

## APRIL IS NATIONAL ADOPT-A-GREYHOUND MONTH

### Local Adoption Group Leads Efforts to Raise Awareness

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dallas/Ft.Worth, TX-- April is National Adopt-a-Greyhound Month, and Greyhound Adoption League of Texas, Inc. (GALT) in cooperation with The Greyhound Project is spreading the message of greyhound awareness to ensure that 100 percent of the greyhounds waiting at GALT and across the country find caring homes.

Due to a lagging economy, competition from casinos and in some states, legislation banning racing, Greyhound racing tracks are closing across the country, leaving thousands of racing greyhounds displaced. The animals are cared for by foster homes and commercial boarding facilities in GALT's area as they wait to be adopted into permanent homes. Since 1991 GALT has placed more than 1700 greyhounds into "forever homes". Currently, there are over 50 greyhounds in foster care across the Metroplex.

"In 2010, there is an even greater need to find homes for greyhounds because of track closings and the economy, which has resulted in fewer adoptions and many more surrenders because owners can no longer afford to care for their greyhounds and other pets," said Chairman of GALT John P. McQuade. "National Adopt-a-Greyhound Month is the perfect time to adopt a greyhound - a true retired athlete. These beautiful, graceful and gentle dogs make great companion pets."

Public service announcements about greyhound adoption are airing on Texas television stations throughout the month of April and beyond, promoting greyhound adoption. GALT and The Greyhound Project are all-volunteer, non-profit organizations committed to promoting the welfare and adoption of greyhounds by providing support and information to adopters and the public.

**ABOUT GALT:** GALT is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit all-volunteer group dedicated to placing all greyhounds, primarily those that competed and trained for racing, into loving homes. GALT facilitates the adoption of greyhounds by providing kennel services and foster homes along with their medical needs, including spay and neuter, assisting them in the transition from track-life to home-life; and educating the public about why the greyhound has been a favored companion dog for more than 4,000 years. To learn more go to [www.galtx.org](http://www.galtx.org) or call 972-503-4258.

The Greyhound Project is not an adoption agency and works with more than 300 greyhound adoption groups across the country. The charity also publishes Celebrating Greyhounds, an award-winning quarterly magazine written for greyhound adopters, owners and supporters. The publication is made possible through the cooperative efforts

of individuals and organizations like Greyhound Adoption League of TX and is published under the auspices of The Greyhound Project.

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INTERVIEWS WITH GALT REPRESENTATIVES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

INFORMATION ON APRIL GALT MEET AND GREETINGS ATTACHED

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