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Dear Friends of Nittany Greyhounds:

There's no place like home.

As I reflect about what a home means to me, I can't help but look at my greyhounds—Mercedes, Rooster, and Domino—stretched out in front of the woodstove. Their bare bellies are pink from the heat and their feet and ears twitch in some dream chase. There's no hint of the life they once had. These hounds have found a home, unlike thousands of others who have not. I'm pained by the fact that it is simply their good fortune that has brought them to me, and that others had to be turned away for lack of space. As President of Nittany Greyhounds, I am determined to change that.

As you may already know, Nittany Greyhounds closed its kennel several years ago, and we have been operating in a limited way using foster homes. Even though it is much more difficult and we cannot place as many greyhounds, we are doing everything we can. Our greyhound family has stepped up to help, but we currently are at a disadvantage to be sure.

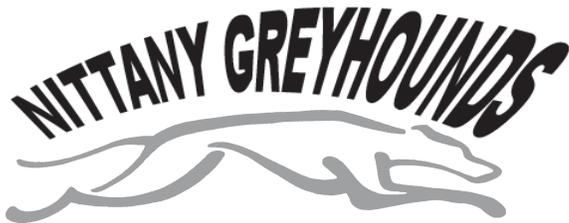
Which brings me to the reason for this letter—A PERMANENT HOME FOR NITTANY GREYHOUNDS. Our board has articulated a vision, and it is with that vision in mind that we ask for your help. We must raise funds with a campaign that will take us into a new facility. It isn't just about a kennel to house our greyhounds, though. Our vision is broader, speaking to a true adoption center, with educational capabilities and a public environment within which animal lovers can come together. We don't know yet whether we will buy or build, but our goal is set — \$500,000 — for facilities and operating expenses. It's lofty, but we know we can reach it with your help. Throughout the next few years, we will be conducting fundraising events—raffles, dinners, sales, etc.—but we're getting started with a direct solicitation of our greyhound family members.

Please take a moment and consider Nittany Greyhounds as the beneficiary for your giving. On the enclosed pledge card, you will find "naming opportunities," within the new facility. For example, name a kennel run after your pet or a departed loved one. But truly, any amount you can consider will help us save these wonderful animals. If you already have a greyhound, then you already have made one commitment. Why not consider another?

Over the past eleven years, Nittany Greyhounds has helped more than 1000 dogs find forever homes. Nittany has a reputation for taking the dogs that other groups won't take—the injured or behaviorally challenged, the blind, sick or the old and we have been able to do that largely because we had a housing facility to accommodate special needs. The dedication of our former president, Elaine Oleksa, and our board is well known throughout the Northeast, and we are committed to continuing the great work we have begun. Our family has opened its hearts to all of these dogs and we are determined to not only get back to where we were, but also to surpass what we've ever done. With you, we can do it. Please help us help these magnificent creatures.

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P.S. Remember, your donation is tax deductible, and you can even use a credit card, or pay with Paypal on our website. Please contact me for more information or with any questions you may have. Scroll down to find a form that you can download and fill out for mailing. Thank you for your support and for anything you can do at this important crossroads in our future.



CONTRIBUTION FORM

Through the strength of our combined contributions, we can do what none of us can do alone—find loving, forever homes for as many greyhounds as possible. Your donations can get us to our goal—A NEW KENNEL!

\$10 - \$25	SUSTAINING MEMBER
\$26 - \$100	GOLDEN COLLAR MEMBER
\$101 - \$500	PLATINUM COLLAR MEMBER
\$500 - \$1,000	LILY'S LEGACY

Why not consider a named opportunity?

\$1,000 +	Name a Run in the New Kennel (after a loved one or a beloved pet)
\$5,000+	Name a Room in the New Kennel (The Pet Education Center/Community Room/Adoption Center)

Other ideas for your giving? Just let us know . . . (estate planning, appreciated securities, annuities, etc.)

Please make checks payable to **“Nittany Greyhounds,”** and mail with this form to
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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

“I/we would like to donate/pledge \$ _____ at this time.”

“I/we would like to make this donation in memory of “ _____.”

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD (or use Paypal on our website):

MasterCard Visa Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____