

Greyhound *quarterly*

MICHIGAN GREYHOUND CONNECTION

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The President Barks

Yes, we know the newsletter is very late. We're sorry but life got in the way but we've got an extra special one here and hope you have time to read it all. We've got some great stories and pictures and much love for our hounds. So, snuggle up with your pup, get a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy our stories and pictures and read to your heart's content. Have a great winter!



OUR SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS!

On the inside.....

The Michigan Greyhound Connection has been holding Fundraising activities for the past year! CHECK IT OUT !! Maybe this is the year *that you might want to participate!*

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Welcome to the MGC Family.....New Adopters!

Janet & Robyn Taylor welcome the sweet Prissy to their home after their beloved greyhound passed away.

Scott Spicer welcomes Hawkeye after his beloved greyhound died.

Margie & Mark Stoltz and family welcome sweet Chelsea into their home
-we know she will be much loved.

Lena and Steven Szakaly welcome the wonderful Beau into their home.

Michael Lavine welcomes the beautiful Spring after his beloved greyhound passed away.

Steve Peters adopted Villie to be sister to the famous Autumn and Gerald.

Elizabeth and Ken Morse welcome Eleanor into their home.

Rigel Galera welcomes Pam into his home to be sister to the famous Speedster.

Mark & Holly Richardson welcome Dodger into their family of dogs and cats.

Angela and Jason Long welcome the handsome Christopher into their home.

Dave & Sue Clements welcome the adorable Coco Chanel into their home to be a
sister to the cats in their family.

Kevin Ernst welcomes Lola into his home to be sister to the wonderful Scout.

They make great sisters!

Brooke & Bill Stumpf welcome Winston into their home to be brother to the
two adorable Chinese Crested doggies.

Ryan Wilcox welcomes Hector into his home to be brother to Cohiba, the famous biscuit doggie.

Don & Jane Ensley welcome Phantom into their home. They just couldn't resist her when
they picked her up from a dog haul from Florida. She'll be sister the Mini and Cooper.

Zetta & Irv Propst adopted the famous Sand to be brother to the two sisters

Sapphire and Tasha after their beloved Garth passed away. Their family is complete.

Suzanne Batch adopted Ray to be brother to the wonderful Liberty.

**The MGC SPRING PICNIC will be coming up
SOON! We will let you know as soon as
we iron out the details.. Check the MGC website
For updates**

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Memories & Celebrations

In Memory of Judy Briere, beloved owner of Willow the grey from...

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Eldon

William & Patricia Berlin

Mary Chrostowski

Mary McAllister

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rottet

Maxine McFarland

Beaumont Troy's Gift Shop "Beau-Tique". Cathy Mann, Margaret Neufang, Barbara Dubiel, Connie Normard, Verna Meinershagen, Marie Kaput, Rosemary Rude, FuY-ian Circcola, Karen Maletzke

In celebration of greyhounds from Anthonty S. Colone.

In Honor of Nancy Kornfield's birthday thanks for all you do. Susan Kornfield and Peter Coggin.

A generous donation in Memory of Judy and Ken Widman who passed away too soon. They were wonderful volunteers and foster parents and this is a great loss to the greyhound world.

In Memory of Bella DuBois from Viki. She was my best pal for over 11 years and I miss her every day. I was so lucky to have her for so long. I want to thank MGC for getting me the best dog ever! (No reflection on Charlie of course)

In Memory of sweet Cowboy Clotier by Carolyn Baker and Garrett.

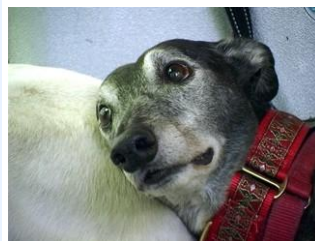
In Celebration of Shata's 10th birthday from Jodi LePage and Melissa Dettloff.

In Celebration of MGC 20th Anniversary and for Mr. Blue, Earl and Jake with love from Kent and Yvonne Shafer.

In Celebration of MGC's 20th Anniversary and in Celebration of Ginger from Judy & Phil Strbik.

In Celebration of MGC's 20th Anniversary from Kathleen and John Gallagher.

In Celebration of Bonnie from Gary & Sue Kelley.



Hug Your Doggies



Memories & Celebrations

In Celebration of Gable from Susan and Gary Patin.

In celebration of MGC's 20th Anniversary from Pat Jenio and family.

In Memory of Zane beloved greyhound of Larry MacDonald and Marianne Ciufu from Rita MacDonald.

In Celebration of MGC's 20th Anniversary from Dorothy J. Shook. God Bless Your Work (I know He does—they're His creatures)!

In Honor of Denise and Norm Weakland who most recently fostered Sand from Mary and Don Lee. Happy Holidays!

In Celebration of MGC's 20th anniversary from Kathy & John Studaker.

In Honor of Nancy Kornfield's adoption of the wonderful Frankie from her sister Susan Kornfield.

In Memory of sweet Redd Bilsky from Susan Kornfield. You gave him the only permanent home he had ever known.

In Memory of Sweet Redd Bilsky from Susan and Bill Riegel. He came from an awful background to a house full of love and affection which he returned in kind. He will be terribly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In Memory of Redd Bilsky from his friends Nancy, Jeff, Bogie, Chubby Huggs and Jazzy Wallace. We all will miss your sweet face.

In Memory of the fabulous, loving Redd Bilsky from Nancy Kornfield.

In Celebration of Winston by Brooke & Bill Stumpf.

Thank you from Cassie Molitz to Auntie Susan Bilsky Thanks auntie susan for taking such good care of me!!



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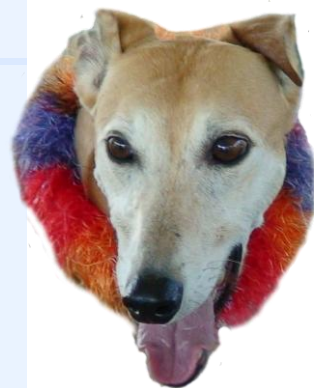
**Nothing to do on those bad weather days? Stimulate your dogs mentally and physically.
Go thru some old commands and maybe some new ones to keep them sharp!**

Memories & Celebrations

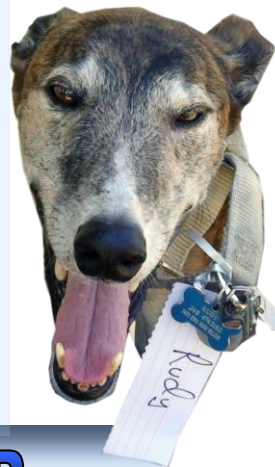
In Memory of my sweet boy Redd. My heart is aching and I will never, ever forget you. You were everything to me and more. I hope you're running pain free with Cookie, Rocket, Auntie Em, Mollie, Thunder and Max. I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful doggie but you chose me and I'm forever grateful to you for that. Susan Bilsky

In Memory of Sweet Jake from Yvonne and Kent Shafer. Jake was our first greyhound. He loved everyone but had a special relationship with Yvonne. He and she were soul mates from the moment they first met. He insisted on having the bed closest to her chair. He pined when they were apart, and so did she. Jake was a gentleman. He always deferred to the female dogs in our house, though he ruled the other males with an iron paw. He was a fine hunter. Over the years he presented us with lots of rabbits, a few squirrels, and one bird. When a skunk moved into the yard, Jake got sprayed. So at their second encounter, Jake killed the skunk and ate it. Problem solved. All our greyhounds have been sweet, gentle creatures with their own personalities. But none has come close to Jake's intelligence, spirit, and fierce devotion. We miss him terribly.

In Memory of my boy Rudy.. As I have been putting the newsletter together Rudy, JJ and I have had to deal with Rudy's cancer. Sadly he passed away on February 11th. He was my constant companion for the past 6 years and he will always have a place in my heart. Words cannot describe how I feel, but many of you know because you have gone thru the same thing. Thanks to the MGC and everyone that has helped us thru this tough time with your emails and cards. I will always miss him... Ken Mitchell and JJ.



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Our 1st BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Thanks to **Nancy and Jeff Wallace** for getting the ball rolling and organizing our MGC Bowling Fundraiser. It was a huge success! Everyone got in on the fun. Along with the bowling we had pizza, raffles with great prizes and made money for the MGC at the same time.

If you would like to come to any of our fundraising events, have a good time and meet other members visit the website often and check out the events.



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MGC SPRING PICNIC 09



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MGC FALL PICNIC 09



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MGC GARAGE SALE . A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our Annual MGC Garage Sale Fundraiser was a huge success! Many thanks to host Nancy Kornfield for the use of her home and garage...ALSO thanks to the MGC volunteers: Linda Berman, Viki Dubois and her sister, Susan Kornfield, Mim and Mike Ondercin , Ken Mitchell, Ian and Katie Bost, Carolyn Baker, Margarite McLeod and Susan Riegel. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



Greyhound Rescue since 1989

MGC Mission Statement

Michigan Greyhound Connection is committed to finding responsible and loving adoptive homes for retired racing greyhound dogs and educating the public about the inhumane treatment of these dogs by the greyhound racing industry.

In support of this mission, Michigan Greyhound Connection actively opposes organized greyhound racing and all associated activities that contribute to the death of thousands of greyhounds

Don't Forget! We can always use more volunteer at the events. Contact Margarite McLeod & come and join the fun!

margaritemc@att.net

THE FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL



Check out our website for updates!

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if you would like to volunteer and show off your doggies!

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A SAD GREYHOUND OCCURANCE WITH A HAPPY ENDING.... ALFRED EVANS

The following story is a true event that happened in September 2008 with our greyhound Chloe.

Through a miscommunication between my spouse and myself, the garage doors were left open and Chloe decided to take a walk unattended. She was only two houses down on the street when my husband and son saw her on the street. They immediately stopped, as Chloe encounter a young teenager coming home from school. She had her hands raised and was circling around in an attempt to get away from Chloe crying, "I'm afraid of big dogs! I'm afraid of big dogs!" My husband gave the command to come and Chloe came while the young woman turned on her heel and walked away.

Two and a half hours later, we received a call from the local police stating that they were escorting the young woman and her mother to the hospital with a dog bite. I KNEW that Chloe was not capable of biting as she is a people dog. Time passed and in October, Chloe developed grand mal seizures. Also in October, we received a letter from "Call Lee Free" asking for our home owner's information which we submitted. Again, time passed with no feed back from Citizen's. I attempted to get copies of the police report and the any other documentation. I was given the police report but was not able to get the pictures for submission to Citizen's because of 2 reason's. 1) The local police department had one individual who determined the severity of the so called bite and 2) the young women was a minor and HIPPA applied.

Then in March, we were notified by Citizen's that our homeowner's policy would not be renewed as Citizen's was going to pay off the claim. For all of you with dogs, the State of Michigan law is such that insurance companies will pay off, out of court, rather than investigate, go to court and pay a possible higher settlement. Also, no other insurance company will pick you up under a new homeowner's policy unless the dog is destroyed or moved permanently out of the home. If one moves the dog to temporary living arrangements in an attempt to hide the dog, and then the dog returns, the homeowner will be sued for fraud. Since we could not find any other insurance carrier to cover our home, I contacted Margurite @ Michigan Greyhound Connection to ask that she start the process of finding another home for Chloe because we were NOT going to put her down

Though legal assistance offered by MGC, the pictures were obtained, reviewed by Citizen's and it was determined that there was no puncture wound, therefore no dog bite and the case was closed with no pay out on the claim. WE CAN NOT TELL ALL OF YOU HOW THANKFUL WE ARE FOR BEING ABLE TO KEEP OUR CHLOE!

Also, it was determined that Chloe's thyroid was on the lower side and with medication, she has been asymptomatic since March.

Leonard Schwartz of Sommers Schwartz was the very helpful attorney in this story. He was amazing and helped the Evans with this horrible event. A sad P.S. to this story is that Chloe died recently. Just so sad.

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THE BELLE ISLE SHIVER ON THE RIVER



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if you would like to volunteer and show
off your doggies!

THE DOG BOWL



Available Foster.....

Anna Female 3.5 years old /59lbs. cat friendly



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DOGS!**

Anna is such jewel, in that she is as smart as she is beautiful. She's learned to climb stairs and gets along well with the cats and dogs in her foster home. This red fawn girl is playful and is excited about all the good things in her new life. Her forever home will be the most exciting of all for Anna. Will you be the one who welcomes her home?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Thank you Everyone for participating in these Events. When I look over the amount of events we've done this year and all the volunteers it has taken to make this work, I am in awe of all of you! Margarite, a special thanks to you for making us be so visible and consequently adopt doggies even with this poor economy. From the bottom of my heart, a heart felt thank you!

Susan

Clio Health Fair - 4/25/09 Judd Kettle

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo - Spring - 5/2-5/3

Judd Kettle with Syrus, Villie and Bonnie, June and Makayla Dion with Fast

Jane and Don Ensley with Mini and Cooper, Jan and Dale Compton with Jack

Barbara Hagen with Jenny, John and Gloria Phillips with Sugar

Tom and Denise Duffy with Princess Lilly, Laurence and Becki Myny with Spider

Priscilla Donegan with Bogey, Brian and Kim Osterland with Metro

Bill and Renie Giezyng with Gypsy, Mike and Alex Murphy with Tux, Gilley and Frank

Jim Riehl Adoption Event - 5/9/09

It rained, it poured, and I'm pretty sure I heard the old man snore but that didn't stop these dedicated MGC volunteers. Thanks to all for putting up with wet rugs, dog beds, chairs and snarling boxers.

Priscilla Donegan with Bogey, Carolyn Baker with Garrett

Andy Wiczorkowski with Lacy, Jeff and Nancy Wallace with Chubby Huggs and Jazzy

Bill and Renie Giezyng with Gypsy and Peanut, Ann Moore and Carl with Hannah

Doodle Dog Meet and Greet - May 9, 2009

Judd Kettle with Syrus and Bonnie, Ed Newcombe with Jonesy

Lynn Niergarth with Cisco, Robert Pagel with Santos and Amanda

Dogtopia Meet and Greet - February 14, 2009

Judd and Dennis Kettle with Syrus and Villie, Roy and Gilda Ford with Kloie

Susan Bilsky with Redd and Metro, Linda Kort with Luke and Sheba

Dennis and Robin Underwood with Soleil

Dog Bowl - May 23-24

Pam Tuenis with Guinness, Allan Fiscus with Nosey and Singer

Brian, Kim and our newest and youngest meet and greeter, Mason Osterland with Metro

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& EVEN MORE THANKS..

Dog Bowl - May 23-24

Gloria Phillips with Sugar, Don and Jane Ensley with Mini and Cooper

Bill and Renie Giezyng with Gypsy, Kim Mars with Harry and Doris

Special thanks to Judd Kettle for setting up and taking care of this event.

And to two very tired greyhounds, Bonnie and Syrus, for their many hours of meeting and greeting.

Doodle Dog Bakery Meet and Greet - June 9

Judd Kettle with Syrus and Bonnie, Bill and Renie Giezyng with Gypsy

Rigel Galera with Speed

Midsummers Expo - 7/11/09

Viki duBois with Ally, Elli Altman with Artie

Allan Fiscus with Singer and Nosey, Carolyn Baker with Garrett

Farmington Founders Festival - 7/17-7/19

Karen Deren with Scooby, Carolyn Baker with Garrett

Viki duBois with Charlie, Linda Kort with Luke and Sheba (Welcome back!!!!)

Kim Osterland with Metro, Alan Causer with Lily

Robin and Dennis Underwood with Soleil, Bill and Renie Giezyng with Gypsy

Don and Jane Ensley with Mini and Cooper

Special thanks to Ken Mitchell for captaining this event and keeping it running smoothly

and to **Barbara Hagen and Jenny for working both Friday afternoon and Friday night!**

Macomb Tire Car Show - 7/26/09

Linda Kort with Sheba and Luke

Gloria Phillips and her granddaughters Keitha, Shelby, Destiny with Sugar

Don and Jane Ensley with Mini and Cooper, Barbara Hagen with Jenny

Doodle Dog Bakery Meet and Greet - 7/25/09 Ed Newcombe with Jonesy

Doodle Dog Bakery - 8/22/09

Roy and Gilda Ford with Kloie, Barbara Hagen with Jenny

Chloe and Blaze, Special thanks to Ed Newcombe and Jonesy for captaining this meet and greet.



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"The reason I love my dog so much is because when I come home, he's the only one in the world who treats me like I'm The Beatles." - Bill Maher

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& EVEN MORE THANKS..

Petapalooza - August 1-2

Gloria Phillips with Sugar, Brian and Kim Osterland with Metro
Andy Wieczorkowski with Lacey, Linda Kort with Luke and Sheba
Pat Wieczorkowski with Lacey, Carolyn Baker with Garrett
June and Makayla Dion with Fast, Don and Jane Ensley with Mini and Cooper
Dawn Weaver with Ruthie



Doggy Diva & Dudes Doggy Day BBQ - 8/8/09

Linda Kort with Sheba and Luke, Barbara Hagen with Jenny
Ed Newcombe with Jonesy, Special thanks to this group of volunteers for driving many miles in pouring rain to make this event. What started out as a total disaster turned into a very pleasant day of meeting and greeting.

Mott Park - 9/12/09 Don and Jane Ensley with Mini and Cooper

Harvest Festival - 9/26/09

Gloria Phillips with Sugar
Ian Bost with Shata
Susan Bilsky with Gordy who made his Meet and Greet debut. By all accounts, he's a real crowd pleaser and an excellent ambassadog.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo - 9/27/09

Priscilla Donegan with Bogie, Marguerite Schoonfield with Jax
Gloria and John Phillips with Sugar, Bill and Renie Giezyng with Gypsy and Peanut

Pet-tacular Day 10/10/09

Viki duBois with Allie
Special thanks to Steve Peters for captaining this event. Couldn't have done it without him.

Howl-A-Ween Fall Fetch

Don and Jane Ensley with Mini and Cooper
Priscilla Donegan with Bogey

People, Pets, and Vets - 11/7/09

Gloria Phillips with Sugar, Don and Jane Ensley with Mini and Cooper
Tom and Linda Milanov with Sam, Karen Deren with Scooby
Denise Duffy with Princess Lily

Pet Health



Expanding glues are a "growing" problem for dogs

September 3, 10:06 AM • [Detroit Dogs Examiner](#) • Rev. Claudia Barber

Your sweet little Lab puppy suddenly begins vomiting and refuses to eat. You notice that her belly is bulging and tender to the touch. Worried, you immediately rush her to the vet. Once there, the vet does x-rays and notices a large mass in her stomach. She is rushed into surgery to remove the mass. Later you are told that the mass was a ***softball-sized lump of expanded and solidified polyurethane glue.***

Polyurethane glues, also known by brand names such as Gorilla Glue®, Probond®, Titebond®, Ultimate Polurethane Glue®, Excel glue product®, as well as many other glue products, are water-activated expanding adhesives commonly used for home improvement, woodworking, and repair projects. *And unfortunately, Gorilla Glue apparently tastes like maple syrup and peanuts.* In other words, **just like antifreeze, it is highly attractive to dogs — and just like antifreeze, it can kill.** Most manufacturer warnings state the product must be kept out of reach of children and animals and that it's harmful or fatal if swallowed.



Keep these expanding glues out of your dog's reach!

Once the glue comes in contact with moisture, like that found in your dog's stomach, it expands to several times its original volume. The expanding mass can cause intestinal blockage and eventually death. According to the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) (APCC), pet poisonings from wood glues — and other adhesives containing the substance diphenylmethane diisocyanate (MDI) — are growing. And MDI isn't always listed on the label. Since 2005, the APCC has treated more than 135 cases of pets who've ingested expanding glues. Of those incidents, 98% involved dogs and 78% were evaluated at high or medium risk for developing severe, life-threatening problems.

Signs may vary depending on the amount and type of polyurethane glue your dog is exposure to. The most common exposure is ingestion and signs may include: drooling, shaking the head, pawing at the mouth, coughing, gagging, retching, vomiting, lack of appetite, abdominal enlargement, and abdominal pain or discomfort. **Any expanding adhesive product should be considered a potential hazard and kept where pets can't get to it,** according to the APCC.

There is no home care for ingested polyurethane products; **call your veterinarian immediately if your pet is acting symptomatic or if you believe he or she has ingested any type of glue. Do not induce vomiting and do not feed your pet.** Although removal of the hardened glue typically requires surgery, the recovery prognosis is good. So keep a sharp eye on your pet and never leave any type of glue where pets (or kids) can reach it.

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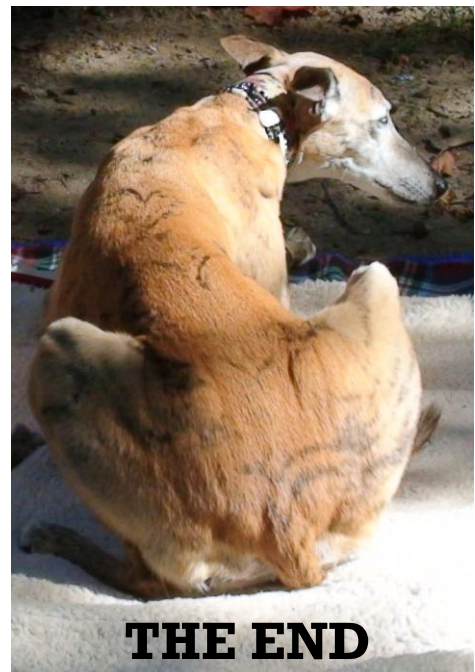
"GREYDEER" sighting at the senior home over the holidays



Road trip for Rudy and JJ



MGC GARAGE SALE CREW



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