



**REGAP OF CONNECTICUT, INC.
NEWSLETTER 2011**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

SEASONS GREETINGS and all the best to you and all the wonderful hounds in 2012 !

This year's Newsletter is dedicated to our SENIORS, all of which have a special story of their own. So many of you have met NODAK JINNY when you adopted one of your very own. She was with REGAPCT for one year, that after being adopted, then returned twice. We at REGAPCT wanted her to go to the right home, a very special one. We're happy to report JINNY went to her forever home in time to celebrate her 11th birthday with her new family. We had another senior, Jinny's half brother, NODAK KYLE. Kyle was 10 years old when he was returned to us. Once back with us, we learned he needed some serious dentistry. Poor boy ended up having 28 teeth pulled! Kyle is now living happily in his forever home with one of REGAPCT's volunteers. Another senior, Tomahawk Chief, was put on a haul headed for REGAPCT just a few months ago, coming from the track where he was living a good life. He was nine when he arrived at our door. This gorgeous boy was in need of a wonderful forever home; we're happy to say he's been adopted and, better, he's been adopted along with yet another senior, Honey! Honey had been placed and returned four times - proof that there is a perfect and right home for every dog and we find it, no matter how long it takes! Then there was Commanche who earlier in the year had to be returned due to changes in circumstance in his home. This big boy was taken to the Daffodil Parade where one of our adopters fell in love with him and took him home. Lastly, there was "Oh What a Night" or Macie who was being returned to REGAPCT from out of state. Once again one of our volunteers offered to drive hours to pick her up and bring her back to us. On that long ride home REGAPCT's volunteer fell in love with Macie and decided she would adopt her.

Here's a quote that sums up how wonderful senior dogs are and how they can fit into your home perfectly - "Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well." ~ Bonnie Wilcox That's exactly how it is with the old ones - all they want is a home, a couch and some love.

With the length of time these senior dogs spent with REGAPCT, you realize, of course, that our work with greyhounds requires ongoing financial support. With that in mind we held, PETSFAIR '11! What started out as a downpour quickly turned into a doable day for our fundraiser which is more and more successful each year. Once again, we were delighted with the outcome; the proceeds were such a big help in defraying the cost of medical issues faced by the dogs in our care.

If you have any ideas about how we might make this event more fun and successful please, share them with us. We're forming a committee now to bring ideas to the table with the goal of making these events even more fun for the attendees and with the hope of bringing more funds to REGAPCT so that we address the needs of the dogs we care for.

This has been a good year for REGAPCT and I have so many people to thank for it. To all of you who helped with PETSFAIR, people who donated items for auctions, prepared wonderful food and gave your precious time to make it a success, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks too to those of you who volunteered at Meet and Greets, who helped with our website, took photos of adoptable dogs, to those of you who walked in

parades and spoke to the public about our wonderful dogs. Thanks to you who helped with hauls and bathed dogs. Special thanks to REGAPCT's veterinarian, Dr. Kristine Matz who provides wonderful care for all our rescue dogs - catering to their every need. If you ever have a unique, special concern, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Matz - she knows Greyhounds inside-out. Thanks to you who donated money to help our cause and thanks to the many who donated their time and talents to make us better. Every gift, large or small came from your hearts and was greatly appreciated. We couldn't do what we do for the dogs in our care without you so please continue to talk about us positively, to share your wonderful experiences with your dogs. It helps us to get more greyhounds in homes!

There is another subject of importance that I'd like to bring to your attention. As perfect as I think greyhounds are, I realize that not every dog is right for every home. Some of you may have found this to be the case and if you have, I want to hear from you. I know it is a tough subject to talk about but it's important that I stress again that REGAP's policy has always been to take back a dog that isn't, for whatever reason, working out in its adoptive home. Greyhounds, like people, are all different. If you need to talk about a problem you're having with your adopted hound, if you need help to make the dog's transition to your home a smoother one, if you want to discuss age related changes in your hound, or if circumstances dictate a change in your lives and the necessity of a new home for your beloved greyhound, please know that REGAPCT is here to help you.

For those of you who have lost a beloved companion this year, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt sympathy. It is never easy to say goodbye. Sometimes the only way to heal the hole such a loss makes in our hearts is to adopt a new companion pet. One of my favorite quotes, "It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be DOG and I will become as generous and as loving as they are." Author is unknown - but those words could have been said by anyone of us who loved a pet, lost it and once again opened our hearts again to love another dog.

Special thanks to those of you who made a donation to REGAPCT in the name of your beloved hounds; your support is much appreciated. Please know that when you are ready to open your hearts to another greyhound, I'll do my best to find the perfect one for you. We'd also like to thank those of you who made non-monetary donations which is always appreciated.

WEBSITE REMINDER – Please visit REGAP's website at www.REGAPCT.com for news on upcoming events and new greyhounds arriving at our kennel.

PERSONAL REMINDER – If you're ever in need of a home and/or selling your present home, I am a realtor and would love to work with you.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER –

Once again we're selling the Celebrating Greyhounds calendars. This beautiful wall calendar is \$12.00, postage included. The desk calendar is \$15, postage included. We're happy to report we have REGAPCT greyhounds in both calendars ! Please complete the form below and/or go to PAYPAL, care of REGAPCT and support REGAP with your purchase of a calendar.

CALENDAR REQUEST

Please send me ____ wall calendars. ____ desk calendars
Enclosed is a check in the amount of _____.

Name: _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

Mail to: REGAPCT
P.O. BOX 3814
Woodbridge, CT 06524

If you'd like to help REGAP please let us know. We're always happy to welcome volunteers.

Please include me in your list of volunteers. I'd be happy to volunteer for events up to _____ miles from my home.

I want to make a tax-deductible donation to REGAPCT.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of _____.

Name: _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____