

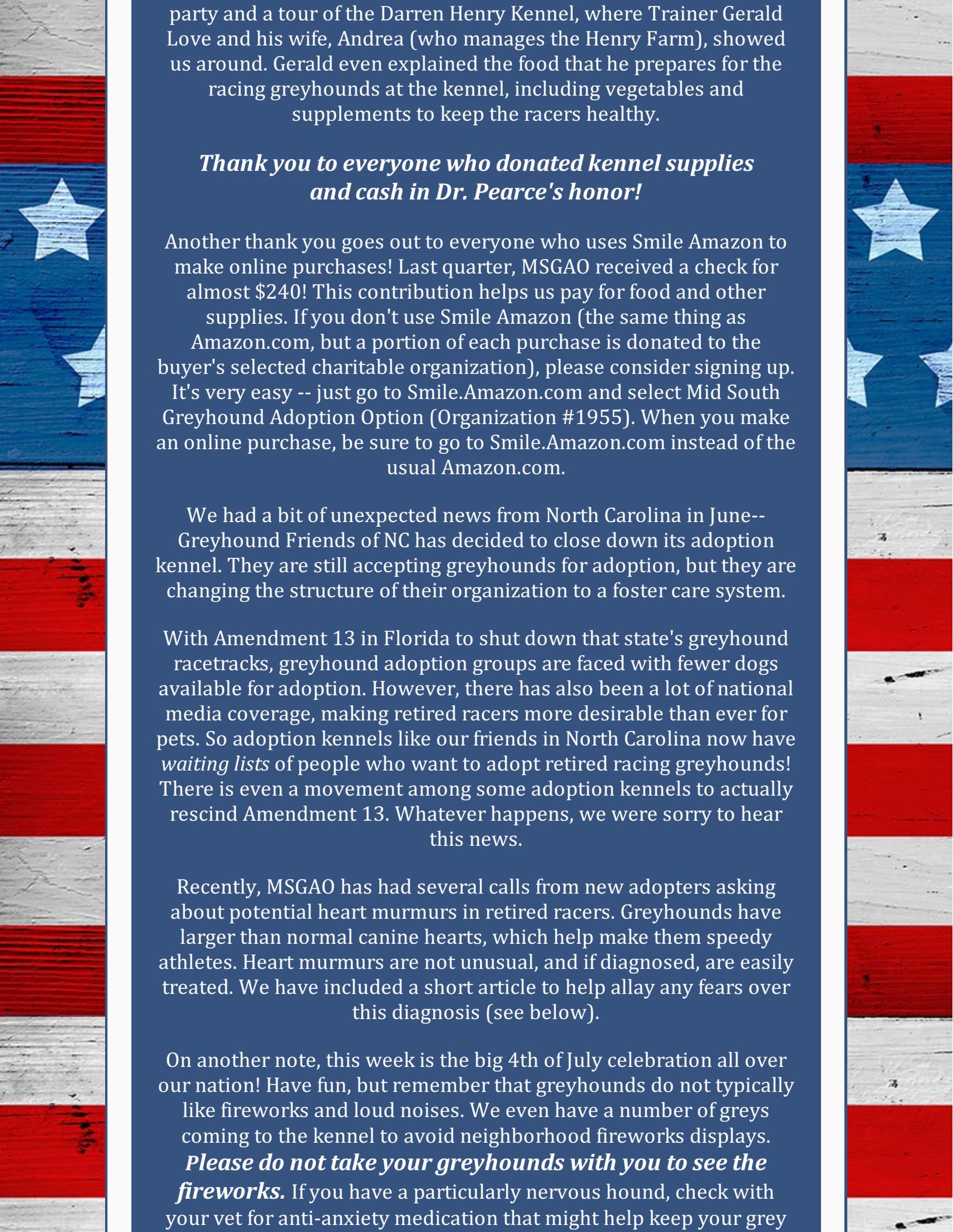
## *Run With It! July 2019*



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY, USA!***



We had a FABULOUS retirement party for Dr. James Pearce, DVM, in June. Many of you brought your greyhounds, and several trainers and kennel owners came, too. Dr. Pearce's family was here, and the staff from Stage Road Animal Hospital. Thank you to everyone who participated to honor this Greyt friend of MSGAO! (Above is a photo of Dr. Pearce with Petey, Lou Lewis' therapy greyhound, whom was fitted with two custom plates during orthopedic surgery. Check out other photos from the party below. All photos courtesy of Renée Dingler.) Those of you who weren't able to come, you missed a great

The background of the page is a stylized American flag with horizontal stripes of red, white, and blue, and white stars on a blue field.

party and a tour of the Darren Henry Kennel, where Trainer Gerald Love and his wife, Andrea (who manages the Henry Farm), showed us around. Gerald even explained the food that he prepares for the racing greyhounds at the kennel, including vegetables and supplements to keep the racers healthy.

***Thank you to everyone who donated kennel supplies and cash in Dr. Pearce's honor!***

Another thank you goes out to everyone who uses Smile Amazon to make online purchases! Last quarter, MSGAO received a check for almost \$240! This contribution helps us pay for food and other supplies. If you don't use Smile Amazon (the same thing as Amazon.com, but a portion of each purchase is donated to the buyer's selected charitable organization), please consider signing up. It's very easy -- just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Mid South Greyhound Adoption Option (Organization #1955). When you make an online purchase, be sure to go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) instead of the usual Amazon.com.

We had a bit of unexpected news from North Carolina in June-- Greyhound Friends of NC has decided to close down its adoption kennel. They are still accepting greyhounds for adoption, but they are changing the structure of their organization to a foster care system.

With Amendment 13 in Florida to shut down that state's greyhound racetracks, greyhound adoption groups are faced with fewer dogs available for adoption. However, there has also been a lot of national media coverage, making retired racers more desirable than ever for pets. So adoption kennels like our friends in North Carolina now have *waiting lists* of people who want to adopt retired racing greyhounds! There is even a movement among some adoption kennels to actually rescind Amendment 13. Whatever happens, we were sorry to hear this news.

Recently, MSGAO has had several calls from new adopters asking about potential heart murmurs in retired racers. Greyhounds have larger than normal canine hearts, which help make them speedy athletes. Heart murmurs are not unusual, and if diagnosed, are easily treated. We have included a short article to help allay any fears over this diagnosis (see below).

On another note, this week is the big 4th of July celebration all over our nation! Have fun, but remember that greyhounds do not typically like fireworks and loud noises. We even have a number of greys coming to the kennel to avoid neighborhood fireworks displays. ***Please do not take your greyhounds with you to see the fireworks.*** If you have a particularly nervous hound, check with your vet for anti-anxiety medication that might help keep your grey

calm.

## Happy 4th of July!

Vicki Cohen  
Executive Director



### MSGAO Presents Dr. Pearce with Custom Greyhound Artwork

Mary Sexton, MSGAO volunteer artist, created a unique artwork to honor Dr. Pearce. The two hearts (see photo at left) are made up of the photos of your greyhounds! Dr. Pearce was very touched.



Dr. Pearce surrounded by the staff from Stage Road Animal Hospital. (Left to right) Cindy, Gaye, Dr. Pearce, Leah, and Amy.



Greyhound adopters of all ages turned out for Dr. Pearce's retirement party. Here is Emmalynn, Kim Byrd's daughter, making friends with Greyhound Missy.



## A Celebration of Greyhounds!

**The Great Global Greyhound Walk (GGGW), an annual dog walking event with the aim of raising awareness of greyhounds as great pets, had every reason to celebrate its 10th year on Sunday 9th June 2019, with an overall attendance of 8,795 hounds that smashed the previous highest total (recorded last year) by over 2400!**

In this record breaking year, 275 registered walks took place across the world, from the USA and Canada to the Philippines and from the Highlands of Scotland to Jersey and Australasia, greyhounds, with their owners, supporters and lovers, walked 'together' to raise awareness of the breed as the great pets they are. England hosted 3 walks, and Australia 2 walks, that had over 200 hounds participating; however, it is important to note that every hound that attends a registered walk is counted and contributes to the final total. Therefore the smaller attendances of single figures are just as important to help spread the message.

From its small beginnings, the walk has continued to increase in popularity, exposure and coverage. GGGW is the brainchild of Greyhound Walks, a registered charity based in East Anglia, with the aim of socializing and promoting greyhounds as pets by organizing local walks. In 2009 they decided to have an annual 'Great British Greyhound Walk' to include the whole of the UK. Each year popularity grew and in 2014 the walk became a global event.

Greyhounds are one of the most historic and iconic breeds of dog, famed for their incredible athleticism, noble stature, gentle nature and calm temperament. Greyhounds make great companions, they love human company, walk nicely on the lead, adapt to many different lifestyles and contrary to popular belief, they don't require much exercise - just two 20 minute walks a day, although many can enjoy much more, too. They really are 40 mph couch potatoes! With thanks to all our dedicated walk organizers, the GGGW team, our sponsors and every single hound that participated.

Our thoughts immediately move onto next year... Hopes are high that the walk in 2020 will be even more successful and 10,000 hounds is the aim!

**Save the date! - Sunday 14th June 2020.**

---

## TEAM MSGAO

Photos courtesy of Barb Williams



Team MSGAO had a good turnout for our first time participating in The Great Global Greyhound Walk. The cloud cover provided a bit cooler temps for a short time.

Thanks to everyone who came, and to Barb Williams for organizing this!



---

**Heart Murmurs in Greyhounds**

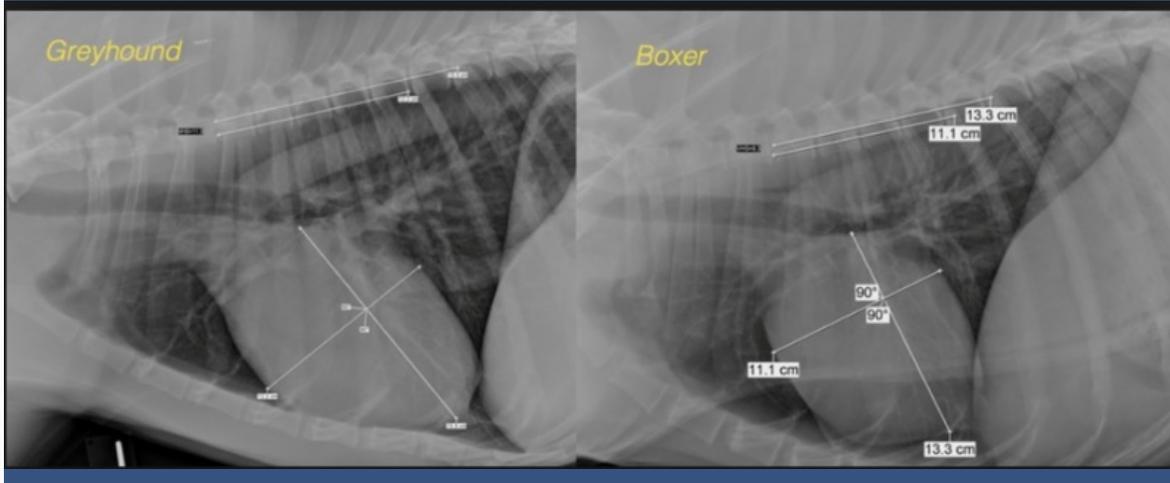
Article & Photo Contributor: [Greyhound-Data.com](http://Greyhound-Data.com)

Many Greyhounds can have mild heart enlargement and a mild heart murmur that can be normal. If your veterinarian hears a heart murmur, it is always a good idea to take a chest X-ray.

If there is some left atrial enlargement (a chamber of the heart) then an ultrasound of the heart (echocardiogram) would be necessary and should ideally be conducted by a cardiologist.

If only mild generalized heart enlargement is noted, then it is likely normal for the breed and additional testing may not be necessary.

The heart murmur can be described as systolic (not holosystolic), loudest over the left base, and likely a grade I or grade II.



## YOUR PHOTOS



**Flying Don Julio (aka Mason) & Porky Come Home take an afternoon stroll through the neighborhood with their human brother, Riley.**

**Photo submitted by Chelsea Riley Baumgarner.**

**"Just wanted to send a quick note to let everyone know why O'Malley and I haven't been around lately. I decided to sell my Memphis home and move to Bloomington, Indiana,**

to be near my daughter and grandsons. It happened quickly--house sold the first day on the market!

"O'Malley and I have adapted quickly to the cooler weather. There is an active adoption group in Indianapolis (2 greys in our neighborhood!), but MSGAO will always special to me. Please keep sending the newsletters!"

Say hello to everyone for us! Cathy  
Jessee and O'Malley



**SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!**



**Follow MSGAO on:**

