



GREYlong

Funding humane research focused on preventing and curing canine cancer

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What's coming up?

The "Gathering" is tentatively to be hosted on Saturday, May 18th, 2019, at Kill Creek Park, Olathe, Kansas. The event 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 and willing to help!

Thank you!

Facing an Osteosarcoma Diagnosis

Bonnie Sealy

Maya, my precious little 12-year-old girl, was diagnosed with osteo in her shoulder on July 9. I chose not to have amputation for Maya.



GREYlong is supporting an osteosarcoma study by Dr. Nicola Mason of the University of Pennsylvania using a listeria bacteria vaccine. The study GREYlong supports is without amputation. There are 31 locations around the country also running a study with the same vaccine in conjunction with amputation. On a case by case basis, each of the 31 locations can have the vaccine made available, at your cost, if the dog is not a participant in the study. If you are in the San Diego area, Veterinary Specialist

Hospital is one of the locations running the study.

I met Dr. Mason in Gettysburg last April when she did a presentation of her studies with the vaccine and non-amputation. I was very impressed with a video she had of two Great Pyrenees that had been diagnosed with osteo and were limping. Given her treatment, of radiation and the vaccine, many months later they were not only still alive but not limping. Of course, these results don't represent every situation.

Since we are not having the leg amputated, the vet suggested three rounds of radiation along with one dose of chemo with the first round of radiation. These treatments are to help eliminate pain. There is also a drug for humans, called Zometa, being used to build bone.

While the vaccine is not a cure, it is a treatment beyond just pain management. The theory is that the listeria bacteria makes the dog a bit ill. The body reacts with fever and or some nausea. This is helping to build the immune system. There have been good results with this vaccine in the study with amputation. Some good data as well for non-amputation that shows promise.

While it is not the best news, it is much better than my first two dogs that were diagnosed with osteosarcoma who lived only few weeks given pain meds only. I have high hopes for this vaccine going forward into the future. I think it will allow dogs to live a longer and pain free life.

Right now we are just sort of moving forward one day at a time because to stand still is not an option.



Update

Life does not always go as we plan. My plan was to have my precious Maya around for many more months.

We had an appointment in San Diego for her first radiation treatment and chemotherapy; then two more doses of radiation then try the listeria bacteria vaccine and perhaps the bone builder.

But we forgot that Miss Maya was always in charge of things.

She has been so happy and snappy. She was begging for treats that she couldn't have because she was to be given an anesthetic

Maya was always terrified of the vet. As we got the car ready we heard a tremendous noise in the house. We dashed in and saw her with her left leg up and Tigger standing near as if to protect her.

She took herself to her bed and lay down with the left leg and shoulder up. She had broken the leg at the elbow. Rather than move her to the car or to a terrifying place to let her go, we kept her calm and relaxed. She had soft music and Ron, Tigger and I beside

her. She did not pant, she was calm and peaceful.

We let her go in love and peace.

To say we are devastated is an understatement. We hoped to have a little more time with her. We hoped to try one of the new treatments that may have given her time. In the end she made the decision.

We release Maya with hearts filled with sadness that she is not with us but with hearts filled with love and memories of a special sassy little girl.

I will continue the fight against osteosarcoma. I will continue the fight with GREYlong. The treatment is so close. I know it will be there in the not too distant future.

Hug your hounds tonight.

Run free sweet girl, your brothers Laddi and Karma are waiting.

The Results from the Spring Gathering 2018 and the Oktoberfest On-Line Auction:

A huge, huge THANK YOU to Karen Randall and Jim Twigg who were at Kill Creek Park Beach with me, Saturday May 19, 2018, at 7:30 in the morning, in the rain setting up. And they were smiling! The sun did shine and we all had a blast.

Eighty-six folks and 44 dogs attended. The food was divine. We had some interesting salads – German potato, Caprese, pineapple coleslaw, and spinach with pecans. I also recall a divine brisket from BBQ expert Pat.

We also want to 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; Chet Whitford; Jacquie and Tom Corona; Jennifer and Tom Long; Lois Schletzbaum; Sharon, mom Carol and Chuck Illies; Melissa and Joe; Linda May and Karen Sears; Margaret McNamara; Meghan and Skylar Doeden; Monica McNamara; Jim Twigg; and Ruth Amos who were absolutely stellar in selling, serving, fencing, dog guarding, lifeguarding, and cleaning up. You are the best volunteers ever!

The October 2018 Oktoberfest On-Line Auction was our largest ever. We had more than 200 items and raised over \$5,800. A huge thank you to all who donated items, to those who proofed the auction format, and “elves” Karen Randall, Julie Bates, and Sheila Goff who boxed, wrapped, taped, and shipped.



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 2018.

The Gathering at Kill Creek Beach and the Oktoberfest On-Line Auction raised \$8,400.

GREYlong received very generous gifts totaling \$7,500 from individuals, organizations, and fund raisers on Facebook.

Donations from the sale of calendars, products, including dog snoods and collars, and donated items sold in the GREYlong EBay store brought in \$3,800.

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. Please consider supporting GREYlong on Amazon Smile too.

GREYlong's Photo Calendar



Barbara Rix did a fabulous job on GREYlong's first photo calendar. We sold 125 calendars, shipping them from California to Tennessee. We hope you are enjoying January!

It is now time to begin preparing the 2020 calendar. So please start submitting your favorite photos for next year's calendar.

Suggested categories:

Puppy to the oldest dog and anything in the snow (January), loves of our lives (February), everything green (March), spring into flowers (April), "I am all ears" (May), outside activities with your pup (June), vacationing with your dog (July), dog days of summer (August), back to school and reading therapy (September), fall pictures and Halloween costumes photos (October), non-canine friends and companions you are grateful to have in your lives (November), and Holiday pictures (December).



In Memory

GREYlong gratefully acknowledges donations made in memory of:

Bob
Bobby
Greycie
Maya
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Maya
Mimi
Neytiri
Peanuts
Riley
Rhett
ViviAnn

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Bonnie Sealey
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ViviAnn loved by Linda Ragland-Little and family

One
Final
Rescue...

Book That Date!

May 18th, 2019 – Gallivantasia
Kill Creek Park,
11670 Homestead Lane
Olathe, KS

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

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