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**BUSINESS** | Roeland Park man takes dogs for vigorous exercise along the streets

# RUNNING FAR FROM A DESK JOB

**Jeff Graves quit his job at Lockton Cos. to found KC Dog Runners.**

By ANDY NELSON  
Special to The Star

Sake was high-strung. He had energy to burn. His digestion wasn't the greatest.

Sake went on walks with his housemate, Amy, but it wasn't enough. Amy suggested Sake try running, though not with her — a bad back and knee ruled that out.

Amy introduced Sake to Jeff, and now the two go on a regular 3 1/2 mile run once a week.

The result?

"It's kind of balanced him out," Amy said. "He's not as nervous, and he's eating better. Like all of us, exercise makes you a better person."

Amy is Amy Wurst of Brookside. Jeff is Jeff Graves, a Roeland Park resident and proprietor of a dog-running business. And Sake is a lab mix Wurst adopted from the Greater Kansas City Humane Society in Kansas City, Kan., where Graves volunteers.

And if you think Sake's the only one getting something out of her runs with Graves, who quit his job at the Kansas City-based Lockton Cos. last summer to found KC Dog Runners, think again.

"I love the fact that my clients are always super excited to see



FRED BLOCHER | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

**Jeff Graves of Roeland Park, the owner of KC Dog Runners, jogged Tuesday along the median of Ward Parkway with a couple of his canine clients.**

me," he said. "It's not like insurance — You now owe us \$365,000. After six years, I realized I'm not an office person."

Ironically, up to the point last summer when he hung up his suit and tie for good, Graves wasn't much of a running person, either. Except for a couple

of months out of the year, when he trained for the local Groundhog and Trolley runs, he didn't run at all, instead preferring weightlifting.

Still, Graves had no doubt he could put in the intense cardio when necessary. In his 20s, the now-33-year-old man hiked the

Appalachian Trail in 90 days, which comes out to about 26 miles a day.

Now, with the aid of a weekly yoga session to help work out the kinks, he has no trouble logging 35 to 40 miles a week with his canine companions.

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# More clerks check ID for booze

**Deputies found fewer violators when teens tried to make purchases.**

By JOE LAMBE  
The Kansas City Star

Clerks who do not check ages of youths buying alcohol or cigarettes in Johnson County take a risk. Those teens might work for the law.

Undercover teens went to 16 stores to try to buy alcohol this month and got it from clerks in two of them. They tried to buy cigarettes in 22 other stores and got them from clerks in six establishments.

Johnson County deputies served the clerks with expensive tickets. But the low number of illegal alcohol sales pleased authorities, said Deputy Tom Erickson.

Clerks sold it illegally in only about 13 percent of the stores checked one day this month. Two years ago they sold it illegally in 32 of 170 stores checked all year, about 19 percent. Last year they

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**FORTH QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Dec 31, 2008 - (UNAUDITED)**

FUND	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	1,659,065.25	1,584,462.69	2,087,838.93	1,155,689.01
BOND AND INTEREST FUND	159,228.61	22,225.31	36,012.13	145,441.79
SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND	33,265.40	47,300.39	50,911.31	29,654.48
SPECIAL STREET FUND 27 - A	643,743.81	301,843.18	469,134.81	476,452.18
SPECIAL STREET FUND 27 - B	56,398.35	123,442.05	137,250.00	42,590.40
SPECIAL STREET FUND 27 - C	6,787.69	41,147.35	39,656.25	8,278.79
SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE 27-D	1,039,363.03	82,294.70	118,062.88	1,003,594.85
EQUIPMENT & BLDG.RESERVE FUND	104,213.52	80,437.12	-	184,650.64
TAX INCREMENT FUND-RD1	989,349.99	564.41	34.57	989,879.83
R.P.PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION	-	-	-	-
TDD#1-PRICE CHOPPER	663,040.69	297,324.31	445,924.01	514,440.99
TDD#2-LOWES	223,496.12	115,875.21	183,609.97	155,761.36
TAX INCREMENT FUND-RD2	90,807.34	213.89	40,569.23	50,452.00
TAX INCREMENT FUND-RD2C	279.91	0.66	-	280.57
TAX INCREMENT FUND-BLVD.APTS.	1,568.42	3.71	-	1,572.13
TAX INCREMENT FUND #3C(C3)	231,424.98	516.20	15,197.57	216,743.61
ROELAND PARK PROP. OWNERS ASSOC.	3,470.29	88,454.67	87,786.97	4,137.99
RC12-13 STORMWATER/ST PROJECT	(247,760.57)	264,985.63	17,225.06	-
RC12-12 STORMWATER/ST PROJECT	3,540,454.39	8,264.26	32,431.66	3,516,286.99
ROELAND PARK SCHOOL C.O.P.	59,891.64	1,650.02	50,000.00	11,541.66
RC 12-014 STORMWATER	229,210.04	92,494.21	94,384.59	227,319.66
ROE LANE - CARS	81,014.86	69,875.75	32,671.81	118,218.80
TOTALS	9,568,313.76	3,223,375.72	3,938,701.75	8,852,987.73
GO Bonds	5,230,000.00	-	-	-
Temporary Notes	5,085,000.00	-	-	-
Special Obligation TIF Revenue Bonds	5,109,101.55	-	-	-
TDD Sales Tax Revenue Bonds	5,770,000.00	-	-	-
Accessory Debt	1,865,265.00	-	-	-
TOTAL DEBT	23,059,366.55	-	-	-

I, Debra Mootz, City Clerk of the City of Roeland Park, Kansas hereby certify that the above is true and correct.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra L. Mootz, City Clerk

01/27/2009

## JOHNSON COUNTY MARRIAGES & DIVORCES

### MARRIAGES

This list was provided by the Johnson County District Court

■ **Brian Matthew Gordon**, 24, Overland Park, and **Courtney Thompson Chapman**, 25, Overland Park.

■ **Federico Cervantes Atia**, 44, Mission, and **Angela May Viveros**, 40, Mission.

■ **Israel Avalos Vidal**, 28, Kansas City, Mo., and **Lee Ann Ferraro-Trevino**, 32, Kansas City, Mo.

■ **Selvin De Jesus Morataya Sagastume**, 27, Merriam, and **Lisa Dian Rose Oliver**, 32, Merriam.

■ **Shahryar Shahid Gadi**, 28, Overland Park, and **Aliya Saud**, 22, Overland Park.

■ **Jose Carlos Serrano**, 19, Overland Park, and **Steffanie Leticia Rodas**, 20, Overland Park.

■ **Paulycarp Orego Okwach**, 33, Overland Park, and **Tracy Mwende Mwanuzi**, 31, Overland Park.

■ **Robert Scott Hunter**, 28, Olathe, and **Melissa Dianne Wolf**, 23, Olathe.

■ **Herley Echeverry-Gutierrez**, 24, Overland Park, and **Roxana Ruiz-Olvera**, 25, Overland Park.

■ **Aaron James Lindh**, 24, Overland Park, and **Claire Maes Hemmendinger**, 23, Overland Park.

■ **Kevin Lee Sullivan**, 30, Lenexa, and **Krista Layne Weiss**, 27, Olathe.

■ **Robert Charles Ward**, 32, Kansas City, Mo., and **Sunny Lanae Shepherd**, 32, Olathe.

■ **Spencer Leland Davis**, 32, Overland Park, and **Melina Bustamante**, 33, Overland Park.

■ **Clifford Steven Townsend**, 21, Overland Park, and **Stephanie Elizabeth Smith**, 21, Overland Park.

■ **Steven Richard McBee**, 44, Shawnee, and **Kimberly Sue Martin**, 49, Shawnee.

■ **Tommy Cleve Hopson Jr.**, 28, Olathe, and **Lujana Marie Burton**, 29, Olathe.

■ **Paulo Henrique Andrade Silva**, 25, Overland Park, and **Lindsay Rae Michael**, 24, Olathe.

■ **Reginald Marcellus Anderson**, 32, Overland Park, and **Michele Nalani Johnson**, 38, Overland Park.

■ **Kent Stuart Johnson**, 54, Merriam, and **Lynn Ramsour**, 52, Merriam.

■ **Rashael Adoniyah Moses**, 28, Kansas City, Kan., and **Sylvia Brainoo**, 21, Olathe.

■ **Juan Salvador Villalobos Castro**, 27, Overland Park, and **Atisha Sheree Watson**, 31, Overland Park.

■ **Brandon Shane Tasset**, 32, Overland Park, and **Katherine Joan Ceglarek**, 27, Overland Park.

■ **Kyle Phillip Cook**, 25, Overland Park, and **Whitney Lauren Bloss**, 24, Overland Park.

■ **Shannon Benjamin McCauley**, 39, Kansas City, Mo., and **Gretchen Elizabeth Garard**, 34, Oak Grove, Mo.

### DIVORCES

This list was provided by the Johnson County District Court

■ **Richard Bowers** and **Lisa Bowers**.

■ **Marcelo Ponce** and **Kristin Ponce**.

■ **Daryl Bennett** and **Deanna Bennett**.

■ **Consuelo Castaneda** and **Luis Lopez**.

■ **Carolyn Shultz** and **Thomas Shultz**.

■ **Timothy Lockett** and **Amina Lockett**.

■ **Jason Ayers** and **Trisha Ayers**.

■ **Travis Elliott** and **Dayna Bechard Elliott**.

■ **Anthony Rand** and **Rachel Mutil**.

■ **Apple Gaw** and **Gregory Villarante**.

■ **Theodore Long** and **Nancy Long**.

■ **Kenneth Williams** and **Sheerie Williams**.

■ **Margaret Coughlin Hauger** and **Bradley Hauger**.

■ **Richard Gilchrist** and **Melissa Gilchrist**.

■ **Kelli Gray** and **John Gray**.

■ **W Hopkins** and **Neil Johnson**.

■ **Amanda Cooper** and **Michael Cooper**.

■ **Jennifer Rodden (Brewster)** and **Gregory Rodden**.

■ **Erin Wild** and **Matt Wild**.

## RUN: Owners can track their dogs' exercise through GPS

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And there's no fudging those numbers. Graves runs with a GPS-rigged watch, made by Olathe-based Garmin, that charts not only how far he and his dogs run, but how fast, what route they take, as well as changes in elevation and pace. Pets' owners can monitor their progress in real time from a computer.

Graves thinks he's the only dog exerciser in the metro area who provides the GPS service. Without it, he said it would be hard to guarantee customers are getting their money's worth.

"People don't always know — maybe I'm sitting by a tree smoking cigarettes," he said.

While dogs like Sake run with Graves just once a week, some, like Charlie, a Weimaraner owned by Plaza resident Dan Winter, go for 45 minutes five days a week. The Ward Parkway median, the Trolley Trail and the streets of Brookside are among Graves's favorite routes.

An old cliché has it that pets come to resemble their owners, and vice versa. You could say Graves's whole business philosophy is based on the close kinship of man and beast.

"I've seen quotes from vets who say overweight pets are just as much of a problem as overweight people," he said. "Dogs are just like us — they need exercise. It enhances their quality of life."