



The Bark

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Letter From The President

Happy Summer everyone!

Have you signed up for our 6th Annual Greyt Walkathon yet? If not, please consider doing so. If you can't walk, how about sponsoring someone who is walking or donating through Ace Hern's page. You can register, donate or sponsor through our website – www.greytwalkathon.org. Please help us help the dogs and register to walk, donate, or sponsor someone. Our walkathon is July 16th, so please sign up now!! Thank you!

I want to thank all of you, our volunteers and adopters. Because of all your hard work, we were able to increase the number of adoptions we did last year and increase the number of dogs we took into our program. Thank you!!! We continue to bring in dogs from around the world – various locations in the USA, the Mid-West, South Korea, and Ireland. We do keep our kennel and foster homes as full as we can so that we can help the most number of dogs find their forever homes.

We continue to work on treating intestinal parasites, particularly Hookworm, from the dogs that come through GPI. We have found hookworm infestations in the dogs from Florida particularly difficult to eradicate due to larval leak. While we do treat the dogs in our care regularly it is also important to test, and treat if necessary, on a regular basis the dog that you adopt. Hookworm is particularly difficult to eradicate and it is also very easy to re-infest a dog through contact with feces of an infected dog when you are out and about walking with your dog. We highly recommend that you test your dog for intestinal parasites at least once a year. It may also be necessary to keep your dog on a monthly wormer in order to keep them intestinal parasite free.

Donations are always needed. Some of the items we always need are:

- Blankets and quilts for the dogs in the kennel
- Kirkland Dog Biscuits
- Kirkland Lamb and Rice kibble
- Kirkland Fish Oil

And be sure to check out our Amazon Wish List for other items that we need.

Keep your pups safe in the heat of summer. Don't leave them in your car when it is over 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit (18 to 21 degrees Celsius) outside and watch those hot pavements and hot walks in the sun. Keep your pups cool and watch for signs of overheating. There are a lot of links to information about overheating in dogs and the symptoms. Here is one of them - http://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/cardiovascular/c_dg_heat_stroke

Have a good summer!!

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President



Who We Are - Judith Fleming - By Jeani Penn

I've not personally met Judith, but after emails and reading about her exciting life, I'd sure like to! Here's a little background into the woman who writes The Woofs of Wes 'n Hef.

Judith was born in Lanark, Scotland, but moved to Canada when she was about 5 months old. She has a big blended family with one older brother, a sister who was adopted from Korea, a step brother and a step sister. This led to seven nieces/nephews/step nieces and nephews. She never had time to marry or have kids. You'll see why below!

She wanted to be a Veterinarian, but after taking a few of pre-vet studies (bachelors in Biology) and after a few applications to Veterinary College were made, she was discouraged by letters that came back suggesting she should try an alternate career. She was probably too busy playing NAIA Softball to take her studies seriously enough to get the straight A's needed to be accepted at a Veterinary College. That was okay with her. She still got her Bachelors in Biology and went on to obtain a Bachelor's of Technology in Environmental Health. With that, she took the Board exam for her Certificate of Public Health Inspection. This led her to work for OSHA (Occupational Health and Safety Administration) inspecting cruise ships, prisons, airports, etc., but she was young at the time and wasn't ready for a serious career in health administration. She had done an inspection on a scuba diving vessel (116' and 25 passengers plus crew) that was just starting off and doing diving trips to BC and Alaska. Long story short, after emailing them and asking if they needed a dive master, fast forward 10 years, she was the General Manager, and owned a small percentage of the business. This is where the exciting part comes in. She has dived under icebergs in Alaska, swam with giant mantas 230 miles southwest off the Baja Peninsula of Mexico and has been cage diving with the Great White Sharks off of Guadalupe Island, Mexico. This is a life that movies are made of.

Her father then asked her to return to the family business, so off she went in yet another direction. She did return after deciding it might just be time to "go home".

Her first dog was a Vizla. She has had a Doberman, a German Shepherd, and has always loved big dogs. She found, though, that she really needed a more sedate dog that was compatible with her long hours and small office space. One day she was out with her niece and nephew at the Vancouver Pet Expo.

She played with snakes, bunnies and bird and then.....wait for it.....she saw couches with dogs on the couches just hanging out. She had to stop and see what this breed was all about. That was the day she met her first Greyhound! I think most of us remember that feeling. I know, I do. She adopted right away and took her new family member to work. This was a match made in Heaven!

She didn't get involved in volunteering until that special friend was lost to cancer. She reached out to Michelle Buchan and Steve Waines. The support she received was amazing and they helped her through her grief. That bond helped her decide to adopt again and along came Wes, whom she has today. Michelle then got her involved in volunteering to help others through the various stages and events we all go through as Greyhound owners.

Judith's story is so similar to many of our stories, but each one is unique and special in its own way. We are so glad she chose a Greyhound to love and that she works for Greyhound Pets, Inc. She is one of many volunteers that are the backbone of our organization and without people like her, Greyhound "work" wouldn't be nearly as rewarding or as much fun. Thank you, Judith.



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Got Bark Ideas?

Do you have something you would like to see in the Bark? Something you would like more info on, health, food, etc?

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**MILES - Still Waiting For His
Forever Home - is it yours?**

This boy will just melt your heart. He is affectionate, friendly, fun and upbeat. He can come "out the gate" a little like a bull in a china shop, but he soon settles and is very well behaved once he is out and about with you. He loves his weekly walks with our volunteers and thanks to our dedicated volunteers he walks beautifully on leash now. Miles loves to play and is such a happy soul. He has gorgeous eyes and is such a handsome boy. He is eager to please and soon learns new commands and what you are asking of him.

Miles came to us from South Korea and is a greyhound mix. We don't know what the mix is, but it makes for a lovely companion. Being a mix he is higher energy than your average greyhound, so will need a more active home. But he also knows how to settle and be calm and a gentle companion. He will need a home without cats and we don't know how he would be with small dogs. He is likely to high energy to play comfortably with a small dog and may be too much for younger children.

Help us find Miles his forever home. He is such a wonderful boy and so eager too please.



The 'Woofs' of Wes 'n Heff... By Judith Fleming

Wes: Hey Heff, it's that time. We gotta write our article about what we've been up to lately.

Heff: Huh? Really, but we've just been lazing around like always.

Wes: Uh, no! Maybe you are a little forgetful bud'! We had our first 'glamping' trip. Well, I think that's what MJ (Mamma Judith) was calling it. It was nothing like our camping trips we had in the past. Remember when you, me and MJ were 'cozy' in the tiny tent? Those were chilly and cramped times!

Heff: Oh yea'! I also remember being a smorgasbord for mosquitoes! We didn't really get a chance to get away when we were tenting. MJ was always keeping our jackets on to try and stop them! The camping trips were fun, but this glamping is rad'!

Wes: I think MJ felt really bad taking us camping. But this new trailer thing is phenomenal!

Heff: Umm, Wes, are you sure? Well, I don't think you were thinking it was phenomenal the first day!

Wes: OK, OK. So, I was a little nervous! I hadn't had time to analyze everything. It was new riding in the truck. We hadn't done that before... It wasn't the same as MJ's car.

Heff: A little nervous?!?! You were shaking your back legs so much in the trailer that MJ had to put the 'stabilizers' down even more!

Wes: Yes, sure it took me a day to settle in... but I got there! MJ really worked hard to make sure I was comfy. We cuddled on the bed, she had our dog beds on the floor and I was also invited up to hang out with MJ and her friends at the dinette. However, I was a bit unhappy that she wouldn't let us up on the Lazy-Boy couches. Those looked sooo comfy! I did try tho'!

Heff: What about the stairs into the trailer? Uh, I think you had a little trouble there too?

Wes: OK, tough guy! Sure, the stairs were / are a bit tricky but MJ has a solution! She's gonna put carpet on them. That will keep my tender toes protected and it won't be a problem at all... I hope... And you Heff – you still have to learn your manners!

Heff: Uhhh, huh? What? I did really good! I was happy in the long truck ride up – I even cuddled with you!

Wes: Ummm, what about standing on the dinette table?! That was unacceptable! Sure, MJ's friends were laughing when it first happened but Bud' – you gotta calm down sometimes! If you had all 4 legs on there, who knows what would have happened! It could have tipped over! I think that's why MJ told you to get down right away...

Heff: Alright. Alright... as always, you are the smart one bro'. I just always seem to get myself in trouble... I tried really hard to get in trouble with the awesome set up MJ made with the snow fencing and the stakes outside but couldn't! It was too tall and too sturdy! Sure, this time MJ made just a little 'room' for us this time, but did you see how much fencing was still in the roll?

I think next time the whole side of the camper will be set up. We can then laze around in the sun (hopefully the weather lets us do it next time!)

Wes: Oh yes! Lazing! I really could have done with more of that! What was MJ thinking?! This was supposed to be relaxing! Why did we go for a 'hike'?!

Heff: Oh, fun! That was so much fun! I got to pee everywhere!! No fair the other 3 dogs got to run wherever they wanted!

Wes: Heff – I know you! And you know the rules! Plus, I don't want to think about how your legs would have looked after running in that brush! With our skin – I betcha there would have been blood everywhere! You know we gotta be careful on those hikes! I even heard MJ talking about our booties! I betcha if the next hike is rocky, we will be wearing those 'hiking boots' she got us. They look just like shoes!

Heff: That will be AWESOME!! I just loved the hike! Then, to come back to camp and relax! I think we earned it!

Wes: Yes, but it was a bit chilly this first time! But, I must say, in the evenings I was happy to stand on the bed and watch everyone outside as they sat around the campfire. But!! Those cookies with the chocolate and white fluffy stuff looked really good! Why wouldn't MJ bring any back for us?! We never get the chocolate stuff. That is so unfair!! Well, at least I could watch from inside and make sure everyone behaved outside.

Heff: Bro' – when do we get to go again? Soon? Next weekend? Tomorrow? Now?!!

Wes: Heff, Heff, Heff – patience Bud'! Manners! When will you settle down?! Jeez, you young gun!

Heff: But Bro' – I think I'm the one that helps give you that little extra spring in your step sometimes!

Wes: You betcha Bud'! You're the best! Love ya!

Heff: No Bro' – You da bestest! I love ya! (even though I step on you sometimes and my happy tail hits you in the eye multiple times Sorry!)



The 'Woofs' of Wes 'n Heff... By Judith Fleming



Kennel Cough (Infectious Tracheobronchitis) in Dogs

By Wendy C. Brooks, DVM, DipABVP
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Kennel cough is an infectious bronchitis of dogs characterized by a harsh, hacking cough that most people describe as sounding like “something stuck in my dog’s throat.” This bronchitis may be of brief duration and mild enough to warrant no treatment at all or it may progress all the way to a life-threatening pneumonia depending on which infectious agents are involved and the immunological strength of the patient. An uncomplicated kennel cough runs a course of a week or two and entails frequent fits of coughing in a patient who otherwise feels active and normal. Uncomplicated cases do not involve fever or listlessness, just lots of coughing.

Numerous organisms may be involved in a case of kennel cough; it would be unusual for only one agent to be involved. Infections with the following organisms frequently occur concurrently to create a case of kennel cough:

- Bordetella bronchiseptica (bacteria)
- Parainfluenza virus
- Adenovirus type 2
- Canine distemper virus
- Canine influenza virus
- Canine herpesvirus (very young puppies)
- Mycoplasma canis (a single-cell organism that is neither virus nor bacterium)
- Canine reovirus.

The classical combination for uncomplicated kennel cough is infection with parainfluenza or adenovirus Type 2 with Bordetella bronchiseptica. Infections involving the distemper virus or canine influenza are more prone to progressing to pneumonia but pneumonia can readily result in any dog or puppy that is sufficiently young, stressed, or debilitated.

Not sure what a Coughing Dog sounds like?

Dogs can make an assortment of respiratory sounds. Usually a cough is recognizable but it is important to be aware of another sound called a reverse sneeze. The reverse sneeze is often mistaken for a cough, a choking fit, sneezing, retching, or even gasping for breath. In fact, the reverse sneeze represents a post-nasal drip or tickle in the throat. It is considered normal especially for small dogs or dogs and only requires attention if it is felt to be excessive. The point here is to know a cough when you see one. A cough can be dry or productive, meaning it is followed by a gag, swallowing motion, production of foamy mucus (not to be confused with vomiting). Here are some videos that might help.

Coughing Dog (with Productive Cough):

Note: we have received a great deal of email from people who have viewed this video, compared it to what their

own dog is doing and concluded their dog has kennel cough. This video is meant to demonstrate coughing in general. It is important to note that there are many causes of coughing and the nature of the cough does not generally reflect on its cause.

Reverse Sneezing Dog:

A coughing dog that has a poor appetite, fever, and/or listlessness should be evaluated for pneumonia.

How Infection Occurs

An infected dog sheds infectious bacteria and/or viruses in respiratory secretions. These secretions become aerosolized and float in the air where they can be inhaled by a healthy dog. Obviously, crowded housing and suboptimal ventilation play important roles in the likelihood of transmission but organisms may also be transmitted on toys, food bowls or other objects.

The normal respiratory tract has substantial safeguards against invading infectious agents. The most important of these is probably what is called the mucociliary escalator. This safeguard consists of tiny hair-like structures called cilia that protrude from the cells lining the respiratory tract and extend into a coat of mucus over them. The cilia beat in a coordinated fashion through the lower and more watery mucus layer called the sol. A thicker mucus layer called the gel floats on top of the sol. Debris, including infectious agents, get trapped in the sticky gel and the cilia move them upward towards the throat where the collection of debris and mucus may be coughed up and/or swallowed.

The mucociliary escalator is damaged by the following:

- shipping stress
- crowding stress
- heavy dust exposure
- cigarette smoke exposure
- infectious agents (as listed previously)
- cold temperature
- poor ventilation.

Without this, a fully functional mucociliary escalator or invading bacteria, especially Bordetella bronchiseptica, the chief agent of kennel cough, may simply march down the airways unimpeded.

Bordetella bronchiseptica organisms have some tricks of their own as well:

- They are able to bind directly to cilia, rendering them unable to move within 3 hours of contact.
- They secrete substances that disable the immune cells normally responsible for consuming and destroying bacteria.

Kennel Cough (Infectious Tracheobronchitis) in Dogs (con't)

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Because it is common for Bordetella to be accompanied by at least one other infectious agent (such as one of the viruses listed below), kennel cough is actually a complex of infections rather than infection by one agent.

THE INCUBATION PERIOD IS 2 TO 14 DAYS

Dogs are typically sick for 1-2 weeks. Infected dogs shed Bordetella organism for 2-3 months following infection.

How is Diagnosis Made?

Usually the history of exposure to a crowd of dogs within the proper time frame, plus typical examination findings (coughing dog that otherwise feels well) is adequate to make the diagnosis. Radiographs show bronchitis and are particularly helpful in determining if there is a complicating pneumonia.

Recently, PCR (polymerase chain reaction) panels have become available in many reference laboratories. Using technology to amplify the presence of DNA in a swab, the lab is able to test for most of the kennel cough infectious agents listed. This knowledge is helpful in guiding therapy and understanding expectations.

How is Kennel Cough Treated?

Although most cases will go away on their own, we like to think we can hasten recovery with antibiotics to directly kill the Bordetella organism. Kennel cough may be treated with cough suppressants to provide comfort during natural recovery. Alternatively, antibiotics and cough suppressants can be combined.

Prevention through Vaccination

Vaccination is only available for: Bordetella bronchiseptica, canine adenovirus type 2, canine parainfluenza virus, canine distemper, and canine influenza. Infections with other members of the kennel cough complex cannot be prevented. Vaccine against adenovirus type 2, parainfluenza, and canine distemper is generally included in the basic puppy series and subsequent boosters (the DHPP or distemper-parvo shot).

For Bordetella bronchiseptica, vaccination can either be given as a separate injection or as a nasal immunization. There is some controversy regarding which method provides a better immunization or if a combination of both formats is best.

Nasal Vaccine

Intranasal vaccination may be given as early as 3 weeks of age and immunity generally lasts 12 to 13 months. The advantage is that the local immunity is stimulated right at the site where the natural infection would try to take hold.

It takes four days to generate a solid immune response after intranasal vaccination, so it is best if vaccination is given at least four days prior to the exposure. Some dogs will have some sneezing or nasal discharge in the week following intranasal vaccination; this should clear up on its own. As a general rule, nasal vaccination provides faster immunity than injectable vaccination. Nasal vaccines for Bordetella generally also include vaccine against parainfluenza virus and some also include vaccine against adenovirus type 2.

Injectable Vaccine

Injectable vaccination is a good choice for aggressive dogs who may bite if their muzzle is approached. For puppies, injectable vaccination provides good systemic immunity as long as two doses are given (approximately one month apart) after age 4 months. Boosters are generally given annually. Some dogs experience a small lump under the skin at the injection site. This should resolve without treatment.

VACCINATION IS NOT USEFUL IN A DOG ALREADY INCUBATING KENNEL COUGH.

If boarding is planned and more than 6 months have passed since the last booster shot, ideally the vaccine should be boosted 5 days or more before the start of boarding.

Bordetella bronchiseptica vaccination may not prevent infection. In some cases, vaccination minimizes symptoms of illness but does not entirely prevent infection. This is true whether nasal or injectable vaccine is used.

Dogs that have recovered from Bordetella bronchiseptica are typically immune to reinfection for 6 to 12 months.

What if Kennel Cough doesn't Improve?

As previously noted, this infection is generally self-limiting. It should be at least improved partially after one week of treatment. If no improvement has been observed in this time, a re-check exam (possibly including radiographs of the chest) would be a good idea. Failure of kennel cough to resolve suggests an underlying condition. Kennel cough can activate a previously asymptomatic collapsing trachea or the condition may have progressed to pneumonia. Another respiratory infection is called canine influenza, which is more severe than kennel cough.

If you have questions about a coughing dog, do not hesitate to bring them to your veterinarian, or use the Ask A Vet feature on the home page of Veterinary Partner.

Sponsor A Greyhound

The next best thing

If you can't adopt a greyhound you may find that sponsoring a greyhound through Greyhound Pets, Inc. will be your next best rewarding experience. It costs GPI more than the adoption donation of \$300 to get most dogs ready for adoption. Some greyhounds wind up staying in foster or kennel care for longer than others for any number of reasons. These greyhounds incur expenses for things like food, vet care, prescriptions and more. At any given time, we have a number of greyhounds who are considered "Special Needs" who have higher than normal care costs - extra vet care, special foods for allergies, etc.

You can help by donating \$10, \$15, \$25 or more to sponsor one of the many greyhounds in need through GPI.

To start the sponsorship process, send an email to Robin James, our Treasurer, at robinjamesgpi@gmail.com. Let Robin know which dog you're interested in sponsoring and organize payment.

You can mail a check or money order to PO Box 891, Woodinville, WA 98072, you can call Robin at 425-481-3501 and give her your credit card info, or you can donate online through the Network For Good button on our website - www.greyhoundpetsinc.org. Your name will then be added below the dogs info as his/her sponsor.

Greyhound Pets, Inc. is a volunteer organization which depends on your gifts. Listed below are some of the items your donation can purchase for the adoptable dogs of GPI.

~ Muzzle for one kennel dog	\$10
~ Food for one dog for one month	\$20
~ Vaccines for one new dog	\$25
~ One folding table for the kennel	\$50
~ Running a tick test for a new dog	\$65
~ Sponsor a kennel run (per year)	\$500
~ Complete Vetting for a new dog	\$425
Donate \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 to receive an engraved greyhound "leaf" on our gifting tree at the kennel.	

Do you purchase items from Amazon.com?

Click on the Amazon.com link on our home page and GPI receives a referral fee donation for every dollar spent. www.greyhoundpetsinc.org

Do you know that Greyhound Pets, Inc. has a Facebook Page? Check it out – there is a link on our home page or just search for us on Facebook.

Are your gates and fence secure? Have you walked your fence recently to check that it is secure - no rotten boards, holes that a dog could escape through, missing boards, rusty wire, etc.? Are all gates securely padlocked (if possible) or secured with some kind of clip and/or automatic closing device?

The Notice Board

Stuff you need to know

~ Returning Your Greyhound.

Please remember, if for any reason you cannot or do not want to keep your greyhound, he/she **MUST** be returned to Greyhound Pets, Inc. (part of the Adoption Contract you signed). Finding a loving greyhound home for your greyhound should be handled by someone who understands the needs of these great animals. Contact us at 877-468-7681 to make arrangements.

~ Have you moved? Do we have your current phone and e-mail addresses as well as physical and mailing addresses?

Please make sure that GPI has your current **physical, mailing and e-mail addresses, and your home and cell phone numbers**. E-mail Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI PO Box. Thanks for helping keep GPI's database current.

~ Is your Greyhound wearing a collar and identification tags? Please take a moment to make sure your greyhound is wearing a collar with identification tags. Please make sure your greyhound has a GPI tag on his collar. If your greyhound is missing a GPI tag, please call 877-468-7681 or write us at:

Greyhound Pets, Inc.

New Tags

PO Box 891

Woodinville, WA 98072

We will gladly send you a new GPI tag.



~ Why is a collar and GPI tag important? If your greyhound gets lost, the toll free number can be called and we can help get your dog back to you faster. Plus, if you've moved and haven't updated your phone/address tag, then GPI's toll free number could be the only way your greyhound is safely returned to you. Without a collar and ID tags, it is much harder to locate and reunite you. Please keep your dog's tags current and update GPI about any phone or address changes.

If you don't like the sound of the tags jingling, try a tag bag, an elastic band around the tags, or some of the rubber bumpers for keys around each tag. But please do not leave your dog without a collar and tags. Your dog's life may depend upon those tags.

All current GPI dogs are microchipped and registered to GPI, as a backup safety net, but if found, someone has to get the dog to a place that can read the microchip before we can try and reunite you and your dog.

The Notice Board

Stuff you need to know

~ What should I do if my Greyhound gets loose?

- Call the GPI toll free number IMMEDIATELY!! 877-468-7681 (enter us as a contact in your cell phone). We will get a search party organized, post it on our website and social media pages, and alert folks your dog is missing
- Take a squawker (available at the GPI Rootique) and your CELL PHONE with you when you start your search. If your home phone number is on your dog's tags, make sure someone is available at that number as well in case a good Samaritan finds your pup.
- Have a Missing Dog flyer with your dog's picture on your computer ready to print and post at a moment's notice.
- For more tips on finding your lost dog go to www.greyhoundpetsinc.org/lostdog.html

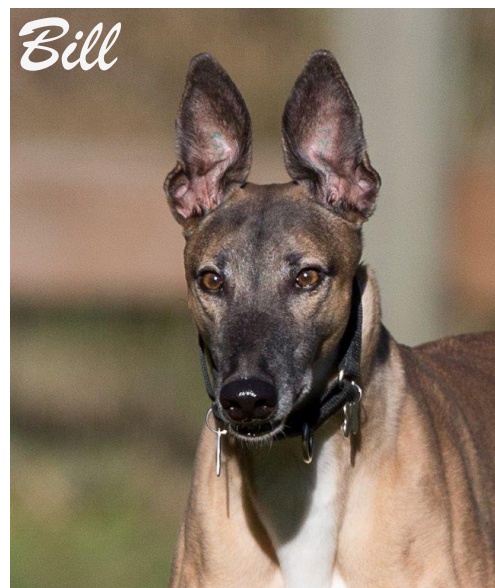
~ Has you Greyhound passed on recently?

If you have had your Greyhound pass to the Rainbow Bridge, please contact Moira at fastpaws@centurytel.net or contact her through the GPI PO Box.

~ How can you help the Greyhounds?

Go to our website to see the many ways that you can help GPI!

<http://greyhoundpetsinc.org/donations.html>



Are you on Social Media?

Are you on Social Media? If so, are you following GPI on their Social Media?

Did you know that Social Media double, tripples and even quadrupals our exposure? It allows Greyhound Pets, Inc to increase the awariness of this breed that we love so much! Simply by sharing, liking, commenting, pinning, retweeting our content you could be responsible for a person or persons learning more about GPI and the breed itself. By taking that simple action you could have helped educate someone and peak someones interest enough into coming to a booth or going to our website for more info. You could help one more of our dogs find their furever home! Pretty amazing huh?!

Our Facebook page is an awesome way to stay in touch with GPI, find out what is happening in your area. Is there a booth in your area that you would like to help with, a walk that you would like to join in? Our Facebook page announces those events and more! Are you curious as to what dogs have been adopted? That is all there too.

Greyhound Pets, Inc is on most Social Media along with many other websites that promote adoption. If you are on any of these Social Media platforms go there now and follow, like and share GPI's Social Media!



Demi, one of the Greyhounds you help with your Donations!

By Rita

Greyhound Pets, Inc. would like to introduce you to Demi, racing name Mohican Damalis. For those of you who have been to the kennel, you know she is an absolutely sweet, affectionate and darling girl.

Soon after Demi arrived we found she had a mass on her rectum. It was removed and histology was done which sadly told us she had lymphoma. After consulting with the oncologist where it was determined that there was more than a 95% chance that she would go into remission with chemotherapy, and the fact that she was otherwise healthy & young it was decided she deserved a chance and to treat her. Without treatment the oncologist gives her 2 to 3 months. She will be going through the very successful, with low side effects (less than 15% having any), Madison-Wisconsin Protocol. It consists of weekly chemo treatment for 9 weeks then every other week for 17 weeks. Her white blood cells will be monitored weekly to make sure everything is going in a positive direction.

Demi is living in a forever foster home where she is already truly loved and will receive the best possible care. As you can imagine this type of treatment is expensive. If you would like to donate to help with her treatment expenses, please go to our website www.greyhoundpetsinc.org or click the link below and note that your donation is for Demi. To thank everyone Demi has decided to Blog about her treatment and life, so stay tuned for her first post! We are now in week 15 of Demi's 25 week chemotherapy treatment. She is receiving the Madison-Wisconsin Protocol which is a combination therapy, combining 3 chemotherapy drugs, plus Prednisone for a portion of the treatment cycle. It is considered the "gold standard" (95% remission rate) and is by far the most commonly recommended conventional treatment. After 9 weeks of weekly treatments we went to every other week with an exam and blood work still being done on the off weeks. Why so many blood tests? To ensure that the treatment is working and Demi is healthy enough to receive it. Her blood count needs to remain above a certain level for her to tolerate the treatment and our girl has exceeded it every time! Demi has had no adverse reactions to the treatment other than some lethargy the following day. I have had the pleasure of watching her blossom into a sweet, lovable, goofy girl. Demi loves to squeak babies and chase her brother chasing the ball. She has taken cockroaching to a new level with nightly gold medal performances. She is still evolving new behavior with the latest being coaxing me out of bed in the morning by barking and rooing. Unfortunately Demi's treatment is very expensive even with The Veterinary Oncology Center giving us a 20% discount. Why is GPI willing to spend the funds for it? Demi is only 3 years old, there is a 95% chance that she will go into remission, and she deserves the chance of a quality life. That being said we are only half-way through treatment and there are still more fees to be paid, so please donate for her if you are able.



Register, Donate or Sponsor

**6th Annual
Greyt Walkathon**
Juanita Beach Park
July 16, 2016



Greyhounds Need You!

Greyhound Pets, Inc. ® supporters like you are making a huge difference for retired racing greyhounds and rescued greyhound mixes. You help GPI® say "YES" to these dogs.

Help-A-Hound

The Greyt Walkathon isn't a typical walkathon: it's more like a Greyt Help-a-Hound-athon and then celebrate with a stroll in the park. One time each year we reach out to ask for your support.

All for the Dogs

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Greyhounds and Bone Cancer

Osteosarcoma – Making the best decision for your pet.

By Cindy Duff, DVM

Our athletic four-legged companions enrich our lives in so many ways. In return, we care for them the best way we know how. But what to do when you have a persistent lameness that begins to affect your pet's quality of life? Osteosarcoma (OSA) is a cause of persistent lameness that unfortunately plagues this breed in particular. Many owners struggle with the decision of pursuing treatment versus ending the suffering. How does one make the 'right' decision when there are so many factors to consider? Armed with the knowledge and stats of the disease, hopefully if faced with OSA, we can make the best decision for our beloved pet.

What is it?

Osteosarcoma (OSA) is a type of malignant bone cancer, most commonly affecting the long bones of middle aged or elderly dogs. It is the most common bone tumor in retired racing greyhounds (45%) and the most common cause of death in this breed (25%). It is thought that the repetitive trauma and fatigue in bones during their racing careers are a risk for the disease, as are genetic components. The disorganized cancer cells replace the healthy bone from the inside out, making the overall bone weak and susceptible to non-healing fractures. OSA is painful, aggressive, and highly metastatic.

My dog is lame. What do I do?

Perform an exam at home, ruling out any obvious causes for pain. Keep in mind that OSA is two times more likely to occur in the front limb. Check all the pads for corns, cysts in between the toes, foreign bodies (splinters, engrained pebbles etc) any signs of inflammation – redness, heat, pain. Run your hands from the base of the paw, upwards, looking for any heat/pain. OSA is painful to the touch, and in many cases result in pathological fractures (fractures that normally wouldn't occur unless the bone was already somehow weakened/already damaged) which causes inflammation, thus heat. The affected area is usually warm to the touch (compare the opposite limb for heat and symmetry) and painful. Any persistent lameness with unidentified cause warrants a trip to your veterinarian.

Diagnosis – A trip to the vet

After examining your pet and identifying the area of discomfort, the veterinarian will recommend radiographs (X-rays). OSA has a recognizable appearance on radiographs, so most of the time, the diagnosis is clear. There are several other diseases that can cause the bone to react and appear similarly on radiographs, so if the radiograph is not completely diagnostic, the vet may recommend

some other test to confirm or disprove this, such as a biopsy. A biopsy will give you a definitive diagnosis, and from here, the decision making process begins.

Treatment

Unfortunately, OSA is a very aggressive, fast spreading tumor. By the time we identify the tumor in the limb, it has already spread. The prognosis from the moment OSA is diagnosed is usually 4-5 months. This makes treatment focused on two different aspects: keeping the pet comfortable, and slowing down the spread of the cancer. Prior to making a decision regarding treatment, it is important to get an idea of how far the cancer has spread already. Poor prognostic indicators include visible tumors in the chest and an elevated alkaline phosphatase on bloodwork.

Chemotherapy

- The only treatment that will help slow down OSA
- Radiographs of the chest, bloodwork and amputation of the limb are usually performed prior to going ahead with chemotherapy.
- The oncologist will choose a chemotherapy protocol tailored for the individual, depending on organ function, age as well as other factors

Pain Control

The pain is originating from the cancerous bone. Most dogs are euthanized due to the pain in the affected bone. If we can't manage the pain, your pet won't be comfortable, and a decision must be made – whether this be amputation of the limb or euthanasia. Keep in mind, amputation will not extend the life of your pet. It will only make them comfortable for the remainder of his/her life. Factors that will influence the decision to amputate the limb are the size and weight of dog, the condition of the other limbs and joints, the stage of cancer, and the location of the cancer.

If amputation is a viable option, removal of that limb can resolve pain in all cases. Most dogs do quite well on 3 legs, and are able to live out the remainder of their lives, pain free. From the moment of diagnosis, dogs usually have 4-5 months to live – regardless of whether the limb is amputated or not. If amputation is followed up with chemotherapy, the survival time can be extended by 3-36 months, with approximately 50% surviving up to a year.

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November 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016

Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname	Tag Number	Registered Name	Nickname
4955	Jivin Joe	Jo Jo	5851	Lookout Lady	Lady
5338	GV Mariah Girl	Mariah	5852	Moven Madea	Madea
5451	Pat C Magic Moon	Magic	5853	AJN Mulan Rouge	Mulan
5574	Yoshi	Yoshi	5854	MH Scent Striker	Striker
5604	Atascocita Selen	Selena	5855	WW's Rocketry	Rocket
5633	None	Dutch	5856	PG Run Romeo	Romeo
5735	None	Jacqui	5857	TL Black Iris	Iris
5749	Atascocita Andra	Andra	5858	PMB Mat Smitt	Matt
5751	Baili N Barb	Baili	5861	Couch Ferri	Ferri
5760	RT JackieGirl	Jackie	5862	Unknown	Wesley
5768	Jim Varney	Jim V	5863	None	Bada
5776	None	Maya	5867	None	Flicka
5781	Pinnacle Roxy	Roxy	5869	Now Its Kipper	Ronan
5783	None	Hazaki	5870	Wilbrook Madness	Oisin
5784	None	Ronnie	5871	Gone Electric	Maisie
5786	None	Peanut	5872	None	Verde
5787	Jamie's Clark	Blaze	5873	Kells Misty May	Misty May
5792	Slatex Keystone	Keystone	5874	NMS Preparation	Prepper
5796	WWW Jimbo Betty	Jimbo	5875	None	Willa
5797	Whole Lota Bling	Linda	5876	Dubbah	Sharpie
5802	None	Jenny	5878	Atascocita Sahir	Sahir
5803	None	Gabby	5879	None	Nicky
5810	Lucky Ruby Naomi	Ruby	5880	Judge Brown	Judge
5812	NB's Sheryl Crow	Cutie	5881	CRT Ethan	Ethan
5813	Oshkosh Iggy	Iggy	5882	NMS Elmer	Elmer
5814	P Kay Marie	Marie	5883	CRT Or Bust	Bust
5815	Pivotpoint Moxie	Waggles	5884	None	Garrett
5817	Rio Star Lite	Star	5885	None	Greta
5818	Serendipity Bonz	Dipity	5886	JK Sun Salvo	Rain
5819	SE's All I Need	Ally	5887	Trixie Twanda	Trixie
5821	Trackinfo Uma	Uma	5890	TJ Fire Chaser	Fire
5822	Truhbull	Trouble	5891	SG's Cy Young	Freckles
5824	Atascocita Bush	Bush	5892	Pivotpoint Mia	Diamond
5825	Boc's Town Clown	Clown	5893	Duzzos Dolly	Dolly
5826	Braska Geoffrey	Geoffrey	5894	AMF Ex Counselor	Claire
5828	KB's Atlas	Atlas	5895	Flower Child	Flower
5829	Kells Whistler	Whistler	5897	PJ Communion	Hallie
5836	Rio Red Runner	Runner	5898	Mohican Penny	Penny
5837	KNC Micki James	Micki	5903	Flying Corridor	Corrie
5838	Mega Meagan	Meagan	5905	Dot Com	Comet
5839	Arabesque	Arab	5908	SL Waylon	Waylon
5840	Flying Carnation	Carnation	5910	Boc's Snowstorm	Storm
5841	Kiowa Cita Day	Cita	5913	Stormy Eamon	Colms
5842	WW's Sunny Sue	Sue	5914	P Kay Jo Key	Key
5843	AMF Her Jewell	Jewel	5915	CR Joe	Joe
5844	AMF Her Queen	Queenie	5916	Hilco Koolin	Kool
5845	Alibi Alice	Alice	5917	None	River
5846	WW's Achiever	Achiever	5918	Cho Chang	Gozer
5848	AMF Sugar Pie	Sugar	5919	Kiowa City Cache	Blur
5849	KB's Baba Jane	Jane	5921	Butterbridge Cop	Cooper
5850	Coach Stafford	Stafford	5923	Tilford Timebomb	Surprise

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4049	Evening Cupid	Copper	4948	Go Bon Fine Pic	Bonnie
4239	Flash puppy	Zoie	4979	Dang Neart	Buddy
4419	NS Lisa Labelle	Zoey	5030	Big Shot Bob	Bobby
4447	Figs Karma	Karma	5036	NK Linn	Lynn
4477	MNS Nolie	Enfield	5049	Shomwhourdaddyis	Gustav
4538	Zipn Assault	Amy	5053	Breezin Slinky	Slinky
4549	Callie Girl	Lolly	5125	Whytell Murphy	Meebis
4555	HC's Trisha	Surrey	5184	Chaska Mulan	Willow
4580	D's Molly May	Zelda Mae	5219	Gonna Hustle	Etta
4587	Mesa Drumbeat	Andre	5248	Sare's Muffy	Sara May
4625	Fighting Chip	Chip	5288	Savvy Jody	Tika
4650	HDM Janson	Janson	5324	Starz Batista	Gus
4666	Hitech Rambo	Rocky	5350	Just Another Bob	J A Bob
4685	GM's Katie	Katie	5384	Atascocita Hagen	Hagen
4694	Battle Hymn	Harry	5390	Atascocita Saxon	Milo
4787	Guarded Feelings	Scruffy	5397	Atascocita Hestia	Hestia
4797	Flying Intrigue	Kristie	5413	BS Pepi	Dexter
4801	IWA Dino	Henry	5497	EG's Ironman	Ironman
4812	JNB Gold Nuget	Goldie	5511	Deerfield Orla	Orla
4817	Hilan Craigie	Buzz	5523	Lonesome Latino	QT Pie
4846	UMR Kendra	Sadie	5524	Kiowa Sky Seth	Seth
4861	Greta's Chic	Stella	5556	Atascocita Bjorn	Piper
4877	Boyz Dbla Daphne	Daphne	5678	None	Jet
4938	Former Candidate	007	5805	Atascocita Kat	Kat
4944	Unknown	Chalsea			



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Blankets and quilts

Stamps (Forever)

Glucosamine

Fish Oil Capsules

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