



GREYlong

Funding humane research focused on preventing and curing canine cancer

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What's coming up?

The "Gathering" is scheduled for any and all well-mannered sighthounds Saturday, May 16th from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. at Kill Creek Park, Olathe, Kansas.

The day includes the beach, the lake, finger food, and fun. We will have the baby wading pool out for those pups not wishing to brave the lake. Think warm thoughts!

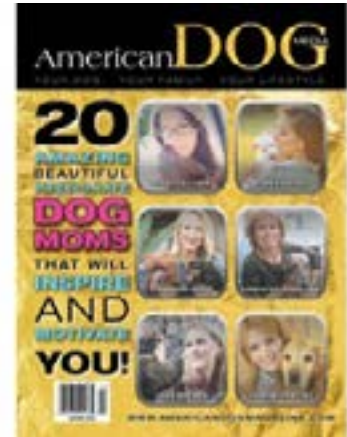


Amazing - Lori Haberman Wilson

When thinking about last year and one word that describes the GREYlong team, the word "amazing" comes to mind. The GREYlong Board is a small committee of two, but the GREYlong community is a family of hundreds. We have folks with amazing creativity contributing items they make or create and sharing their ideas for fund-raising campaigns and publicity for GREYlong's mission. We are a team of like-minded people who want to see an end to canine cancer.

* One family is working on a logo for mugs and another for a pet memorial box, while others have suggested their designs for raised dog beds and pet-themed night lights.

*GREYlong was featured in the *American Dog Magazine*, Winter 2014 issue, thanks to Bonnie Sealey's diligence.



[Link to Article available here](#)

Our amazing team helped GREYlong have a record year in 2014. GREYlong distributed over \$20,000, representing an increase of \$5,000 from 2013, to the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Minnesota Veterinary schools to support two studies on osteosarcoma and to continue funding a study on hemangiosarcoma. This can only happen when like-minded people join together to make a difference. Simply amazing!



GREYlong's 2015 Study: Niche Conditioning for Metastasis in Canine Osteosarcoma

Tracking the Treasurer in 2014

Why donate to GREYlong? To make a difference in the lives of our pets and hopefully in the lives of their owners. Here is the financial summary for 2014.

* The Maypoling 4 R Mutts Rummage sale; the Gathering and the Gallivantasia at Kill Creek Beach; and the Oktoberfest On-Line auction raised \$7,800.

* GREYlong received very generous gifts from organizations and people, which totaled \$6,200.

* Generous donations of products from GREYlong supporters and sales from the GREYlong EBay store, including dog haute couture, brought in over \$3,500 for the year.

We distributed \$20,000 to the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Minnesota Veterinary schools.

There are many worthwhile organizations to support, and we appreciate that you invested in GREYlong.

So if you are considering a gift for a friend or a memory for a loved one - wedding, birthday, graduation, special memory or occasion, think of a donation to GREYlong. GREYlong would be happy to send a card to the honoree and recognize your support.

Thank you again!

When GREYlong was formed in 2006, there were very few studies focused on canine cancer. Nine years later, there are more universities and institutes working to help our dogs. We give thoughtful consideration to where funds are invested and will continue to support the University of Minnesota Animal Cancer Care and Research (ACCR). The ACCR is a joint program of the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Masonic Cancer Center. ACCR's mission is to advance knowledge and to translate it into delivery of care, to reduce the incidence of cancer and its impact in human and animal patients.

We asked Dr. Modiano, Director of ACCR, to identify a project in need of support. GREYlong made a commitment to support the following study in the amount of \$25,000. Here are the details.

Project Title: Niche Conditioning for Metastasis in Canine Osteosarcoma

Why study osteosarcoma?

Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) is an incurable cancer. Local control of bone cancer is feasible with amputation or limb sparing surgery, but distant spread (metastasis) is almost inevitable and is the cause of death for almost every dog with this disease. Due to common genetics, dogs with OS provide an important model for the same disease in humans.

What accounts for metastasis? We do not understand the mechanisms that allow osteosarcoma cells to spread from bone to lungs (or elsewhere), but recent work suggests that the tumors send out "scout parties" in the form of small cell fragments called exosomes. These exosomes deliver biologically active materials

that make distant sites welcoming for wayward tumor cells. This project is designed to find markers in the exosomes that will allow us to predict where and when the disease will spread, as well as to identify targets we can use to delay or prevent this spread.

How is this different from other ongoing work in the field of osteosarcoma? The project is exceptionally innovative, applying highly sophisticated strategies that will allow us to understand how the tumor affects the distant environment, and vice versa. To our knowledge, this specific approach has not previously been applied to any cancer of dogs, or even humans.

How does this benefit our dogs? The project is designed to enhance our understanding of metastasis in osteosarcoma so we can predict which dogs are at the highest risk for life-threatening disease progression and so we can find treatments to effectively prevent this. The results from this project will bring us closer to our long-term goals to reduce morbidity and mortality of large and giant dogs that are commonly affected with this disease. This would include Akitas, Dobermans, Golden Retrievers, Great Danes, Greyhounds, Irish Setters and Wolf Hounds, Leonbergers, Rottweilers, and Samoyeds.



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Event Round-Ups:

September 2014 Gallivantasia and Oktoberfest On-Line Auction

-Lori Haberman-Wilson

It is February and with the weather outside so cool, I remember the warmth and fun of our seventh Gallivantasia at Kill Creek Beach. Did you see the new logo? Many thanks to Mindy Thomas, who designed the logo, with the recumbent pup floating on the lake. Mindy enjoys creating portraits of our people and pets; her website is mindythomas.drupalgardens.com.

Nancy Singer liked the logo so much she had it printed on canvas bags & donated them for sale at the 2014 Gallivantasia. There are only 3 left!



Nancy DeSmet, inspired by her dog Luka, designed and stitched a hound for the Gallivantasia volunteers' t-shirts and added them to tea towels sold at the Oktoberfest auction.



Dr. John & Pat Teeter donated nail trims and the greyhound statue which we raffled. Congrats to winners Russ and Sue Crumrine who won the handsome boy.



Over 70 folks and almost 60 pups were in attendance. We raised over \$2,000.

None of this would be possible without our volunteers: Chris Haberman-Wilson, Drew Wilson, Karen and Dan Randall, Linda May, Lori Bartu, Monica McNamara and Jim Twigg, Nancy DeSmet, Pat and John Teeter, and Sharon and Gregg Loeser.

Heads up: the Johnson County Parks and Recreation has increased the fees to rent the facility. We are passing on the small increase. For our 2015 events, the rates will be \$12 per person, if you sign up before the event, or \$17 the day of the event.

Your Continued Support

Keep saving those UPC labels from Best Choice Products. Mail or drop them off at Lori and Chris Haberman-Wilson's home or contact her at greylong3@yahoo.com if you have questions.

And if you are an Amazon user – please consider signing up with Amazon Smile and select 'GREYlong'. We receive .5% of each eligible sale. Details are at <http://www.smile.amazon.com>

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The Third Oktoberfest On-Line auction was larger than last year and was shared with many folks through social media. What can we say? Each year we receive more incredible items and some are just beyond description.

We are so very grateful for your support:

Many thanks to the creativity and generosity of Annette Larocque-Moore, Becky and The Voyagers Team (voyagersjewelrydesign.com), Bonnie Sealey, Costco, Karen and Dan Randall, Peggy Gracy, Jann Howell (sc-animalcommunicator.com), Kathy Conroy and Kristina D'Amico, Kevin Z, Lisa Brown, Mary Ann Moore, Nancy DeSmet, Nancy Singer, Pat and JohnTeeter (nallhillsanimalhospital.com), Rebecca Hinks, Rebecca Williams, Sharon and Gregg Loeser, Sherry Hall (longneckdeco.net), Sue Bero (greyhoundgreetings.com), and Tibbi Ramsdell (amethystgroup.org).

We listed 100 items, with over 15,000 page views and 465 bids. We raised \$3,500. We are happy to accept donations for the auction set for October 8th, 2015. We will need to take pictures and research pricing, so donations must be received by September 1, 2015.

GREYlong gratefully acknowledges donations of cash and goods made by the following individuals and organizations:

Alane Schultz & GPA Springfield
Bonnie Sealey
Cliff and Lynn Leegard
Courtney and Lezlee Koger
Greyhound Connection
Hilda Forister
Jeanie Meyer & Keith Chrostowski
Jerry Vanicek
Karen & Dan Randall
Kaye Klintworth
Kris and Scott Higman
Kymberli Stone
Mary Ann Moore
Nancy Singer
Renee Dietchman
Ruth and Cliff Amos
Sharon and Greg Loeser
Tibbi Ramsdell

In Memory



GREYlong gratefully acknowledges donations made in memory of:

Coco	Allan Moakley
Prince	Joann Stephan and Nancy Singer
Red	Bonnie Sealey
Lola	Kristine Swenson

GREYlong remembers the passing of dear companions:

Abbey	loved by Denise Riebau
Buzz	loved by Rebecca Hinks
Cane	loved by Jacquie and Tom Corona
Coco	loved by Joellen Kunkel and Allan Moakley
Gus	loved by Shelley and Jeff Lake
Lola	loved by Alicia Eckstein and Kate Swenson
Prince	loved by Mary Ann Moore
Red	loved by Wally Lacey
Renard	loved by Courtney and Lezlee Koger
Rush	loved by Holly McLean
Shamrock	loved by Carol and Charles Stulb
Tommy	loved by Courtney and Lezlee Koger
Tippy	loved by Linda May

One
Final
Rescue...

<p>Book That Date!</p> <p>May 16, 2015 – the Gathering at Kill Creek Park</p> <p>Sept 19, 2015 – Gallivantasia Kill Creek Park, 11670 Homestead Lane Olathe, Ks. Details on the web site</p> <p>Oct 8 ~ Oct 17, 2015 – Oktoberfest On-Line Auction Things for you, for your dog, and for your home.</p>	<p>GREYlong is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 2006 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.</p> <p>Our name "GREYlong" is symbolic. It represents our goal that everyone's pets should live LONG lives in their senior-citizen GREY fur.</p> <p>We are grateful for all of your support. Our year end financial report is posted on http://www.greylong.org/Financial/financial.htm</p> <p>Board of Directors: Karen Randall and Lori Haberman-Wilson</p>	<p>GREYlong www.GREYlong.org 11906 Noland St. Overland Park, Ks. 66213</p> <p>GreyTales is the official newsletter for GREYlong. It is published electronically in May, September and January and distributed by email. We welcome both editorial and photo submissions. Submissions may be emailed to lori@greylong.org</p>
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