

Linda Bell - Vice President

1. I've been a member of the GCA since 1978.
2. I have attended 5 specialties in the past 5 years.
3. Yes, I will attend GCA meetings.
4. I do not support closing the stud book, because I don't feel that I have the right to deny fellow breeders access to the bloodlines which they might find useful to incorporate into their breeding procedures.
5. Rapprochement with the membership. Board members are "elected, not anointed". Their legitimacy derives from the membership. They have a duty to be responsive and to conduct business in an open and fair manner.
6. I feel that promoting an atmosphere of fairness and openness is a priority. I would like to see the votes of this board recorded in the same manner as the votes in Congress, or, for that matter, as those of the Board of the AKC. I would also like to see those people who were turned down for membership, now reapply and be judged not on how they stand on just one issue, but on what, as members, they might contribute to the GCA.
7. I have been involved in the breed since 1967, when I purchased my first greyhound from Dr. Elsie Neustadt, with whom I attended shows regularly thereafter. I have been Chair or Assistant Chair of the Eastern Specialty at least 7 times. I also have served in the Judges Education program for 15 years, giving seminars as well as ringside tutorials. I believe that I have demonstrated a long-standing dedication to the breed and its well being. With a background in Fine Arts, majoring in painting, I was attracted to greyhounds not only because of their beauty of form and manner, but because of their antiquity as a breed.

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