



GREYT NEWS

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*This Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Bob Varnberg, Friend to people,
Caregiver to Greyhounds*

THE NEWSLETTER OF GREYHOUND ADOPTIONS OF FLORIDA



Marilyn Varnberg is shown above with the new Grey Haven KIA Sedona

Our New Newsletter

As you can see by our cover, our new Kia Sedona Van has arrived. After years of struggling along with the old van, the new Kia is a welcome addition to Grey Haven. This new vehicle was paid for in its entirety by your generous donations to our fundraisers, auctions and individual contributions.

Our sincere thanks to all of you. We are most grateful...dogs included!

It has been a long held dream here at Grey Haven to have our own newsletter and now that dream has come to fruition with our first issue of Greyt News. We hope to bring you news concerning our breed, legislative news, articles about Greyhounds - most anything that is relevant to our dogs. But remember, this is your newsletter so please send along what you would like to see appear in these pages. We will be publishing quarterly – March, June, September and December. So, we will need to have your material to us by the first of the month previous to publication, ie; Feb., May, August and November. We welcome your pictures, and at the request of our editor, please try to send pics in jpeg format. If you can't, we will convert the format.

Speaking of our editor, allow me to introduce Barb Pietrangelo. Barb has been involved with dogs for over 30 years. She served as the chair of DeVal Weimaraner Rescue for 12 years and was the editor of their Newsletter "Ghost Stories". Barb is a contributing editor to several other Canine Publications. She can be reached at bpietr283@yahoo.com or by snail mail at 12580 SE 97th Terrace Rd, Summerfield FL 34491. Her telephone number is 352 307 3938.

We look forward to your comments and contributions, because this newsletter won't have "wings" without you!



Group Picture and Group Roo – Poolside at the Jekyll Island Resort

Sandy Paws at Jekyll Island

WOW, What a weekend! From Thursday evening until Sunday morning the days were filled with one exciting venue after another. The Jekyll Island Beachfront Resort in Georgia was host to around three hundred Greyhounds and their owners. Meeting new friends and greeting old ones was the order of the day. Numerous vendors with the most amazing array of Greyhound related items filled almost the entire mezzanine area of the hotel. Credit cards were going into meltdown as owners and dogs shopped 'til they dropped for the entire three days.

Informative seminars were held throughout the entire weekend. Topics ranged from How to Obtain Grant Funding; Why Does My Hound Do That; Greyhound Cancer Research (more on this seminar appears further in the newsletter); Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine for Your Greyhound; How to Find a Lost Greyhound and all of this was interspersed with fun events. This year's Greyt Fun in the Sun Days also hosted the Photo Bone-anza photo contest, the ever popular Canine Costume Contest and the Salute to Seniors. This year's seniors ranged in age from 12 to 19 years of age. Everyone joined the Grey Parade and the Group Roo and Picture poolside. The Gilley Greyhounds entertained the crowds as did the choosing of the Royal Roo King and Queen 2008. Raffles, auctions and more kept everyone busy and involved. The culmination of the event was the Greyhound Guardian Awards and the Memorial Service on Sat. evening. Both of these events were very touching. There were so many events happening during this exciting weekend; we regret that space constraints keep us from covering all of them. So, we hope to see you all in attendance next year at Jekyll Island beginning March 12th.2009 so you can see and enjoy for yourself. Be sure to make your reservations early. Contact Greyhound Guardians Inc. FMI.



Dr. Couto and Marilyn
Greyhound Cancer Research At OSU.

Speaker: Dr. Guillermo Couto

This seminar by Dr. Couto was a must for any Greyhound owner. With the occurrence of Cancer, particularly bone cancer (Osteosarcoma) in our greyhounds, this seminar was standing room only. Dr. Couto spoke at length regarding the genetic possibilities of this disease in mostly racing greyhounds - his research has found little or none in AKC Greyhounds. He discussed the treatment modalities available such as chemo and amputation. Dr. Couto's resume' reads like a Who's Who in Greyhound Wellness. He and his wife Grace have an almost

11 year old Greyhound, a 5 year old Staffie and a 12+ year old Galgo.

The day following his seminar on cancer research, Dr. Couto held another seminar based on the OSU Greyhound Wellness program of which he is the Director. These two seminars alone made it a worthwhile trip to Georgia

A former student of Dr. Couto's at OSU - our own local DVM, Dr. Holly Samko-presented a fascinating seminar on the use of Acupuncture and Eastern Medicines. Dr. Samko's office is Blitchton Road Animal Hospital and is located in Ocala, FL. Dr. Samko performed an acupuncture treatment on a 12 ½ year old male selected from the audience. Dr. Samko was barraged by questions from the audience and had to actually stop the Q&A session after 30 minutes due to another event using the same space.



Dr. Samko and Patient

The Grey Haven Memorial Garden

There is a quiet place at Grey Haven surrounded by a white picket fence with a little pond in the center. It is called the Memorial Garden. This garden was built by many, many greyhound lovers as a final resting place for the ashes of our beloved greyhounds. It is a peaceful place where we can all go and spend some quiet time remembering the wonderful years spent with those who

left us much too soon.

You will find an amazing variety of flowers and shrubs and rocks and statues. Markers have been lovingly placed by those of us who remain behind to remember.....a garden for everyone.

Would you like to have your favorite friend remembered here and help those who patiently wait to come to Grey Haven to find a home? If so, it's easy. Following you will find some of the items you can have inscribed and place in the Garden.



Pond and Statuary at the Memorial Garden



Paver - \$50.00



Paw Prints – Small: \$25.00 Large:\$50.00



FENCE Section with Plaque - \$100.00

Each Plaque will be inscribed with the words of your choice. Please contact Marilyn for details and to order your memorial.

HELP WANTED

KENNEL

Grey Haven is looking for dedicated volunteers to come to the farm on a regular basis and help us with the dogs and normal maintenance issues.

Afternoon turnout on Saturday and Sunday begins at three PM. The kennel dogs all need to go out and their beds need to be straightened ...a load of laundry needs to be done...the floor may need to be swept and maybe one or two of the dogs would like to out into the big yard for some special playtime with a real person! There is training involved in this position and we would like a commitment

for at least one day a month.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

It is getting to be that time of year again when the Garden is going to need work on a weekly basis. While we still expect to do work days that will involve a large group of volunteers, we are hoping someone with a bit of a green thumb will come out on a regular basis to weed and generally spruce up our lovely garden. **Suggestions are greatly appreciated!**

**GOT AN IDEA FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT HERE
AT THE FARM?
LET US KNOW!**

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Editors Note: I hope you have enjoyed our first issue of Greyt News.

Don't forget to send me your pics and submissions. I look forward to hearing from and meeting some of you in the future.

Barb Pietrangelo

Where to find more info on what you've read here:

Ohio State Univ. Veterinary Medicine

www.vet.ohio-state.edu

Greyhound Guardians (Sandy Paws)

www.greyhoundguardians.org

Dr. Holly Samko, DVM – Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine

drsamko@aol.com

Lost Greyhounds

Michael McCann Greyhound Amber Alert Forum at Greytalk.com

Greyhaven – Mvarnberg_embarqmail.com

Barb P. Editor – bpie283@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

Cruising For Greyhounds

11/20/30 to 12/7/2008 – aboard the Carnival Valor – Eastern Caribbean

Contact Kelly Fairchild GREATinfo@greatgreyhound.org

The Villages Greyhound Club and Up the Creek Fish Camp and Grill is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast for a \$5.00

Donation – Sat April 26th 7AM-10AM. Tkts at the Grateful Dog or by contacting Jackie O’Hara at 352 307 4553 or

jbohara@embarqmail.com- All proceeds to GAF.

The Villages Club is also running a raffle at this time for a piano – see their website for details: thevillagesgreyhoundclub.org

Meet and Greet at the Petco on 441 in the Rolling Acres Plaza the first Sat. of each month. Monthly walk-about at the two town squares. See website.