win us over with his sweet personality. Two and a half weeks later, we began fostering "Momoni Jeremy" (a/k/a Jeremy, The Boy, Jeroo, The Big Galoop, or Jerry).

I'd like to say it all went smoothly and for the most part it did. The best part has been how well he and Abby get along. They are like littermates. Jeremy arrived nervous about normal household sounds but he took it to a new level! The sound of a golf ball being struck on television would literally send Jeroo into a tailspin as he charged around the house

looking for safety. But thanks to many weeks of gentle work with him, now when the TV is turned on, after only two revolutions he simply goes to his bed to sleep peacefully.

Another endearing quality of The Big Galoop emerged right away on our nightly two-mile walks. Jerry would suddenly stop and look over his right shoulder at some imaginary monster creeping up on him! It might be a sound in the distance, or an oncoming car, but usually it was nothing discernible to the human ear. With gentle but firm persuasion, we would get him to "walk on." Now thankfully that quirk is also history.

Needless to say, we flunked Fostering 101 after only a week. How could we not? With every passing day, Jeremy becomes more settled, happier, sweeter, and goofier. He enjoys throwing stuffies around; he can toss them in the air and catch them. He'll throw them down the hall and run after them. He is unable to contain his zest for life! And like most male greyhounds I know, he shadows Dave and me, always having at least one of us in sight.

Oh, and regarding his sensitive stomach, after we adopted Jeremy we gradually started him on a raw food diet with great success. Now if his stools become a little loose, we simply make adjustments to the diet, for instance adding more calcium or reducing organ meat. He is thriving and loving his real food!

Almost a year has gone by since I first spotted his picture on the GRNE website. I still can't explain why I was drawn to him, but it was something about those eyes and his look that touched my soul. I'm only sorry it took me six months to realize that he belonged to us, and us to him. Thank you, Diane, for suggesting fostering! 🦷

**We're still collecting Shaw's and Star Market receipts!**

We are participating in a special program run by Shaw's Supermarkets and Star Market in which they give us 1% of all food receipts we can collect (some items excluded). So, please save your Shaw's and Star Market receipts and send them to us at GRNE, P.O. Box 507, Mendon, MA 01756. We always welcome the opportunity to take advantage of a creative funding source! So far we have collected over \$95,000 in receipts (amounts to \$950 in funding for GRNE!!!!) Thanks for all the help.

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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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