



# GREY T TALES

The Greyhound Connection Newsletter

## ♥ We Love Lucy ♥



**Lucy giving Shannon those sweet kisses**

employees. A puppy for which, she has figured out, she is unable to provide adequate care. He is cute and fluffy and adorable. He is not a greyhound, but who am I to argue with fate?

Fast forward eleven and a half years. Cosmo was a great dog. Big, goofy, and hyper to the end. It was just this past September that we had to put him to sleep. Our house, regardless of two, busy, loud, rambunctious boys, seemed so quiet. Every day I would listen for his collar jingling as he came to meet me at the door. Months passed and I began thinking of getting another dog. We all missed Cosmo and it just didn't seem right not having a dog in the house! It was a given that we would rescue a dog; we were all in agreement on that. My boys and I began talking about when would be a good time- should we wait until summer when we would all be home? We began thinking of types: little? Big? Shaggy? One that could go running with me? One that could sit on Nick's lap? All along I told the kids of greyhounds. Eventually the three of us were convinced that's what we should get. My husband, not being familiar with greyhounds, was dragging his heels. As this had to be a family decision the boys and I were tortured as we attempted frequently to convince him to our point of view.

Right around this time we happened to be at the Encinitas Street Fair. Fate seemed to be working to our advantage as there was a greyhound rescue group there with a booth set up..... yep- Greyhound Connection! The boys and I gravitated instantly to the booth. We met several greyhounds, among them being Levy and Lucy who were up for adoption. Of course we dropped to our knees to meet them both and offer them love. In return we were given the sweetest kisses ever from Lucy.

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**"Come to our 6th Annual Reunion Saturday, October 20th See you there!!!" LuLu Picnic Flyer page 3**



**...LUCY CONT'D**

With her injured leg, cut off tail and overbite, she was not the prettiest greyhound there, but we couldn't keep our hands off of her and she seemed to feel the same way. Finally my husband dragged us off to see the rest of the Fair. I don't think the boys or I saw a thing. We just kept bug-eying each other behind my husband's back. The three of us had already made up our minds- We were going to have Lucy! So back we went to the booth. A wonderful man named Dave took a lot of time to give my husband very thoughtful and vital information about greyhounds. Once my husband learned about their temperaments and needs, he felt so much more comfortable

(Thank you, Dave!!). We spent quite a bit of time there and left with instructions on how to begin the adoption process. The minute we returned home I went on-line and filled out the application. Days later I heard from Dave that while there were numerous inquiries, ours was the first and we had first shot at adopting Lucy. We went through phone interviews and the home visit and within a week or so Lucy was ours to keep!!

Fast forward to present. Lucy has been with us for three and a half months. It has been fabulous!! We all consider her such a gift. The first week she was a bit timid. After that, her personality came out more every day. She is fun and rambunctious, yet also soft and gentle. She quiets quickly and easily yet is always ready to play when we are. She learns very, very quickly and we all know she's got us totally figured out. Even the last hold-out, my husband Darren, quickly came to love her. You just can't help it. Within the first month he was coming home from work calling out, "Luuucccy, I'm home!!" in a bad accent (think Desi Arnez from the I Love Lucy show). Occasionally, when she pulls the stuffed animals from one of the boys' rooms, I will hear him saying to her, "Luuucccy.... You have some 'splainin to do!!".

I really never thought I would love an animal the way I do Lucy. It's hard to describe. She is just so special. I take her to work with me and use her in the therapy I do with kids. Her story, being in an abusive or tough situation and getting the help from others to get out, is a great parallel for many of the kids I see. And they love her. They have the opportunity to not only receive unconditional love, also the chance to demonstrate it. Lucy is a sponge for their attention, their curiosity, their fear, their trust, their love. What a mutually beneficial relationship! Lucy has definitely filled a special place and role in my life and heart.

When I was asked to write something for the Greyhound Connection Newsletter I knew that I wanted to and that I would. I am completely committed to Lucy and hope that this letter helps other Greys to be adopted. I am happy to receive inquiries by phone or email if anyone wishes to hear more specifics about how Lucy adapted to our family. I will close with a warning though..... I never thought I would EVER allow a dog on the furniture..... Lucy sleeps on the couch 😊

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**Lucy with her brothers Jake & Nick**



# Trick-or-Treat at the Greyhound Connection 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

Saturday, October 20, 2007  
Felicitia Park, Area 4, Escondido  
Time 11a.m.-3p.m.  
Lunch 12:30-1:30p.m.

## Enjoy Halloween Fun with

- Costume Contests for our Greyhound Kids
- Raffles, Games and Shopping
- A Bake Sale—Bring a dessert to donate
- Boxed Lunch—Provided by Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill and will be \$11 p/person in advance or \$14 p/person day of event. R.S.V.P. for lunch only by Saturday, October 13.
- For more information call (619) 286-4739 or visit our website at [www.greyhoundconnection.org](http://www.greyhoundconnection.org)

Make checks payable to Greyhound Connection  
P.O. Box 277, Carlsbad, CA 92018

*Greyhound Connection is a section 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in the spring of 2000. We strive to build lifelong relationships between retired racers and loving, nurturing families through the donations of our supporters.*





# Discount Canine Food and Supplies

*Personal Home Delivery*

Being Greyhound parents and seeing how expensive it is to cater to our high maintenance Greys', not that all are high maintenance, but it just so happen the two we fell in love with were, my husband and I were sitting around one night and talking about how high the markup is at the National and Local Retail Pet Stores.

## **100% + in some instances!**

So we decided to look into starting our own Dog Food & Supplies business and help people save money! After much research and internet digging, we found that we could indeed do this. So June 1, 2007, we did!

Initially, we were going to stick with Large Breed Canines only. But we received a lot of requests for small breed and cat products. So we decided, as long as we can get it, you get it too. Our main focus is Quality food and Products and the convenience of having it delivered to your work or home FREE in most instances.

FREE? Yes, in Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Valley, Clairemont, Tierrasanta, La Mesa, Pt Loma, Hillcrest, North Park, University City, La Jolla, Pacific Beach & surrounding beach communities. A \$2.50 fuel surcharge will apply to communities outside these areas (National City, Spring Valley, El Cajon, Chula Vista, Miramar, Sorrento Valley etc....) We are looking into one weekend a month reaching out to the North County area.

While we both work full time, we can only deliver in the evenings and weekends. This way we get to meet you and your pets. And this is perfectly fine with us, because your pet is why we started this business

Now your question is, what exactly do you carry?

### Natural Foods & Treats

- Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance
- Evolve's Nature's Menu (New)
- Chicken Soup for the Dog Lovers Soul.
- Greenies (Dog & Feline)
- Frontline Plus (Dog & Feline)
- Advantage (Dog & Feline)
- Missing Link Plus

### Ty Bow Wow Beanies

- Feline Fresh Scoopable Cat Litter
- Earthbath Shampoos & Conditioners
- Kirkland Signature Beds
- Premier Training Leads
- Treat Jars
- AirKong Tennis Squeakers

So give us a call, pop us an email, or just browse our website. We look forward to catering to you and your pets.

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**Albert & Aimee Pereyra**

**Discount Canine Food & Supplies**



# Welcome to the GC Family

## April

Captain: Kimberly & Mark Navarro, Encinitas

Turbo (Sammy): Elizabeth & Brian Goldey, Carlsbad

## May

Lucy: Shannon & Darren Day, Solana Beach

Levie: Ricki & Aan Bettencourt, Solana Beach

## June

Rio: Mary Lou Peterson, San Diego

Journey: Sarah Garrison, San Diego

Roo: Suzzie & Pablo Salcedo, San Clemente

## July

Lily (Phantom): Dan Sumner & Amy Seagle, La Jolla

Rocket: Debra Davidson & Jamie Janis, Oceanside

## August:

Joey: Debbie & Martin Zam, Oceanside

Bobbi: Donna Kuslo, Carlsbad

Pinto: Monica & Kevin Barry, San Diego

## September

Zinfandel: Nicole Brokob, Rancho Bernardo

LuLu (Millie): Monica Fett & Steve Blood, Carlsbad

George: Kelly Weaver & Family, Valley Center



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Greyhound Connection would like to ask you to please send us your new mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers if you relocate or change email providers. If you have relocated out of the San Diego area, it would also be a good idea to register your grey with a group in your new area.

Current information is important for your greyhound if he or she were to become lost or found.

Send info to:

[greys@GreyhoundConnection.org](mailto:greys@GreyhoundConnection.org)

And please keep tags on your dogs with your current address and phone numbers.

## Upcoming Events

### GC 6th Annual PICNIC/REUNION

Felicita Park Area 4

Saturday October 20

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Escondido Street Fair

Sunday October 21

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Encinitas Street Fair

Sunday November 18

9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Thank you to all the volunteers that came out for Greyhound Planet Week Meet & Greet's throughout San Diego County .

Volunteers are the reason that make a difference for these fabulous creatures.

Aimee Pereyra, Sarah Garrison, Riki Bettencourt and daughters, Dave Geary, Mike & Telma Shaw, Al & Barbara Ollivares, Rick & Mary Kidder, Debra Davidson & Jamie Janis, Diane Chidney-McNelly and family and all the greyhounds who were present.

A special 'Thank You' to the PETCOs that participated to support Greyhound Connection & GRIN in Greyhound and Galgo awareness to the public. These stores are Sports Arena Boulevard PETCO, San Marcos PETCO and The Escondido PETCO.

Thank you to the management and staff for your kind hospitality.





**Abby**

Loved by Donna Kuslo

# Rainbow Bridge



**Meadow**

Loved by Chelsey & Paul Marashian



**Web**

Loved by Wanda & Mike Abeyta



**Tori**

Better Known as

'Brown Dog'

Loved by Linda Hess,  
many many fosters &

Mike Shaw who would  
come with toys and play  
with her, get her wound  
up and then go home. (c:



**Autum & Desmond**

Loved by Laura Smith



# What's Cookin



## Celebrating Greyhounds 2008 Calendars

Greyhound Connection has 4 greys in the calendars this year. You can purchase the calendars at the picnic or from the Greyhound Store on GC's website.

[www.GreyhoundConnection.org](http://www.GreyhoundConnection.org)



## Foster Homes Needed



For more information: Call Michelle Doehr (760) 822-5155 or GC main line (619) 286-4739

\*\*\* If you are relocating out of the area from where your greyhound was adopted, contact a local greyhound rescue and register your dog with them.



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