

HAPPY St. Patrick's Day



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Barb & Dave Williams (both of Irish ancestry) sent us the photo above of Rex and Hunter decked out in their shamrock Martingale collars. Below, neither of them look too happy with the shamrock decorations... LOL!



Run With It! ***** March 2019

SAVE THESE DATES

We need volunteers
and greyhounds for

MSGAO has

2 upcoming events:

Master Gardeners Spring Fling

Red Barn at the
Agricenter
Germantown
Fri. & Sat.
March 29–30
9–5 both days

Paws for a Cause

Pet Adoption Event
Saddle Creek North
Germantown
Sat., April 13
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our annual Spring Greyhound Spa Day:

MSGAO Dog Wash

Sun., April 14
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Contact Cynde Vaughn,
Volunteer Coordinator,
to volunteer by
clicking the button
below. Be sure to let
Cynde know what the
event and the 2-hour
time slot you are able
to come.

To
Volunteer

THE *BEST* Volunteers!

Thank you to
everyone who
brought their
greyhounds to the
Southern Living Women's Show on very short
notice to work the MSGAO Meet & Greet. WHAT
A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!



Our volunteer greyhounds, wearing donation
coats, brought in over \$500 in donations --
mostly in one dollar bills! And our people
volunteers handed out brochures and talked
with so many people--some were already
interested in adopting a retired racer, others
had never been around a greyhound. We think
our greyhounds were the hit of the show! We
even had to tell our volunteers to expect to
take 20–30 minutes to get to the booth,
because so many along the way wanted to pet
or take photos with the greyhounds.

Thank you so much for being available on such
short notice!

We have a couple of more events that are
coming up in a few weeks. We would love to
have a variety of volunteers and greyhounds
turn out for these annual events, too. See the
details at left.

We also want to honor a long-time volunteer,
Bill Becker, who has set up and run Meet &
Greets at various pet store locations,
sometimes for two events a month. Bill has
been doing Meet & Greets for over 12 years,
and recently announced that he needs to
retire.

Thank you, Bill, for your loyal support of MSGAO!

On a final note, I want to encourage all
greyhound owners--especially new adopters--
to get a separate leather collar and ID tag for
their greyhound to wear at all times. Paul and I
had a scare this week. Our two greyhounds,
Trev and Ace, escaped out our backyard on
Sunday morning. **OUR HEARTS STOPPED!!!**
We found Trev across the street, but Ace had



Above: Vicki Cohen with Ace (black greyhound) and Trev (fawn greyhound) at the KIX 106 booth at the Southern Living Women's Show.

Below: Ace with his leather ID collar. The ID tag is riveted onto the collar, so no jiggly tags. These collars are inexpensive. Amazon has several from \$20-25, including the ID.



flown the coop! A nice young man found Ace a *HALF MILE AWAY*. Since Ace was wearing his leather ID collar, the young man called us to let us know Ace had been found, and then brought Ace home and put him in the backyard while I raced home. I personally have had sight hounds since I was growing up (my stepfather was a trainer), and this really shook me.

Please, please get your greyhound a leather ID collar as soon as possible. (See Ace's photo at left for an example.) This collar should be on them at all times. Having your greyhound micro-chipped is good, but this ID collar is even better. Ace and Trev got out on Sunday. Without this ID collar, I'm not sure when we would have gotten Ace back, since vets aren't typically open to read micro chips on the weekend.

Here's hoping your yards and walking trails dry up quickly after all the rain we have had. And a Happy St. Patty's Day to you!

Vicki Cohen
Executive Director



Diane Gordon and several greyhounds at the Southern Living Women's Show.



Rob Dingler with Dyson and new greyhound, Lexie ("Lady Texas"). (Renée took the photo.) Both dogs wore vests and carried brochures. They did very well, especially since Lexie had only been home 3 weeks. They received donations of \$150 in 2 hours!

Tribute to Bill Becker



*Thank you so much for your service, Bill!
You have touched many lives in Tennessee
and Florida by introducing retired racers
to adopters during your Meet & Greet
events.*

You will be sorely missed!

Photo at left:

Bill Becker and Princess at Hollywood Feed.

(Photo courtesy of Renée Dingler.)

Bill Becker and his greyhounds at a recent Meet & Greet at Hollywood Feed (photo at right). Bill has been doing Meet & Greets for over 12 years, sometimes holding two a month at different stores. Bill and his wife, Irene, have 3 greyhounds. In the past, they have had up to 5 greyhounds, often choosing to adopt greyhounds with special needs. Bill has been a staunch supporter of retired racing adoption since his days of living in Florida.



Limes The Therapy Greyhound

Dear Vicki,

Hello! We adopted a greyhound from you about two years ago (formerly "Tall Boy"); he now goes by Limes! He is such a wonderful, sweet boy, and he has adjusted to home life so



well!

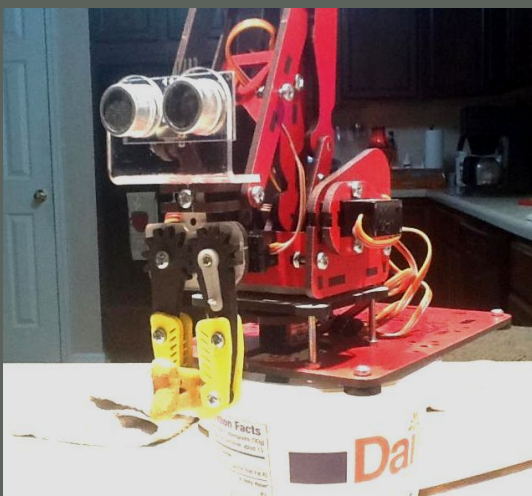
Furthermore, I am extremely happy and excited to inform you that he has just recently become an ATD registered therapy dog! He is so gentle and caring, and he has taken wonderfully to it. Thank you for everything you do for these dogs. Attached are pictures of Limes and me, with his ATD tag and certificate.

Much love,
Grace Peltan



YOUR PHOTOS

After our February newsletter, we received so many photos of happy retired racers enjoying their forever homes that we cannot include them all in this March issue. So if you don't see your photo this month, watch for it in April. THANK YOU for sending in all the terrific photos!! We love seeing our adopted greyhounds with their new families, enjoying their retirements!



"Milk Bone Bot"

Al Robins created this "Milk Bone" dispensing robot for his two greyhounds, Danny Lee and Flo. The photo at left is the bot (notice the "eyelashes"). The photo below is Danny Lee getting his own treat.

Al states, "The Milk Bone Bot is Danny Lee's toy. The 'eyeballs' are sonar transmitter and receiver sensors for obstacle (greyhound nose :-)) sensing."

Al, we think you are enjoying

retirement, too! ;-)



Susan Metzger sent us this photo of "Fire" and writes:

"We adopted Fire 7 years ago. He will be 13 this spring. We love him so much. He is the best. Thank you all For finding good families for these incredible dogs."

Susan and Chuck Metzger
Olive Branch



Julie Lane sent us this photo of Elvis (fawn greyhound) sharing a plate of food with their cat.

Melissa Broaddus send us the photo at right, with these comments:

"Rex aka 'Magic Gavin' loves to move his blanket near the fire on cold days in Missouri. He is ready to become a big brother as we are expecting our first child in April."

Congratulations, Melissa!



Send Your Photos!



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