

Adoption Advice: dogs

The decision to bring a new dog into the home is exciting! But there are some considerations you need to think about before making that big step.

First do your research. Be sure the size and temperament of the breed matches up with your lifestyle.

Whether you're adopting an adult dog or a puppy, get a clean bill of health from a veterinary professional before you bring your pooch home. A claim that he is "vet-checked" is not enough detail about the actual findings of your veterinarian.

Adopt from a local shelter. Whether you are looking for a pure breed or mixed breed, check shelters, human societies and rescue groups. There is a special someone out there waiting for you. It just takes a little research. Petfinder.com is an excellent resource.

Avoid puppy mill purchases! These are large-scale operations and produce puppies for profit often under inhumane conditions. By purchasing a puppy from a pet store or online you may be supporting puppy mills. Often these puppies are unhealthy and can have serious medical issues.



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FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT FACEBOOK.COM/GCPETPALS

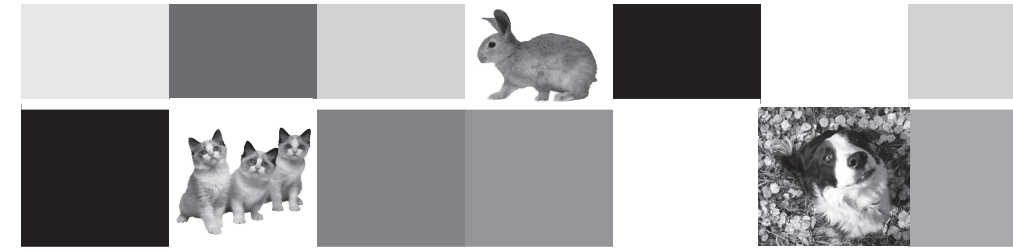
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL DOGGIE DRAG!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011
watch our web site for more details

TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET?
Check out this helpful site
WWW.GOPETFRIENDLY.COM

CHECK OUT MOUNTAIN MONGRELS THE NEW PET SUPPLY STORE IN GRAND LAKE. CALL 970-531-0837



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Above is one of our special young participants who raised pledges for GC Pet Pals.

Are you ready for the Doggie Drag?

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Grand Park in Fraser, CO

Fun Run/Walk Day Registration 8AM
with shotgun start 9AM

Silent Auction, Entertainment, Refreshments & more!

Come out and enjoy the beauty of Cozen's Meadow in Grand Park (Fraser, CO.) while supporting a great cause! The Doggie Drag is Grand County Pet Pal's largest fund raiser and 100% of the proceeds goes to funding our myriad programs in support of the pets in Grand County.

Programs include:

- Funding 100% spay and neuter of all pets adopted from Grand County Animal Shelter
- Offering low cost vouchers for spay and neuter of pets whose families may need financial assistance (vouchers available at the Grand County Animal Shelter)
- Providing the Grand County Animal Shelter with leashes, collars, kitty litter and more
- Funding medicines and other veterinary care if needed for animals at the shelter
- Education on proper animal care including managing pet population, wellness and more

This event is a 2K and 5K fun run/walk and is open to all. Adults, kids and dogs (on leash) welcome! The fee is the same for either run/walk distance and free t-shirts will be available to the first 200 participants. Refreshments, entertainment by Lucky Jim and a silent auction will follow the event.

We encourage you to register early as this is a popular event! **The pre-registration form is on the reverse side** of this page of the newsletter and please mail to GC Pet Pals, PO Box 1972, Granby CO 80446 or drop off at the shelter with your check by July 30, 2011.

Pre-registration fees are \$20 / adult & \$15 / child (under 12). Save by pre-registering!

Fees the day of the race are \$25 / adult
\$20 / child (under 12)

For directions and more information visit our web site at www.gcpetpals.org, email us at doggiedrag@gcpetpals.org or call us at 970-887-2988.



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in Grand County Colorado

NEAT QUOTE:

“The more I see of man, the more I”

REGISTRATION

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone () _____

Short Distance (2K) _____ Long Distance (5K) _____

Email _____

Dog's Name _____

Rabies vaccination year: _____
(Dogs must wear current rabies tags and be leashed at all times)

I cannot participate but here is a donation of

\$ _____ to help with your efforts

\$ _____ total enclosed (non-refundable)

Make checks payable to **Grand County Pet Pals**
P.O. Box 1972 • Granby, CO 80446

Tax Receipt available upon request. All donations excluding registration fee are tax deductible!

Please read & sign the Release of Liability. (Form must be signed to participate) For directions and more information visit our web site at

www.gcpetpals.org, email us at doggiedrag@gcpetpals.org or call us at 970-887-2988.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that participation in the 13th Annual Doggie Drag, a benefit event for Grand County Pet Pals, involves risk to me and my dog. I assume all risks associated with participation in this event. I agree not to participate unless my dog and I are physically able and properly conditioned. This release includes injuries due to the activities of Grand County Pet Pals staff, its officers, volunteers, directors, agents, members, race organizers and sponsors, included but not limited to Grand Park; and any injuries caused by negligence of other participants, spectators or other persons on or near the site of the event and start/finish area. My dog has a current rabies vaccination and a tag to show on race day. My dog will be leashed at all times.

I authorize Grand County Pet Pals and/or parties designated by GCPP to use my photograph and/or videotaped image in any medium GCPP sees fit for use in advertising, promotion, display, exhibit, commercial, or editorial use. I have read this information and agree to its terms and certify my compliance by signing below.

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature (legal guardian if under 18 years of age) _____

Date _____

RAISE MONEY BY COLLECTING PLEDGES FROM FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS!

1. Register to participate in the Doggie Drag AND collect pledges in honor of your favorite dog, cat or person! Get creative and seek out support from your friends, family, coworkers or whomever. Set a personal dollar-amount goal and seek to achieve it!

Every dollar you raise will be used to directly support the animals at our shelter and those with financial need for spay and neuter.

2. Hibernate...curled up cozy as a cat in a sunny window. Send in your collected pledges while kicked back relaxing while others walk or run. You're still helping the animals with no sweat!

Either way you choose to collect pledges, please collect your money and turn in all at once either on the day of the event or by mail to:

Grand County Pet Pals
P.O. Box 1972
Granby, CO 80446

When submitting your pledges, please include this sheet so we can properly acknowledge your efforts in our next newsletter.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Email address _____

Total Pledge Amount submitted: _____

***The person who collects the most in pledge dollars will win a fabulous prize!
Winner will be notified approximately one week after the event.***

Here are some ideas to obtain pledge dollars from friends, neighbors, coworkers and family. But these are just ideas. Get your creative juices flowing to collect money to help the animals of Grand County!

- Send a letter explaining what the Doggie Drag is about to friends and family asking for a contribution
- Ask face-to-face... most people want to support a good cause and this one is a great one!
- Send an email appeal to your contact list. Include a link to our web site (www.gcpetpals.org) so people can get all the information they need about Grand County Pet Pals
- Have a garage sale, bake sale or doggie wash to raise pledge money

Start collecting pledges using any means you can think of. This year, we have one more way to help you raise pledges. We'll place a button with your name on it on our website so people can donate to you via PayPal.

To sign up, send an email to ddpbutton@gcpetpals.org stating your name, mailing address, email address, and phone number, and we'll add your button. Include a photo of your pet(s), too, if you would like!

like dogs" ~Mme. de Staël

Happy Tails: LEAVING LAS VEGAS-Gabe's Story

by Jeri Peirce & Tudi Ortega

In the spring edition of The Scoop, we introduced you to Abbey and Gabe, two lost pit-bulls found wandering along the interstate outside of Las Vegas. They were rescued by Grand County resident, Maia Steder, who delivered them safely to the Grand County Animal Shelter. In that article, we related the story of how Abbey found her forever home; and now it's time to hear Gabe's tale.

The story begins last July when Tudi Ortega was invited to join shelter staff member, Mary Ann, and another friend on a hike with several of the shelter dogs. As they hiked along, each of them paired up with one of the dogs, and Tudi chose Gabe as her hiking pal for the day. Tudi tells how amazed she was at how well Gabe did both on and off the leash. When the dogs went on ahead and she whistled for him, he readily came back to her. His manners and disposition



were so sweet. Even his slight shyness was very telling as to the kind of dog he was, and she knew he had a "story."

As the hike progressed, Tudi began questioning Mary Ann about Gabe's background and about the shelter's fostering program. She says that she spent the entire hike wondering how she might be able to give Gabe a home despite her current situation of living in an apartment and working full time. Before the hike was over, though, Tudi had decided that she would somehow find a way to foster Gabe. Shortly after that hike, she took Gabe home as a foster dog. But, as she says, by the end of

Gabe's first day with her (actually by the end of the hike!), she knew she'd found a friend to give a new



and good life to. Following, is Gabe's story in Tudi's own words:

"I quickly learned that Gabe loved to play fetch and go on walks. I could take him to any park or open area and play fetch with him and, regardless of other people or dogs, he was loyal to me and our game of fetch. I was continually amazed at what a great pup he was. He wanted to be a good boy and was VERY smart. Gabe started off being terrified of most people, and especially men. I was heartbroken at the idea of anyone mistreating him. I made it my goal and my

purpose for Gabe to show him a life he could love and to learn not to fear it anymore. I knew it would take some time, dedication and lots of love, but I was committed! We go on many adventures from hiking, biking, playing fetch, car rides and so on. If possible, wherever I go, Gabe goes."

"Ten months later, Gabe still progresses daily. He gains trust more quickly and shows interest in wanting to be a part of situations that, at one time, he would run to a closet or under the bed to avoid. Despite his former issues with men, he adores my dad and boyfriend; and he's now best pals with my parents and others who he sees frequently. As time goes by, Gabe shows more and more of his loving and fun personality; and I am always amazed at him and with how far he has come!"

PLEASE SUPPORT PET PALS!

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law

YES! I would like to join (or renew with!)

Grand County Pet Pals and help animals in our community.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone Wolf (individual): | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack (family): | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working Dog (business): | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Contribution _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm already a member but want to donate! \$ _____ | |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt./Unit: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ I do not have email

Please mail check payable to:

Grand County Pet Pals
PO Box 1972
Granby, CO 80446

Please contact me for volunteer opportunities with:

- Grand County Pet Pals**
- Grand County Animal Shelter**