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**Adopting a
retired racer:
\$275 ...
Having a
friend for life:
Priceless!**

From the President ...



Brenda with her pack Maggie, Betsy, Harley (whippet), Hawkeye, and Crissy.

GAGC Families and Friends,

Hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy! We're off to a good start with the new kennel manager in West Virginia who got us four sweet, retired racers on April 23. We continue to receive and reject applications from out of state and out of our adoption areas. Last week, I rejected one from someone with six indoor/outdoor cats. We will not set a greyhound up for failure! We placed 131 greyhounds two years ago, 123 last year and our goal this year is 100. Remember the tracks in Florida have closed and we have only one dog source, so we have limited retired racers looking for homes. But we are thrilled to have been able to find 38 greyhounds their forever homes so far this year!

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I'm sure you have May 22 marked on your calendar; we will have a "lite" event at Keehner Park in West Chester from 1 to 3 p.m. Hope to see you there with your greyhounds! Thanks to everyone who supports your favorite charity: GAGC!

Brenda

On the cover: Sweet **Kenobi** is looking super cute with his big eyes and big toy.

Greyt health & safety

Hookworm treatment used by Ohio State

If you are one of many greyhound owners dealing with persistent hookworm infestations in your dog, here is a [link to research](#) at Ohio State that may resolve the problem.

An excerpt of the report indicates the following: "The combination of topical moxidectin (Advantage Multi) and an oral formulation of pyrantel, praziquantel, and febantel (Drontal-Plus) was used to eliminate infection in eight greyhounds with persistent hookworm infections that were refractory to standard treatments." If you choose to try this approach, you should consult with your veterinarian about purchasing these medications.

When the soil temperature hits 64 degrees Fahrenheit, watch out for the cicadas. The so-called "Brood X" cicadas are set to emerge in Southwest Ohio after 17 years underground when the soil temperature reaches that mark, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The cicadas will begin to emerge from 8 inches beneath the ground typically between late-April and mid-May, according to the ODNR.

The average soil temperature has yet to reach 60° F in western Ohio this year, Ohio State University data shows.

Cicadas can be a nuisance in yards, but they are not aggressive and are harmless to people and pets, the ODNR states.

Dogs or cats that ingest too many cicadas may experience stomach-upset resulting in vomiting, but cicadas are not toxic. (Emphasis added.)

Is my dog dealing with dementia?

From [Fetch by WebMD](#)

Like humans, older dogs are susceptible to developing age-related illnesses like dementia. You may have noticed changes in your pet that indicate that they are suffering from some form of cognitive decline. Canine cognitive decline (CCD), also called cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) or dog dementia, progresses similarly to the way it does in humans.

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Brood X cicadas are due soon

Excerpt from Dayton Daily News, April 26, 2021



If a dog is going to suffer from canine dementia, symptoms typically start presenting around the age of 9. You should take your dog to see a veterinarian if you suspect they are experiencing signs of dementia. Vets typically make a formal diagnosis of CCD by using the acronym DISHA after first ruling out other medical causes of their disorientation, like:

- Diabetes
- Cushing's disease
- High blood pressure
- Loss of hearing
- Loss of vision
- Urinary tract infection
- Kidney disorder
- Arthritis
- Skin disorder

DISHA outlines symptoms common in dogs that have dementia:

Disorientation. Disorientation is one of the most recognizable signs of dog dementia. You may see your dog wandering around like it is lost, seemingly confused about its surroundings, or going to an incorrect door seeking to be let out. Other signs that a dog may have

disorientation include staring at the floor, walls, or out into space without purpose. You may notice your pet starting to have difficulty maneuvering around objects or failing to recognize people they know.

Interaction changes. You may notice your dog showing a lot less interest in being social with other people or anything in their environment. A dog may start becoming clingier or withdrawing from others. They may stop wanting to be petted and prefer to spend time away from the family. Some canines with dog dementia may become more fearful and needy.

Sleep/wake cycle disruptions. One of the most uncomfortable aspects of canine dementia is the change it causes to a dog's sleep cycle. Your dog may start having trouble sleeping through the night and may end up pacing the house while barking or whining when everyone else is asleep. That can cause your dog to experience heightened emotions like fear and agitation. Your dog's sleeplessness during the night may lead to them sleeping a lot more during the day.

House soiling, memory, and learning. Your dog's housetraining may start slipping to the point where they stop letting you know when they need to go outside and relieve themselves. They may begin to soil various areas throughout the house, leading to even more anxiety. Dogs with dementia may also stop responding to commands or performing tricks. It may also become harder for you to get your dog's attention.

Activity changes. Another sign of dog dementia is seeing your dog's activity

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level go down. They may show less interest in exploring their environment. Your dog may also show decreased responses to external stimuli like other dogs, sounds, things, and people. Other signs of lower activity levels can include less interest in grooming, a lack of appetite, more restlessness, and separation anxiety.

Tips on helping dogs with dementia

While there is no cure for dog dementia, there are things you can do to make your pet's life easier. Ask your veterinarian about steps you can take to support your dog. Medications that can be helpful to dogs with dementia include:

- **Selegiline:** This drug can help your dog control many of the symptoms that come with canine dementia.
- **Antidepressants:** Provides relief from the anxiety that often

manifests in dogs with dementia.

- **Anipryl:** A psychoactive drug approved for use in treating CCD.

Your vet may also recommend fortifying your dog's diet with nutritional supplements. Other suggestions for helping canines with CCD include getting them to exercise more, buying interactive toys, and teaching your dog new skills to help with their memory and learning.

You can do other things to help your dog, like taking them on walks that encourage them to smell and avoiding any sudden schedule changes. Sticking to a routine can help relieve the anxiety often experienced by senior dogs with CCD. You should adjust your pace to match that of your dog and not force them to walk faster.

Many owners mistake the symptoms of canine dementia for "bad dog behavior" before getting them diagnosed. Try to remain calm and exercise patience when your dog does things like soiling the carpet or waking you up in the middle of the night with their barking. You want to avoid making them more nervous and scared.

Try to keep the layout of your home the same and keep things as neat as possible. Changing the position of a sofa or leaving clutter around can make things more stressful for dogs with CCD. Your dog should always find their food and water bowl in the same place, so they don't run into issues when looking for food.

WebMD Medical Reference Reviewed by Vanessa Farner, DVM on March 11, 2021

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"This old dog is one of the sweetest creatures I've ever known" by Moriartys is licensed with CC BY 2.0.



Arnicare Gel Homeopathic Medicine

Thanks to Dominica P.

If you have an injury-prone greyhound, you may want to consider a homeopathic product called Arnicare Gel. One of our members received a recommendation for this from her vet and she bought it over the counter. It is said to provide relief from muscle pain and stiffness, swelling from injuries, and bruising. *Dominica* says it has worked very well on her greyhound **Miles'** swollen ankle injury.

Bravo Packing expanded recall

TOPIC: Pet Food Products by Bravo Packing: Expanded Recall—Due to potential Salmonella and *Listeria monocytogenes* health risks to humans and animals

AUDIENCE: Consumer, Health Professional, Risk Manager, Veterinary Medicine

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ISSUE: Bravo Packing is expanding the previously announced voluntary recall of two pet food products to now include all pet food and bones in all package sizes. During an FDA inspection, samples collected tested positive for Salmonella and *Listeria monocytogenes* and resulted in a recall due to the potential health risks to humans and pets.

No human or animal illnesses related to the identified products have been reported to date.

BACKGROUND: Salmonella can cause illness in pets eating the products, as well as people who handle contaminated pet food products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products, infected pets, or any surfaces exposed to these products.

People infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping, and fever. Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis (an infection of the heart muscle), arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. People who have these symptoms after having contact with the products identified in this recall or with a pet that has eaten these products should contact their healthcare providers.

A pet with a Salmonella infection may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have decreased appetite, fever, and abdominal pain. If your pet has

RECALL

Pet food recalls

The FDA periodically updates their website with new pet food recalls. Don't take a chance with your pet's health. Please visit the [FDA website](#) to check the safety of your pet's food.

consumed the recalled products and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian. Pets exposed to contaminated food can be infected without showing symptoms. Infected pets, including those without symptoms, can also shed Salmonella through their feces and saliva, spreading pathogens into the home environment and to humans and other animals nearby.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain, and diarrhea, *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

RECOMMENDATION: Consumers with any pet food or bones from Bravo Packing products should handle them with caution, discard products in a secure container, and wash hands and surfaces properly.

Midwestern Pet Foods voluntarily recall due to possible salmonella health risk

Midwestern Pet Foods, Evansville, Ind., is issuing a voluntary recall of specific expiration dates of certain dog and cat food brands including CanineX, Earthborn Holistic, Venture, Unrefined, Sportmix Wholesomes, Pro Pac, Pro Pac Ultimates, Sportstrail, Sportmix and Meridian brands produced at its Monmouth, Illinois, Production Facility because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.



Greyt goods & services

Items for sale

Kathy and Brenda have a supply of belly bands, muzzles, and stool covers available if you are in need of any for your hound. Our other sellable items are available in *Brenda's* garage; if you have a need for a new martingale, come shop at *Brenda's!*

Irene M. makes custom fleece jackets for greyhounds. You can reach her at misspickyune@yahoo.com for details about placing an order.

Collars, belly bands, and crates

We really appreciate all of you who have returned your unwanted black combo leads and reflective tag collars to GAGC to reuse for future adoptions. Recycling these collar sets helps GAGC save money. If you no longer need yours, please return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy* for reuse.

Did we loan you a belly band when you adopted your male greyhound? If you

still have it, please wash it if needed and return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*. We like to keep some available for future loans and our supply tends to run out quickly.

Do you still have a GAGC loaner crate? We need those back, usually in 30 days or less, to make them available for other new adopters. If you still have one, please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* and make arrangements to return it. Thanks!

2021 Calendars

We still have GAGC calendars for sale at just \$3 each. Please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* if you are interested in purchasing some.

Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor program

Many of you are familiar with our Kroger Rewards program, but there's another way you can support GAGC. Did you know that every time you shop at Dorothy Lane Market in the Dayton area and scan your Club DLM Card, you can select a nonprofit to be "credited" with the purchase through the Good Neighbor program? At the end of the year, each organization will be credited a prorated amount based on the total donation by DLM, determined by the purchases of club members who link their club cards to the nonprofit. Be sure to link your DLM Club Card to Greyhound Adoption of Greater Cincinnati. This is an easy way for us to earn money to support our mission. Add us as your nonprofit of choice now at: www.dorothylane.com/goodneighbor. Thanks to those of you who are already part of this program.



GAGC News

2022 calendar contest

Although the window is closed for submitting photos for the 2022 calendar, *Angie* will post the photos she received for the contest online in May so we can all vote then for our favorite ones. Details on that process will go out to you in May via email. Thanks, *Angie*, for taking on this project once again. We appreciate your efforts.

Be aware of coyotes

Thanks to Linda S. for this input

Saturday evening, March 13, my husband and I took our two dogs for their walk. My husband had **Stella**, our Boston Frenchie mix. I had **Odin**, our greyhound. As we got near our house, we thought we saw a stray dog. It went for **Stella** first. Thankfully, my husband chased it away. I was on our walkway headed to the front door. It came up behind and bit **Odin**. My husband and **Stella** scared it away. We filed a police report. **Odin** had surgery to repair and close the wound. We believe this was a coyote attack. I did not realize a coyote would go for a bigger animal or attack a group with humans. I was wrong. We live in a subdivision in the Anderson Township, Eastgate area. Please tell everyone to be on the lookout for coyotes. Even though greyhounds are bigger, the coyote doesn't care. Both dogs were on leashes, not retractables.

Odin is doing good. He sees the vet again tomorrow. No more walks after dark for us!

Congratulations

We send our heartfelt congratulations to frequent fosters *Breanna* and *Keith*. They

were married at the beginning of April during a hiking trip in Utah.

Thank you

Our Nature's Select distributor *Alan Schragger* continues to provide foster food and other donations to GAGC at no charge due to the cancellation of our 2020 fundraising picnics. We are so grateful for his continuing generosity and support. Thank you, *Alan*!

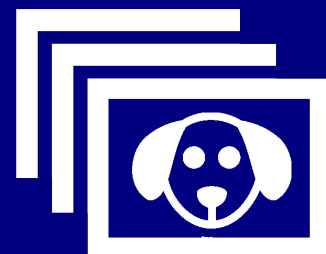
Webmaster

Thank you to our terrific webmaster *Mike K*. Our professional-looking website continues to get rave reviews from new applicants and current members alike. *Mike* is kept busy with requests for posts from *Brenda* and *Kathy*, and we appreciate all he does for GAGC. Thanks for your excellence, *Mike*.

Newsletter photos or articles needed

If you have good photos of your hounds, send them in as we might use them for the newsletter.

Send to Kathy at koe50gh@gmail.com
or Brenda at gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com.



Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

On Feb. 28, *Irene* drove to Jackson to pick up two West Virginia girls: **BGR Vroom Vroom** and **Turbo Chevelle**. Here's what she shared: The weather was gray and bleak with heavy rain, but with little to no traffic, the trip to meet two newbies was easy once again. Two very sweet brindle girls bounced out of the SUV and quickly jumped into my car to get out of the rain. According to the kennel manager, **Vroom** is a princess that loves to give hugs. However, **Chev** is unique with her curly tail! We, foster Moms included, all arrived at the *Pennix* home at the same

Vroom is being adored by one of her new family members.



time and once again the girls bounced out of the car and happily met everyone. Happy forever homes. I'll see you again at a picnic (coming soon!?).

Ron P. went to Jackson, Ohio, on March 23 to pick up two new West Virginia girls: **CDC Alice** and **Arno's Renee**. It was a beautiful day and the girls made it an easy dog run for *Ron*. He said **Alice** found a spot to settle pretty quickly, while **Renee** offered to help him drive, or at least navigate. Once he got home, *Brenda* and *Kathy* were on hand to deal with potty breaks for the girls and photos for the website.

It's getting harder for us to get dogs, so when they are available, we take them! We were able to get four dogs from West Virginia on April 4. Both *Brenda* and *Irene* made the drive to Jackson to pick up females **Barts Pepperspray**, **Barts Sailinsolo**, and **Turbo Gianella**, and a very young male named **Spark**. This is from *Brenda*: What a beautiful day for a dog run. Very little traffic I suppose because it was Easter Sunday! *Irene* and I both drove to meet our dog source and brought back four very sweet pups. **Spark** and **Spray** are not even 2 years old yet. **Gia** and **Stormy** both did well on the trip back to my house where the foster families met us. Thanks to *Jami*, *Stephanie*, *Gretchen*, and *Peg* and *Jason* for fostering these newbies and helping them transition into living an entirely different life! Here's *Irene's* input: Easter Sunday 2021, a glorious day to take a drive in the country—no bunnies, but four beautiful, retired racers greeted us with wagging tails and the hopes of forever

homes. Each sweet pup was unique in appearance (even the two similar girls displayed distinctive markings) and personalities. **Spark**, a handsome brindle, sat for most of our ride home. He loved looking out the windows. **Gia**, a very sweet girl, took a beauty nap so she would be alert and ready for her foster family. Happy forever homes to all the furbabies.

On April 23, *Brenda* and *Irene* made the drive to Jackson, Ohio, to meet the WV kennel manager and pick up four new girls for us: **Lesley Gore (Linda)**, **Windy Jasmine (Jasmine)**, **JS Blinkofaneye (Bailey)**, and **Super C Affinity**. From *Irene*: It is always exciting to go on a dog run to meet the newbies, but today we rode in a new car, met a new kennel manager and were serenaded most of the way home. I asked the dogs if the tune could be changed, but they didn't know any song we knew; *Brenda* and I needed to join in

Recently adopted **Chevelle** is looking gorgeous (check out the beautiful markings on her face).



their song if we wanted to sing along. Our pups made the drive to our rendezvous in a tiny little car. After a little walk in the sunshine, the four beauties were helped into what must have seemed like a stretch limo; each had a large area to snooze as we rode to meet **Rosie** the cat. All the girls liked **Rosie**, but not enough to be worrisome. Happy new forever homes, girls, and thanks for the song. It's good to have a song in your heart and sing out loud so everyone can join in.

Foster homes needed

Our biggest challenge in finding homes for retired racing greyhounds continues to be finding foster families to help with the dogs' transition into their forever homes. Would you like to be part of the process? We provide all food, medications, and guidance, and there is no expense to you. Can we add you to our list?

Foster a greyhound, get in the monthly drawing for a bag of Nature's Select or a \$50 gift card!

Alan and *Leslie*, our Nature's Select distributors, donate a 30-pound bag of Nature's Select every month to support our fostering program. Everyone who has fostered for at least a week in that month will be in contention to win the bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Recent winners:

March

Food winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **Arno's Renee**

Gift card winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **BGR Vroom Vroom**

Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **Turbo Chevelle** and **CDC Alice**

Gift card winner: *Kathy E.*, foster parent to **AMF The Ferg**

April

Food winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Turbo Gianella**

Gift card winner: *Ronda and Deron R.*, foster parents to **AMF Mathias**

Gift card winner: *Peggy C. and Jason P.*, foster parents to **Barts Pepperspray**

Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **Barts Sailinsolo** and **JS Blinkofaneye**

Foster families

We are so appreciative of our foster families. They give us the option of having multiple dogs readily available for new applicants to meet and adopt. Thanks to:

Andrea and Nate: **TMC's Risingstar**

Anne C.: **Oshkosh Chloe (Marley)**

Breanna A. and Keith C.: **Chester W.**

Nimitz

Meet **Shadow Run** (now **Bobby**), new friend **Stella**, and **Anita** and **Chuck** on adoption day.



Dana P.: **Arno's Renee**

Gretchen D.: **BGR Vroom Vroom** and **Turbo Gianella**

Jami B.: **Barts Sailinsolo** and **JS Blinkofaneye**

Jill and Ben N.: **Super C Affinity**

Jim P.: **Lesley Gore**

Kathy E.: **AMF The Ferg (Petey)**

Pam and Mike H.: **Dutch Pride (Dash)**

Peg C. and Jason P.: **Barts**

Pepperspray

PJ M.: **Fuzzy's Wellington (Wilma)**

Robin C.: **LK's Shadow Run**

Ronda and Deron R.: **AMF Mathias (Bama)**

Current foster dogs

Are you ready for another greyhound? We have the following dogs available:

Arno's Renee: June 2, 2018; almost 3-year-old brindle female

Lesley Gore (Linda): April 7, 2018; 3-year-old brindle female

Windy Jasmine (Jasmine): June 29, 2017; 3-year-old dark brindle female

JS Blinkofaneye (Bailey): July 30, 2019; 1.5-year-old dark brindle female

Fraline (rehome): Aug. 8, 2015; 5-year-old dark brindle female

Did you know that the adoption fee for any dog after your first GAGC greyhound is only \$150? Please contact your local placement representative (*Brenda* or *Kathy*) if you are interested in adding one of these foster dogs to your family.

Recent adoptions

- **Running Ragged (Bob):** Feb. 27 to *Kim* and *Wyatt M.* of Lebanon
- **Oshkosh Chloe (Marley):** March 3 to *Christa* and *Kim S.* of Lebanon
- **BGR Vroom Vroom (Vroom):** March 6 to *Pam* and *Ron H.* of Hamilton

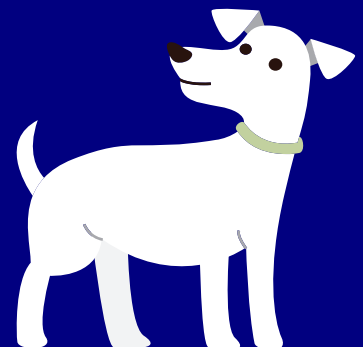
- **Turbo Chevelle (Chevelle):** March 7 to *Jaime* and *Ben C.* of Cincinnati
- **Dutch Pride (Dasher):** March 13 to *Pam, Mike,* and *Alek H.* of Lebanon
- **RS By By Breck (Breck):** March 16 to *Kevin* and *Brittany F.* of Kettering
- **AMF The Ferg (Ferg):** March 20 to *Ashley H.* and *Mitch C.* of Anderson
- **Fuzzy's Wellington (Piper Wellington):** March 21 to *Lynne* and *Fred R.* of Franklin
- **TMC's Risingstar (Star):** March 23 to *Maddie B.* and *Nathan B.* of Kenwood
- **LK's Shadow Run (Bobby):** April 3 to *Anita* and *Chuck M.* of Liberty Township
- **CDC Alice (Ava):** April 10 to *Shameka P.* of Cheviot
- **Spark:** April 10 to *Debbie* and *Mike K.* of Loveland
- **Turbo Gianella (Gia):** April 10 to *Christina* and *Andrew E.* of Cincinnati
- **Barts Sailinsolo (Cleo):** April 16 to *Dawn B.* of Loveland
- **Barts Pepperspray (Shirley):** April 25 to *Christine, Steve, Genevieve,* and *Gillian B.* of Centerville
- **AMF Mathias (Bert):** April 25 to *Gail* and *Kevin L.* of Springfield Township
- **Super C Affinity (Finny):** April 30 to *Jill* and *Ben N.* of Cincinnati

Beautiful **Paloma** is enjoying her time in the sunshine.



Pet Sitters

Do you need a pet sitter for your greys while you're out of town? We keep a list of potential pet sitters but we are always looking for more willing folks, both for the Dayton and the Cincinnati areas. Please let *Brenda* or *Kathy* know if you're interested in being added to the list, or if you'd like to see who might be available in your area to pet sit your greyhounds.



Our Condolences



Illustration courtesy of Elspeth Rose / www.barkerandpaws.com.



Zephyr



Winky

Editor's Note: When we lose one of our greyhounds, GAGC makes a donation in that dog's memory to 4 Legs 4 Hounds which is a nonprofit program located at Ohio State University that helps greyhounds recover from racing injuries or health issues after they retire.

We were so sorry to hear that *Tamiko T's* girl **Skyler** crossed to the Rainbow Bridge on March 1. She was almost 13 years old. Her health had been declining for weeks and it was finally time to let her go. We send our sincere condolences to *Tamiko*.

Our sincere sympathy goes to *Doug, Robert, and Jonah* who let us know that their **Zephyr** passed on March 19. *Doug* shared that **Zephyr** was diagnosed with an aggressive inoperable cancer, so they chose to let him go. From *Doug*: This handsome, gentle, giant has been such

an important and much-loved part of our family. He is extremely missed, and our home feels incomplete.

We were very sorry to get the news from *Michelle and Isaiah I.* that they had to put their girl **Winky** down unexpectedly on April 1. **Winky** had a bad bone break which her vet felt was likely cancer-related, so they made the decision to have her euthanized. We send them our heartfelt sympathy.

On April 15, *Brad W.* had to euthanize his dear greyhound friend **Dallas** due to declining health from a mass cell tumor. From *Brad*: "He went downhill pretty fast, stopped eating and was showing signs of suffering. I will miss him every day." We are so sorry to hear of this loss and send *Brad* our deepest sympathy.

We heard the sad news from *Tracy and Jayme* in mid-April that they had to have **Bruce** euthanized due to recurring blood clots. We send them our sincere condolences.

We saw the news on Facebook that *Chris K.* lost his boy **Finn** on April 20. We are very sorry to hear of his loss.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to *Sherri and Dave L.* who had to have **Rufus** euthanized on April 21 due to a brain tumor. He went through a series of bizarre behaviors and the vets at MedVet diagnosed the brain tumor. We are so sorry to hear of this loss.

We got a note from *Suzy and David D.* to let us know of the passing of **Manny**, race



Dallas



Waffle

name **Kiowa Manny's Boy**, on April 24. Age related issues and a recent diagnosis of osteosarcoma led them to the difficult decision of euthanasia. We send them our sincere condolences.

We received the very sad news from *Gretchen D.* that she had to say goodbye to her beloved **Waffle** on April 24. Following a medical procedure, he developed malignant hyperthermia which triggered ventricular tachycardia, when his heart rhythm changed. In addition, an ultrasound showed

something suspicious in his spleen. After several days' treatment at the emergency vet, *Gretchen* had to let him go. We send her our deepest sympathy.

We saw on Facebook that *Sandra and Rick H.* said goodbye to their boy **Chopper** on April 26. From *Sandra*: "He was a gentle giant, champion roo hound, and had the most soulful eyes. Our family feels so empty without you. Until we meet again **Choppy**." We are so sorry to hear of this loss.

There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth.
It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of all its beautiful colors.
Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows,
hills and valleys with lush green grass.
When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place.
There is always food and water and warm spring weather.
The old and frail animals are young again.
Those who were sick, hurt or in pain are made whole again.
There is only one thing missing ...
they are not with their special person who loved them so much on
earth.
So each day they run and play until the day comes
when one suddenly stops playing and looks up!
The nose twitches! The ears are up!
The eyes are staring and this one runs from the group!
You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet,
you take him in your arms and hug him.
He licks and kisses your face again and again —
and you look once more into the eyes of your best friend and trusting
pet.
Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together never again to be apart.

Tributes from our readers

SPECIAL NOTE: If your beloved greyhound goes to Rainbow Bridge and you would like to share a tribute about him or her, please forward a picture if desired and your memorial statement to us and we'll enter it in an upcoming newsletter. High-resolution photos are best.



Winky

Winky was a wonderful, sweet daddy's girl. She was always everyone's favorite. She suckered them in with her big beautiful brown eye contact and persistence. She always wanted attention, but on her terms. Everything had to be just so. She would make sure you kept a consistent schedule and would make sure to let us know if we weren't doing things just right. She didn't like anything she didn't understand but was incredibly patient and sweet with our son when he was born. **Winky** was the absolute sweetest and she will always be missed and loved.

—Isaiah and Michelle I.



Dallas

Dallas was the most unique dog I've ever had. I adopted him when he was 4 years old from *Kathy Evans*. I came in and sat down on her couch with about six to eight greyhounds. **Dallas** came up to me and didn't leave my side. *Kathy* said that he never did that with anyone else that came over to look at the greyhounds she was fostering. *Kathy* said, "He just picked you," and it was a connection that couldn't be broken. He picked me, therefore I picked him. A few days later **Dallas** was in his forever home and we started our journey together. We learned from each other every day and became best friends. He needed me just as much as I needed him. Then came a time where I had to relocate due to work and *Kathy* was so kind to keep him while I was making my transition from Dayton to Chicago. He stayed with her for about a little over a month and I couldn't wait until I was able to come and get him. When that day came, I remember walking up her walkway and **Dallas** saw me coming and plowed through all the other greyhounds to get to the door to greet me. I don't know who was more excited to see each other but it was the

best day ever. I brought him to his new home and immediately he was right at home. We had many great years together. **Dallas** learned what “Do you want to eat?,” “Do you want a snack?,” “Go potty,” and “OK, let’s go to bed” meant. He was soooo smart. **Dallas** will never be forgotten and gave me such a wonderful life while he was with me. Miss you, buddy.

—Brad W.



Waffle H. Brown Densmore (2009-2021)

Waffle (race name **Jace**) was my first greyhound and my best friend. I adopted him when I lived in Connecticut. On adoption day, he walked right into my house, walked over to me, put his head on my shoulder and let out a big, contented exhale. It was love at first sight for both of us! He was an ambassador for our CT adoption group; at monthly meet and greets he loved to wear the donation vest. He was not a fan of cats or squirrels, but he was a big fan of humans and enjoyed demonstrating the greyhound lean while people marveled at never having seen a greyhound in person before.

When we moved to Ohio, we were lucky enough to be embraced by GAGC where we both found new friends. It was here that **Waffle** traded his M&G duties for fostering. He mentored 32 greyhounds and we only kept one! In looking through my pictures, there are so many of him sleeping with a newbie snuggled right up beside him. He taught them well and when they left, he walked over to the freezer to wait for his frosty paw to be served.

It was heartbreaking to be with **Waffle** when he made his last exhale. **Waffle** brought me so much joy, was always a topic of conversation, taught me so much, and protected, entertained, and loved me unconditionally. I’m comforted in knowing that

there are so many other greyhounds in the area with his paw prints on them, bringing those families as much happiness as **Waffle** brought to me.

Sweet doggie dreams, **Waffle**—mama loves you!

—Gretchen D.

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How can YOU support GAGC?

GAGC can always use your support. Here's how you can help!



Miss **Velvet** looks completely comfortable nestled in her easy chair.



Go Krogering!

Go Krogering! Do you shop at Kroger? The Kroger Reward program is one of GAGC's most reliable fundraisers. Our rewards are based on your use of your Kroger Plus card. We receive a \$200 donation from Kroger each time our group achieves \$5,000 in total purchases. We use these donations primarily to cover vetting expenses for new or rehomed greyhounds. Be sure to link your Kroger

Plus card to GAGC and always use it at check-out. Thanks to all of you who are active in using your rewards cards. We typically earn between \$1,000 and \$1,500 each quarter from this Kroger reward program. Our latest reward was \$1,200.63. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

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Foster Dog Sponsors

Our program encouraging GAGC members to sponsor one of our foster dogs for \$20 has been very successful. The sponsorship fees go toward the cost of food and monthly medications for these greyhounds. The sponsors have their names on the website on the listing for the dog, plus we'll include it here. This is a nice way to support our foster program without actually bringing a grey into your home. Thanks to all of you! Our latest sponsors are:

- *Marianne, James, Connie, and Nati:* **Fuzzy's Wellington, Turbo Chevelle, Barts Pepperspray, Spark**
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace:* **TMC's Risingstar, AMF The Ferg, Arno's Renee**
- *Chris, Tom, and Annie:* **AMF Mathias**

Thanks for Your Support!

One of the reasons GAGC has experienced

so much success is due to the support we receive from our families and friends. Month after month, you help us out in many ways, and we so appreciate all of our donors. Thank you!

- *Suzy and David D.*
- *Mary S.*
- *Shae and Lee K.*
- *Lynne R.*
- *Kim L.*

General Gifts to GAGC

- *Marianne and James S.*
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- *Shae and Lee K.*
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Gift in memory of Manny

- *Suzy and David D.*

Gift in memory of Waffle

- *Mary S.*

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Andrea R. and Nate S.* donated their winning gift card for fostering back to the group
- *Dana P.* donated her winning bag of dog food for fostering back to GAGC
- *Jaimie and Ben C.* donated a crate
- *Ronda and Deron R.* donated their winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC

Nea is on the Chihuahua's bed; she was pouting because housemate **Marvin** took her bed.



Mark your calendars

Local Events

May **GAGC "Lite" Gathering**, Keehner Park, West Chester
Saturday, May 22 | 1 to 3 p.m.

This will be at the Deer Shelter. It is surrounded by lots of grass so plenty of room to spread out. This park entrance is by the log cabin. Bring your lawn chairs and let's enjoy the time together. This will be different than most of our events, no raffles/silent auction or food. Just a time for the dogs and humans to get out and socialize. Come and stay the entire time or stop by and say "Hi." There are some trails in the woods next to the Deer Shelter along a creek for a nice walk. We will of course require masks be worn and social distancing is required.

September **GAGC Family Picnic**, Keehner Park, West Chester
Sunday, Sept. 19 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any friend you have with a greyhound is welcome to attend. We would suggest NO little dogs at our greyhound events, since not all greyhounds are friendly with little dogs. We'll have food, vendors, raffle/silent auction, and much more!

Out of town Events

June **Mountain Hounds**, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
June 3 – 6
gfncmountainhounds.com

September **Greyhounds in Gettysburg**
Sept. 23 – 26
www.greyhoundsingetysburg.org

Find GAGC on Facebook



Have you visited the [GAGC Facebook](#) page?

Visit our website at cincigreyhounds.org and click at the top. Foster families add cute photos and comments about their fosters, proving fostering can be rewarding and fun! If you have cute stories about your hounds, please share them. Thanks to *Melissa, Heather, and Mike* for monitoring posts. We do monitor comments before posting and will not include negative or inappropriate items.

GAGC on Instagram

Our [Instagram](#) manager *Melissa*

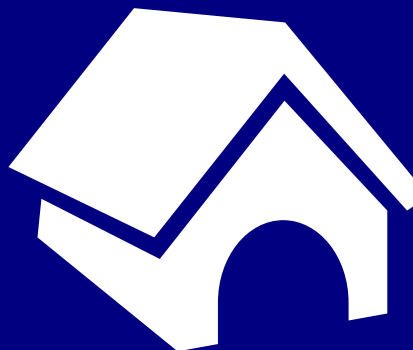


L. would like your photos! Send them to MelissaLohman7@gmail.com. Foster families are

encouraged to send pictures of their fosters settling into home life, but anyone is welcome to send good photos of their greyhounds.


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