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Run With It!

... Vicki's Corner

The promise of Spring is in the air, trees are budding, and the daffodils are blooming. Can you ask for anything better?

Here at MSGAO we are celebrating Spring for more reasons than just warmer weather:

- There is increased interest in greyhound ownership at our weekend Meet & Greets.
- The number of adoptions is finally beginning to increase, which means more greys in their forever home.
- The Riverkings Game and Meet & Greet was a huge success for us. (See more on the Riverkings Game in an article below.)
- Southland Park Gaming & Racing has chosen MSGAO as their non-profit partner again. *THANK YOU, Southland Park!*

The Riverkings Game is such a fun event. Everyone loves to see the hounds. We hope that more greyhound owners can come out the next time MSGAO is featured.

MSGAO is planning a couple of Spring events. See the dates under "Upcoming Events" below. We will let you know more about them in upcoming issues. In the meantime, get out with your hound during the bursts of warm weather and have a little fun!

Vicki Cohen

We used this picture at the Riverkings Meet & Greet.
Aren't Stormy and Dazzle sweethearts?

Find your true love...



Adopt a Greyhound!

(Picture courtesy of Rachel Hogue,
and poster design by Brian Walton)

Upcoming Events:

Texas Roadhouse Non-Profit Night

Place: Horn
Lake, MS
Date: Tues.,
March 29
MSGAO is
the featured
non-profit.
Enjoy dinner
out and
support
MSGAO at
the same
time!

Save the Dates!

Bark in the Park

Place: Levitt
Shell, Overton
Park
Date: Sat.,

Riverkings Game a Hit!

The Meet & Greet at the Riverkings game was a huge hit! The attending greyhounds drew many fans (and others, as you will see in the picture below). We had four greyhounds at the MSGAO booth, and two donation coats. The greys wearing the donation coats raised \$162!



Jeff Brasher with his girls, Betty & Jersey
(Picture courtesy of Riverkings)

April 16
Time: 11 a.m.
- 2 p.m.

**MSGAO
Annual
Wash**

Place:
MSGAO
Date: Sun.,
June 5

Tina Caron gave MSGAO a check for \$100.



Vicki and Tina
(Picture courtesy of Vicki Cohen)

And the jersey auction brought in over \$3,600 for MSGAO!!!!

**Many, many thanks to Southland Park Gaming & Racing,
to The Riverkings, to the fans who generously supported
MSGAO, and to Tina Caron for her support and
benevolence!**

Here are a few more pictures from the event:



Troy Keeping, GM of Southland, with Boomer, dropping the puck.
(Picture courtesy of Riverkings)



Riverkings Mascot, Sheldon, with the greyhounds
(Picture courtesy of Vicki Cohen)



More than one "character" turned out to meet the greyhounds!
(Picture courtesy of Vicki Cohen)

Here's a Tip for Hounds Who are Beginning to Shed Their Winter Coats

I discovered this tip accidentally. One of my greyhounds is beginning to shed his winter coat like crazy, and like little magnets, the hair is sticking to everything. (Yes, I know that greys don't have much winter fur, and I probably shouldn't be complaining!) I've got a Furminator, but I have to be so careful using it on my greys because they don't have an undercoat that many dog breeds have and their

skin is so thin. I really don't like to use it much. Fortunately, I found something that actually works much better on greyhounds.

Some time ago, I bought a Gonzo Pet Lifter, thinking it would help get the fur off my furniture and clothing (which it does). This past week, I grabbed it, wondering if it would just grab the fur off the hounds BEFORE it actually made it to the couch. Voila! It worked great! You can see it in the picture below. It is a like a sponge that you "brush" over the grey's coat, going in the direction of the hair. Both of my dogs love it because it feels like they are being stroked. There are no sharp bristles or teeth to dig into their skin.

When the sponge is full of hair, I scrape it off with my fingers (or a very dull knife) and continue to "brush" the dog until I don't get any more hair. Afterwards, wash it off with soap and water, let it dry, and it's ready to go again.

I can't remember where I bought this handy little hair remover; however, I found several retailers on the web, including the Gonzo website: <http://www.gonzocorp.com/Browse-Products/Gonzo-Pet-Hair-Lifter>. On this website, it costs \$6.99 plus shipping.

-- Renee Dingler



Our Condolences to Paul Cohen

Our condolences go out to Paul and his wife, Director Vicki Cohen. Paul's mother, Dottie, passed away at the age of 91 on February 25th. Please keep the Cohen's and their family in your thoughts and prayers.



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