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What's coming up?

The "Gallivantasia" will be hosted on Saturday the 23rd of September, from 11A.M to 2 P.M. at Kill Creek Park, Olathe, Kansas. The day includes the beach, the lake, pot luck lunch, and fun.

We always need volunteers – help at the front gate, in the kitchen, on the beach, and for clean up after the event concludes. Please let me know if you are interested!

[Here is the waiver](#)

October TBD

Oktoberfest On-Line Auction

Getting Your Pet a Tune Up

We are fortunate to have access to great veterinary care. Our primary vet takes care of our dogs' shots, dentistry, and check ups. When something odd or different happens, we consult on differing treatments and potential benefits.

Our first greyhound Magic suffered a stroke and subsequent seizures. As you can imagine, it didn't take long before he was having problems. Dr. Grace Brewer (Mariposa Veterinary Hospital) helped realign Magic's back; and after one treatment he was jumping into the station wagon like the champion he was!

If you think about it, a dog's weight is carried downward. The longer the back, the more downward pressure. Basset Hounds, the Daschund, and other members of the hound family have this characteristic feature. Chiropractic treatments maybe something you want to consider.

Russ Crumrine shares his story about the chiropractic treatment his dog Snickers has received and the benefits.



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Snickers and Chiropractic by RussCrumrine

I adopted Snickers in May 2016 when his racing career ended after 93 races. He did not exhibit any injuries that I noticed. He became my new therapy pet partner with a local therapy pet group. At one of the group's regular meetings, the speaker, Dr. Kimberly Hunt, a chiropractor who is also a certified animal chiropractor, gave a presentation and demonstration. I wondered what kind of shape Snickers was in as a result of his racing career.

I made an appointment for Snickers with Dr. Hunt at Chiro 4 Paws to have her do an overall assessment. The first thing she did was to watch him walk. She immediately noted that he walked with the knee and foot of his right rear leg turned slightly out. Neither I nor my veterinarian had noticed this. She believed he was compensating for some type of injury to the leg. As I reflected on what she said, it seemed to explain his unwillingness to run in the dog park, to always turn and urinate with weight on his left back leg, and not jump in the vehicle.

During that first appointment she did a thorough hands on exploratory assessment of his body. Before she began, she talked to Snickers to establish a rapport with him. It was fascinating to watch her check his legs, feet, neck and back. She explained what she was doing and why, as well as what she found. She found indications of some type of injury to his right rear leg, and specifically the knee, tendon, and foot. She also noted what she called adhesions, in his left side ribs and some areas of adjustment long his spine. These likely resulted from bumping into other dogs during a race.

Snickers has had a total of four treatment appointments with Dr. Hunt, ranging from 3-4 weeks to 3 months apart. During each of the visits she manipulated, stretched, and kneaded the affected areas. During each of the visits, I received homework. She would demonstrate and explain to me what home therapy actions I was to perform on Snickers in between visits. I took videos and photos of her demonstrations so I would remember how to do everything correctly. These home treatments became part of my nightly quality time with Snickers. I think at times he resented my disturbing his couch roaching to have him lay on a comforter on the floor. I won't say I was skeptical of the benefit of taking Snickers to an animal chiropractor; since I had never used one myself, I was unfamiliar with the possible positive outcomes of an animal chiropractor. Now, I am convinced that chiropractic treatment is worthwhile. The positive changes I have observed in Snickers include: he will, from time to time, urinate putting weight on his right rear leg; he will stand on his two back legs to greet someone or peer in an open car window (new behaviors I need to modify); and, most importantly, he will run around the dog park with other Greyhounds and at the recent GREYlong Gathering.



I make sure that Snickers sees the veterinarian on a regular basis for checkups, vaccinations, and other tests as necessary. Given the vagaries of aging, and I mean for Snickers and other Greyhounds, not me of course, I am convinced of the utility of regular checkups and tune-ups with a chiropractor to keep him healthy and fit along with his visits to the veterinarian. I want to see Snickers actively participating in GREYlong Gatherings and Gallavantasias and serving as a therapy pet for many years to come.

Event Round-Ups:

Burr: the May Gathering at Kill Creek Park

The weather was a bit cool to say the least. We had had a lot of rain and the beach in places was more like a bog. Honestly, the dogs just didn't care. They greeted each other with hoots and hollers. Let the fun begin! Canines roared into warp speed and seemed to find the grassy areas were the best places to run. Dogs and lifeguards didn't think twice about diving into the lake, and it did seem that the water was warmer than the air temperature.

The front door was well staffed by greeters Linda May, and Sharon and Chuck Illies, and exits managed by Amal Perera and Kim Bryan. The kitchen crew of Wasna Gamage and her daughters assisted Karen Randall, who made sure the food moved quickly from the guests' hands, past the dog's noses, and on to the tables.

Mike Coppoc rounded up some young men who helped guard the beach. They kept the dogs safe and afloat! Thank you Devin, Jesus, Kyle and Zach. A huge thank you to our beach fence guy and gal - Jim Twigg and Monica McNamara. Margo McNamara was the great sales lady on dog collars and GREYlong silent auctions. Denise Riebau, Donna and Kim Bryan, and Jacquie and Tom Corona along with the beach lifeguard Ben pitched in to do clean up and tote the items back to our cars.

We had a record attendance, with 110 people accompanying 72 dogs. We raised over \$2,175. Thank you for your support!



Pictures by Denise Riebau and some by Tristan Traylor



Tracking the Treasurer

Why donate to GREYlong? To make a difference in the lives of our pets and hopefully in the lives of their owners.

Here is the financial summary for the calendar year 2017.

Events - the Gathering at Kill Creek Beach raised \$2,100,

Generous donations from the sale of products including dog snoods and collars and donated items sold in the GREYlong EBay store brought in \$1,580 and

GREYlong received very generous gifts totaling \$580 from organizations and individuals.

Since inception GREYlong has provided \$115,000 in support of ongoing canine cancer studies. In 2016 GREYlong distributed \$14,000 to the University of Minnesota Veterinary School in support of 3 canine cancer studies:

Niche Conditioning for Metastasis in Canine Osteosarcoma;

Genomics: Germline and Somatic Genetic Determinants of Osteosarcoma Outcome; and Targeted Therapy for Canine

Hemangiosarcoma with a vaccine named SRCBST

There are many worthwhile organizations to support, and we appreciate that you chose to support GREYlong.

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One
 Final
 Rescue...

Book That Date!

Sept 23rd, 2017 – Gallivantasia
 Kill Creek Park,
 11670 Homestead Lane
 Olathe, KS

October TBD
 Oktoberfest On-Line Auction
 Things for you, for your dog, and for
 your home.

GREYlong is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 2006 and devoted to raising funds to support canine cancer studies. Gifts donated are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We have no paid employees, so all gifts make an impact on finding a cure for canine cancer.

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 on <http://greylong.org/Financials.html>

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