

# GREY Tales

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What's coming up?

The "Oktoberfest On-Line auction" will kick off on Tuesday, October 8th 2019 and run through Saturday the 12th of October. Put those dates on your calendar. Be prepared to bid often and generously. Look for updates on the GREYlong Facebook page for the donated items that will be available during the auction.

As always, we need donations. Items do not have to be dog related.

Please let me know if you have something you would like to donate.

### To CBD or not?

It seems that CBD (Cannabidiol) treats are in every store and recommended for every issue. What is it? Can it help my pet?

A little medical background: How is cannabidiol different from marijuana? (Harvard Health Publication, Peter Grinspoon, MD 8/24/18). CBD stands for cannabidiol. It is the second most prevalent of the active ingredients of cannabis (marijuana). While CBD is an essential component of medical marijuana, it is derived directly from the hemp plant, which is a cousin of the marijuana plant. While CBD is a component of marijuana (one of hundreds), it does not cause a "high" by itself.

We have a 13-year-old greyhound who has been slowing down. She does not want to walk as far and sleeping rates high in her list of "fun" things to do. In addition to the age issue she also has problems with discs in her neck and does not respond well to rimadyl and tramadol. I had friends recommend CBD, but I had questions. How could I ensure I was buying a quality product? Was it an effective dose of CBD or a diluted dose? So I chose to sit it on the side lines.

When our vet mentioned that Cornell University had recently conducted a study on the effectiveness of a chew, produced by ElleVet, on older dogs with arthritis, we were interested. He also noted that Cornell verified the amount of CBD oil that was in each dose. That was reassuring to know, rather like the Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

We bought the ElleVet Mobility Chew from a local vet store and reordered on line. The brochure from ElleVet states that the chew contains a "broad spectrum cannabinoids which targets pain and inflammation.... If your dog is slowing down and showing his age, we can help."

I must say that for Kaylee it has been a real help. Within three

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days of starting her on the chew her attitude was noticeably improved. She trotted down the hallway with her tail wagging in the morning. She is not dragging on walks, and she has a lot more happy days than not. We were really impressed!

The one hint I would offer: the chews are rather crumbly, so I get out a tablespoon with some peanut butter on it and break the chew in half over the peanut butter, squashing the chew into the peanut butter. She loves it! Just like Mary Poppins - a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. And after all, our name "GREYlong" is a nod to senior "greying" dogs and the hope that all pets will live long, healthy lives. We are passionate about making a difference in our current and future pets' lives.



# **GREYlong's 2020 Photo Calendar**

Barbara Rix did a fabulous job on GREYlong's first calendar for year 2019. Each month I look at the pictures and smile. The dog antics make me laugh. The colors are inviting and the format artistic.

Barbara has completed the 2020 photo calendar, and they are now available for \$14. (Three dollars will ship up to three calendars.)





Order now – the calendars make a greyt fit for the dog lovers among your friend and families.

## The Results from the Spring Gathering May 19, 2019

A huge, huge THANK YOU to Karen and Dan Randall, Jackie Whitford, Jim Twigg, and Sharen Miller who were at Kill Creek Park Beach with me, at 8:00 in the morning, setting up in the rain. The weather was probably the worst we have experienced. Not only did it rain, but there was thunder too.



Photo Credit - Denise Riebau



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Three Greyhounds were seen tracking a bird that flew over the beach and out into the water; of course, they ran into the water to chase it. So the beach dog guards, already damp from the rain, swam out to pull them back in. Clearly, the dogs didn't seem to care about getting wet, but the thunder certainly got their attention.

We had 56 folks and 49 pups brave the weather and roll in the sand. We raised over \$1,500 for canine cancer research through raffles, silent auctions, and dog collar sales. Thank you to all who attended, purchased, and donated!

This event is so much fun, but is a lot of work. Please recognize Johnson County Parks and Recreation Monte Fiegel and his staff for clearing, cleaning, and grooming the venue. A big cheer to the marvelous volunteers: Cheryl and Doug Newman; Gregg Loeser; Jackie and Chet Whitford; Jacquie and Tom Corona; Jennifer and Tom Long; Julie Bates; Karen and Dan Randall; Lisa Horn; Margaret McNamara; Monica McNamara; Jim Twigg; Russ Crumrine; Sharen Miller; and Sheila and Mike Goff who were absolutely stellar in selling, serving, fencing, dog guarding, lifeguarding, and cleaning up. You are the best volunteers ever!



Photo Credit - Denise Riebau



Thank you to all who helped organize and volunteer, as well as those who attended with their hounds over the years. Besides the joy of watching the dogs run on the beach and play in the water, you helped make a difference in the fight against canine cancer. Over the last 10 years GREYlong has hosted 16 events, with 1,103 folks attending and 958 dogs romping the sands of Kill Creek Beach. It has been an incredible run. This was our last event!



Photo Credit - Scott Williams



Photo Credit - Denise Riebau



# Tracking the Treasurer

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

Here is the financial summary for the calendar year 2019.

- GREYlong received very generous gifts totaling \$2,300 from individuals, organizations, and fund raisers on Facebook.
- The Gathering at Kill Creek Beach raised \$1,500.
- Donations from the sale of calendars, products, including dog snoods and collars, and donated items sold in the GREYlong EBay store brought in \$1,400.

Since inception, GREYlong has provided \$148,000 in support of ongoing canine cancer studies. Approximately 56% has gone to osteosarcoma studies and 29% to hemangiosarcoma and lymphoma studies.

There are many worthwhile organizations to support, and we deeply appreciate that you choose to support GREYlong. If you are an Amazon shopper, please consider supporting GREYlong on Amazon Smile. Every dollar makes a difference.

### Thank You

We gratefully acknowledge donations of cash and goods made by the following individuals and organizations:

Alane and Ronald Schultz Allison Jones Barbara Rix Bea Thompson **Bonnie Sealey** 

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**Book That Date!** 

May October 8 – 12th 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 <a href="https://www.greylong.org/financials">https://www.greylong.org/financials</a>

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