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Summary Information

Repository:	American Kennel Club Library & Archives
Creator - com:	Drew, Laurel
Source:	Matarazzo, June
Creator:	Greyhound Club of America
Title:	Greyhound Club of America collection
ID:	AKD.2.11
Date [inclusive]:	1889-2007
Date [bulk]:	1989-2002
Physical Description:	6.85 Linear Feet in 8 boxes (5 doc boxes and 3 flat boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Greyhound Club of America collection documents the activities, functions, decisionmaking, events, and output of the parent club devoted to the ancient sighthound. While it includes annual and board meeting minutes dating back to 1958, copies of the original constitution and by-laws (1912) and articles of incorporation (1990), and internal club handouts, memorandum and correspondence dating back to 1965, the bulk of it chronicles the 1980s and 1990s when racing greyhound rescue dominated the headlines and incited larger public interest in the breed and the club. Also present are show materials from their Eastern and Western specialty events and publications and printed matter, including the original galleys and related documentation for their landmark breed book "Greyhounds in America."

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

CLUB HISTORY The Greyhound Club of America was founded in 1907; formerly the breed was exhibited under the National Greyhound Club. The GCA, which privileged the coursing type of Greyhound, was formally admitted into the AKC in 1909. Many of its original members -- including Joseph Zane Batten, Mr. & Mrs. George West, Mr. & Mrs. James A Farrell, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Forsyth and Susan Mason -- became pillars of the breed, importing foundation stock from England in the early 20th century. The annual meeting was held at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show as it continues to be to this day. By 1970, there were 66 members in the club, including officers Harry T. Peters, Mrs. William Brainad Jr., Mrs. James A. Farrell Jr., and Dr. Elsie Neustadt.

Documentation dates the earliest GCA specialty to 1936, held with the Morris and Essex show. Specialties continued intermittently until World War II, after which they became annual events, often held on member estates along the East coast. In 1968, the first Western Specialty was hosted in California and in 1992, the first Southern one in Texas. The Greyhound Club of Northern California also began hosting a separate specialty in 1992.

The club has made philanthropic contributions to various veterinary schools, including Cornell University, The University of Pennsylvania, the Morris Animal Foundation, and others. Through its partnership with Purina, the GCA has funded Greyhound-related canine research projects and provided significant funding to the Canine Health Foundation. The GCA provides for Greyhounds in need through its donations for Greyhound Rescue. Ethical Standards to which all members must subscribe were approved in 1993.

The first GCA newsletter, "Greyhound Gleanings," began in 1974, and was later replaced by "The Newsletter," which is published quarterly to this day. In 1990, the club completed its most ambitious initiative to date, "Greyhounds in America," a book which aimed to become the definitive reference on the breed and a educational guide for newcomers. Written and compiled by Sue A. Lackey, it includes extensive historical notes and pictures, significant kennel profiles, and conversations on the breed with prominent fanciers Anne and James Edward Clark, Jane and Robert Forsyth, Frank Sabella, and more.

Adapted from the Greyhound Club of America website

BREED HISTORY Greyhounds were one of the first breeds registered with the AKC, and exhibit at American dog shows. The first Westminster Kennel Club show catalog (1877) lists 18 Greyhound entrants. The invention of the mechanical lure contributed to the establishment of the dog-racing industry in the 1920s, and the breed was adapted to race at top speed in a single direction around an oval track. There is a separate registry, run by the National Greyhound Association, for racing dogs.

The first evidence of the Greyhound appears in Egyptian tombs, circa 2900 BC. They were later favored by Greeks and Romans for game-hunting, spreading throughout the ancient world as they proved adaptable to new environments. Portraits of royal families posing with Greyhounds grace castles across Europe, as many royalty kept large kennels of hunting hounds and pets. By the 1800s they were being used on wild game in the American West. Today's show Greyhounds mostly descend from English and European coursing dogs imported during the 20th century.

Adapted from the AKC's The Complete Dog Book

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Scope and Contents

The Greyhound Club of America collection documents the activities, functions, decisionmaking, events, and output of the parent club devoted to the ancient sighthound. It chronicles an interesting point in the breed's history for the club, which must define its identity after both the largest non-profit greyhound adoption group, Greyhound Pets of America, and National Greyhound Adoption Program started in the late 1980s. The rescue of racing greyhounds received national attention, inciting larger public interest in greyhounds and subsequently the club, despite its interest in dogs bred specifically for conformation.

The bulk of collection appears to have been assembled by Laurel E. Drew during her extended tenures as a club member (since the late 1960s), secretary (a post from which she retired in 1991), and librarian/archivist. In the latter role, Drew worked with other members to preserve GCA records and other documentation of the breed. Later files between 1997 and 2001 were provided by Rose May Conner.

Club Administration includes annual and board meeting minutes dating back to 1958; copies of the original constitution and by-laws (1912) and articles of incorporation (1990); internal club handouts, memorandum and correspondence dating back to 1965; ingoing and outgoing mail handled by the GCA corresponding secretary, chiefly inquiries on the breed and club membership; committee reports; circulars, ballots, and other materials related to officer elections, rules revisions, and other club votes; membership directories and applications; regional and affiliate clubs, Laurel Drew's files contain miscellaneous correspondence and club handouts -- such as meeting resumes, code of ethics drafts, surveys -- and some personal material related to dogs she owned. The Archives files document historic research on the breed and donations to the GCA archives, which may include items that were ultimately donated to the AKC as part of this collection.

The **Dog Shows** materials represent only a small and incomprehensive sample of catalogs, premium lists, programs and handouts, judges ballots, show writeups, correspondence and catalogs, chiefly from the 1980s and 1990s. Most relate to the club's Eastern and Western specialty events.

Publications and Printed Matter includes a selection of clippings and pamphlets pertaining to the breed and/or the club; a run of GCA newsletters dating from 1987 to 2002, some of which are the original proofs or pasteups; and the original galleys for the club's landmark publication *Greyhounds in America*. Some Publications Committee correspondence and other documents, such as contracts, associated with the project are present, as well as copies of edited drafts for the book's "Conversations on the Breed" section of essays penned by prominent fanciers. The images used in the book are not represented, only notated, on the galleys.

General respect was paid to the original order of the files as they arrived, with folder labels assigned by Drew and other GCA members generally copied. For these reasons, correspondence, minutes, and other materials may also be scattered amongst various files. Similarly, documents related to Dog Shows and

Publications may also be found in the Club Administration materials. Researchers are advised to consult all folders pertaining to time periods of interest.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into 3 series based on content and/or form:

- 1 Club Administration, 1939-2007
- 2 Dog Shows, 1981-2004
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Publication Statement

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Provenance

The collection was donated by club President June Matarazzo, on behalf of the Greyhound Club of America, in 2010.

Processing Information

All materials were rehoused in acidfree folders, envelopes, and/or boxes.

Access Restrictions

Select GCA documents are restricted from public access. See Club Administration section for further details.

Publishing and Use

Many of the materials may still be under copyright and require permission of the AKC and/or the creator before publishing. Please consult the Archivist.

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Related Materials

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Club newsletters and other publications previously collected by the AKC Library may be searched using the online catalog, CAIUS.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Greyhound
- Sighthounds
- Hounds (group)
- Matarazzo, June

Collection Inventory

Club Administration, 1939-2007

Date [inclusive]: 1939-2007

Access Restrictions:

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Researchers may not view the original meeting minutes. However, summaries may be viewed in GCA newsletters within this collection and the AKC Library holdings.

Additionally, membership applications and election materials containing personal information are restricted. Please consult Archivist for further information.

Title/Description

Instances

Annual Meeting Minutes, 1958-1995 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1958-1995	box 1	folder 1-3
Board Meeting Minutes. RESTRICTED, 1973; 1978; 1989-1996 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1973; 1978; 1989-1996	box 1	folder 4-5
Meeting Minutes. Audiorecording [cassette tape]. RESTRICTED, 1991 February <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991 February	box 8	cassette 1-4
Meeting Minutes. RESTRICTED, 1994-2002 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1994-2002	box 1	folder 6-7
Laurel Drew files, 1969-2007 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1969-2007	box 1	folder 8-9
Articles of Incorporation, 1990 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1990	box 1	folder 10
Constitution, 1912 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1912	box 1	folder 11
Constitution and By-laws. Revisions, 1972 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1972	box 1	folder 12
Constitution and By-laws. Revisions, 1982 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1982	box 1	folder 13
Constitution and By-laws. Revisions, 1989-1991 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1989-1991	box 1	folder 14
Constitution and By-laws. Revisions, 1994-1996 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1994-1996	box 1	folder 15
Standing Rules, 2006-2007 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2006-2007	box 1	folder 16
Board. Correspondence & Memos, (1965-1988) <u>Date [bulk]:</u> 1965-1988	box 2	folder 1
Board. Correspondence & Memos, (1989-1998) <u>Date [bulk]:</u> 1989-1998	box 2	folder 2-13
Board. Member Votes, (1995-1996) <u>Date [bulk]:</u> 1995-1996	box 2	folder 14-15
Board. Elections, Correspondence, Minutes, Reports. RESTRICTED, (1996) <u>Date [bulk]:</u> 1996	box 2	folder 16
Board. Vote Controversy, (2001-2002)	box 2	folder 17

<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 2001-2002		
Committee Reports, (1993-2002)	box 3	folder 1-3
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1993-2002		
Financial Statements and Treasurer's Reports, (1936-1994)	box 3	folder 4-5
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1936-1994		
GCA letterhead. Archives, (Undated)	box 3	folder 6
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : Undated		
Reports. Archives, (1990-1993)	box 3	folder 7
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1990-1993		
Correspondence. Archives, (1990-1998)	box 3	folder 8
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1990-1998		
Correspondence. Ann Taber, (1996)	box 3	folder 9
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1996		
Correspondence. Texas Affiliate Club, (1992-1994)	box 3	folder 10
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1992-1994		
Membership Committee, (1990-2001)	box 3	folder 11
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1990-2001		
Membership Lists [annotated], (c. 1958-1988)	box 3	folder 12
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : c. 1958-1988		
Membership Lists and Directories, (1990-2006)	box 3	folder 13
<u>Date [bulk]</u> : 1990-2006		
Membership Applications. RESTRICTED, 1989-2000	box 8	envelope 1-6
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1989-2000		
Elections, 1990-1993	box 8	folder 1-2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1990-1993		
Elections. Nominating Committee, 1994-1995	box 8	folder 3
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1994-1995		
Elections. Ballot Reportouts, 2001-2002	box 8	folder 4
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2001-2002		

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Dog Shows, 1981-2004

Date [inclusive]: 1981-2004

Title/Description	Instances
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Catalog Pages, 1983; 1985; 1995 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1983; 1985; 1995	box 3	folder 14
Specialty Catalogs, 1990; 1994; 2003 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1990; 1994; 2003	box 3	folder 15
Premium Lists, 2002-2004 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2002-2004	box 3	folder 16
Show Correspondence, Memoranda, and Judges Ballots, 1981-2001 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1981-2001	box 3	folder 17
Specialty Write-ups, 1995-1997 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1995-1997	box 3	folder 18
Specialty Programs and Handouts, 1990; 1994; 2002-2004 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1990; 1994; 2002-2004	box 3	folder 19

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Publications and Printed Matter, 1889-2002

Date [inclusive]: 1889-2002

Title/Description	Instances	
GCA Newsletters [includes some proofs], 1987-1992 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1987-1992	box 4	folder 1-7
Miscellaneous Clippings, 1889-2002 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1889-2002	box 3	folder 20
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, 1931 - c.2000 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1931 - c.2000	box 3	folder 21

Greyhounds in America, 1988-1991

Date [inclusive]: 1988-1991

Title/Description	Instances	
Publication Committee. Correspondence, 1989-1991 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1989-1991	box 3	folder 22
Edited Drafts. "Conversations on the Breed", c. 1988 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> c. 1988	box 3	folder 23
Original Galleys, c. 1988 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> c. 1988	box 5	

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