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## Seasonal Allergies - Lori Haberman Wilson

It is that time of the year. I love the fall. The leaves change colors; the weather cools. The dogs love the long walks in the brisk air. It is the "ragweed" time of year that I dread. Two of our dogs, Muffin and Murphy, had fall allergies. Hair loss, intense scratching, and ear issues may be signs of contact dermatitis. Although some pets may sneeze, the most common reaction is scratching. Muffin's allergies manifested in pink feet. She would lose the fur on her paws and chew at her feet. People would ask if she has some disease. Murphy was highly allergic to ragweed. He would chew at the fur on his back and scratch at his ears. We tried a couple things to lessen their allergic reactions. To help internally, we started them on omega 3 fatty acids. This supplement helps with inflammation. The

technical explanation is as follows: environmental factors cause the skin to produce an inflammatory response, which activates T-cells to secrete components responsible for scales and thickened skin. This leads to inflammation and dermatitis. The fatty acids (also recommended for humans) are believed to lessen the inflammation by reducing the secretions. (Note: a fatty acid deficiency can cause dry, scaly, and itchy skin.) Second, we added biotin. Biotin helps the body processes essential for growth, digestion, muscle formation, and the repair of skin and coat. Externally, we washed Muffin's feet after each walk. For Murphy, one of the most effective solutions was a "baby wipe" that we used to wipe his back off after each walk. Make sure it is either a chemical-free or

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## What's coming up?

The "Gallivantasia" is scheduled for any and all well-mannered sight- hounds Saturday the 20th of September from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Kill Creek Park, Olathe, Kansas. The day includes the beach, the lake, pot luck lunch, and fun. We will have the baby wading pool out for those pups not wishing to brave the lake. If you haven't gotten your invitation, please contact us. The weather promises to be beautiful. Dr. John Teeter will be busy with nail trims. We will have silent auctions, dog collars and other haute couture. We will also preview some of the incredible things that will be in our on-line Oktoberfest auction.



## Tracking the Treasurer in 2014

Why donate to GREYlong? When we started GREYlong, it was to make a difference in the lives of our pets and hopefully in the lives of their owners.

To that end we are fully vested in making a difference. We sew, we knit, we bake, and offer these items for sale. We have creative volunteers and they design and donate without any compensation.

Generous donations of products from GREYlong supporters and sales from the GREYlong Ebay store, including dog collars and coats, and snazzy knitted snoods, have brought in over \$2,200 for the year.

The Maypoling 4 R Mutts Rummage sale and the May Gathering at Kill Creek Beach added another \$2,150.

We also received several very generous donations from organizations and people hoping that together we can make a difference. We are ever so grateful for your support. Donations totaled \$2,900.

So if you are considering a gift for a friend or a memory for a loved one - wedding, birthday, graduation, special memory or occasion, think of a donation to GREYlong. GREYlong would be happy to send a card to the honoree and recognize your support.

Thank you again!

## Seasonal Allergies, cont'd

hypoallergenic wipe. It wasn't that he was walking in the ragweed, but perhaps his fur attracted the airborne pollens.

We used Benadryl, but this was more of a sedative. Both dogs were allergy tested and an allergy serum developed for them.

My husband was the brave one to give them both their shots. While this course of treatment helped it didn't completely alleviate the problem, and in several instances we resorted to a veterinarian visit for prednisone.

One suggestion would be to bathe the dog with tea tree oil infused shampoo. The chemicals in tea tree oil may kill bacteria and fungus, and reduce allergic

skin reactions.

If your dog unexpectedly develops an itching reaction, check for changes in detergents used to wash your dog's bedding and blankets. Have you recarpeted your home?

If your pet is chewing its tail, check for fleas. Use a comb or your finger to brush the dog's fur backwards and check for small flecks that jump.

Talk with your veterinarian, who can help tailor the best treatment for your pets health and happiness. Enjoy this lovely weather, but don't forget that our pets can have allergies, too.

GREYlong gratefully acknowledges cash donations made in support of a cure by the following:

Dr. Adam Petersen (Canine Blood Heroes)  
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Keep saving those UPC labels from Best Choice Products. Mail or drop them off at Lori and Chris Haberman-Wilson's home or contact her at [greylong3@yahoo.com](mailto:greylong3@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

And if you are an Amazon user – please consider signing up with Amazon Smile and select 'GREYlong'. We receive .5% of each eligible sale. Details are at <http://smile.amazon.com>

# May Round-Ups: Maypoling 4 R Mutts and The Gathering - Lori Haberman-Wilson

Nancy DeSmet wondered if potted aloes plants would sell. She potted up 15 large aloes, and they all sold.

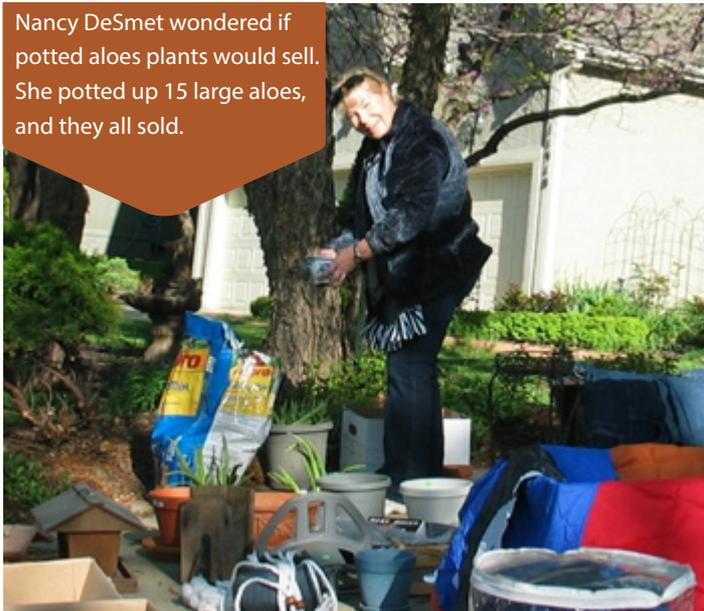


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We had two fun events in May. The first weekend in May we set up for our sixth annual Maypoling 4 R Mutts Rummage sale. Interesting kitchen appliances, upholstery material, collectibles, clothes, furniture, and bedding were arranged in three rows in the garage and down the driveway.

Many thanks for donations from Cynthia Smith and Kyle Burris, Danee Freeman, Karen and Dan Randall, Lisa Brown, Lois and Michael Harris, Monica and Jim Twigg, Nancy DeSmet, Nancy Helvey, Peggy Elliott, Ruth Amos, Renee and Alan Dietchman, Saralyn Dickens and Michael DeLeon, and Sharon and Gregg Loeser. We raised over \$1,400.

And thank you, Rummage Sale "Goddesses" Karen Randall, Linda May, Nancy DeSmet, and Ruth Amos for helping set up and/or sell.

Two weeks later we were off to the beach at Kill Creek for our second GREYlong "Gathering." We had 72 folks attend and 70 dogs grace the beach.

None of this would be possible without our hosts and hostesses Alexis and Simon Fenton, Chris Haberman-Wilson, Karen and Dan Randall, Drew Wilson, Linda May, Monica McNamara and Jim Twigg. Hoping I have not missed any one, as we can't host these events without your help.



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## What's coming up, cont'd

The Oktoberfest On-Line Auction will go live at 8 a.m. on the morning of the 10th of October and continue until 10 p.m. CST on Saturday the 19th of October. We have some lovely art, an antique silver Greyhound pin, some fabulous afghans, and other items. Because pictures are better than words:



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## In Memory

GREYlong gratefully acknowledges the donations made in memory of:

Clara                      Wally Lacey

GREYlong remembers the passing of dear companions:

Angel	loved by Lori Bartu
Bella	loved by Tibbi Ramsdell
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Calamity	loved by Janie and Paul McBride
Clara	loved by Amy and Tony Arena
Delilah	loved by Sharon and Patrick Delozier
Indy	loved by Julie and Chris Morrison
Jazzy	loved by Jann Howell
Lela	loved by Denise and Nate Knight
Maggie	loved by Sheri and Ron Rice
McKinley	loved by Leslie and Joe McMillian
Molly	loved by Kelly McKinney
Penney	loved by Barbara and Darwin Williams
Sammie	loved by Cara Brockhoff
Spencer	loved by Kelly and Mark Hansen
Tippy	loved by Linda May

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Rescue...

<p>Book That Date!</p> <p>Sept 20, 2014 – Gallivantasia Kill Creek Park, 11670 Homestead Lane Olathe, Ks. Details on the web site</p> <p>Oct 10 ~ Oct 19, 2014 – Oktoberfest On-Line Auction Things for you, for your dog, and for your home.</p>	<p>GREYlong is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 2006 devoted to raising funds to support canine cancer studies. Gifts donated are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We have no paid employees, so all gifts make an impact on finding a cure for canine cancer.</p> <p>Our name “GREYlong” is symbolic. It represents our goal that everyone’s pets should live LONG lives in their senior-citizen GREY fur.</p> <p>We are grateful for all of your support. Our year end financial report is posted on <a href="http://www.greylong.org/Financial/financial.htm">http://www.greylong.org/Financial/financial.htm</a></p> <p>Board of Directors: Karen Randall and Lori Haberman-Wilson</p>	<p>GREYlong <a href="http://www.GREYlong.org">www.GREYlong.org</a> 11906 Noland St. Overland Park, Ks. 66213</p> <p>GreyTales is the official newsletter for GREYlong. It is published electronically in May, September and January, It is distributed by email. We welcome both editorial and photo submissions. Submissions may be emailed to <a href="mailto:lori@greylong.org">lori@greylong.org</a></p>
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