

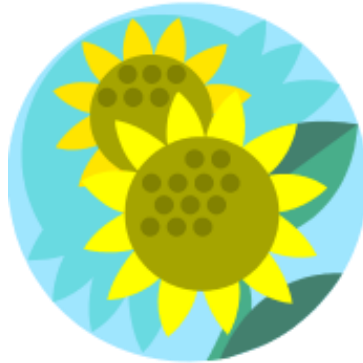
# News from the Couch

Renewed Life for Greyhounds  
Fall 2011

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## Fundraising Activities

### *Flower Power*



Because there are so many retired racing greyhounds in need - and because RLfG would love to help again by paying for vet work for greyhounds coming into adoption groups, especially those with special needs, Renewed Life for Greyhounds is having a FLOWER POWER Fundraiser, the first of several fall fundraisers to pay for vet work to help greyhounds find their forever homes. There are 2 ways that you can participate -

You may order directly through the FLOWER POWER web site, where Renewed Life has a web page, so all of your purchases will be credited to RLfG. Here is the link -

<http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/i/t/226560/RDdc25aUuz3z>

This web- based ordering ends **October 28, 2011**.

Or you can place any order with any of the board members who each have a FLOWER POWER catalog. To place an order, provide a correct, legible address and payment to a Renewed Life board member. Checks should be made out to Renewed Life for Greyhounds. The bulbs will be mailed directly to the customer. This face-to-face ordering through board members ends **October 7, 2011**.

The greyhounds needing vet work will thank you for your contribution! When your flowers bloom next spring, you will be beautifully reminded of the help you gave retired racing greyhounds!



***Bake Sale in Hudsonville***

Attention Bakers

Renewed Life for Greyhounds

Will hold our annual bake sale

Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>

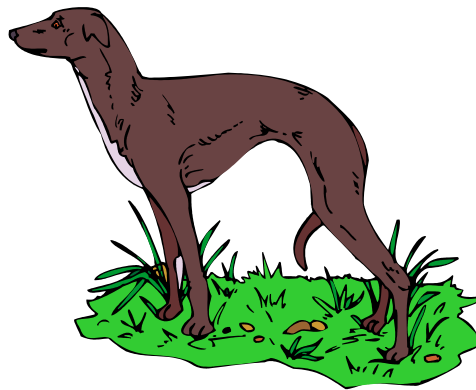
Location is Hudsonville high school Hudsonville Mi.

Booth #98

From 9: A.M. 3:PM

Set up starts at 7: 0 A.M.

Baked good can be dropped off at the school in ready to sell packaging  
Or contact us at [www.renewedlife.org](http://www.renewedlife.org) to arrange to drop off your goodies to  
a board member prior to the 19<sup>th</sup>.



## *Koeze Nut Sale*



For anyone searching for a Christmas gift for that hard-to-shop- for person, boss, neighbors or in-laws, please consider Renewed Life for Greyhounds' Koeze fundraiser. There are many dogs currently in need of homes and medical care, and combined with the sluggish economy and tracks closing, now is a crucial time for greyhounds in need.

Koeze gourmet nuts and fine chocolates are an excellent gift and are helping Renewed Life raise money when you order products through one of our board members. Items available for purchase can be found at <http://koeze.com> or talk to a Renewed Life board member to see a catalog. For more information, please contact Kim Sommer at 616-786-3430 Lynda Hegg at 616-335-8725 Kattie Ronis at 616-915-3875 Deb Myers at 269-637-3657.

We will be ending this fundraiser. Products will be delivered starting  
Thank you from the greyhounds looking for forever homes, and have a  
wonderful holiday season.

## Goodbye and Thanks to One of the Board Members

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Amy Cook for her service on the Board of Directors for Renewed Life for Greyhounds. Amy has been a huge supporter of the group with her participation in the various fund raising activities. Amy has decided to concentrate on other things but leaves with our thanks and good wishes for her future endeavors.

## Last Paper Version of the Newsletter

Starting in the Spring of 2012, *News from the Couch*, Renewed Life's newsletter will only be available in electronic format. This is another effort to keep costs down and save funds for helping greyhounds. If you haven't already done so and would to continue to receive the newsletter, send us your email address at [staff@renewedlife.org](mailto:staff@renewedlife.org).

### Renewed Life for Greyhound Board Members

President-Deb Myers  
Vice President-Kim Sommer  
Treasurer-Lynda Hegg  
Secretary-Amy Guarr  
Directors-Kattie Ronnis, Paula Corlett, Pam Paul

### Renewed Life for Greyhounds Mission

To find forever homes for retired racing greyhounds through support, fund raising, education and adoption.

Do we have the most current information about your Renewed Life dog?  
We are trying to determine which Renewed Life dogs may still be around. If your Renewed Life grey passed on and you

have not contacted us, please email us at [staff@renewedlife.org](mailto:staff@renewedlife.org) or call 616-786-3430

### Pay Pal Donations

Renewed Life for Greyhounds is now accepting donations through PayPal. A "Make a Donation" link to our account can be found at [www.renewedlife.org](http://www.renewedlife.org)  
Payments can be made with either credit card or a debit card

### Cash for Critters

Remember to save and send in your used ink & laser printer cartridges and old cell phones!! This is an ongoing fundraiser for

Renewed Life and earns money to help more hounds! Thanks

## Remembering...



*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."*

*~ A.A. Milne*

*Winnie-the-Pooh*

*Shamrock is with the angels tonight.....*

*March 12, 1999 - May 7, 2011*

### **Natalie Rose Myers 3/29/01-8/10/11**

It's with a heavy heart that I share the news that we lost our sweet Natalie today.

Natalie was the "perfect" dog! She never had a single issue. She loved to be loved & brushed. She just had her bath a few days and loved her spa treatment. She was a dog that you hardly knew was here she had such a gentle sweet soul! Her racing name was Bouncing Daffy and Daffy would have been the perfect name for her. She would bounce like a puppy when excited and you could see the happiness in her heart. She was a happy girl! She will be deeply missed by Gary & me!

So to Natalie, run free sweet baby girl!

Deb Myers



## **Ezra Sommer**

Our Ezra came to us at the age of 9 1/2 in need of rest and restoration. After his health was restored, our "senior" greyhound became a puppy again. Ezra lived each day as if it were his last. He lived hard, ran hard, played hard and loved hard!! Ezra would creep into our bedroom at least once a week at 2-3 in the morning and quickly kiss our cheeks, then silently creep out of our room to finish his sleep. We miss those kisses! He was so full of wisdom, and whenever we would take him for a walk, he would suddenly stop, lift his head, sniff the air as the breeze blew across his face. He took in every smell, every sight and would then continue on his walk, prancing along the way, thankful for each day. We were so blessed to have had him in our lives for a little over 4 years when he lost his battle with laryngeal paralysis at the age of 14. In times of sadness, stress, anger or sickness, our Ezra will be our constant reminder to stop, let the breeze blow across our face and enjoy each day. We miss him terribly but thankful for the honor of having him in our lives.

Forever loving Ezra,  
Scott, Kim and Baxter Sommer



# **My Dogs Live Here**

**Author unknown**

**My dogs live here; they're here to stay.  
You don't like pets?**

**Be on your way.  
They share my home, my food, my space;**

**This is their home, this is their place.  
You will find dog hair on the floor,**

**They will alert you're at the door.  
They may request a little pat,  
A simple "no" will settle that.**

**It gripes me when I hear you say  
"How can you stand to live this way?  
They smell, they shed, they're in the way."  
WHO ASKED YOU?  
Is all I can say.**

**They love me more than anyone,  
My voice is like the rising sun,**

**They merely have to hear me say  
"C'mon kids, let's go and play"**

**Then tails wag and faces grin,  
They bounce and hop and make a din.**

**They never say "No time for you",  
They're always there, to GO and DO.**

**And if I'm sad?  
They're by my side.  
And if I'm mad, they circle wide.  
And if I laugh, they laugh with me;  
They understand -- they always see.**

**So once again, I say to you  
Come visit me, but know this too.  
My dogs live here, they're here to stay.**

**You don't like pets?  
Be on your way.  
They share my home, my food, my space;  
This is their home, this is their place.**

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