

# Happy Fall!

*Run With It!* \* \* \* \* \* Oct. 2019



Artwork by Greyhound Artist Rich Skipworth.

To view more of Mr. Skipworth's greyhound art, [click here](#).



Don't you love this photo of Tyler, Tully and Lily (holding Tully's leash)? This is what greyhound adoption is all about!

"Coursing Through History," the 2019 Annual Reunion, was a big hit!

Even with the date change to September and fewer attendees (due to age restrictions), we grossed over \$24,300! This is \$3,000 MORE than 2018, which was our biggest fund raiser ever. After expenses, MSGAO

netted a little more than \$17,700 at this year's reunion.

***We have all of you to thank for this!***

Trivia Night was fun, and we had a good turnout. We are putting

together some other "family-oriented" events, like our "Holiday Paw-ty" at Seize the Clay in December, and something else that is pretty special... an event that EVERYONE will enjoy. We had planned to announce it today, but the latest news from Southland Casino Racing took precedence over our plans.

And about that big elephant (or should I say "GREYHOUND") in the room, which everyone wants to know about.... This is what we know about Southland's big news:

Live racing will be phased out over the next three years, ending no later than December 31, 2022. David Wolf, president and general manager of Southland Casino Racing, was quoted in the *Memphis Flyer*, as stating:

*"...The gradual phase-out is also needed to provide a long enough period of time to accommodate the adoption of about 1,200 greyhounds that now race at Southland."*

*Both Southland and the kennel association are strong supporters of the Mid-South Greyhound Adoption Option, which works to place retired Southland racing greyhounds in homes, the groups said. "We know it's going to take time to adopt out the greyhounds, and our commitment is to make sure every greyhound that has raced at Southland finds its forever home," Wolf said.*

[Link to the Memphis Flyer article.](#)

**Everyone** is wholly committed to the continued care for our racing greyhounds--MSGAO, Southland Casino Racing, and Arkansas Kennel Association.

Don't forget to keep the evening of Tuesday, December 10th open for our annual Holiday Paw-ty and Kennel Supply Drive! We will send out more information on it closer to the date.

*Have a Rooining Good Howl-o-ween!*

**Vicki Cohen**  
**Executive Director**

## "Trick *and* Treating With My Friend"

Adam Loeffel and Vicki Cohen worked on the MSGAO scarecrow entry at the Lichterman Nature Center: Hiccup (boy) and Toothless (dragon) from *How to Train Your Dragon*. Look closely at the dragon.... it's our greyhound in

disguise!



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Photos taken at "Coursing Through History," courtesy of Renée Dingler, who came dressed as a retired racing greyhound (though no photos were taken of her!).



The greyhounds enjoyed getting back on the familiar track. This boy was ready to race again.



Cassie and Jerry & their greyhounds wanted to pose under the track sign at the starting gate.



This is the best part of the reunion... watching owners and their greyhounds walk the race track.

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I couldn't resist taking the photo of this greyhound's tartan costume!



Mary and Zamir came in second place in the costume contest.



The Scottish Clan from Nashville won the costume contest!

Vicki Cohen, dressed as a 1940s Lady from a Coursing Meet (see poster below), and Rob Dingler, who came as "Rusty," the stuffed bone that greyhounds used to chase around the track!



## YOUR PHOTOS!

We are catching up on a couple of months of photos that you all have sent us. Thank you so much for sending them. We LOVE seeing our adopted greyhounds enjoying retirement!

Send *your* photo to Renée Dingler by clicking the button:

[Send Us Your Photos](#)



Betty Nolan sent us this sweet photo of Annie with her toy.



Griffin waiting to get in out of the rain.



Resting in the Florida Room.



Just getting comfy.



Birthday Griffin

April Huffines shared the four photos of Griffin with this comment, "Here are some photos of Griffin, AKA PJ Money Walk, settling into retirement. He is the sweetest boy in the world. We are so thankful for him."





Fenya in the backyard. Sent to us by Melissa Hines and Matt Lyons.



Fenya's "brother," Colton, with his ears making a "hat" on his head! Also sent to us by Melissa Hines and Matt Lyons.



Mike Miller sent us these three photos with retired racer Preacher (formerly "Breacher"). Mike said Preacher is a "bed hog" (photos with Mike sleeping). And Preacher is "best buds" with JC, the other dog on the couch above. But it looks to me like *MIKE* is the best bud!





Jessie Rogers sent us this photo of recently adopted Epic getting used to his new home. She said, "I was afraid he would be cold this morning!"

It looks like Epic is "adjusting to retirement" just fine!

Al Robins sent us this sweet photo of Flo.

