

It's A Sneak Peek!

Welcome to a sneak peek of the new GEM *GreyHound Gazette*! The newsletter will only be available by download from the GEM website as a PDF and can be opened with either Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader. If you do not have this software program, you can download Adobe Reader for **free** here:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/reader.html>

Among other new features, we're very excited to begin a column written by Dr. Christine Kellogg, from Ohio State University's Greyhound Health and



Wellness Program at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

We'll also be interviewing interesting "GEMS." You'll learn about members who have unusual careers or hobbies in our **GEM Snapshots** section.

We want to make the *Gazette* **YOUR** newsletter, so, please send submissions of photos, articles, and even video

links to our newsletter coordinator Pam Allion: plallion@hotmail.com. And be sure to let us know what other kinds of articles you'd be interested in seeing in the *Gazette*.

And last, but not least, thanks to Steve Tezak for all the time and effort he has put into publishing *GreyTalk* over the past several years. I've got some big shoes to fill!

Look for our first full newsletter in March. I'm so pleased to be able to help contribute to the *Gazette*!

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A Greyhound Tale

The following story is about Jasmine, a rescued greyhound living at a British wildlife sanctuary, who sadly passed away in 2011.

In 2003, police in Warwickshire, England, opened a garden shed and found a whimpering, cowering dog. The dog had been locked in the shed and abandoned. It was dirty and malnourished, and had quite clearly been abused.

In an act of kindness, the police took the dog, which was a female greyhound, to the Nuneaton Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary, which is run by a man named Geoff Grewcock, and known as a haven for animals abandoned, orphaned, or otherwise in need.

Geoff and the other sanctuary staff went to work with two aims: to restore the dog to full health, and to win her trust. It took several weeks, but eventually both goals were achieved. They named her Jasmine, and they started to think about finding her an adoptive home.



Jasmine, however, had other ideas. No one quite remembers how it came about, but Jasmine started welcoming

all animal arrivals at the sanctuary. It would not matter if it were a puppy, a fox cub, a rabbit or, any other lost or hurting animal. Jasmine would just peer into the box or cage and, when and where possible, deliver a welcoming lick.



Geoff relates one of the early incidents. "We had two puppies that had been abandoned by a nearby railway line. One was a Lakeland Terrier cross and another was a Jack Russell Doberman cross. They were tiny when they arrived at the centre, and Jasmine approached them and grabbed one by the scruff of the neck in her mouth and put him on the settee. Then she fetched the other one and sat down with them, cuddling them."



“But she is like that with all of our animals, even the rabbits. She takes all the stress out of them, and it helps them to not only feel close to her, but to settle into their new surroundings. She has done the same with the fox and badger cubs, she licks the rabbits and guinea pigs, and even lets the birds perch on the bridge of her nose.”

Jasmine, the timid, abused, deserted waif, became the animal sanctuary’s resident surrogate mother, a role for which she might have been born. The list of orphaned and abandoned youngsters she has cared for comprises five fox cubs, four badger cubs, fifteen chicks, eight guinea pigs, two stray puppies

and fifteen rabbits—and one roe deer fawn. Tiny Bramble, eleven weeks old, was found semi-conscious in a field. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, Jasmine cuddled up to her to keep her warm, and then went into the full foster-mum role. Jasmine the greyhound showers Bramble the roe deer with affection, and makes sure nothing is matted.

“They are inseparable,” says Geoff. “Bramble walks between her legs, and they keep kissing each other. They walk together round the sanctuary. It’s a real treat to see them.”

To learn more about the Nuneaton Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary and the work they do (including lots of wonderful photos), visit: www.nuneatonwildlife.co.uk/



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Pictured from the left are: Toby, a stray Lakeland dog; Bramble, orphaned roe deer; Buster, a stray Jack Russell; a dumped rabbit; Sky, an injured barn owl; and Jasmine.



Ask Miss Fuggles

Dear Miss Fuggles,

It’s getting pretty doggone cold out these days and I need something to keep me warm when I’m outside sniffing the bushes. Can you suggest something to my human... who by the way...seems to have absolutely *no* fashion sense? Help!

Sincerely,
Frosty Paws

Dear Frosty,

I can definitely understand your dilemma! I’m constantly seeing the most awful outfits—not fit for...dare I say it... the CATwalk. Where did their humans get these things? Out of a dumpster on Planet That’s-So-Last-Year? Let me tell you, they are ashamed to be seen out in public. My suggestion? Check out the **GEM Store** at www.gemgreyhounds.net/about-us/gem-store/ You’ll find some fabulous houndwear (and a lot of other great items, too).

If you have any burning questions about fashion, being cool or just life in general, send them to victoroo@comcast.net and include “Ask Ms. Fuggles” in the subject line!



Dr. Kellogg's Korner

Please welcome Dr. Christine Kellogg from Ohio State University's Greyhound Health and Wellness Program! She'll be writing a column for each issue of the Greyhound Gazette, covering a variety of topics of interest to hound owners.

It has been a busy six months for the Greyhound Health and Wellness Program here at The Ohio State University! We sadly said our goodbyes to doctors Sara Zaldivar-Lopez and Liliana Marín, who finished their Graduate programs, while also welcoming Dr. Christine Kellogg and Amanda Simons, RVT, to our numbers. Dr. Kellogg and Amanda have been enjoying getting acclimated to OSU while also meeting as many people as we can at local and some not-so-local Greyhound events! We are also working on details and ironing out wrinkles in the plans for the next Health and Wellness Conference, which we hope you will be able to attend on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

We have also been very excited to help a new student group, Buckeyes for Greyhounds, organize and start doing some amazing work with newly retired racers! These are some fantastic, energetic veterinary students who are interested in learning more about Greyhounds and their specific health concerns and physiologic peculiarities. With the help of Buckeyes for Greyhounds, we have been able to help 4 hounds injured at the racetrack get the proper medical attention, surgery, and foster care they needed in order to get them on the road to recovery and adoption!

In an article published this summer, we documented the "white-coat effect" in retired racing Greyhounds. The white-coat effect is a condition where elevated blood pressure levels are observed in a clinical setting but not in other settings, and is a phenomenon that has been noted in humans for many years. Because Greyhounds are known to have higher systemic arterial blood pressure than non-Greyhounds, a study was conducted to determine if this high blood pressure is due the white-coat effect (e.g.; being in the hospital environment and releasing catecholamines, such as adrenaline). For this particular study, 22 healthy retired racing Greyhounds enrolled in the blood donor program at OSU were evaluated. The blood pressures of these dogs were

measured in 3 separate environments; in the hospital by the investigator (Dr. Cristina Marino, then a veterinary student at Ohio State), in their homes by Cristina, and in their homes by the owner. The results of this study showed that there was a significant difference between the readings here at the hospital (mean hind limb systolic arterial pressure—SAP—of 165 mmHg) versus those obtained in the home setting, but not between the readings done in the home by the investigator (mean hind limb SAP of 131 mmHg) versus those done by the owner (mean hind limb SAP of 133 mmHg). According to the 2007 ACVIM Consensus Statement, a systolic arterial pressure of 160–179 mmHg represents a moderate risk of target organ damage in canine patients. This study led us to conclude that the high blood pressures seen in the hospital setting are likely due to the white-coat effect and also that further consideration should be given to defining the normal blood pressure range in retired racing Greyhounds according to the environment in which they are obtained.

There are many more exciting studies in the works to help us define the parameters of what a "normal" Greyhound is in an effort to provide appropriate treatments, therapies, and medication administration guidelines. Please stay tuned!



Left to right: Amanda Simons (RVT), Dr. Guillermo Couto, Dr. Christine Kellogg, Dr. Cristina Iazbik. The real stars are "Cuja" and "Aro"!

You can visit the OSU Greyhound Health and Wellness Program website at: <https://greyhound.osu.edu/>

GEM Snapshots

We think GEM members are some of the most interesting of people! The range of hobbies and careers is quite amazing. Wouldn't it be nice to find out more about them? Yeah, we thought so too, so we'll be introducing you to one in each edition of *our Gazette*. This issue features member **Dan Boatman**.

GG: *What is your job title and place of employment?*

DAN BOATMAN: Funeral Director and I am also an Import Specialist. Employment: Last funeral home was with Heeney-Sundquist in Farmington, Michigan, also working with U.S. Customs at the airport in Romulus, Michigan.

GG: *What are the names of your hounds?*

DB: Currently there is 5-year-old Pmb Action Air "Oliver" and 3-year-old Blb Sweet Kiss "Sweetie" and AKC 15.6-year-old Italian Greyhound Louez Raphael Cannaloni "Louis".

GG: *How long have you been in the business?*

DB: I have been in the funeral business professionally since I was licensed in 1995, but actually I started as a teenager with the hometown funeral home. I also just surpassed the twenty year mark with the federal government July 2012.

GG: *What motivated you to choose this field?*

DB: I started in the business needing a summer job as a teenager and my brother had worked for the hometown funeral home before as a groundskeeper and so I applied one year and was hired.

GG: *What is the educational background needed for this field?*

DB: I have three degrees, two Associates and one Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science. You need to know accounting, speech, English, math, history, logic, ethics, business, psychology, sociology, economics, chemistry, biology, anatomy and physiology, mortuary law, embalming, restorative art to name a few. I would advise anyone seeking to pursue a professional program to contact the state board of licensure to ask what the educational requirements are to prevent a lot of heartache. As an Import Specialist, they required a college degree, and then experience that related to the job you pursued such for me was trade law, interpreting and



applying laws and regulations, investigative techniques; research; administrative dealings, dealing with the public. I had to attend a two-month federal law enforcement school in Georgia after which I became a sworn officer and I carry a badge with the power to seize goods but no arresting authority.

GG: *What are some of the most commonly asked questions?*

DB: I used to live at the funeral home and my apartment was right over the chapel and I was always asked how I could sleep there, or how can you do that—meaning working with the dead? Doesn't that bother you? or Why is the body so cold? How do you handle babies? What happens when you are cremated? ... and so on.

GG: *What is the most fulfilling part of your job?*

DB: Being an embalmer. I love it as it is for me, creating a work of art. The best compliment I could get was "they look like they are just sleeping." As an Import Specialist, I like the investigative side of the house as I learn so many interesting things about products and what they really cost.

GG: *Any other information you might find interesting to our readers?*

DB: Readers can feel free to ask me any questions. I have advised and helped many people through planning funerals and answering questions about death and cremation. Much of what I do carries over to animals as well. Some may recall that we had adopted Wammer and Willow and within a short few months we lost both to cancer. Just because some of us work as funeral directors does not mean we are immune to the loss incurred at death.

You can contact Dan at blonblu4@gmail.com

Do you know an interesting "GEM"? Please let us know who you would like to see profiled in a GEM Snapshot!

THE GEM STORE

FEATURED ITEMS

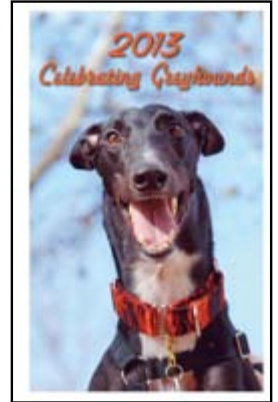


2013 Celebrating Greyhounds Calendar

With 14 months for your enjoyment. Greyhounds from all over the world are featured on this spacious 12" x 9" Wall Calendar.

2013 Celebrating Greyhounds Planner

Compact: 5.5" X 8.5" Closed. 8.5" x 11" Opened. Fifty-four weeks from December 25, 2012 through January 5, 2014. Every week features different adopted greyhounds from around the world. A listing of adoption, referral, and support contacts for more than 200 groups is included.



Aid4Greys' Mother Bunny's World Famous Bunnies!

These bunnies are all made using high quality faux fur; measure approximately 12" high, are triple stitched all the way around, and have 3 squeakers (in the nose, tummy, and tail) for hours, (and hours, and hours) of enjoyment.

You never know what style of fabrics will have available at any given time. The photos here are representative of fabrics that we have had in the past.

Many customers have said that the bunnies last longer than any other stuffies they have ever had. Fully machine washable and dryable, but keep in mind that the long-haired bunnies have a tendency to mat up when washed (the dogs don't seem to mind it one bit). **STILL ONLY \$20.00!**

NOTE: As stock changes constantly, these Mother Bunnies are NOT available online at the GEM Store at this time. please E-Mail us and we'll let you know what is available. gemstore@gemgreyhounds.net



2013 Diamonds in the Ruff

GEM's sixth annual calendar features over 50 full color photographs of GEM adopters' greyhounds. Edited and arranged by Kathy Lazenby.

Visit the GEM STORE for more greyt products!
www.gemgreyhounds.net/about-us/gem-store/

COME JOIN US FOR THE 2013 GREYHOUND EVENT OF MICHIGAN!

May 17th – 19th, 2013

Livonia Holiday Inn and Conference Center
17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia, MI 48152

For reservations call: (734) 464-1300 / 1-800-465-4329 or click here [Holiday Inn Livonia](#) to go directly to Holiday Inn online reservations.



Please note: A refundable, pet cleaning fee of \$50.00 will be charged to each room that has one or more dogs. Fee will be refunded within 5 to 7 business days after check out provided no damage is found.

SPECIAL RAFFLE

Two Southwest Airlines round-trip tickets for travel to any Southwest Airlines location in the contiguous U.S. Airline tickets are valid until 6/1/2014. Tickets: 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00 available online or at the Event. Winning ticket will be drawn Sunday, May 19, 2013. Need not be present to win.



A Greyt Door Prize!

Glass mosaic table with center standing greyhound. Donated by Janet Shaffer.

Schedule (subject to change)

Friday: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Early registration

3:00 p.m. Early vendors open

7:00 p.m. Vendors close

7:10 p.m. Opening Remarks by Event Coordinators

7:25 p.m. Message from GEM'S President

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dog activities

7:30 p.m. Hospitality Social: Free pizza, pop, and ice cream (for our two *and* four legged guests) Sponsored by Domino's, Coca-Cola, and D & J Glass Designs.

Saturday: Mini seminars, speakers, silent auction, and raffles throughout the day

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A new "Back to Basics" Seminar every half-hour.

9:00 a.m. Vendors Open

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dog Sitting will be available in Erie "B" room

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Gaye Ann Weaver, T.G.I.E., The Greyhound Inmate Experience

Saturday (continued):

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Michael McCann, President of the Greyhound Project which publishes *Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine*, CG Calendar and CG Planner

2:30 p.m. – "Ask the Vet": Dr. Karen Michalski from Serenity Animal Hospital in Sterling Heights will provide vetting information and answering questions.

6:00 p.m. Pre-paid dinner social

6:15 p.m. Dr. Christine Kellogg from Greyhound Health and Wellness Program, founded by Dr. C. Guillermo Couto, Professor at The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

7:30 p.m. Live Auction

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. Early Risers walk.

8:30 a.m. Blessing of the Hounds conducted by Rev. Claudia Barber

9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet

10:00 a.m. Michael McCann, President of the Greyhound Project which publishes *Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine*, CG Calendar and CG Planner (Different topic than Saturday's)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

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WHAT IS THE REST FUND?

The **REST Fund** was started with a grant from Petco Foundation. REST stands for Resources Enabling Specialized Treatment. The fund can be accessed by any GEM member with a greyhound. There is a maximum amount (\$500.00) that can be given to one family per year. The application can be received by contacting Judi Hildebrand judihildebrand@yahoo.com and submitted with a paid veterinary bill, or you can make arrangements for the payment to be sent to the

vet's office. All applications are reviewed by a committee of seven GEM members.

So far the fund has helped three families with the medical needs of their greyhounds. The committee also hosts a bake sale at the Greyhound Event of Michigan each year. No money donated to GEM can be used in this matter, so it is raised or donated specifically for the REST fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Michigan Winter Dog Classic

January 17–20, 8:00 a.m.–
5:00 p.m.
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Ave.
Novi, MI 48374
www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com

Chesterfield Meet & Greet

January 19, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Organizer: Nancy Halle
50870 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield,
MI

FEBRUARY

Ann Arbor Petco Meet & Greet

February 2, 11:00 am–3:00 p.m.
Organizer: Linda Maton
lmaton@gemgreyhounds.net
3537 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor,
MI, 48104

Westland Petco Meet & Greet

February 9, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Organizer: Connie Adams
like2laf02@yahoo.com
35725 Warren Rd , Westland, MI,
48185

Chesterfield Meet & Greet

February 16, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Organizer: Nancy Halle
50870 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield,
MI

Lake Orion Petco Meet & Greet

February 17, 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Organizer: Dana Mullarkey
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