



STAYING SUMMER SAFE

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As the days grow longer, they're also getting hotter. And hot weather means taking a few precautions to keep everyone safe, especially our canine pals. The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends these safeguards:

Stay hydrated. Just as we humans need to stay well-hydrated, so do our dogs. If your dog is outside for any length of time, make sure plenty of fresh water is available.

Too much sunshine isn't a good thing. Make sure your dog has shade. Long-coated dogs can find a little relief with a summer clipping or shaving.

Dogs can sunburn, too. The more vulnerable dogs are the ones with thin coats; just apply a little sunscreen to their delicate skin.

Never leave your dog in your car, even for a minute. If you don't believe the warnings of how quickly it heats up inside your car, sit inside your car on an 80-degree day for 2 minutes with the doors closed and the windows rolled up.

Walk cool. Enjoy those walks on a hot day in the evening or early morning when temperatures are coolest.

Protect those paws. Concrete walkways, sand and asphalt can feel like a scorching griddle on a hot day



and can cause painful burns to your dog's paws.

Use pest prevention. Fleas, ticks and mosquitoes can carry potentially life-threatening parasites or diseases. Be proactive; easy-to-administer repellents and preventives are just a vet's office away.

A few tips for a safe, sunny summer!

MAYPOLIN' 4 R MUTTS

As we wrap up GREYlong's fourth rummage sale, most would have guessed that everyone's basements had been swept fairly clean by now. Luckily, we guessed wrong - almost \$1,400 wrong.

The sale was held May 13

and 14 in Overland Park, Kan. It started with a March trumpet call to "Declutter for a Paw Cause" and angels responded.

Tall angels, blonde angels, curly haired angels and four-legged angels. By the end of April, the **Haberman-Wilson's** spare bedroom, basement

and garage were overflowing. The days leading up to the event required some creative thinking with the rapidly disappearing storage space. Lori eyed up the neighbor's garage and knocked on his door. Could they spare some room in their garage for a good

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TRACKING THE TREASURER



GREYlong has had a great 2011 so far. We're pleased to report that our spring Maypolin' 4 R Mutts rummage sale earned \$1,399. That total includes \$22 in hotdog sales (boy, were our shoppers hungry!), \$15 in muffin sales (and they had a sweet tooth) and \$3 for car-wash coupons. The car wash coupon campaign is earning some bucks as the weather warms and everyone is getting out to wash their cars—to date, the coupon have brought in \$35. Our April financials (which do not include the May rummage sale revenue) shows \$2,045 in our account. Our expenses were nominal, consisting renewing our Web site domain name and our Kansas business registration.

Income totals by year	
2011	\$1,685
2010	\$10,136
2009	\$8,324
2008	\$5,938
2007	\$8,349
2006	\$589

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cause? And indeed, they could and did!

Karen Randall came to Lori's house several days before the sale and Lori and Karen measured, tied and marked bundles of comforters and sheet sets. Half the fun of a rummage sale is figuring out what is what – jug-handled containers with a whirly looking base. Lori's husband, **Chris Haberman-Wilson**, and Karen identified it as a new appliance, "Magic Bullet." Little did Lori know.

On Thursday, Karen, her husband, **Dan Randall**, and Chris helped clear the garage and set up tables. We had eight tables, boxes covered with sheets as additional displays and rods hung for displaying clothes. Friday's first sale was a much-coveted set of longhorn steer horns mounted on wood.

One gentleman was thrilled with his antique drill and 60-year-old barn shelf. Another man was gaga over the University of Missouri-logo items. Two young college guys were thrilled with their leather chair and wooden cocktail set purchase (perfect for college-guy dé-



cor). Several ladies commented on how well we were organized, thanks to Karen's skills.

In addition to feeding the soul with treasures, we fed the body with hot dogs, thanks to Costco who donated a gift card. And we tantalized folks with freshly baked chocolate chip cookies and muffins. We didn't want anyone walking away because they were hungry.

Closing down after Saturday's sale was

tiring work; not everything had sold. We were cheered by Chris' money tally and thrilled that GREYlong had made nearly \$1,400.

As always, this fundraising event was successful because of our angels who helped and donated. GREYlong gratefully thanks **Donna and Kim Bryan; Renee and Alan Dietzman; Dana Eikenberg; Lois and Mike Harris; Rebecca, Jeanette and Ray Hinks; Denise Knight; Sharon and Greg Loeser; Diana May; Cheryl and Doug Newman; Karen and Dan Randall; Cindy Stein; Monica McNamara and Jim Twigg; Louise and Jim Williams; Chris and Lori Haberman-Wilson; and Ted Zoellner** for

their donations.

And the last angel to visit was a sweet, white Greyhound named Angel. She snuggled; she cuddled; she was a doll. Angel had been found abandoned in northeast Kansas.

It's hard to imagine, picturing Angel as she gently lifted one paw while she stood, but this loving dog has bone cancer. Yes, there are angels all around us – some are tall, some are blond and some walk on four paws.

In Memory

Brooke loved by Greg and Sharon Loeser

Cinderella loved by Mary Ann Moore

Danielle loved by Renee and Alan Dietzman

Dolce loved by Louise and Jim Williams

Higgins loved by Kelly and Doug Courtright

Sabra loved by Lois and Mike Harris

Zoe loved by Christy and Murray Johnson

Greg Loeser wrote a wonderful article about the many talents of Brooke in our August 2010 issue of GREY Tales and we are sad to hear of her passing. Brooke was a certified therapy dog and involved with R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs.) Brooke may have taken several tries to pass the therapy dog test, but she earned her diploma and graduation certificates with grace. She volunteered her time for five years with Pets for Life, Inc. and three years with R.E.A. D. and she visited nursing facilities, schools and libraries.

"Curious George and the Puppies" and the "Clifford's" series were some of her favorite books that children read to her. In her honor, GREYlong will have a fundraiser named "Books for Brooke" from July 1 to August 15.

Please check your shelves and bookcases. We will be accepting good to excellent condition hardback, paperback, children's books, videos, CDs, and/or cassettes.

They will be sold and the money used to fund a study in Brooke's memory. The person who collects the most books will be aptly rewarded. E-mail Lori (lori@greylong.org) for a drop-off location.

Making a donation is a wonderful way to honor or remember a special friend or companion. Donating to GREYlong is a gift that helps find a cure for canine cancer and is a meaningful tribute on a special birthday, wedding, holiday or family celebration. A gift to mark the loss of a pet is one that sustains that friend's memory and offers comfort to those left behind. GREYlong hopes that all companion animals will live long and healthy lives.



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**with Brooke
for a
"Pawsitive
Experience"**



CYCLOPAMINE STUDY UPDATE

GREYlong is supporting several studies this year. One of the studies evaluates using the chemical Cyclopamine as a therapy for canine bone cancer. We are pleased to provide this update to you by Dr. Heather Wilson, a Texas A&M veterinarian who is leading the study.

Cancer arises from a single mutated cell possessing the power to replicate, expand and eventually form a tumor. There are many theories as to what causes and prompts progression of this process.

One theory states that a cell with stem cell capabilities divides to produce new tumor-initiating cells and daughter cells. Identifying pathways that can increase sensitivity of these cells to medical intervention

is important in finding a cure for bone cancer.

Cyclopamine, a chemical found in the corn lily plant, inhibits the "Sonic Hedgehog pathway." This pathway is responsible for normal embryo development for maintaining adult stem cells and for directing the regeneration of tissues. This study will research Cyclopamine's effectiveness at stopping tumor-creating cells in canine

osteosarcoma. The goal is to provide a new targeted therapy for pets with osteosarcoma.

We have made excellent progress with this study so far. We have been able to troubleshoot the protein assays successfully and demonstrate our drug target at the protein level. We are also in the process of separating out the cancer stem-like cells and have been successful in this as well.

Book the



Mark your calendars for these upcoming GREYlong events!

- **Sept 17—Gallivantasia**

10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Kill Creek Park, 11670 Homestead Lane, DeSoto. \$10 per person potluck and dog-swim day! Visit www.GREYlong.org for full details.

GREYlong is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 2006 devoted to raising funds to help support canine cancer studies. The money raised by GREYlong is donated to Morris Animal Foundation. All gifts are tax-deductible. We have no paid employees, so all gifts make an impact in finding a cure for cancer.

We are passionate about making a difference in our current and future pets' lives. Our name "GREYlong" is symbolic. It represents our goal that everyone's pets should live LONG lives in their senior-citizen GREY fur.

We are grateful for all of your support. Our year-end financial report is posted at www.greylong.org.

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Grain-Free Liver Crunchies

"You Bake'Em Dog Biscuits Cookbook"

By Janine Adams

If you want a crunchy treat that you can store on the counter, bake these treats twice, just like biscotti. For a nice soft training treat, stop after the first baking.

- 1 pound (2 cups) beef liver
- 2 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups garbanzo bean flour
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F.

Puree the liver with the eggs in a food processor. Add this mixture to the flour in a large bowl and stir in the cheese. Mix well and turn out onto a baking sheet covered with greased or non-stick foil.

Bake for 25 minutes or until firm on top.

Remove from the oven and cool. When cool enough to handle, turn the dough over, peel off the foil and cut into training-treat-sized treats. For soft treats, refrigerate the treats or freeze any you won't be using within a week. For crunchy, biscotti-like treats, return the cut treats to the oven and bake at 150 degrees F. for three hours or until treats are hard and crunchy. Twice-baked treats can be stored at room temperature in a loosely covered container.