

Greyhound *quarterly*

MICHIGAN GREYHOUND CONNECTION

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The President Barks

Hope your summer is going well as we seem to rush right into fall. MGC is doing well although adoption numbers seem to be down—probably due to the economy. Hopefully things will pick up soon and more people will see the joy in adopting these beautiful companions.

We've got dogs coming to Michigan within the next couple weeks, so watch our website for the new arrivals that will be available shortly. Maybe you're thinking of adding to your family—this is a perfect time. Our one foster available for adoption right now is listed in this newsletter. She's a real charmer and would make a great pet for a lucky family. Check out Lila.

We have not yet found a replacement for Margarite (I know she's irreplaceable) so I am still looking for an events coordinator. We only do about one event a month during the warmer months, so it would be something that could be handled by one person. This job would include procuring events to show off our pups, getting and coordinating volunteers for time slots, and setting up and tearing down our display. It is a lot of work but very rewarding because you get to work with all kinds of wonderful volunteers. Some aspects of this job could be delegated to other people with the coordinator overseeing the event. Most of it can be done by email except for setting up, but I have found some people willing to help with that. I have been handling this so far this year and I'm afraid, with all my other duties, I haven't done a very good job. I'm hoping to find someone, (or a couple people -- we could certainly split up this job) to do our dogs justice and commit to this position. Give me a call if you would like more information or anything else. 248.557.8193.

All the Best to you and yours, Kiss Your Doggies, Susan Bilsky..



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Welcome to the MGC Family.....New Adopters 2011

Mark Waddell welcomes the neat Dip N. Dot.

Michael and Marianne Breen welcome Dexter now Jake to their family with open arms.

Melanie Stephens welcomes Kiowa Wind into their home and he's the perfect pet for her and her family.



Gloria and Gerald Wood welcome D's Donnie now Josh into their home with lots of brothers after their greyhound Danny passed away.

Mark and Margie Stoltz welcome the handsomest boy, aptly named Handsome into their home to be brother to the cutie pie Chelsea.

Michelle Cheseldine and her husband, Michael Murphy love their new girl, Honey.

Thanks to the foster families that make these adoptions possible. You're forever in our hearts and minds always.

Memories & Celebrations FALL 2011

In Memory of Jeannie Kenny's Chance from Jo Kuhn

In Memory of Jeannie Kenny's Chance from David Peterson

Karen Mountz in Celebration of MGC.

Bert, Carol & Jimmy Pawlowski in Memory of Rocky, who was our special friend. Thank you to MGC for allowing us to have 2 of the best greyhounds ever. Rocky and Elwood were a hoot to have in our lives. They were funny and sweet and kind and even naughty at times but I wouldn't have changed a single thing about either of them. And now we have our princess-Penny (formerly tunes). She quickly stepped in the greyhound foot prints that were already in our hearts and us under her control. It's nice having a young grey in the house again. Thanks for allowing us this new journey .

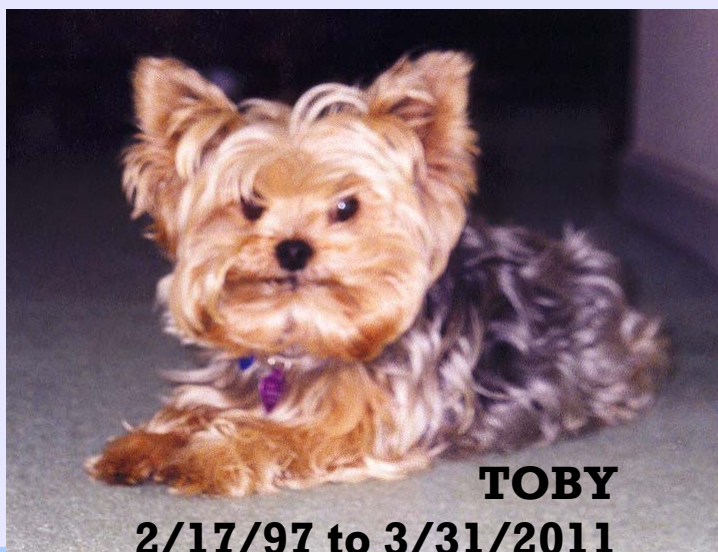
In celebration of MGC from Rob Blaszkowski—for all your loving efforts in helping these beautiful Greyhounds!

Judy & Jerry Patenaude in honor of Hummer. Please use this wherever you need it most.

Judy & Phil Stribik in Celebration of MGC.

A generous donation was collected by Maria Gili and the student Council of Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

Dave Houy and Howard Smith in Memory of Baby Boy Toby. You will forever live in our hearts. We miss you terribly. Your Dads, Howard and Dave.



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2/17/97 to 3/31/2011

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

SHOWING OFF YOUR GREYS CAN BE GOOD FOR ALL OF YOU. *SOCIALIZE AT A MEET AND GREET.*

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 MGC thru the website or the yahoo group and come join in on the fun..



Goofy Web Links

[TALKING DOG](#)

[SWIMMING OUTSIDE](#)

[GUILTY DOG](#)

And MGC very own :

[KIOWA SMILING](#)

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. And don't forget we always welcome volunteers to help out.

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NEED A VET?



Advanced Veterinary Medical Center

Dr. John Rozenbaum

30470 Grand River Avenue

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

248-478-5400

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

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



www.michgreys.org

Available Fosters.....

LILA

- Female
- 5 years old
- 70lbs



Lila is a very sweet girl. A little timid at first, but very loving when she gets used to her surroundings. She loves everyone, adults and especially children.

She gets along well with the other 3 dogs in her foster home and is curious about other dogs she meets on walks. She is good on a lead by herself and also with multiple dogs. She is a velcro dog and wants to be where her people are. Very well mannered in the house and lets you know when she needs to go out. Also, she fetches balls and comes when called!

Even though Lila was adopted as a puppy from the Humane Society and never raced she'll be happy to race into your heart right now.



Check our MGC facebook page. You can now upload pictures of your greyhound in the two new albums we've created for you. check it out and become a member of our facebook page if you aren't already.

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Spring Picnic 2011



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Once Again MGC has another successful GARAGE SALE!

Thank you for everyone that helped out at our garage sale this summer!

Once again for another year we would like to thank **Nancy Kornfield** for the use of her home, garage and life... We could not have done it without the help of everyone that pitched in and spent some time sorting clothes, books and other items that were donated for the sale..Thank You Once Again

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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

The Michigan Greyhound Connection has been holding Fund-raising activities for the past year! Maybe this is the year *that you will participate!*

Upcoming Events:

MGC'S Fall picnic at Hines park, Merriman Hollow Shelter, September 25, 2011 11 am to 4 pm. Hope to see you there!

Howloween

October 22 2011 at noon.

Share Halloween fun with fellow dog lovers! Bring your dog, in costume or not, and have a howlin' good time with contests for best doggie costume, activities for dogs, pet demonstrations, adoptions and vendors and special keepsake photos. Annual Vehicle Permit or daily park pass is required for entry.

People, Vets and Pets in November

Check out our website at michgreys.org or our facebook page to find out about more events!

People, Pets & Vets in November!



Brighten up those collars, harnesses and leashes

What happened to your greyhound's bright blue collar? And why does the yellow leash look faded and spotted? Time to clean those leashes and collars! Just place the items in a bucket of super hot water with a squirt of laundry detergent. Stir those leashes with a paint stick. You'll be surprised at how quickly the bucket fills with dingy water. Dump out the dirty water and repeat with clean hot water and detergent. I like to let the collars and leashes soak for 30 minutes. Rinse thoroughly in cool water. Hang outdoors to dry. You'll be surprised at the results -- all for 5 minutes of work..... Nancy Kornfield

A little hint for training your grey and maybe saving a life.

Try teaching your dog to stay when you open the door. Then tell them ok to proceed. This will prevent them from bolting as soon as the door is opened.. It works great for car doors too!

Belly Bands – They're not just for the belly!

Do you have a sweet little boy greyhound that seems to misbehave when he visits your nearest and dearest friend's house? Does he seem to take aim at plants, sofas or the corner of the fireplace? I have a sweet boy who does that.

I love having friends visit me with their greyhounds but surely don't want their greyhounds to personalize my home. The answer –belly bands. A belly band is a wide band of soft material that wraps around the male greyhound's waist and penis. It fastens with Velcro. It comes in various sizes and wraps comfortably around your dog's belly. It should not be tight. You may find that just the presence of the belly wrap around your dog will deter him from raising his leg and marking. Or if he does attempt to mark, at least the urine will be captured by the belly band.



Belly bands can also be helpful as your senior dog ages and may not be able to hold his urine as long. A feminine hygiene pad can be inserted inside the belly band for additional absorption and simplify clean-up.

They're machine washable . I have several belly bands so that I can be prepared when friends come to visit or when I go visiting. The little rascals are now gentlemen..... Nancy Kornfield

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIATION

Veg Fest , MARCH 27, 2011

Nancy Kornfield and Otter

Susan Bilsky and Gordy

Nancy Wallace and Jazzy and Chubby

Michielle and family and Harley

Carolyn Baker and Garrett

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo, Spring 2011

Denise Duffy & family with Princess Lilly

Kathy Mayfield with Fuller

Karen Daren with Bart

Cheryl Epstein with Riley

Barb Hagen with Jenny

Elizabeth Morse with Eleanor

Andy Wizz with Lacey

Jill Langer with Snoopy and Woody

Carolyn Baker with Garrett

Pet a Palooza June 25 and 26

Mike & Alex Murphy with Frankie, Tux, Gilli,
and Lila

Carolyn Baker with Garrett

Linda Kort with Sheba

Barb Hagen and Jenny

Jill Langer with Birch

Jill Duhl with fosters Honey and Allie

Renie & Bill Giezyng with Gypsy

Mary Lou Hunter

Rachel Wright with Darla



AND STILL MORE THANKS TO EVERYONE..

Farmington Founder's Festival July 14,15 and 16

Susan Bilsky with Gordy

Ken Mitchell with Tanner

Kathy Mayfield with Fuller

Carolyn Baker with Garrett

Dennis & Robin Underwood with Soliel

Jane and Don Ensley with Cooper, Mini and Phantom

Andy Wieczorkowski with Lacey

Mike & Alex Murphy with Lila

Alan Causer with Lily

Jill Langer with Birch

A huge thank you goes to Ken Mitchell for handling this whole event. We couldn't do it without you! Thanks so much.



**Thank you to all
volunteers who
come no matter
what the weather,
etc. We are so
grateful for your
efforts.**

& EVEN MORE THANKS..

The Crafty Labor Arts and Craft Show at the 2011 Peach Festival in Romeo.



Linda Kort & Sheba

Alex & Mike Murphy - Tux, Gilley & Foster Lyla

Don & Jane Ensley - Mini, Cooper & Phantom

Pat Wieczorkowski

Don & Jane Ensley - Mini, Cooper & Phantom

Jill Langer & Tim with their greys.

**SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO JILL LANGER FOR
THE GREAT EFFORT TO PUT THE WHOLE EVENT
TOGETHER! THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**



PEEPAWS RECOVERY....

Earlier this year, just as winter was beginning to relax its grip over the southern Great Lakes and springtime optimism was slowly creeping into the air, my boy Shata (aka Peepaws, then 11 years old) broke his left rear leg in a panicked fall on a tile floor. As is greyhound custom, he was merely trying to jump onto the couch. However, he chose to leap from an area of recently-exposed tile floor instead of from the rug that covers much of the room. He lost his balance, fell, and frantically tried to get back up, kicking and clawing in desperation. I came to his assistance and tried to right him, but to my disbelief he could not stand as usual--one of his legs was twisting unnaturally. My morning preparations dramatically interrupted, I quickly hoisted him out to my car and over to the local animal hospital (namely, the Ann Arbor Animal Hospital). Before long, Shata was sedated and we had begun the hour-and-a-half journey



to the clinic at Michigan State University. Much to my dismay, the sedatives wore off about halfway to East Lansing, and Shata was intent on standing (and yelping). His leg was braced, of course, but it was unnerving.

We made it, and the students at MSU helped cart the poor pup into their facility. It was a relief to know

Shata was in competent hands. But questions of the dreaded "C" word were in the air. Despite the confidence of the doctor at the Ann Arbor Hospital that the x-rays did not show cancer, the vets at MSU would further investigate when they performed Shata's surgery. I was deep in uncertainty until that time, which would not be until the following morning (Thursday). Shata would then spend at least one more night in East Lansing to be monitored--I could pick him up Friday at the earliest. For two nights I was without my buddy, fearing the worst. My fears were lessened on Thursday after I finally heard from MSU about the surgery's outcome. The doctors there, like at Ann Arbor, did not see evidence of cancer, and the surgery went well otherwise.

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Still, I knew it would be a long recovery. I sprang Shata from Michigan State on Friday afternoon--he was reportedly very unhappy with his accommodations there. The ride home was uneventful and, despite my worries, so was his exit from the car. He was swollen and bruised and rough around the edges, but he did his best to get back in the home groove. After I finally got him into his bed, I lay next to him and pet him until he let out a big sigh. I couldn't help thinking he was relieved to be home.

Lying down for Shata was often a challenge, as his braced and stiff leg would not allow him to squat and lower himself in his accustomed way. But he muddled through. He also valiantly (read: reluctantly) took all his painkillers and medications. We had embarked, as they say, on the road to recovery.

I'm happy to report that: so far, so good. We celebrated Shata's 12th birthday in June. Today his fur (shaved for the surgery) has grown back enough that he looks good as new. It's been hot this summer, but Shata now goes on long walks when time and weather permit. He even accompanied the family on vacation to Petoskey in August (which was not much different from his normal life, truth be told!).

I could not end this note without immensely thanking the Michigan Greyhound Connection, for its support both emotional and financial! It would have been much harder to get through this without them. Thanks also go to my family, who helped out generously with the brindle boy. And thanks of course to all the doctors and students in Ann Arbor and East Lansing who cared for Shata. Shata thanks everyone as well, for helping to ensure that he can leap up on four good legs every time he hears someone snacking in the kitchen. Ian Bost

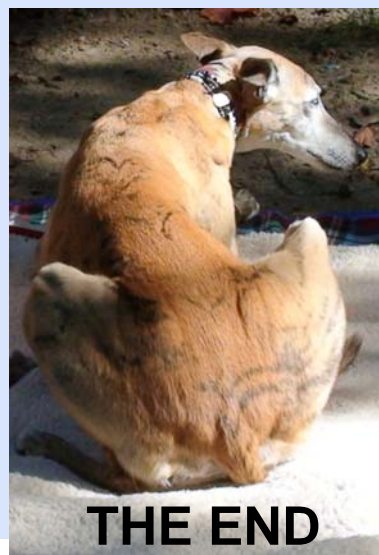


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