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**The Restaurant**

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**ONE MORE SAVED!**



**SAVED - Meet the Dancing Bug (aka Doodlebug) and friend  
Dione, who did the last leg of Bug's transport from  
Birmingham**

This month's cover and the picture above tells the story of What We Do.....

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When the phone rings after 9PM, I know that something is wrong. I am always concerned that something happened to a family member...but sometimes it is a call from a trainer at a racetrack letting me know that one of their dogs has just broken a leg and was there anyway GAF could possibly help.

And that is exactly what happened on Tuesday night, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The call came from Birmingham, Alabama. The dog was not yet three years old and her name is dancing Bug. The track vet felt it was a very nasty break and he knew she would need extensive surgery to even walk again. There is no safety net for dogs like this at many tracks. Neither the local adoption group or the owner will pay to help "fix" a broken leg. The funds are not there and the mindset is to euthanize the dog and to use the funds to keep the kennel solvent. So be it. None of us can change the minds of others. Our job is to be able to step in and give a dog like this a chance to have a future...in a home.... with a family just like your greyhound. Can you even begin to imagine if no one had been there to get your greyhound(s) into adoption? I agreed to help

this dog and the call went out the next day over the internet asking for help in transporting this little brindle girl from Birmingham to Ocala. Within a few days, volunteers from Alabama, Georgia and Florida had come forward and offered to give up most of their Sunday to move our greyhound down here to us. By Sunday night she was safely resting at Vince Chesterfield's, one of our favorite foster homes, not four miles from Grey Haven. She weathered the trip well but I'm sure she was glad to see a soft bed and a good meal again.

By Tuesday afternoon she was in surgery in Orlando...it took two orthopedic surgeons hours to repair the nasty break in her right hock. As of this writing, she is resting comfortably in her crate at the vet's, undergoing extensive post-operative care. We are hoping to bring her home Saturday at the latest and give her the eight to twelve weeks recuperation she needs before we can even begin to think about finding her that perfect home.

None of this is easy...not for the dog, not for the people who made sure she is where she needs to be, not for her caregivers and not for all of you, who continually offer financial assistance so that dogs like the Bug can have a long and healthy future. Without all of you, GAF would not be able to help these dogs. And, if we stopped doing this, more and more greyhounds would die because no one cared or was willing to walk that extra mile.

Please consider this a thank you note to each of you from the hundreds of broken leg greyhounds that GAF has "fixed" over the past ten or so years.

And it is a special thank you note to those who have offered their help in so many ways for Dancing Bug...a cute little brindle girl who now has the same chance that your dog had...a chance for life otherwise denied too many greyhounds.

Marilyn

**Epilogue: The Bug is resting comfortably at Grey Haven and Marilyn reports that the sutures are coming out as we go to press. Well done!!!**

**MORE THANK YOU'S FROM MARILYN:**

*As you have probably figured out by now, the very successful Pancake Breakfast hosted by Allen and Amy Musikantow at their restaurant - Up the Creek Fish Camp located in Sumter Landing in the Villages raised almost \$3300.00. This came just in time to help with Dancing Bug. The Breakfast was run by our great friends from the Villages Greyhound Club headed by Enis Bissonnette. It is an event such as this that allows us to continue our work for all of the Dancing Bugs out there. To all of my friends in the club; a heartfelt thanks for giving of your time (and sleep) to make the day such a huge success. Amy and Allen, all of the kids here at Grey Haven, and those to come, are extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity. You certainly helped to give another needy hound or two, or maybe even three, a chance for a healthy future. We will be forever in your debt. I think it is interesting to note that Allen and his wife, adopted their first greyhound about a year and a half ago. Sadly, Louie passed away in 2007. They now have two new hounds; William, a one year old, and Candy, 7 months. Allen's first greyhound was also his first dog-he never owned a dog before. Now he thinks greyhounds are simply the perfect companion. About a month or so ago, Up the Creek Fish Camp became one of the first licensed dog friendly restaurants in Florida. Although patrons accompanied by their dogs must dine on the patio, that is certainly no chore, since the patio area overlooks one of the prettiest views in Sumter Landing. Allen feels that being a dog friendly*

*place encourages more business and hopes that more restaurants will join the pet friendly ranks. Allen and Amy Musikantow split their time between their Quarter Horse farm in Wisconsin and their home in Ocala.*

*The Memorial Garden workday was also a great success and I want to thank all of you who participated. We got an early start and a good thing-because we got rained out by mid-afternoon. We ended the day enjoying an Italian luncheon prepared by one of our members. The Garden is looking lovely with working sprinklers, some new bushes and some wild orchids in place. Thank you all!*

### **ANIMALS IN THE NEWS**

**Happy Birthday Genie.** The amazing story of Genie, a 19 year old greyhound made the news on Tampa Bay Fox Channel. As Genie approaches her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, we send her our best wishes – Cento Anno, Genie! For the complete story on Genie, go to [www.myfoxtampabay.com](http://www.myfoxtampabay.com)

**Greyhound Protection Update: Grey2K USA celebrates Florida Victory for Greyhounds:** The legislative session has closed with the defeat of all dog track bills. A dangerous series of bills sought to prop up the cruelty of dog racing with expanded gambling. One track owner states he is giving up on trying to get slots. For the complete article, go to: [www.grey2kusa.org](http://www.grey2kusa.org)

**Sports of the Times: Race Illustrates the Brutal Side of Horse Racing** Columnist William C. Rhoden reviews the tragic death of filly Eight Belles, the second place winner of the Kentucky Derby. He compares the cruelty of horse racing to the cruelty of Greyhound racing. For a look at the entire article, go to: [www.NYTimes.com](http://www.NYTimes.com)

**Artist Starves Dog to Death in the Name of Art: Costa Rican “Artist”,** Guillermo Vargas Habacuc, stole a sick dog from the street and chained it to a wall as part of his exhibit in a Costa Rican art gallery. The dog succumbed to starvation while gallery visitors watched. Habacuc has been invited to repeat his exhibit at the Biennial Centro Americas to be held in Honduras, November 2008. For more on this, go to: <http://elperritovive.blogspot.com> The site is in Spanish, however the extremely graphic photos speak for themselves. It is believed the Honduran Government has withdrawn its invitation to Habacuc.

**Mea Culpa:** In last month's issue I inadvertently referred to Kelly Faircloth as Kelly Fairchild – my apologies, Kelly!

## **Summertime.....and the Living is Easy?**

The hazy lazy days of summer have crept up on us and what better time to catch up on some of those books we have been wanting to read. Maybe you should take a look at some of these and add them to your list:

**Dog Park Wisdom**  
**Lisa Wogan**  
**Skipstone/Mountaineer Books**  
[www.mountaineerbooks.com](http://www.mountaineerbooks.com)

Also available from Mountaineer - Unleashed – stories of daring dogs.

Two of my personal favorites: **A Buffalo in the House** by R. D. Rosen. This unlikely story will bring laughter and the almost inevitable tears

As we follow the story of Charlie, the adopted buffalo, we learn not only about buffalos, but we get a great history lesson as well.

**Merle's Door** by Ted Kerasote made it to my "keeper shelf" after just one reading. I longed to be able to live in Wyoming and enjoy the freedom that Kerasote and his dog had. A lovely book.

And if you are fortunate enough to be traveling this summer, here are some sites to investigate if you like to have your hounds with you:

**PETFRIENDLY TRAVEL.COM**  
Pet friendly accommodations, Restaurants, Beaches and more!

**Inn at Maplemont Farm**  
**Barnet, Vermont**  
[Maplemont-farm@hotmail.com](mailto:Maplemont-farm@hotmail.com)

**Lost Coast House – [www.lostcoasthouse.com](http://www.lostcoasthouse.com)  
California**

**Camp Dogwood –Northern IL. (This one sounds like so much fun-  
I'd go even if I didn't have dogs!) [www.CampDogwood.com](http://www.CampDogwood.com)**

**Camp Winnaribbun - Reno NV [www.campw.com](http://www.campw.com)**

**Happy Trails!**

**Greyhounds in Gettysburg - GAFNE**

**Our thanks to Holly Priestly and friends for the great photos of  
their fund raising effort in Gettysburg this year. They hope to  
top their last year's record! Looks as though a goodtime was had  
by all.**



**Greyhounds in Gettysburg  
GAFNE**



## **Club Grub**

Following the Workday Luncheon at Grey Haven, I received many requests for the recipe for “The Salad” - a recipe that I learned years ago in Key West. We would always appear at a friend’s house for a BBQ and the first question asked was always “So, did you make The Salad”? I think the greens were almost optional – it was the delicious pale pink dressing that we were after!

1 10 oz pkg. of bagged salad greens  
3 stalks of celery with leaves – chopped  
½ bag shredded carrots  
1 bulb of fennel; tops removed, bulb split, washed and thinly sliced  
2 to three oz blue cheese crumbled  
½ cup honey roasted peanuts – chopped  
1 cup chow main noodles

Add any of the below: all or just what you like

Diced red pepper  
3 to 4 scallions sliced  
Grape tomatoes  
Thinly sliced peeled cucumber

### **THE DRESSING**

4 TBS sugar  
3 TBS red wine vinegar  
2 minced shallots or ½ small red onion chopped  
1 tsp dry mustard  
½ tsp salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
Combine all dressing ingredients in a small jar or bowl with lid.  
Shake well - this can be made well ahead.

You’ll need a large bowl-

Toss all salad ingredients except nuts and noodles – add ½ the dressing, toss again. Sprinkle nuts and noodles over top. Hold until serving- toss and add more dressing if needed.

## **What's UP?**

**Keep an eye out for GAF's upcoming On-LINE Auction. Check our Website or watch for an email notice. If you wish to donate items for the auction (Marilyn contact who?)**

**Enis Bissonnette of the Village Greyhound Club reminds us that there will be no more Meet and Greets until the fall. If you want info on joining the Villages Club contact them at [www.thevillagesgreyhoundclub.org](http://www.thevillagesgreyhoundclub.org).**

**If you would like to see your Hound in our newsletter pages, please send photos and info to me – [bpietr283@yahoo.com](mailto:bpietr283@yahoo.com)**

## **THE LAST WORD**

### **Editorial**

**NATURALLY NUDE –**

By Barb Pietrangelo, Editor

Years ago, while on a flight to LA, I noticed one of the flight attendants wearing a gorgeous neutral shade of nail polish. It was a mellow, gracious shade of beige – with just enough color to make her nails look long and luscious. I stopped her as she passed my seat and asked the name of this great neutral shade. “Why, it’s Revlon’s Naturally Nude – one of the few shades we are permitted to wear while working.” she replied Well, needless to say, I made a hasty trip to the nearest Walgreen’s and purchased not just one, but three bottles (just in case Revlon decided to retire the shade).

I love neutrals; maybe it has something to do with being raised in a house where neutrals comprised the entire color palette of the living and dining rooms. You could easily miss the beige sofa when sitting down – it blended so well into the beige walls. Even my dogs were neutral – a nice shade of silvery gray that went with any outfit you wanted to wear when showing in the Weimaraner breed ring. But that’s where my bond with neutrality ended.

When I became involved with Wemaraner Rescue in 1983, I learned that there wasn’t really a place for neutrality – it was always “US” against

“THEM” – “them” being backyard breeders, puppy mills and careless, uncaring owners.

Now, all of my beloved Weims and German Shorthaired Pointers are gone, and I find myself a devotee of the lithe, gentle Greyhound. At this point in my life, I couldn't have made a better choice of companions. I am far too much of a “Newbie” within this breed to have formed any meaningful opinions on who is the “THEM”. I read as much as I can to learn about the racing industry and the armada of breeders, farms, etc. that keeps this industry going. I listen to the thoughts of my fellow Greyhound lovers and to those whose lives have become so entwined in the saving of these fine animals. After brief consideration, I have formed this conclusion: I am still, firmly, definitively and always, on the side of the dogs. There is no other choice for me. I can't take a neutral stance. I have seen the maimed and abandoned detritus of the industry. Hence, when I read articles such as the recent coverage in the spring 2008 **cgmagazine (Who's on First?)**, I find myself reverting to my old, cynical, judgmental self. However, there was some good news in those articles. The Racing Industry is shrinking rapidly...perhaps not rapidly enough.

So, this afternoon, I am stopping by my neighborhood Walgreen's for some new nail polish. I feel I need a brighter color, something a little less neutral. I'm considering Flaming Fuchsia-what do you think?

*The opinions expressed in this article reflect the opinions of the author/editor only and do not in anyway express or reflect the opinions of GAF, et al.*



*I GUESS YOU THINK THIS BEING A “PET” GREYHOUND IS EASY,  
HUH?*

*Thanks to Pam and Fred Davis for the picture of their Michael*

Have a great summer, everyone! Until next time.....all the best,  
Barb P..