

SUMMER 2023

# OFF TRACK PETS

NEWS FROM BUFFALO GREYHOUND ADOPTION



## Garage Sale

Friday, September 15  
Saturday, September 16  
9am - 3pm

162 Main Street  
Hamburg, NY 14075

Buffalo Greyhound Adoption's next Garage Sale will be a two-day event! Please gather and set aside your gently-used items (no clothing, stuffed animals or electronics). If you don't have room to keep them, we can place them in our storage space.

**Contact Carolyn at 716-523-7928 if you would like to donate or volunteer for this event.**

This has always been a successful venture for us, so please contribute anything you're able. Thank you!

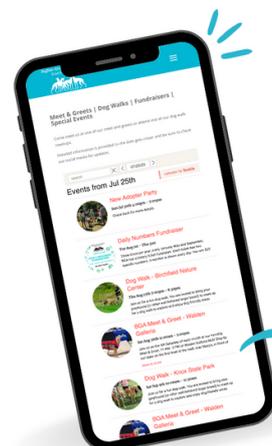
For more pictures and event info, follow us  
<https://www.facebook.com/buffalogreyhound>

## Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 24  
10am - 2pm

Como Lake Park  
Lancaster Place Building

Watch your email and our website for more information and to rsvp!



**Stay Up To Date!**

BGA Events  
Calendar

[buffalogreyhound.org](https://buffalogreyhound.org)

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# Meet & Greets



## MEET & GREET - WALDEN GALLERIA MALL

**Saturday, September 23rd - 11am to 2pm**

Join us on the lower level near Macy's and learn more about BGA and greyhounds.

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**Saturday, October 28th - 11am to 2pm**

Join us on the lower level near Macy's and learn more about BGA and greyhounds.

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**Saturday, November 25th - 11am to 2pm**

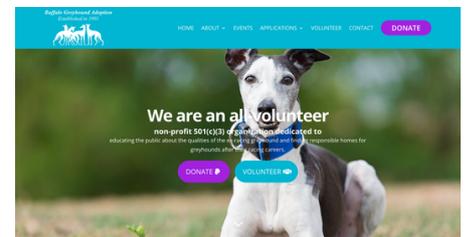
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# New Website

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website!

The new site is more informative, easy to use, and has all our upcoming events and details listed in our online calendar.

Be sure to visit today and check back often for all our event info!



**WELCOME TO BUFFALO GREYHOUND ADOPTION**  
Since 1991, we have been educating and training the Western New York community to enrich the lives of humans and canines. We have worked with greyhound and sighthound organizations throughout the United States and Europe and we are committed to educating the public about the availability and suitability of greyhounds and other sighthound breeds as family pets.

### BGA EVENTS

- New Adopter Party**  
Sat Jul 26th 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Check back for more details.
- Daily Numbers Fundraiser**  
The Aug 1st - The 31st  
This fundraiser runs every January, May and September BGA has a lottery ticket fundraiser. Each ticket has ten specific numbers. A number is drawn every day. You win \$50 if one of your numbers is drawn.
- Dog Walk - Birchfield Nature Center**  
This Aug 28th 10:00am - 10:00am  
Join us for a fun dog walk. You are invited to bring your greyhound (or other well behaved dog) to meet up for a dog walk to explore and enjoy dog-friendly areas around Walden Galleria.
- BGA Meet & Greet - Walden Galleria**  
Sat Aug 28th 11:00am - 1:00pm  
Join us on the 4th level of each month at our monthly Meet & Greet. 11 AM - 2 PM at Walden Galleria Mall. Meet us for a dog walk and meet the staff near Macy's in front of Forever Forever.
- Dog Walk - Knox State Park**  
Sat Sep 6th 10:00am - 10:00am  
Join us for a fun dog walk. You are invited to bring your greyhound (or other well behaved dog) to meet up for a dog walk to explore and enjoy dog-friendly areas around Walden Galleria.

### LOST DOG PAGER (888)-615-7340

Have your pet lost? If followed by a dog, BGA will immediately dispatch a search team to help you find your pet. We'll help you find your pet and help you find your pet. We'll help you find your pet and help you find your pet.

### WAYS TO HELP

Help BGA find foster homes for retired racing greyhounds by donating today!

### FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

As BGA continues to welcome more greyhounds, we are looking for your help. Contact us today to learn more about welcoming one of these beautiful dogs into your home!



Visit: <https://buffalogreyhound.org>

# Dog Walks

The warm weather brings everyone's favorite BGA event – dog walks!

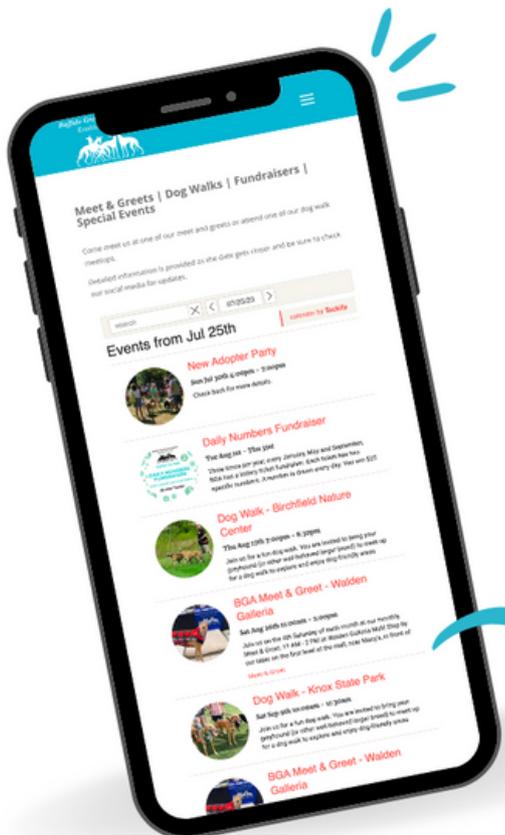
We're looking forward to finishing the summer with some really nice group walks at locations all across Western New York.

This year's schedule includes both weekend and weeknight dates. We also will be returning to some other outdoor events throughout the area, so be sure to watch for announcements on the Events Calendar on our website for all BGA's upcoming events.

# Dog Walk Schedule

Sat, Sept 9  
10am  
Knox Farm State Park  
East Aurora, NY 14052

Sunday, Oct 8  
11am  
Lancaster / Central Ave  
Meet in Parking Lot,  
40 Clark Street, 14086



## Stay Up To Date!

### BGA Events Calendar

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# Welcome To The Pack!

*The BGA family welcomes these newly-adopted greys!*



Hilda (VJ BigBig Energy) Devlin



Sayla (Pat J Sparkler) Green



Hulk (VJ Hulked Out) Sedingr



Stormy (Pat J Spaz Out) Odoj

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Mocha (LFR Opal) MacDonell/Colin



Ondre (VJ Ornery Ondre) Paolini



Molly (VS Dognamedblue) Fraas



Damar (VJM Take A Bet) Doxey



Olive (VJ's Olive Oil) Hammond



Pam (VJ Smalltown Girl) Graziano

# Summer Pet Care Tips from the SPCA

## Heat stroke can kill a pet -- and fast.

Most pet owners realize keeping pets in hot cars can kill them, but not many realize just how quickly the effects of heatstroke can set in for a dog or cat. Heatstroke is a condition animals begin to suffer gradually, but it accelerates quickly. It's easy for early signs of heat-stroke to go unrecognized, and for the pet to be in an emergency situation within minutes.

On warm days, a vehicle acts like an oven. It holds the heat inside, and this heat becomes very intense, even on days that don't seem too warm. On an 85-degree day, for example, even with the windows open, the temperature inside a car can climb to 102 degrees in 10 minutes, and to 120 degrees in 30 minutes. With the humidity we experience in Buffalo, it may go even higher. Since a dog's normal body temperature is 101 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit, he can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage or death.



Typical signs of heatstroke are:

- Panting
- High body temperature
- Dehydration
- Red mouth or eye membranes
- Rapid, irregular heart rate
- Diarrhea
- Weakness or looking dazed
- Coma

If your pet starts showing any of these signs, contact a veterinarian immediately.

## Don't force exercise, primarily after a meal or in hot, humid weather.

Instead, exercise pets in the cool of the early morning or evening. Be extra sensitive to older and overweight animals, or those prone to heart or respiratory problems. Bring plenty of water with you on the walk.

**Be careful where you walk.** Avoid walking your dog in areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals, or have puddles or spots of auto coolant. The sweet taste of poisonous liquids, attracts animals and can sicken or kill them if ingested. Clean any spills immediately, or consider using animal-friendly products to help minimize risks.

## Watch what your pets eat and drink.

In July 2012, two family dogs in North Buffalo died after eating poisonous mushrooms (amanita) growing right in their backyard. Check yards and any areas pets frequent. If something looks suspicious, don't take a chance.

**Get rid of it.** Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection spread through the urine of contaminated animals. The bacteria can get into water (puddles, ponds, pools, etc.) or soil and can survive for months. Humans **and** animals can be infected, so do not let your pet drink, walk through, or swim in water which may have been exposed to infected animals (rodents, wildlife, infected domestic animals, and others).

## Use caution when making summer purchases.

When buying lawn and garden products, always read the labels for ingredients toxic to dogs, cats, and other animals. Fertilizers, weed killers, herbicides, pesticides, and other chemicals can be fatal to your pets. Toss the toxic products from your garage, and learn more about non-toxic, pet-friendly seasonal items. Snail, slug, and rat/mouse baits, and ant/roach baits and traps are also hazardous. Metaldehyde, one of the poisonous ingredients in many baits, is often very appealing to pets, and metaldehyde poisoning can cause increased heart rate, breathing complications, seizures, liver complications, and death. If insect and nuisance-animal control items must be purchased, keep them in locations impossible for pets to reach.

## Keep corn cobs away from dogs.

In August 2013, SPCA veterinarians removed corn cobs from the intestines of not one, but two dogs. Both survived, but without veterinary treatment, the results could have been fatal.

## Do not use human insect repellent on pets.

These items are toxic when ingested at high doses, and dogs and cats may lick it off and ingest it, potentially resulting in a toxicity.

## Greyhounds are not "normal" dogs

Normal blood values in Greyhounds are not the same as other breeds. The information on this card does not replace proper diagnosis or veterinary care. Use it to consult with your veterinarian as part of a diagnostic workup.

Lab Tests	Greyhounds	Other Breeds
WBC (K/ $\mu$ L)	3.6-8.6	4.9-17.6
PCV/ HCT (%)	52-68.4	38.3-56.5
Platelets (K/ $\mu$ L)	97-232	143-448
BUN (mg/dL)	13-29	9-31
Creatinine (mg/dL)	1.2-2.1	0.5-1.5
Total T4 ( $\mu$ g/dL)	0.5-1.7	1.4-4.0
SDMA ( $\mu$ g/dL)	0-20	0-14



Numbers are based on IDEXX Laboratories equipment.

\*Hypothyroidism is rare in Greyhounds. Ask your veterinarian to check TSH levels and discuss clinical signs before accepting a diagnosis of hypothyroidism.

\*\*A Greyhound with HCT/PCV <50% is anemic.

# Thank You!

Buffalo Greyhound Adoption is supported through fundraising events and donations/gifts from individuals, organizations and businesses. Our adoption fee does not fully cover the costs associated with preparing a healthy greyhound for adoption and BGA may spend thousands of dollars for sick or injured dogs to get them the special medical attention they need.

Therefore, we would like to acknowledge the generous contributions we have recently received.

Nancy Hammond - in honor of Foster Dog, Nick  
Nancy Mariane - in honor of Dennis Slisz  
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Kathy & Paul Pfeiffer in honor of Peggy Haloski  
Ron Lorek in honor of Peggy Haloski  
Debbie Doxey in honor of Petty Haloski



# Farewell My Friend

Angus/Anubis (Winning Vision) Nowicki  
Benny (Pocano Bear) Marek  
Dawn (Racing Name Unknown) Jankowski  
Gabby (Finally Free) Hammond  
JJ (Kiowa Jump Jerry) Pillard  
Lola (Braska Doe) Popiolkowski  
Milo (Boc's Bold Stroke) Bush  
Mylo (WW Mile High) McNeil  
Oliver (Cry Exxon)  
Oliver (PJ Super Duper) McMahon  
Peanut (Go Bon Free Ride) Bleckinger  
Polo (Elusive Force) Maciejewski  
Ruby (Gavotte) Marek  
Rudy (CTW Roulette) Jones  
Zorro (Razzle Dazzle) Zeeb



We try hard to be sure we list each BGA dog who passes, so we apologize if we are missing any names.

Please help us keep our newsletter accurate by sending us an email to [buffalogreyhoundinfo@gmail.com](mailto:buffalogreyhoundinfo@gmail.com) and providing your dog's information.

# Donating To BGA Is Easy!



Donate now by scanning the QR Code with your mobile phone

# Farewell My Friend

This is a note I've long dreaded composing, but I knew would one day come. We had to say goodbye today to our beloved greyhound, Lola, after a short illness.

Let me tell you a little bit about this gentle, sweet beast.

We adopted her in August 2012 from Buffalo Greyhound Adoption. My first thought on seeing her was, "That's a weird looking dog." She was all muscle, bone and fur -- fresh off the racetrack in Wheeling, West Virginia where she raced about 30 times, winning only a handful. Trainers retired her and she was brought to Buffalo where she was fostered until being placed in her "forever home." Ours. Her race name was "Braska Doe." Her call name was "Doe Doe," owing to her uncanny resemblance to a deer. We quickly changed it to Lola.

I found out pretty soon this was not a dog who would fetch, do tricks or play with toys. But she was a dog who was always up for a walk or a ride in the car. She rarely barked, and I only ever saw her snap at another dog once, when my sister's dog got too close to her bone. Lola did her "three S's" every morning -- stretch, shake, sneeze -- like clockwork. She loved to nap in her crate and slept on a big cushion at the foot of our bed. More recently, she liked to curl up in front of the fireplace.

My fondest memory of Lola happened at the Ellicott Creek dog park -- "dog island" -- one day soon after we got her. I was standing near the creek and she took off running at full speed in the opposite direction leading others to gasp in awe at the sight. She disappeared from my view briefly, then came running toward me and did a flying leap off a ledge into the creek. Fully submerged, I began to wonder if I was going to have to jump in and rescue her. Then she began to slowly emerge from the creek, walked up the muddy bank, shook herself and carried on like nothing ever happened. I only ever saw her run at full speed a handful of times, but it was an incredible thing to behold.

My other fondest memories are of our almost-daily walks around the Delaware Park Ring Road -- sometimes just us, sometimes with a baby in a stroller. Parkgoers would stop and ask, "Is that one of those racing dogs?" and I would tell them all about the greyhound breed. Kids loved her, and everyone remarked on how soft her fur was. She would just stand there, enjoying the attention and the petting, for as long as you were willing. She also became the official greeter for Buffalo Greyhound Adoption's annual "Photos with Santa" fundraiser. She was a good ambassadog.

Pam's favorite memories are of Lola running circles around our small backyard in the city, or my parents' backyard. Pam also remembers Lola had a funny way of contorting herself to bask in a patch of warm sun on the ground.

We had Lola for 10 and a half wonderful years. She would have turned 13 in about two weeks. She was our constant, ever-present companion over those years, never asking for much -- just to be fed and let out twice a day. Maybe a couple treats, too. OK, a lot of treats. Our house will be a little quieter and lonelier without her. We'll treasure all those memories. Thank you Sue and everyone at BGA for bringing her into our lives.

Lola: I'll miss your stinky dog breath and the way you would "hound" me for breakfast or dinner (she could burn holes in you staring with those big brown eyes). I'll miss wrapping my arms around you to give you belly rubs and singing silly little made-up songs about you. I'm sorry about all the times I yelled at you to get away from the dinner table. I'll miss finding your shedded fur everywhere. I'll miss booping your long snoot and nuzzling your long ears that would perk up at the sound of the word "treat." I'll miss slipping you "people food" and your favorite peanut butter biscuit treats. The greatest lesson you taught us is that we were responsible enough to take the next step and care for a baby.

Sleep easy. I'll miss you, my friend.

Joe Popiolkowski

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## **Lottery Ticket Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who bought lottery tickets for our most recent fundraiser! **The next one is in January and tickets can be purchased starting December 1.**

Tickets are \$5 each, have numbers on them and are for the specific month. You win \$25 if one of your 2 numbers are drawn in the evening on a weekday. If one of your 2 numbers are drawn in the evening on a weekend, you win \$50. Checks to the winners are sent twice per month – after the first two weeks and after the month ends. Tickets are mailed 3-4 weeks preceding the drawing.

Contact Dave Heckmiller at 341-3094 or 941-5060, theheckmillers@aol.com for your tickets.

## **Join Our Email List**

Be sure to stay up to date with the latest BGA news and events by subscribing to our mailing list. We'll deliver important updates directly to your inbox!

<http://eepurl.com/g8X6mn>

## **Donate Today!**

