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Dear Barb,

TAGS' FIRST ADOPTION

Maggie May, received by TAGS on December 9, 2009, was adopted to Sara and Aaron Cox on January 30, 2010. Maggie was TAGS' first adoption. Maggie has now become part of the Cox family with Greyhounds, Teddy and Lass and Springer Spaniel, Spike, plus their three cats - and a horse.

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Maggie's foster mom called on Sunday to see how she was doing. Sara said she was settling in well and that she had ignored two of the cats but was more curious about the white cat - no chasing, just watching her movements. They are being careful and will keep her crated for the next few days when they are at work. She was crated the first night but has done so well she was allowed to sleep out of the crate on Sunday. The muzzle is also a must. On Monday, TAGS received the following from Sara about Maggie's introduction to the horse:

"She saw our horse for the first time on Sunday morning. It was so funny! The horse saw a new dog and was pretty wound up, prancing around and such. As soon as he came running at the fence, Maggie started barking her head off! It was a real dog bark, not the usual whiney greyhound bark. Then she hid behind me! I wrapped my arms around her and told her she was a good girl for protecting me...and a smart girl for being scared of a 1,200 lb horse! Later in the day the two met through the fence and they're ok now. I told the horse that this dog is allowed to be here!"

Enjoy your forever home, Maggie!!

TAGS AT THE DALLAS BOAT SHOW



Come see TAGS at the Dallas Boat Show! TAGS will have a booth each day of the show with Greyhounds available for adoption along



with volunteers and foster families to answer questions. Meet the fabulous foster Greyhounds (three males, one female), sign up to be a volunteer or just say hi. The Dallas Boat Show is at

Dallas Market Hall
2200 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75207

February 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2010.

TAGS' hours are:

Friday, February 5, 2010 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 7, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, February 12, 2010 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

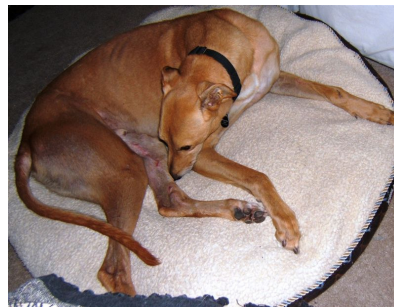
Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday February 14, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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JAZZ'S UNEXPECTED HEALTH PROBLEMS



Jazz, racing name, Jazz Master, is TAGS' first tagged Greyhound. Jazz entered the TAGS adoption program on December 4, 2009.

Having recently retired after 84 races, Jazz was underweight and said to be a shy boy. Being underweight after racing is not unusual. That is something which can definitely be rectified. Some shy dogs will always be shy and some will become less shy in a different environment.

The day Jazz was delivered to TAGS it was obvious that he had sustained a recent injury to the inside of his right thigh. When examining the wound, it also appeared that Jazz had a previous leg injury. A swollen area on his lower leg looked like it could have been a previous broken leg or other previous bone injury.

TAGS asked about the fresh wound and was told that Jazz had

been segregated from the other dogs because he was going into adoption and that he scaled a fence to get back to the other dogs. After reviewing his racing record, there was no evidence of a leg injury of any kind.

His foster mom noticed that Jazz favored this leg when going down stairs and could tell he was uncomfortable and he appeared to be in pain. Given the situation, it was time for an x-ray to determine what the problem might be with his leg.

To TAGS' surprise, Jazz had two puncture wounds into the bone and the area around the wound was inflamed. Dr. Cynthia Stevens, DVM said it could be a bacterial/fungal infection or cancer but that she wanted a second opinion. She sent the x-rays to a radiologist for a second opinion. The radiologist also felt it could be cancer. Jazz is only 3 ½ years old so TAGS hoped it would not be cancer. Strong antibiotics were prescribed for an initial 3-week period and then Jazz returned to Dr. Stevens for a follow-up visit and x-ray. It was evident that some of the swelling was receding, and he did not appear to be in as much pain. Jazz has another 6-weeks of antibiotics and a third x-ray will be necessary when he completes his medication to determine if anything further is needed at that time.

Jazz continues to improve, both physically and emotionally. Although still hesitant in some situations, Jazz is learning to trust people. He responds well to his foster mom and loves the security of the other dogs in the household.

Expensive x-rays and high doses of antibiotics were not something TAGS anticipated with its first dog, but TAGS will do whatever is necessary to insure that its Greyhounds are as healthy as possible when they are adopted. So far TAGS has incurred the following costs for Jazz:

\$ 162.58 - Normal incoming and Misc medical expenses.
\$ 542.49 - X-Rays and antibiotics for leg (9 weeks)
\$ 147.00 - Blood work (tick borne disease testing and CBC)
\$ 852.07 - Total for Jazz as of February 1st.

Jazz is in good hands. As a matter of fact, Jazz was a lucky boy to have been placed into adoption at a time when his medical needs could be diagnosed and treated.

Any contribution you would like to make to help with Jazz's medical expenses can be made at www.TAGSinTX.org

ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED

TAGS welcomes Sharon Wild, DVM; Jim Bennett, CFO First Lexington Corporation, and Steve Stoler, reporter for WFAA television, as members of the TAGS Advisory Council.

Wild is known not only for her expertise with Greyhounds but also

as one of the few alternative medicine vets in the area. She provides acupuncture for animals and natural and holistic approaches to pet care. She also breeds and shows Corgis.

Bennett, who is chief financial officer for First Lexington Corporation, also serves as President of the Board for Operation Kindness. He is very dedicated to animal welfare and has several miniature poodles.

Stoler is a senior reporter for WFAA (Channel 8), covering primarily Collin County news. More importantly he is the proud human of a Greyhound.

TAGS is excited about the expertise, ideas and support they will bring to taking care of the Greyhounds placed in its care.

TOM THUMB GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM



TAGS is now a member of the Randalls/Tom Thumb Good Neighbor program. TAGS' number is 12304. You can link TAGS' number to your Remarkable/Reward Card. Then the amount of each of your grocery purchases will be added to TAGS' account every time you use your card. Randalls/Tom Thumb will send TAGS a check quarterly representing one percent of the total amount in TAGS' Good Neighbor Account. This is a perfect way for you to help TAGS raise funds. Please stop by the Courtesy Booth at Randalls, Simon David or Tom Thumb and fill out a form linking your Remarkable/Reward Card to TAGS' account number 12304. Thanks for supporting TAGS!!

SPRING CLEANING FOR TAGS' GARAGE SALE



When you start your spring cleaning, please reserve those items for a TAGS garage sale. If you are unable to keep the items until spring, give us a call and we'll arrange to get the items from you and out of your way.

SPONSOR MONTHLY MEDICATION FOR TAGS' GREYHOUNDS

If you would like to help the Greyhounds by sponsoring the purchase of monthly medications and other medical supplies for the fosters, please contact TAGSinTX@gmail.com. Each dog requires flea/tick preventatives, heartworm preventative, worming medications and supplements. Ask a friend to be a co-sponsor of monthly medical with you. Many times people would rather make a donation for a specific purpose than to a general fund. This is a useful, economical way to become involved in helping Greyhounds waiting for their forever homes. Any amount will help. Join the TAGS team!

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