

# Greyhound *quarterly*

## MICHIGAN GREYHOUND CONNECTION

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### ***The President Barks***

Hope your winter is going well—as well as it can with this much snow! Most of us are waiting for Spring to arrive, but we've got some time to go. There are some changes I need to make you aware of and also a request, so please read this entire column.

Long time, faithful, event coordinator Margarite McLeod has decided to step down from her position on our Board of Directors and also from the Event Chairman's position. We are so sorry to see Margarite leave, but understand that she has done this for over 10 years and feels it is time to move on. She has always been the most upbeat, organized event coordinator we've ever had and her shoes will be oh so hard to fill, but we're going to try.

Now comes the request. We are looking for someone to take over Margarite's job and with her guidance and support, take over events. It is a big job but very fulfilling because you can interact with so many volunteers and people who love their hounds as you do. We already have a few people who will take over some of the specific events, but we need someone to handle overseeing events, etc. If you think this would be a good job for you, please either email or phone me. I'd love to talk to you about it.



Also, we will be changing the way we solicit volunteers. We want to try using our yahoo forum to do this, so if you're not a member yet, please email Margarite at [margaritemc@att.net](mailto:margaritemc@att.net) or me to get an invitation. The yahoo forum is a good way for all of us to stay connected, keep in touch and find out about important things such as upcoming events. So if you are not a member of our forum, please email Margarite. You have to be invited and we would like all volunteers to join. Thank you so much.

Long time volunteers Susan Riegel and Steve Peters have also resigned their positions as Vice President and Director respectively. Susan, a founding member of MGC, has helped so many of you with behavior issues and problems and will be sorely missed. Nancy Kornfield will be taking over the behavior issues for us. Steve, long time volunteer, has resigned his position as Head of Fostering. We thank them both for their years of dedication and service to MGC and wish Susan and Steve all the best. Yvonne Shafer will be handling foster dog placements and foster family acquisitions. As always, if being a foster family is something you've been thinking about, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with Yvonne.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2011 is our philosophy. The Michigan economy is taking its toll on us but we are resilient and will survive this downturn. I'd love to hear from anyone with any recommendations for a fundraising activity or adventure! Kiss Your Doggies, Susan

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Hi All,

Those of you on my volunteer email list will surely recognize that salutation. Over the last eight years I've started hundreds of emails with those words and you generously responded and volunteered your time for MGC meet and greet events.

I've had a wonderful time and enjoyed working with each and every one of you but the time has come to hang up my Event Coordinator hat and turn over the responsibilities to someone new. I can't thank you enough for all of the support you provided over the years. I consider it a privilege to have met so many MGC members and shared your joys and sorrows.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again at the picnics and other MGC events. I have always considered you not just volunteers but friends and hope that you keep in touch. Keep up the good work and hugs to all. Margarite

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....**

### **Would you like to show off your Grey?!?!?!?**

Volunteer to attend an event so the public can get a better chance to meet you & your greyhounds. We try to keep the shifts to a maximum of 2 to 3 hours if possible. Even an hour would help!

### **So come join the fun and volunteer for an event!**

Check out the website events & when you find something that fits your schedule contact us thru the website or the yahoo MGC forum and come join in on the fun..

Or maybe you have an idea for a fundraiser!!! Let us know.

***Please send Margarite an email so you can find out about all the great events, news & info. [margaritemc@att.net](mailto:margaritemc@att.net)***

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### Memories & Celebrations Winter 2011

Linda & Sari Berman in Memory of my sweet Redd

Judy Jones, Michigan Representative of the Greyhound Protection League in Honor of MGC

Susan Kornfield in Honor of sister Nancy and Mojo, Frankie, Otti and Lola.

Thank you for your continued support in the donation of items for our garage sale and everything else you do to support our cause. We love you!

The Howards in Memory of their sweet boy Pete

Kitty Walstad in celebration of MGC

Judy & Phil Strbik in honor of their wonderful girl Ginger

The Thornburgs in Honor of the fabulous Francesca.

The Staudachers in honor of the dedication of MGC volunteers.

Judy & Jerry Patenaude in honor of the most charming and handsome Hummer.

Freda Hesselth and Brad Blake in Honor of Nancy Kornfield.

The Patin family in Memory of their Gable.

I would also like to thank Sommers Schwartz PC for their continued support of our group by giving us casual day profits for two months and sponsoring a "hot dog" lunch for all with donations going to the Michigan Greyhound Connection.



## MICHIGAN GREYHOUND CONNECTION

### Greyhound Health

Is your greyhound limping? Does your greyhound prefer to walk on the grass rather than the pavement during your walks? He's not being picky, he may have corns. Yes, corns! Greyhounds are the only breed to develop corns on their pads. We're not talking about thick skin, we're talking about small, hard-as-rock, embedded formations in their pad. These corns cause great pain and result in your dog unable to stand on hard surfaces for any length of time.

My greyhound Mojo first developed corns at the age of 9. I didn't know he had corns. Even my vet didn't realize it at first. She prescribed Deramaxx for his lameness, told me to have Mojo avoid exercise and to keep on a lead when in the yard. He did seem a little better for a couple weeks but soon was limping and would go lay on his dog bed when I asked him to go on his morning walk. It broke my heart that he no longer wanted to go for his Walkie. We went back to the vet and upon closer look, the vet discovered Mojo's corns. He had two corns in one pad on his right front paw and 2 more corns on his left front paw. 4 corns total. No wonder he didn't want to go for his walkie!

The vet followed a documented procedure for corn hulling. The procedure and photos can be found online at <http://www.grassmere-animal-hospital.com/corns.htm>. I brought Mojo's dog bed in from the car, he lay down on it and the vet hulled (removed) all 4 corns with a dental root elevator. It's a sharp instrument that lifts out the corn after prying it loose around the perimeter. Mojo lay there quietly, no crying. It took 20 minutes for all corns to be removed.



24 hours later, Mojo was his normal self, marching on the pavement, supervising the activity on the hard kitchen floor. About six weeks later, those darn corns returned. They've been hulled again, and again still. It's probably going to be regular activity for the rest of his life. Their removal is the key to a great quality of life for my dear Moji.

Why do greyhounds get corns? Good question. The answer is not known. Some doctors believe it's a virus other believe it is a structural/skeleton problem in the dog. Others believe it is related to greyhounds having insufficient fat in their bodies and their foot pads -- improper cushioning leading to the corns. Regardless, there is no cure other than the hulling. In many greyhounds, the corns do not return after hulling. But in most greyhounds, those mean corns come back.

I've done the hulling on Mojo's corns a few times. I wait until the corns start to protrude from the pad so I can get a better hold on them. If I'm at the vet with Mojo, I will have the vet hull the corns. It's a fairly quick activity and no surgery or medication is required.

Hope your doggie doesn't get corns but if your greyhound has been limping or has been avoiding hard surfaces, take a look at those pads!

**Nancy "corn"field**

## **GARAGE SALE COMING!**

Save anything you would like to contribute and check the website often for more info on the date and time of the MGC GARAGE SALE. Contact Nancy Kornfield If you would like to donate items and/or help

[kornfieldnancy@yahoo.com](mailto:kornfieldnancy@yahoo.com)





### Available Fosters.....

#### DEXTER

Male / 2-1/2 years old / 70 lbs

Dexter is a loving, smart boy who will quickly become your second shadow. In his foster home



he quickly learned how to run up and down stairs and how to manage on hard floors. He loves long walks, likes to play with his many toys and gets along great with his black labrador foster brother. Dexter has great walking etiquette and likes to meander at will in and out of his crate. Dexter has a high prey drive and is not cat or small animal safe.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OUR LATEST FOSTER DOGS!**

[www.michgreys.org](http://www.michgreys.org)

**Don't forget to schedule your Greyhound's Spring Checkup with your Vet!**

### NEED A VET?

Advanced Veterinary Medical Center

Dr. John Rozenbaum

30470 Grand River Avenue

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

248-478-5400

[www.advancedvetmedcenter.com](http://www.advancedvetmedcenter.com)

D'Adamo Veterinary Hospital

3000 Joy Road., Livonia

734-421-1800

Deporre Veterinary Hospital

4062 W. Maple Road

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

248-646-1669

[www.deporrevet.com](http://www.deporrevet.com)

Moore Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Richard Nurse

22300 Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores

536-573-4760

Parkview Animal Hospital

Dr. Jill Sheldon

1972 11 Mile Rd., Warren

586-573-4760

Rossoni Animal Hospital

2373 Van Born, Taylor

313-291-6400

# Welcome New Adoptors

Brooke and Bill Stumpf are happy to announce Quebec(aka Barack) is a wonderful brother to greyhound Cairo, and to the Chinese Cresteds, Austin and Beijing!

The Smart Family are happy to add the handsome Austin to their family.

Michaela & Ron Lamoureux are so happy to have Rerun in their home to be a younger brother to their 3 senior greyhounds. Michaela saw him on our website and fell in love. He took a transport all the way to Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada to be with his new family.

Dustin Fitzpatrick has adopted the lovely Casper.

## MGC BOARD MEMBERS

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## ***Don't forget***

the *importance* of heart worm prevention!

Spring is just around the corner and it's not too early to talk with a veterinarian.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

### Thank you all volunteers

#### People, Pets, and Vets - 11/6/10

Priscilla Donegan with Bogey

Bill, Renie, and Davy Giezyng with Gypsy

DeeAnn Baker with Kya

Don and Jane Ensley with Phantom, Mini, and Cooper

Linda Kort with Sheba and newly adopted Windy making his meet and greet debut.

#### Shiver on the River—February 5, 2011

Ken Mitchell with JJ and Tanner

Susan Bilsky with Gordy

Viki DeBois with Charlie

Barb Hagen with Jenny

DeeAnn Baker with Kya

Dennis and Robin Underwood with Soliel.



**Hug  
Your  
Doggies**

## SPRING PICNIC

Don't forget to  
check the  
website for the  
date and time  
of the spring  
picnic Hope to  
see all of you  
there!





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## ODDS & ENDS



As the snow is melting and revealing new surprises left by Tanner and Joe John I have finally found the solution for a frustration free pooper scooper! Heavy duty, all plastic, rust proof and it holds a lot! Makes the chore much easier..

At Home Depot for \$17.00. Ken



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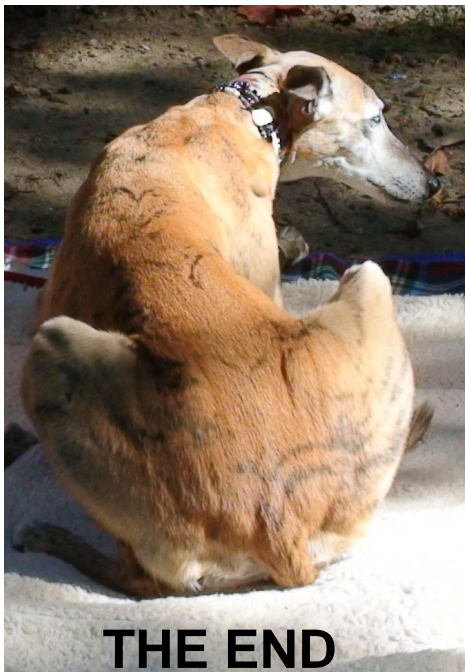


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