



GFNJ Home Stretch

Letter From the President

Dear Greyhound Friends,

There have been many “firsts” since Greyhound Friends began and one of the joys of our longevity is celebrating many great achievements. Another such achievement is fast approaching, on May 14th we mark the Anniversary of the Greyhound Friends Prison Foster Program at Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility in Annandale. It has been 15 years since our award winning Prison Foster Program was launched. On that day we delivered three greyhounds into the care of six young, specifically chosen inmates who acted as primary and secondary caregivers to newly retired greyhounds.

Through trusting and building an open relationship GFNJ, the Prison Superintendent, and a Corrections Commissioner joined forces. Together we presented an opportunity to prison staff and inmates to provide care and training to dogs waiting for forever homes while improving the inmates’ lives as they prepared for their futures. An immediate success, the program enabled GFNJ to accept additional greyhounds and provided the young men learned responsibility and improved writing skills through the use of keeping notebooks on their dog. The program was groundbreaking in 2002.

I often receive calls from around the country asking for guidance in setting up similar programs. I hope you’ll enjoy reading a [2003 Star Ledger](#) article about the program’s launch. Among this programs accomplishments we were inducted into New Jersey’s Veterinarian Hall of Fame for the impact on both the dogs and men’s lives. Another honor we have been privileged to receive is the respect of the staff. They see the value and the benefits this program has had on their charges both four legged and two. We offer thanks to the prison staff for their continued support and to our dedicated volunteers, specifically our Prison Foster Coordinator.

I would like to take this opportunity thank Sue Smith, GFNJ Prison Foster Coordinator for her tireless work in monitoring the program. Her expertise in working with the inmates, the staff and the dogs is an invaluable asset to our program. In addition, gratitude is extended to Denise Parkanyi and Carolann Abbate who gained clearance to go into the prison to help with the program, transport dogs to veterinarian appointments or to handle adoptions of the dogs. A new face in the Prison Program Volunteers is Kirk Johnson. We always appreciate an extra pair of hands.

Fun Fact: Approximately 822 dogs have gone through the Prison Foster Program—is your dog one of them?

Sincerely,

Linda Lyman

**Pet
bites**

"Imagine being in a place where only your mind is truly free, yet all your thoughts cyclone in a pool of past regrets . . . Every day, I now awake with a smile when my dog wags his tail to greet me. They have given us reasons to be optimistic. With every dog we train, we find atonement by helping save a life."

— Stephen Wilkes, former inmate of Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility

Retired racers find new careers

Behind the walls of Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility in Annandale, prison inmates work with retired racetrack greyhounds to make the gentle dogs eligible for permanent homes. Seven candidates for adoption currently curl up in cells with inmates of I prison.

At the start

Prison superintendent Joseph Rizzo already was sold on the breed. He had adopted his own greyhound, Phillies three years ago. "I first learned of a Kansas correctional facility greyhound training program from an issue of Greyhound Magazine, which Margaret Drenchko (education department head) gave me," said Rizzo. He then reached out to Barbara Wicklund, founder of Greyhound Friends of New Jersey in Hillsborough, to help.

"Officer Don Matlock, our dog expert, convinced staff it was safe when there was some skepticism," Rizzo said. "Greyhounds are not an aggressive breed or we wouldn't have allowed them here."

Matlock has run the greyhound project from its inception on May 14, 2002. "It's a change of pace after serving as a K9 handler in the Army for many years," said the officer, who owns nine dogs. "The inmates learn training, kennel management and to resolve daily problems. Having the dogs here pacifies (the inmates) because they're living in a positive environment."

The dogs have been released from a prison not of their making — to freedom at a prison for humans. That irony is not lost on inmates who appear to find an emotional freedom by interacting with the dogs. "Inmate aggression has gone down noticeably. The dogs are a calming influence, not only on inmates, but on staff," said Rizzo, who said many staff members have adopted greyhounds from Wicklund. "Greyhounds will rub against you like cats. They're unique."

Weeks of work

Greyhounds rescued from various racetracks by Wicklund usually stay at Mountainview for six to eight weeks. Each dog is assigned a primary and secondary handler.

On this day, Wicklund delivered Yoki and Della, rescued from a Connecticut racetrack the previous week.

Inmate Keith Connell welcomed Della to his cell along with Val Kadric, the inmate who will serve as secondary handler. Together, the men have trained three retirees and become buddies. Della quivered a bit in her new environment but with constant petting and reassurance, soon calmed down.

But what about parting? "It's hard not to get attached," Connell admitted. "The last one was the hardest," Kadric said.

"When we got Rizz (named for Rizzo), he didn't look so good," Connell recalled. "He was hardest to work with, but he finally passed his good citizenship test, which made us proud. He didn't like a lot of people but he stuck together with us."

We had the glorious opportunity to watch five greyhounds race flat out on a field comparable in size to a racetrack. Seeing the graceful greyhounds streak at full gallop is a thrilling sight. No fake rabbit was needed nor was anyone forcing them to race. It was sheer joy to watch the blur created by the elegant creatures. Short burst runners most of the time they ate content to lounge quietly.

For their "daily double," the dogs wear muzzles because of inbred competitiveness. We saw for ourselves as Giant, handled by William Mack, led the pack and snarled at a pretender trying to overtake him. "I love this dog," said Mack, watching with a huge smile. "He's a little shy, but he's the fastest runner."

Benefits for both

Danny Alvarado is the inmate coordinator of the program. "Some are shy. Some are playful," he said, describing the dogs. "Some have minds of their own. I just love them. They're kind of like cats, very affectionate with a variety of emotions."

Like most of the inmates, whose ages run from 18 to 26, Alvarado has his favorites. "My last dog Rock's personality was very outgoing, happy, always wanting to play

The same day Rock left two weeks ago, Wicklund brought Nitro to Alvarado. "I hated to see Rock go, but you're grateful that someone else is really going to care for them, and now I have Nitro."

Jose DeJesus has trained three greyhounds. "They make you change your attitude and how you behave," he said. "Once you show the dog love, then the dog changes you. You help him, so when someone adopts the dog, it will already be trained and be a loving dog."

"Superintendent Rizzo's dual goal was to help the dogs and to help the inmates," said Wicklund. "I take both goals very seriously."

Wicklund's group pays for everything for the animals – food and veterinary care. "The program costs the state absolutely nothing," she said.



Keith Connell, an inmate at Mountaintop Youth Correctional Facility in Annandale, is part of a group that works with retired greyhounds to prepare them for adoption.



Featured Foster Parent Spotlight - Janet & Bob McDaniel

How did you become involved with fostering greyhounds?

We started fostering Greys ten years ago. At that time we had two Greys, Forgive Pete Rose & Gracie. We went Greyhound Friends Adoption Day and saw a dog who looked very much like Gracie. So we agreed to foster her. When we got her home, we checked on her racing & Heritage. And found out that Meteoric Rise (Sugar) was Gracie's half sister. Bam!!Our first "foster failure"!(we kept her) That hasn't stopped us from doing it again and again.

How many greyhounds have you fostered?

So far, 15 Fosters have been in our home. Another one or two "failures" along the way. And we have one very sweet girl right now who is looking for her forever home, Cuban Wag.

What is the best part about fostering greyhounds?

The best part about fostering is seeing how they learn & adapt to their new life. Whether or not you have a dog, fostering is a way to make a difference in their life, even for a short time. And it can be very beneficial to dogs you already have too. The shy ones come out of their shells & it's wonderful to see their real personality emerge. It does takes time and patience. If you already have a Grey, you know what I mean. For those of you who have lost a dog, it's a great way back to ownership. We said "goodbye" to Stardust, Miss Daisy, Trinity, Pete Rose, and Sugar. It never gets easier but fostering helps the loss.

What is a negative about fostering?

The hardest part of fostering is letting them go. But you know they have a forever home and you have given them a good start. And quite a few keep in touch with pictures & that makes my day.

What advice would you give to people thinking about fostering a grey hound in the future?

My advice is to enjoy every moment that you have them. They will open your heart & you will never forget them.

Fostering...

We supply the dog
You supply the bed
They supply the love



To find out about fostering for Greyhound Friends of NJ, please contact
Patty at patty.comerford@gmail.com or Linda at lelyman7@verizon.net



GFNJ Annual Spring Picnic

**Sunday, JUNE 4th 11am - 3pm
Duke Island Park
Old York Road, Bridgewater, NJ**

**Spend The Day With Other Adopters
& their Wonderful Greyhounds!**

**We need food donations for the
Pot Luck Lunch**

(Monetary donation requested for your meal)

**Contests include: Silliest Ears,
Baldest Butt, Longest Tail and
Bobbing for Biscuits!**

**Pulling winner for Second
Time Around Raffle**

**Pick up your ordered Little
House Candles!**



**Adoptable greyhounds, including
Prison Foster Dogs, available
to Pre-approved Applicants**

**Rain or Shine
Pot Luck Lunch
Great Vendors
Exciting Raffle**

**Bring a chair for yourself & a
blanket for your Greyhound!**

We'll collect:

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Phones/iPads/iPods**

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used coats & collars for
Spanish Galgos & our
Prison Foster Dogs**

***How about volunteering for
set up & break down for the
picnic? Contact Ellen at
redreeper@aol.com***

GFNJ's The Second Time Around Raffle

Sometimes greyhounds are adopted and later returned.
It isn't anyone's fault, usually it just wasn't a good match.

But as Frank Sinatra says:

"LOVE IS LOVELIER THE SECOND TIME AROUND"

As these wonderful dogs wait for their true love, help GFNJ offset the expenses of their care.



"Lucy Dreams of Tuscany"
By Kay Klotzbach ~ 17" x 17"
Framed Giclee limited edition print



Opal and Sterling Silver Bracelet

3/4 of an inch in width ~
it's an open cuff so will
fit any wrist



"Friends of the Wind"
By Josie Therapy
Dog 8" x 10" and
framed to 16" x 19"

Tickets
1 for \$5.00
6 for
\$20.00

Starts
4/30/17
Ends 6/4/17
Winner does not
need to be present

To purchase tickets

Go to the GFNJ website (gfnj.org) and use the PayPal button or mail the attached tickets with a check made out to GFNJ
GFNJ, PO Box 4416, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Last day to mail checks: 5/29/17

Tickets can also be purchased at the Spring Picnic on 6/4/17

First winner pulled gets their choice of the 3 prizes; second winner gets choice of remaining prizes, and the last winner gets the last prize.

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Little House Candle Fundraiser

GFNJ is participating in a fundraiser with
Little House Candles ...
Perfect for Gifts ... Or just for You!

A 27 oz. quart mason jar costs just \$17

The last date to order and pay 5/21/17

Delivery will be at the GFNJ Picnic on Sunday, 6/4

From the Little House Candle website ... "Little House Candles use the best materials and scents to make the highest quality handmade candles. Our candles are made with 100% fully refined paraffin wax. This allows for a more stable candle with a longer shelf life and a heavier scent load. Because of this design, our candles smell stronger while burning than they do when you just open the lid. Our wicks are made with a zinc core, not lead. Every candle is made the old fashioned way. No machines or forced injection are used."



**Please go to the GFNJ website
(gfnj.org) for the full list of scents
and ordering/payment
information**

Little House Candle Scents

SCENT NAME	DESCRIPTION
Angel's Breath	Channel No. 5 (type)
Apple Cinnamon	A combination of warm apples & cinnamon
Baby Powder	The refreshing smell of a clean newborn
Black Cherry	Cherries brewing all day
Citrus	An energizing blast of citrus fruit
Citrus & Teak	The energizing scent of citrus and the soothing scent of teakwood
Clean Linen	Freshly dried laundry
Coconut Passion	Sweet tropical coconut milk
Country Berry	Mixture of fresh fruit & berries
Creamsicle	Vanilla covered with sweet orange
Cucumber Bouquet	Refreshing blast of cucumber with a twist
English Tea	Herbal blend on hot tea
French Vanilla	Breyer's ice cream
Fresh Air	A clean potpourri mix of fresh scents
Gardenia	A clean, fresh blast of gardenias
Honeydew	Freshly cut melons for a summer outing
Honeysuckle	Honeysuckle blooms
Hyacinth	A fresh hyacinth bloom
Island Breeze	Blast of the tropics
Lavender	The most relaxing of all smells
Lemon Ice	Lemon pie ready to eat
Lemongrass & Lavender	Sweet lemongrass swirling in relaxing lavender hues
Life's A Beach	A reminder of shore days
Lilac	A fresh lilac bloom
Mulberry	The berriest of all the berry scents
Orange/Sage	The smell of citrus with a sagey twist
Peach	A fresh Georgia peach
Pineapple	An icy pineapple drink
Pink Grapefruit	A wild blast of the tropics
Puff Away	Baby powder twist to knock out odors
Rain	Clean perfumed day
Raspberry	A refreshing raspberry drink
Sandalwood	Essence from the sandalwood tree
Sandy Shores	Cool water & rain type colognes
Sunflower	A charming fragrance of radiant sunshine and wistful floral accords.
Strawberry	Sweet smell of strawberry picking
Teaberry	Wrigley's chewing gum crashed into Juicy Fruit
Tropical Fruit	A wild blast of the tropics with a fruity twist
Vanillaroma	Vanilla with fruity coconut twist
Victorian Rose	Old fashion pink roses
Waterfall Mist	A scentsation of showering in a clean Jamaican waterfall



You Little Stinker

It started out as a pretty normal morning – at 5am the dogs wanted to go out. I got them muzzled up and out they went. The night before I had smelled skunk, and my un-caffeinated mind again registered that smell as the dogs tumbled back in through the kitchen door.

And then it hit me – the smell of skunk wasn't from outside – it was from inside my house! From one of my dogs! From JT!

Skunk smell has been described as a combination of sulfur, rubber cement, garlic, rotten eggs and burning rubber. And that's what JT now smelled like.

The skunk hit him directly on his muzzle. Fortunately, the muzzle also had a stool guard. Unfortunately, before I could get the muzzle off JT managed to rub it against Cole, me, and several dog beds.

My skunk infused hands then went onto touch my iPad (to look up the skunk odor removal recipe), the cabinets (to get the ingredients), dishtowels and a variety of other surfaces. All of which immediately started to reek of skunk.

I washed JT with the skunk odor removal recipe which helped to a certain point. The problem was that no matter where I turned I smelled skunk. E V E R Y W H E R E. I threw away JT's muzzle, collar, the beds he had touched, the dishtowels that had been used. I washed my clothes twice – once with vinegar and again with laundry detergent. And then I washed them again. JT got washed several times as well using the skunk odor removal recipe. And because I smelled skunk on every surface, anything that I could wash got washed.

Thankfully Amazon offers a variety of skunk removal products that had quick delivery and helped with the skunk smell: Bad Air Sponge; Skunk-Off Pet Shampoo; Zero Odor Eliminator Spray; Nature's Miracle Skunk Odor Remover.

But really what worked best was time. I eventually stopped smelling skunk odor everywhere I turned. To this day JT still smells like skunk when he gets wet. I now have a stock of skunk removal products, which I hope to never use again. And JT , because he is JT, will chase the next skunk he runs into.



About skunks – From Dogwatch.com

Skunks are a member of their own unique animal family, but are believed to be related to the weasel family as well (ferrets, weasels, otters, badgers, stoats, and wolverines). They are omnivores, eating both meat and vegetation, and are crepuscular in nature, meaning they are most active at dawn and dusk. They live in dens that they dig in the ground, and go into semi-hibernation in the colder months. They are most active during the spring and summer, when the weather is warmest. This time of year is prime time for skunks.

Skunks are generally non-aggressive animals that prefer flight to fight; however, when threatened, they are capable of spraying an incredibly foul-smelling substance a distance of up to 16 feet. This stinky spray is a thick, yellow, oily compound that is degraded from urine and released from scent glands located on either side of their back end. The principle component of this stinky secretion is called mercaptan (when you win Jeopardy by knowing that, let us know!), and contains sulfur – hence the stench. In fact, mercaptan is added to odor-free natural gases to that we can tell if we've sprung gas leaks in our stoves or furnaces.

When a skunk is preparing to spray, it will arch its back, raise his tail high, and begin hissing and stomping his feet on the ground. He may even do headstands with his back and tail arched towards the intruder. When he actually sprays, he will bend into a U-shape, with his head and back end facing the intruder, and let 'er rip, aiming his spray primarily at the intruder's face.



Inmates and
greyhounds
from the Prison
Foster Program.



9 Steps to De-Skunk Your Pet – Petful.com

1. Don't wait. The longer the skunk spray stays on, the more time it has to dry and seep further in.
2. Contain the stink. If your pet is outdoors, keep him there. If indoors, get him into a bathroom immediately, avoiding contact with any furnishings.
3. Wear clothes you don't mind ruining.
4. Using paper towels, soak up as much of the spray as possible. Wipe only the affected area so the oil does not spread.
5. Mix the solution in an open container. **Again, never use a closed container.** If your pet's fabric collar was also sprayed, leave it on for the bath.

Apply the mixture directly to the area most affected while avoiding your pet's eyes, nose and mouth. Allow it to sit for at least 5 minutes. If your pet has long fur, trimming it to remove the smell is another option. Rinse off the solution thoroughly with warm water and wash the animal with regular pet shampoo. Rinse and dry.

Pour any remaining solution down the drain. Do not store any leftover solution.

If your pet's face was sprayed, flush the eyes with a saline solution. Apply mineral oil to the eyes to avoid stinging or redness from the bath. Flush the eyes again with saline to remove the mineral oil. Wipe the nostrils and mouth with a paper towel or cotton balls soaked in saline.

Milk may be another way to treat the eyes and face.

Emergency Alternatives

These alternative remedies can help temporarily reduce the odor if you can't make the solution above:

- Douche
- Apple cider vinegar (you can also substitute this for hydrogen peroxide in the solution)
- Peppermint mouthwash

Quart of beer (the yeast cultures may help break down the oil)

Adding 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract can also leave a pleasant post-treatment scent.

So What Is “The Linda Loop”?



GFNJ President Linda Lyman recommends that all greyhound adopters hold their dog's leash in a way that we call "The Linda Loop". The result is where the leash is wrapped around your wrist and held so that it is more difficult for the leash to slip off your hand if your dog pulls. All new adopters are shown how to hold the leash this way. The Linda Loop has saved many greys from getting away from their owners—if you are not familiar with it, please watch the below video where adopter Jacqueline Howard and her foster boy Spiderman demonstrates how to do the Linda Loop.



VIDEO ON
HOW TO DO
THE “LINDA
LOOP”



Photos from the Prison
Foster Program.





GFNJ's "About Greyhounds" Podcast Is Launched

Launched in April in celebration of Adopt a Greyhound Month, GFNJ's new podcast is now available on iTunes and the podcast's website, AboutGreys.com. Listen to discover everything you wanted to know about retired racing greyhounds.

Every week, we're bringing you a new episode on a myriad of greyhound-related topics. Some episodes, or parts of them, are GFNJ-specific. Tune in to hear:

What to know before adopting a greyhound and GFNJ's process

An interview with UK pop chart-topper, Allan Jay, and how he's raising funds and awareness for greyhounds

Stories about greyhounds in history, like George Custer and his greyhounds

What the greyhound fostering experience is like

Caring for an aging greyhound

And more!

What's a Podcast?

Podcasts are like radio shows you can listen to online. Only they're pre-recorded. So, you listen when you want, where you want. You can pause, stop, fast-forward, and reverse, too. Typically, they are free to listen to, just like "About Greyhounds" is.

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GFNJ is Bottling It Up!

A Fundraiser for two of our June 2017
new arrivals with medical needs -
JMB's Free and WW's Zena

GFNJ will be making a $\frac{1}{4}$ barrel of a Bordeaux Blend
with a GFNJ label. Come join us in crushing, pressing,
racking and bottling! These events will be held at Grape
Finale in Flemington, NJ.

We will be having a photo contest for the bottle label!

The Crush Session will be held on Saturday,
May 13th 2017 from 1 - 2pm.

The Press Session will be held on Wednesday,
May 24th 2017 from 8 - 9pm.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of each session.
Wear dark clothing and non-slip shoes that can get dirty.

No date is set yet for the Racking.

The Bottling will be held in Feb/March of 2018.

A \$50 donation includes admittance to all
4 phases of the wine making.

A \$25 non-refundable donation will hold your place at
the Bottling Session. The other \$25 is due a MONTH
BEFORE the Bottling.

The Bottling includes wine, beer, light food, a bottle of GFNJ
wine, a basket raffle, silent auction and 50/50!

Payment can be made using the PayPal button on
the GFNJ website (gfnj.org)



Grape Finale

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A BarkBox subscription for him. A \$25 donation for GFNJ.

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~ 2017 Greyhound Adoption Expo ~

Saturday, June 24th ~ 11am - 3pm

Raindate - Sunday, June 25th



greyhoundadoptionexpo.com



283 Orchard Hill Road, Pomfret, CT

**Tickets are \$15.00 and include the Puppy Tour, Fun Run,
great BBQ, vendors and so much more!**

Any questions can be directed to Linda Lyman at lelyman7@verizon.net

Picnic donation is \$15 and can be made through PayPal or on the day of the event. PayPal account will come up as patty.comerford@yahoo.com

GFNJ's Annual Fall Picnic/Greyhound Planet Day

Sunday, September 17

Pineland Country Kennel, Tabernacle, NJ



Greyhound Planet Day is a time chosen each year to honor the Greyhound and its relatives (Galgos, lurchers, etc.) throughout the world. The purpose of this international event is to raise the public's awareness of the wonder and magic of Greyhounds as pets, educate others on the current status of hounds around the world and to honor those Greyhounds who have left us.

GFNJ DOGS LOOKING FOR “FOREVER HOMES”



BROADWAY
JOHNNY



ACE



HASHTAG
WARRIOR



PONDA's OUTCAST

GFNJ has some wonderful dogs looking for homes—some are in foster care, others in the Prison Foster Program. Some have medical needs, some need to live with another dog due to separation anxiety, some are more high energy. All are loving dogs looking for their “special family”. For more info, go to the GFNJ website, gfnj.org



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HAWK “ARCHER”



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LEAVING \$10 BILLION ON THE TABLE

That's the amount of money that a collective group of many Americans are ignoring. Money that could be put to good use. Literally. Most large corporations, and even some small- to mid-sized companies, offer a matching gift program to employees.

Here's how it generally works: The company has a giving website accessible to employees. The employees make donations to qualified 501(c)(3) (non-profit) organizations like GFNJ, either on or offline, depending on the program. Up to a certain dollar amount, the company will give a matching gift, either a percentage of it or double, and sometimes even more, to the charities the employees donate to.

What Qualifies as a Donation?

Typically, company gifting programs consider the following as charitable gifts:

Cash

Supplies for the organization (e.g., food for foster dogs).

Event prizes. However, if you make something, like a painting or a piece of furniture, the matched dollar amount will only be for your cost of the materials used to make the item, not the market value of the finished product.

An employee's time may also qualify. Here's how ...

Money for Volunteering

Some companies offer their employees donations based on the hours they volunteer. For example, a company may donate \$10 an hour, up to 50 volunteer hours per year, to the organization an employee volunteers for. In this example, the donation would be \$500.

Paid Time Off for Volunteering

Another giving perk that many employers offer is paid time off for charitable work. For example, your company may offer a paid day off for you to volunteer for a GFNJ "haul day," when new greyhounds are welcomed to New Jersey, or for volunteering at an event, like a picnic or the annual craft show.

Does Your Company Offer Matching Donations?

GFNJ depends on donations to help bring greyhounds home. Ask your employer if there's a matching gift program at your company. And if your company does have such a program, consider donating to GFNJ to get a matching gift.

Matching Company Gifts: Statistics

65% of Fortune 500 companies¹ offer matching gift programs and nearly **two-thirds of employers** surveyed indicate they match employee payroll contributions.²

Over **18 million people** work for companies with matching gift programs.³

An estimated **\$2 to \$3 billion** is donated through matching gift programs annually⁴

An estimated **\$6-\$10 billion** in matching gift funds goes unclaimed per year.⁵

¹ Double the Donation's Review of Fortune 500 Companies' Employee Giving Programs

² America's Charities 2013 Snapshot

³ Analysis of employment figures for companies in Double the Donation's matching gift database

⁴ Analysis of employment figures for companies in Double the Donation's matching gift database

⁵ Double the Donation's Analysis of Matching Gift Participation Rates

Submitted by Jacqueline Howard



21st Annual GFNJ Pet & Craft Expo!

Saturday, November 11, 2017 ~ 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, November 12, 2017 ~ 10 am to 4 pm

**The Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Avenue,
Westfield, NJ 07090**

If you would like **vendor or volunteer** information,
please contact Ellen at redreeper@aol.com





Easy Ways to Support GFNJ!

Please go to the GFNJ website (gfnj.org) for more info and links



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Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Greyhound Friends of New Jersey. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same Amazon Prime benefits.



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GFNJ Prison Foster Program wish list



MATCHING FUNDS

Many companies want to support the causes that their employees care about, so they set up charitable giving programs through which they match employee donations to eligible nonprofits.



GOOD SEARCH

GoodSearch is a search engine which donates 50-percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. Under "Who Do You GoodSearch for?" enter Greyhound Friends of New Jersey



iGIVE

iGive is an online "shopping mall" where registered charities can earn a percentage of purchases.



WOOFTRAX

WoofTrax donates money for every mile you walk! Download the app on your Android or iPhone! After downloading the app, take the phone with you when you walk. For every mile you walk, a donation is made to the animal group of your choice.



RECYCLE CELL PHONES/iPADS/iPODS

Adopter Carolann Abbate helps GFNJ by collecting old cell phones, iPads and iPods. Please go to the GFNJ website for more info on how to contact Carolann.



GFNJ MEMBERSHIP

Join or Renew Annually

Greyhound Friends of NJ member dues go towards the care of the greyhounds.



PAYPAL GIVING FUND

eBay Giving Works/eBay for Charity makes it easy for members of the eBay community to support their favorite charities when buying and selling in one of the world's largest marketplaces.

FOR ALL FOOD BROUGHT TO THE PICNIC

PLEASE label any food that is gluten free, vegan or contains nuts!



One of GFNJ's collaborations that we are proud to be a part of is NorthStar VETS

Many of our adopted greyhounds have become blood donors at NorthStar Vets. We thank the owners and their dogs that have committed to this great cause. Greyhounds are the very best donors and one unit of blood can save 2 - 4 lives. It's a wonderful feeling to "pay it forward". Our greyhounds have a permanent home and now they are saving lives. A win for everyone! If you are interested in having your greyhound screened to be a donor, contact Maria Lutz at flutz11331@aol.com or 732-521-8330.



Don't Forget to Renew Your Annual Membership!

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For an annual donation you can receive these Membership Premiums:

\$50 donation - a GFNJ license plate holder

\$100 donation - a GFNJ short sleeved T- shirt (style, colors and sizes may vary) T-shirt sizes S/M/L/XL available

No thanks, I don't want a premium —
please use the entire donation to help the greyhounds!

The Membership Form can be found on the GFNJ website (gfnj.org)