

# Meetings helps adopters find retired greyhounds

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Every year the majority of all 40,000 retired racing greyhounds in America are either killed, abandoned or sold for research, according to Cynthia A. Branigan, president of Make Peace with Animals, Inc. Of these three options, sale to research labs is becoming more popular for two reasons: owners can make money from the sale, and the labs like working with greyhounds.

Organizations such as Personalized Greyhounds, Inc. and Make Peace with Animals, Inc. are working to make the general public more aware that these animals make ideal pets. They do so by taking the dogs to local malls and gathering places such as the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, so that people can meet them. It is their hope that this will lead to an increase in the adoption of greyhounds as pets.

On Saturdays there is the opportunity to meet these animals at the Camp Hill Shopping Mall. Personalized Greyhounds, Inc. have their "greyhound get-togethers" as a way to encourage the adoption process over

the other two choices.

After seeing the animals at the Renaissance Faire, Kathy McClair has decided she is going to adopt one this month. What attracted her to the greyhounds was their "sleekness, gentleness and inquisitiveness," said McClair, owner of one dog and several large exotic birds. "For a pretty dog to be put down for no reason, you know, that's just not right," she stated.

Greyhound get-togethers are designed to let people experience that qualities that make them ideal family companions. "The greyhound's gentleness makes him or her a good children's dog," says the American Kennel Club in a pamphlet distributed by Personalized Greyhounds, Inc. "They have a coat like warm velvet: soft, huggable and non-allergenic. They do not have Dysplasia, eye defects, skin rashes and many other genetic disorders that plague more popular breeds."

The fee to adopt a greyhound through Personalized Greyhounds, Inc. is \$240. This fee is subject to change and covers transportation of the dog to the Harrisburg area, all immunizations, worming, spaying or neutering,

greyhound collar and lead, identification tag, health record booklet, a "going home guide" and their quarterly newsletter. The adopters choose the color, age and gender preference of the dog. The adopters are asked if they have any children under the age of six, and how soon they would like to receive their new pet.

Once a match is made, the dog is brought to the Susquehanna Valley, and the organization prepares the dog for the adopter's home. This includes washing and grooming, flea and tick check, beginning of house breaking, testing for children and other animal tolerance and training for the navigation of stairs.

When the greyhounds are first received into

the home, they need some supervision. This is necessary since the dogs have spent their entire lives in crates and on flat surfaces. They must be taught how to use stairs, and it will awhile for them to become familiar and comfortable with the spaciousness of their new home.

Kathy McClair said she plans to take six days off from work to help her newest friend adapt to the house and her other dog.

For more information about greyhounds or an adoption application:

\*Personalized Greyhounds, Inc.

(717) 761-3317 or PGINC@webtv.net

\*Make Peace with Animals, Inc.

(800) 366-1472

## Campus Briefs

\* **Thanksgiving holiday not as originally scheduled** - As a reminder to students, all morning classes will held on Nov. 25, until noon. At that time Thanksgiving break will begin and run through Sunday. Classes resume Monday as normal.

\* **Final Schedule** - A copy of the final schedule for exams in available in the Fall '98 Schedule of Classes catalog. Exam week is December 14-18, less than four weeks away.

\* **Registration for Spring '99 semester** - Registration has begun for the Spring '99 semester, and many classes are already filled. Be sure to register soon in order to guarantee yourself a seat in your desired courses. Registration may be done by telephone (814) 863-9000, by Internet (CAAIS), or On-Line (OASIS). Complete instructions can be found in the Schedule of Classes catalog.

\* **Fall Graduation** - Commencement ceremonies for the Fall '98 semester are scheduled to take place on Dec. 19, at the Hersheypark Arena. Graduates are allowed as many guests as they wish. More information to follow.

\* **"Buckle Up" Crackdown** - Beginning November 23, University Police, along with local law enforcement, will participate in a nationwide crackdown on drivers who do not buckle up their kids.

\* **Gallery Lounge Exhibit** - Now through Dec. 18, Chris Churchill's "Images from the Augusta Mental Health Institution" will be on display.

\* **Spanish Offered** - Elementary Spanish 002 will be offered during the Spring semester. Contact Sharon Norris, W356 Olmsted for further course information.

## Student Government

\*William Graham and David Craig have been appointed associate justices of the Student Court.

\*Three new senators have been appointed to the SGA. Tracy Montes to Senior Senator at Large, Kristy Pipher to Junior Senator Humanities and Ed Zaboski to Junior Senator Business.

\*Wednesday, November 18 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. There will be a computer seminar given by Professor Hydari in TL118. Lunch will be provided and all majors are welcome.

\*Thursday, November 19 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. in E224. IEEE will give a hands on computer tear down. Lunch will be provided.

\*Thursday, November 19. The OAB will meet at 12:30 p.m. in room 216. All club and organization members are invited to attend.

\*The SGA Food Drive will run through Friday, November 20. Please remember to bring your canned food items or non-perishable dried goods. There are over 40 boxes located on campus for the Food Drive which benefits the Southcentral PA Food Bank. Last year, PSH collected 710 lbs. of canned and non-perishable items.

\*Students are needed for the Rites of Spring, Awards Banquet, and Finance committees. Please contact SGA Treasurer Michele Myers at the SGA office located in 216 if you are interested.

\*SGA meeting are held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend. You can contact the SGA office with any questions at 948-6137.

## Student Court

The Student Court of Penn State Harrisburg has convened once again to handle the issues brought before it. Most students are aware of the Student Government Association since it often sponsors some high profile event or gets a lot of press. However, not many are aware of the SGA's third branch, the Student Court.

The court consists of one chief justice and eight associate justices. Its duties include approving or rejecting club constitutions; swearing in new SGA members; deciding constitutional questions brought before it; and being involved in the Constitutional Review Committee.

Without the Court's approval, a club cannot function in any official capacity. Without being sworn in, those elected or appointed to positions in the SGA are not members, and, therefore, cannot function in any official capacity.

The amendments and bylaws to the SGA Constitution must be developed in the Constitutional Review Committee. Without the requisite two justices, the committee cannot make any binding decisions.

Most importantly, the Student Court exists to serve the student body. If anyone has a Constitutional question or has a problem with an action or decision of the SGA or its members, please present your case to the court for review. Breaches of the SGA Constitution by the SGA, its members, or clubs and their members can be remedied by presenting the case to the Court, whose decisions are final.

If anyone has any concerns feel free to call me at 930-0826, e-mail me at minddrive@psu.edu, or leave a message in the Student Court Mailbox in 216 Olmsted.