

# Retirement Times

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## The Hounds Aren't the Only Ones Retiring

Well, the news is the Greyhounds are not the only ones retiring.

Barb Fields will be retiring as president of Central Ohio Greyhound Rescue (COGR) as of the first of the year. We greatly appreciate all the years of work and dedication she has provided to the rescue. Although Barb will be retiring as president, she will be still involved with the group through fostering and volunteering.

In light of Barb's retirement, Julie Dzielawa will be taking the reigns as president effective January 1, 2011. Julie has been a very active and valuable volunteer with COGR for several years. We are lucky to have Julie, and we want to give her a warm welcome as she takes this new role.



With the change in responsibilities, there is an update to the board members. The following list is the COGR board members as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- President:**  
Julie Dzielawa
- Vice President:**  
Dave Denniston
- Treasurer:**  
Amy Wanken

- Board Member:**  
Jean McDonald
- Board Member:**  
Traci Hatcher
- Board Member:**  
Jackie Gribble
- Board Member:**  
Nancy Fenner

Additionally, we would like to take a moment to reflect on some accomplishments since COGR was founded over  
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## Get Out the Welcome Mats!

Get out the welcome mats because COGR will be getting four new furry members from the JCKC track on December 11, 2010.

Although one of the boys has already been

adopted, there are still three adorable faces ready to find their forever homes.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help make this possible. From those volunteers who go

on the haul to the foster parents, there is a tremendous amount of effort made to save these magnificent dogs.

We try to help JCKC, which is a Florida  
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seven years ago in June of 2003.

What has COGR achieved since its inception? Notably two hundred twelve Greyhounds have been placed. We may not have placed as many retired racers as other larger groups, but the rescue has never shied away from senior and sick dogs.

*"...we have established an excellent reputation..."*

Since we have never "cherry picked" dogs from the track, we have established an excellent reputation in the Greyhound community as a group truly there for any Greyhound in need.

Our goal has always been to do the very best we can with the Greyhounds in our program, and our standing in the Greyhound community further proves this objective is being

recognized by others as well.

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## Get Out the Welcome Mats!

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panhandle track, the most because it is known as the worst track in country.

If you can find the time and space to foster a Greyhound, we encourage you to accept a foster to teach them about home life. This will allow us to place more Greyhounds into our program.

Recently we have been limited on how many

additional retired racers we can take due to the number of special needs and seniors dogs staying in foster care for an extended period of time (which is okay with us). Remember if you foster, COGR will pay for any and all veterinary bills as well as provide food, a crate, and any medications needed.

If you were unable to

foster this time, please give it some thought about how you could enrich not only your life and the life of your family, but of a sweet, lovable couch potato.

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## Santa Pics Are Coming!

It's that time of the year again. Bring the "kids" to the Complete Petsmart in Westerville between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> to have their pictures taken with Santa.

Help make the holidays brighter for some lucky hounds and at the same time get a grey picture so you can brag about your fur children.

Professional photographers Jen and Jake Borowski will be

taking the pooch portraits on 12/11 and 12/12 again this year. Let's make it a big success!

## Spread the Word

By Erin Appleyard

There is a great opportunity to create awareness and spark interest about Greyhounds whether strolling through the park on a Saturday afternoon or in a casual conversation.

Almost every time I walk my dogs at the park someone stops me to ask about my retired racers. The most common perception is Greyhounds are high strung and high

energy. Then, when I tell them about the couch potatoes, they are shocked and fascinated.

So why am I discussing this topic of creating awareness? Because of something which happened to me over three years ago. After I had to put my dog to sleep, a friend told me about these lovable dogs. I knew I wanted another four-legged friend, but I

had never considered a Greyhound. I did not adopt a retired racer the next day, but I did my research and five months later I had my first couch potato.

My point is someone may not become a Greyhound lover overnight, but a brief discussion about these wonderful companions could sow the seeds to make a difference.



## Greyhound Trivia

### Did you know?

- 1.) An adult Greyhound has \_\_\_\_ teeth.
- 2.) A Greyhound puppy has \_\_\_\_ teeth.
- 3.) In early Arabian culture, the birth of a Greyhound was second only to a birth of \_\_\_\_.
- 4.) What Greyhound was featured twice in Sports Illustrated in 1977?

- 5.) True or False – Greyhounds are usually universal blood donors.
- 6.) True or False – Commoners used to be forbidden to own a Greyhound in England.
- 7.) What distance can a Greyhound spot small objects?

### Answers:

- 1.) 42
- 2.) 28
- 3.) a son
- 4.) Downing
- 5.) True
- 6.) True
- 7.) Up to a ½ mile

## Optimal Health for Your “Kid”

Are you thinking about cooking for your retired racer? Research is loudly touting the benefits of cooking for pets, but there is a plethora of information about it. Where do you start? You may want to start with your vet. As a word of caution though,

many veterinarians do not usually have an extensive background in nutritional studies as it relates to cooking for animals.

Still not getting the answers you want? Another great resource is *Dr. Pitcairn’s Complete*

*Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats*. This book is filled with natural remedies, helpful tips as well as nutritious recipes (including ones for dogs and cats with special needs).

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Central Ohio Greyhound Rescue was incorporated in June 2003. We are a nonprofit all volunteer 501 (c) (3) organization that relies solely on fundraising and donations to continue our work.

Our goal is promote greyhound adoption in the Central Ohio area.

Between the track and their new homes our local greyhounds live in foster homes where "foster parents" help them learn the facts of home life and become familiar with the personality of each dog.

COGR attempts to match dog's temperaments to the lifestyles of the prospective adopters as much as possible.

Our goal is to make permanent lifelong placements for our greyhounds where both the adopter and dogs are happy and to provide ongoing support to our greyhounds and adopters after the adoption.



**We're on the Web!**  
[www.centralohiogreyhound.org](http://www.centralohiogreyhound.org)

## How Can You Help?

Okay, so maybe you cannot take a foster into your home, but what else can you do to help COGR? Well, there are several things you can do. You can volunteer, sponsor, or donate.

### **Volunteer**

COGR is an all volunteer organization, so it is the generous donation of time which helps make our mission possible. COGR needs people to help with the annual reunion, the meet and greets every month, picking up dogs on hauls, and trips to the vet.

### **Sponsor**

Sometimes a Greyhound may have to stay in foster care for an extended amount of time for a variety of reasons. By donating \$10, \$15, \$25 (or more) each month, you can sponsor a COGR Greyhound. Please visit the website for additional details and select "Sponsor A Greyhound" on the home page. What a great way to make a difference.

### **Donate**

You can donate treats, vet supplies, and dog beds. Also, cash

donations are always needed and appreciated, and they are tax deductible!

