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# From the president ...



Ron and Brenda with **Crissy, Harley, Betsy, and Hawkeye.**

## GAGC Families and Friends,

Hope all of you are staying healthy and safe! When will this all go away? The only good thing about this pandemic is lots of greyhounds are finding their forever homes. Eighty retired racing greyhounds are home thanks to all of your efforts! A possible concern is when people go back to work the dogs will miss you. Be patient with this change for them. As you know, we have cancelled our Sept. 27 GAGC Fall Family Event, the Iron's Fruit Farm events, the Great Global Greyhound Walk, and all meet-and-greets for the rest of the year. 2021 will be a greyt year and we can all be together again.

*Brenda*

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**On the cover:** Levi was adopted in the middle of June and has settled into retirement quite nicely.



# Greyt Health & Safety

## Why some dogs are at higher odds of dying from heat

*Article excerpts from The Cincinnati Enquirer, June 28, 2020*

*Thanks to Bobbi M. for sending this to us*

As summer temperatures soar, dogs are at risk of potentially fatal heat-related illnesses—and certain ones appear particularly vulnerable, a large new study confirms. The study, of more than 900,000 dogs, found that older pooches and those who carried extra pounds were at increased risk. The same was true of certain breeds—often dogs with “flat” faces, such as bulldogs and pugs.

Experts stressed that heat illness can be fatal, and it’s critical to help all dogs stay cool during the sizzling summer months. That means not overdoing exercise or

leaving them in a parked car, because the interior can overheat in minutes.

It’s helpful to know which dogs are at greatest risk, said lead researcher Dr. Emily Hall. The fact that extra pounds are a risk factor, for example, might give people more incentive to keep an eye on their pup’s weight. “All dogs will benefit from maintaining a healthy body weight, but if your dog is at particular risk (of heat illness), then preventing obesity could be life-saving,” said Hall, a senior lecturer in veterinary nursing science at Nottingham Trent University in England.

The findings, published June 18 in *Scientific Reports*, are based on records from more than 905,000 dogs who were in veterinary care in Britain in 2016. That year, 395 were treated for heat-related illness, and 14% of those dogs died. Certain breeds were at higher risk than others. Topping the list were chow chows, whose rate of heat-related illness was 0.5%; bulldogs (0.4%); French bulldogs (0.18%); Dogue de Bordeaux (0.17%); and **greyhounds (0.15%)** [emphasis added].

The study found that bulldogs, pugs, and other squishy-nosed breeds made up the majority of the top-nine breeds with the highest risk. But the group also included dogs with “medium”-sized heads, like golden retrievers and English Springer spaniels. Hall said those breeds can sometimes develop malignant hyperthermia, an inherited condition that causes overheating during exercise. Plus some at-risk breeds are traditional “working” dogs.

Older dogs were also less heat-tolerant. Those age 12 or older were 75% more likely to be treated for heat illness than



pups younger than 2. Older dogs are more likely to have heart or lung conditions that may make them vulnerable to heat waves. Hall urged people with dogs to learn the warning signs of heat illness, which include excessive panting, glassy eyes, overheated skin, and loss of coordination. When dogs do show signs of overheating, Hall said the response is straightforward: "Cool them." Get out of the sun and into the shade—or even better, into air conditioning or in front of a fan. Spraying your pup with cool water can also help. But if cooling efforts do not improve a dog's panting after 10 to 15 minutes, get them to the closest emergency vet. And do not hesitate to seek emergency help if a dog collapses, is having trouble breathing, or is in distress.

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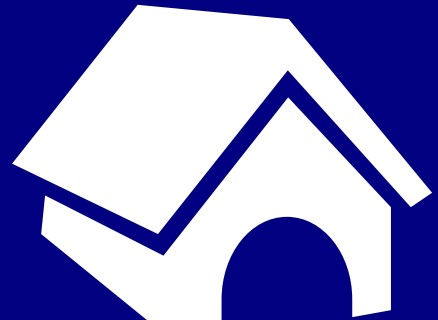
## Pet food recalls

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.

## Pet-friendly lodging

Looking for pet-friendly lodging when you go on vacation? The following website lists lodgings that accept both you and your dogs:

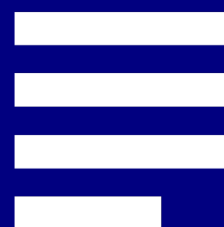
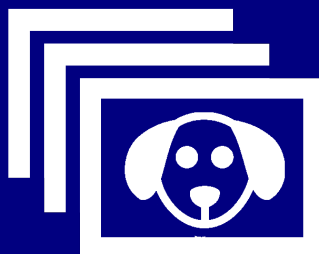
[www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com).



## 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](mailto:koe50gh@gmail.com) or *Brenda* at [gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com](mailto:gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com).





# 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 of these for your hound. Assorted sell-ables are in *Brenda's* garage; if you have a need for a new martingale, etc., come shop at *Brenda's!*

## Collars, belly bands, crates and books

We really appreciate all of you who have returned your unwanted black combo leads and blue or red 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*.

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 your placement rep (*Brenda or Kathy*) and make arrangements to return it. Thanks!

If you have purchased a fold up crate and your hound is no longer using it, feel free to donate it to GAGC and we will write you a tax donation letter for the value of the crate.



# GAGC News

## 2021 GAGC Calendar Fundraiser

There is still time to order your calendars; they make great holiday gifts. The cost is \$5 for one calendar or \$10 for three.

You can email your order to *Brenda* at [gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com](mailto:gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com). We'll accept payment anytime on our website via the DONATE button. *Brenda* will send an email reminding everyone of the three pickup locations on Sept. 27; which will include Dayton, West Chester, and Northern Kentucky. We request masks be worn by everyone when picking up your calendars. Thanks for your support of GAGC.

## Virtual silent auction



Because of the coronavirus, our GAGC Fall Family Picnic has been cancelled, so *Mel* has more items to put up on a virtual auction! Let's have fun bidding and supporting your adoption group!

The group site can be found on Facebook by searching for [GAGC Virtual Silent Auction](#). If you are on Facebook, but not a "member" of the auction group page yet, click JOIN GROUP. You'll be asked to acknowledge the group "rules," answer a simple question, and you're ready to bid!

If you are not on Facebook but would like to see what items are up for auction, email [melreichle@gmail.com](mailto:melreichle@gmail.com) for information and to place bids by proxy.

Thanks for supporting GAGC and enjoy the auction! Thank you *Mel*, for your time and efforts!

## Thank you

We are so grateful to *Alan Schrage*, our Nature's Select distributor. He is

continuing to provide foster food at no charge to GAGC due to the cancellation of our fundraising picnics. Thank you, *Alan*. You are appreciated!

## Webmaster

We are also grateful to our webmaster *Mike K*. He donates his professional skills to maintain our excellent GAGC website which frequently receives very positive comments from readers. Thanks, *Mike*!

## Find GAGC on Facebook



Have you visited the [GAGC Facebook](#) page? Visit our home page at [www.cincigreyhounds.org](http://www.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* and *Mike* for monitoring posts. We do monitor comments before posting and will not include negative or inappropriate items. Thanks!

## GAGC on Instagram

Our [Instagram](#) manager *Melissa L.*



would like your photos!

Send them to [MelissaLohman7@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

## Dog runs

*Brenda* did the dog run to Jackson, Ohio, on July 14: What a beautiful day for a nice ride picking up three sweet females from our West Virginia dog source. **CET Cinderella**, **Flying Descartes**, and **Flying Fire Kush** hopped in the car and **Cinderella** made it very clear that she was in charge, giving the other two a very small area to get comfortable. Poor **Fire** never laid down until the last half hour of our journey. *Irene* and *Kyle* met me at my house where we pottied the new girls. *Irene* helped me bathe them; I think we got more water on us than the dogs did. They seemed to enjoy the cool water. Time to eat and then naps until the foster families come to pick them up.

*Jon* and his dad drove to Lore, Ohio, on July 25 to pick up three Florida boys: **WW Shepardize**, **WW Take a Stand**, and **Charming Nature**. From *Jon*: On July 25, I made a run with my dad to pick up three dogs. The day went great. Much to our

Florida girl **WW Pure Luci** is patiently waiting her turn for a bath following the Aug. 3 dog run.



surprise, the hauler arrived right on time at 10 am. The three boys were very happy to get out and relieve themselves. After a short walk around the grass, we loaded them up and headed to *Brenda's*. They all slept the entire way! Upon arriving at *Brenda's* we got them out and let them stretch some more. The foster families started showing up soon after. All three dogs seemed in good condition. I am sure they will make wonderful additions to various families.

We were down to one available dog so *Marianne* and *Ron* each drove to Lore, Ohio, on Aug. 3 to pick up four Florida dogs. We got two boys: **RHT Sun Blast (Blaster)** and **BAC Ridemywave (Gus)**, and two girls: **WW Pure Luci** and **Turbo Flo**. From *Marianne*: "Waiting for the dog hauler to arrive was a lot more comfortable than the last few trips, thanks to a breeze and a 10-degree cooler temperature. She brought four wonderful dogs off the hauler. Each greeted us with big tail wags and did a little happy dance to stretch their legs from the long ride in the hauler. After a short walk-about, *Ron* loaded the two girls in his car and I put the boys, **Blaster** and **Gus**, in mine. During the drive, **Gus** stood up a few times to have a look-see where we were going. He rested his head on my shoulder and seemed to love it when I told him we were headed to sofas. For the most part, all four pups slept peacefully for the 3.5-hour trip. Four GAGC families are going to be enriched by having these great dogs in their lives." At *Brenda's*, *Kathy* and foster dad *Tom* were waiting to take care of baths, help *Brenda* with feeding and photos, etc. Apparently *Ron's* ride with the girls was more exciting

than *Marianne's* with the boys. **Luci** was pretty wound up (maybe she thought she was headed to a racetrack), and *Ron's* air conditioning in his car died part way through the trip. Despite the challenges, once again we received four really nice dogs.

On Aug. 11, *Marianne* and *Brenda* drove to Jackson, Ohio, to meet the West Virginia kennel manager who had two boys for us: **Mac's Lucky** and **Mac's Lucas**, and two girls: **Flying Nivea** and **WP Sweet Windy**. From *Brenda*: "What a beautiful day for a drive to pick up a total of four retired racers. *Marianne* and I both brought back two in each car—the girls in mine and the boys in *Marianne's*. They were all excited to walk around my front yard in the grass and especially enjoyed the bath *Breanna* and *Keith* gave them. *Kathy*, *Stacy*, and *Gretchen* came to help and take their foster pup home. *Edye* came to meet the girls; who knows, one might be going home soon." From *Marianne*: The Aug. 11 dog run was to be for two boys, but last minute two girls also became available. The dogs arrived in an SUV rather than a

typical dog hauler, and were delighted to jump out and say hello to *Brenda* and me. When I bent down to pet her, **Windy** gave my ear a little nibble and kiss. After a short opportunity to walk about, we loaded the girls in *Brenda's* car and the boys in mine. **Lucas** and **Lucky** settled down right away and snoozed for most of the ride. The only eventful moment was when we all had to brake pretty hard because a semi pulled across the highway right in front of *Brenda* and another car beside her. Good thing the pups were lying down at the time. Once at *Brenda's*, the dogs happily greeted each new arrival and all enjoyed the cooling effect of their baths."

*Marianne* made another trip to Lore, Ohio, on Aug. 26 to pick up a Florida male and female: **WW Caspian Sea** and **KB's Stasney (Gremlin)**. From *Marianne*: With the ever-increasing scarcity of dogs, *Brenda* was happy to receive word that GAGC could have two kennel favorites from Florida. The male, **Caspian**, was very nonchalant as he left the hauler and took a stroll in the grassy area nearby. As I said hello to him, he did the greyhound lean. **Gremlin**, the female, skipped about for half a minute and then settled as well. She is a sweetie with the most endearing overbite I have ever seen on a grey. They spent the first 10 minutes of our ride exploring the car. Then in the rearview I saw **Caspian** sit for about five minutes, looking out the back window. Then he joined **Gremlin** in the much more traditional pose, that of sleeping hound. They stayed that way for the remaining trip to *Brenda* and *Ron's* home.

### Foster homes needed

Our biggest challenge in finding homes for the retired racing greyhounds

Volunteer *Marianne* is tending to **WP Sweet Windy**, **Mac's Lucas**, and **Flying Nivea** while **Mac's Lucky** was busy getting bathed.





continues to be finding foster families to help with the dogs' transition into their forever homes. Would you like to be a part of the process? We provide all food, medications, and guidance, and there is no expense to you. Can we add you to the 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

July adoptee **Desdemona** (formerly **Flying Descartes**) looks like she might be a tiny bit spoiled already.



of food or a \$50 gift card. Here are our recent winners:

#### **July**

- Food winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **FE's Aretha F**
- Gift card winner: *Jim P.*, foster parent to **WW's Rexley**
- Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **CET Cinderella**
- Gift card winner: *Breanna A. and Keith C.*, foster parents to **Flying Fire Kush, Charming Nature**

#### **August**

- Food winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **WW Pure Luci**
- Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **KB's Stasny**
- Gift card winner: *Anne and Jack B.*, foster parents to **WW Shepardize**
- Gift card winner: *Stacy and Tom K.*, foster parents to **Turbo Flo and Mac's Lucas**

### **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 S.*: **Duramax**
- *Anne and Jack B.*: **WW Shepardize**
- *Breanna A. and Keith C.*: **Flying Fire Kush, Charming Nature, BAC Ridemywave, Mac's Lucky**
- *Erika B. and Suzie L.*: **WW Take a Stand**
- *Gretchen D.*: **Minotaur, WP Sweet Windy, LL's Gabriel (Skii)**
- *Jessica and Cole C.*: **Flying Descartes**
- *Jim P.*: **WW's Rexley**
- *Kathy E.*: **Flying Nivea**
- *Pam and Mike H.*: **RHT Sun Blast**
- *Robin C.*: **FE's Aretha F, WW Pure Luci**
- *Sarah U. and Alex T.*: **WW Caspian Sea**
- *Stacy and Tom K.*: **Turbo Flo, Mac's Lucas**

- *Stephanie S.*: **CET Cinderella, KB's Stasny (Gremlin)**

## Current foster dogs

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

- **WW Caspian Sea**: July 28, 2016; 4-year-old red male
- **KB's Stasny (Gremlin)**: Dec. 26, 2016; 3-year-old black female
- **LL's Gabriel (Skii)**: Sept. 3, 2015; almost 5-year-old fawn male

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

- **Duramax (Max)**: July 6 to *Mariella* and *Mike C.* of Middletown
- **Flying Fire Kush (Fire)**: July 17 to *William K.* of Bellevue, Ky.
- **FE's Aretha F (Arie)**: July 19 to *Suzanne B.* and *Chris K.* of Cincinnati
- **WW's Rexley (Little John)**: July 20 to *Chrissy, Cora,* and *Lea G.* of Englewood
- **Flying Descartes (Desi)**: July 25 to *Jessica* and *Cole C.* of West Chester
- **CET Cinderella (Lola)**: July 26 to *Barb M.* of Mason
- **Charming Nature (Elton)**: July 26 to *Kelsey D.* and *Joe A.* of Covington, Ky.
- **WW Take a Stand (Oscar)**: July 26 to *Erika B., Suzie L.,* and *Makayla C.* of Beaver creek
- **Minotaur (Mack)**: July 28 to *Betsy S.* and *Michael H.* of Edgewater, Ky.
- **BAC Ridemywave (Enzo Xander)**: Aug. 4 to *Kristen* and *Joe R.* of Cincinnati
- **Turbo Flo (Fiori)**: Aug. 8 to *Susan L.* of Louisville, Ky.
- **WP Sweet Windy (Lucy)**: Aug. 14 to

*Stella* and *Jimmy M.* of Milford

- **Flying Nivea (Gigi)**: Aug. 18 to *Edye L.* and *Dave Z.* of Maineville
- **WW Pure Luci (Lucy)**: Aug. 20 to *Shannon A., Chris M.,* and *Dessa* and *Hunter* of Cincinnati
- **MJ Belle (Bea)**: Aug. 22 to *Georgeanna G.* and *Doug H.* of Brookville
- **Flying Bengal (Carl)**: Aug. 22 to *Georgeanna G.* and *Doug H.* of Brookville
- **Mac's Lucky (Scooby)**: Aug. 22 to *Vicki* and *Peter V.* of Springboro
- **WW Shepardize (Sheperd)**: Aug. 23 to *Anne, Jack,* and *Scot B.* of Beaver creek
- **RHT Sun Blast (Simon)**: Aug. 24 to *Ann V.* of Cincinnati
- **Mac's Lucas (Louie Armstrong)**: Aug. 27 to *Stacy* and *Tom K.* of Cincinnati

## 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.





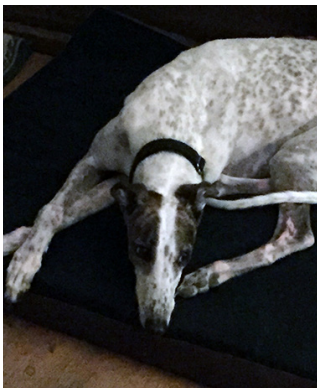
# Our Condolences



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Ari



Cambria

*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.*

Bethany B. informed us that her **Cougar** went over the rainbow bridge July 2. From Bethany: After several days of a limp and meds from the vet, **Cougar** spiraled down quickly as he went from a limp to not being able to walk. A trip to MedVet and X-rays confirmed aggressive and painful cancer in the knee bones and he was suffering greatly. He was 12-and-a-half years old and up until yesterday was happy and my lover boy. He let me know he was ready and I am at peace with it. We were able to have our goodbyes. He'll always be in my heart.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to

long-time GAGC members *Cindy* and *Brad C.* On July 10, they said goodbye to their greyhound **Impact**. He was in pain and not eating and their vet suspected stomach cancer.

Our condolences go to *Ashley E.* who had to have her greyhound **Ari** euthanized on July 11 due to bone cancer. His pain could no longer be controlled and he stopped eating, letting her know it was time. We are very sorry for her loss.

Also on July 11, *Jill* and *Willis J.* had to let their **Maggie** go. She broke her leg and at her advanced age of 14, they felt the kindest decision was to put her out of her pain. From *Jill*: "**Maggie** was one of a kind, especially for a greyhound. Her personality was so silly and quirky but also the sweetest, cutest and most gentle soul." We send them our condolences.

We were so sorry to hear that *Teresa* and *Chuck J.* had to have their sweet **Cambria** euthanized on July 10. She was nearly 13 and they had her since she was 2. She had been slowing down for a while and then stopped eating completely, always an ominous sign. From *Chuck*: I remember when you guys first had her and said she was a shy girl and she certainly was. One of the sweetest little girls. If you remember, we had been on vacation the year before and stayed in Cambria, California; so loved her name.

We send our sympathy to *Karen* and *Jason B.* who said goodbye to their girl **Allie** on July 17. She was suffering from old age issues and a loss of mobility and was really struggling so they made the decision to end her pain.

On July 22, *Ann V.* let us know of the sudden, tragic death of her greyhound



Zola



Kokak

**Henry.** Her boy had a massive stroke and was gone in minutes. Henry was only 3 and *Ann* had him just a few months. From *Ann*: "**Henry** was a handful for a couple of months but had turned into a wonderful boy. He was so affectionate and loved life." We are sorry to hear of her loss.

*Susan L.* had to say goodbye to her **Juliet** on July 31. *Susan's* daughter *Angie* shared that **Juliet's** back end failed, she couldn't support her weight or walk around, and it was time to let her go. Her other greyhound **Sergio** slept next to **Juliet** the last couple of nights and looked out for her. We send *Susan* our sincere condolences.

We were so sorry to hear that *Teresa, Andy,* and *Gabby S.* had to let their girl **Zola** go on Aug. 1 due to issues with kidney disease. **Zola** struggled for weeks but went downhill and eventually stopped eating. From *Teresa*: That pup had my heart from the beginning. I feel honored and blessed that she trusted and loved me. Thank you so much for bringing her into our lives.

On Aug. 12, *Heather* and *Stephen S.* had to let their handsome blue **Ninja** go. He was suffering from a variety of old age issues and he let them know it was time. We are so sorry for their loss.

Our condolences go to *Terrie G.* and *Dan F.* who shared the very sad news that their **Abby** had to cross the Rainbow Bridge on Aug. 13. From *Dan*: For 10 years she has been the sweetest girl! My and *Terrie's* hearts are breaking but we can't see her in pain anymore! It's time to rest, *Abby*! Cross that Bridge and go play with **Donovan, Harley** and the others who have gone before you. Just know that we love you and we will meet again someday.

We send our sympathy to *Annette D.* who said goodbye to her 18-year-old black cat **Fitzgerald** on Aug. 22. From *Annette*:

(Greyhound) **Hershey** spent a couple of days looking for him, but we are getting used to him not meeting us at the patio door after our walks, and not having a mealtime reminder nor an early morning wake up call. We will always remember our faithful friend.

Long-time GAGC members *Peggy C.* and *Jason P.* shared the sad news that **Kojak**, their 16-year-old husky, had to be put down on Monday, Aug. 24. From *Peggy*: "**Kojak** had been in failing health for about a year and he finally reached the point where he could no longer walk and stopped eating. He was with us for 12 wonderful years and will be missed greatly. He and **Dora** can hang out at the Rainbow Bridge together and wait on us." We are so sorry for the loss of this sweet greyhound-wannabe.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of *Harvey Harris* on Aug. 24. *Harvey* loved his greyhound **Nufi**. Visit the link for details on how to [pay tribute to Harvey's memory](#). We send heartfelt condolences to his wife *Janet* and the rest of his family.

We heard the awful news on Aug. 26 that *Kim M.'s* boy **Icon** died. Her two dogs got out of the yard somehow. A neighbor got **Diva** right away and when *Kim* called **Icon**, he eventually came to her yard but tragically passed away. *Kim* suspects it was heat stroke. We send heartfelt condolences.

Our sympathy goes to *Melissa* and *Robert O.* on the news that their boy **Theo** died on Aug. 28. He had several fast growing cancerous tumors and was receiving medication to keep him comfortable. Sadly, one afternoon he went to nap on his bed and died in his sleep. **Theo** was with them for 10 years; we are very sorry for their loss.



# 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.*

## Zola

Goodbyes are never easy. This one was especially hard. **Zola** came to us at 2 years old. She was skittish and scared of her own shadow, so she never raced. It took a long time for her to settle in and to learn to trust, but when she finally opened her heart, it was so beautiful to see. She ended up being my Velcro dog. She slept with me every night with her head resting on my ankle. She would wait at the door every day to go with me when it was time to pick my daughter up from school; she was just always with me. **Zola** was the gentlest dog I've ever met and I feel so honored that she learned to trust me and that she loved me. She was such a huge comfort to me after my Dad died with her calming presence. I miss seeing her chasing squirrels and patrolling the yard. And I miss her begging for belly rubs and her singing. This girl had the most beautiful and haunting howl, I could have listened to her sing for hours. She ended up developing kidney disease and rapidly lost weight due to not eating. As she progressively got weaker, I knew it was time to say goodbye. She was my heart dog through and through and my heart just aches without her. Run free, sweet **Zola**. I love you and miss you so much. There will never be another dog quite like you. Rest easy girl, God will rub your belly now and love you until I can be with you again.

—Teresa, Andy, and Gabby S.





# Support GAGC!

## How can YOU support GAGC?

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

### 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 \$1,152.47. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!



Despite a trip to the vet, **Juniper** is always in fashion, with matching collar and leg wrap.



### Kroger Reward Program

PLEASE re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Our Code Number is **#EP079**. Ask your family and friends to register GAGC as their favorite charity. It is easy money for our hounds and doesn't affect your fuel points! [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

### Do a Meet & Greet



*All M&Gs are cancelled for the remainder of 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns. We will advise you when we make a decision about 2021.*

### 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:*  
**FE's Aretha F, Minotaur, WW's Rexley, RHT Sun Blast, Mac's Lucky**
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly and Ace:*  
**Minotaur, Flying Nivea**
- *Melissa, Deco and Bianca:* **Duramax, CET Cinderella, Mac's Lucas**
- *Peg, Jason, Furby, Dora, Amy and Kyro:*  
**Flying Descartes, WW Shepardize**

### 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!

### General Gifts to GAGC

- Marianne and James S.
- Mel and Jon R.
- Melissa L.
- Nate S.
- Brad B. and employer-matched donations by Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Kristen and Joe R.
- Joseph B.
- Tim D.
- Susan L.
- Kroger
- Honey and Dale R. and **Stella and Tommy**

- Mobile Alabama Adoption Center
- Network for Good anonymous donations via Facebook
- Joseph S.
- Amazon Smile
- Renee and Alan T.
- Edye L. and Dave Z.
- Irene M.

### Gift in memory of Ninja and Juliet

- Mary S.

### Gift in memory of Zola

- Teresa, Andy, and Gabby S.

### Gift in honor of Dr. Steven Carbaugh on his retirement from the practice of veterinary medicine

- Jan T.

### Gifts in memory of Harvey Harris

- Sandy K.
- Irene M.

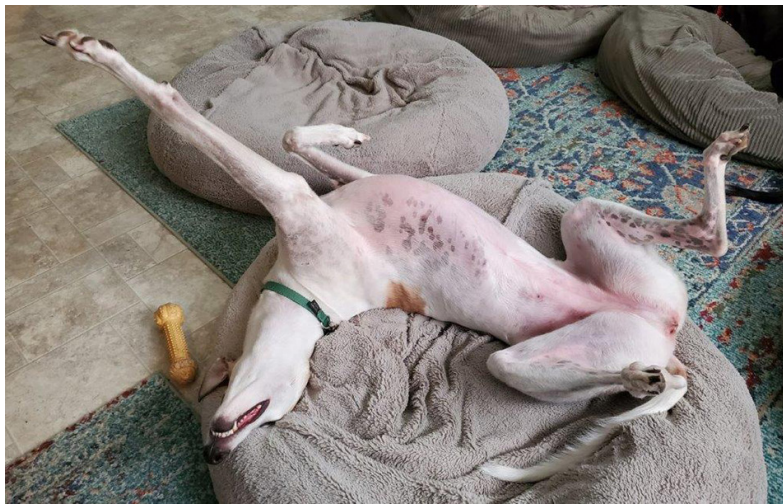
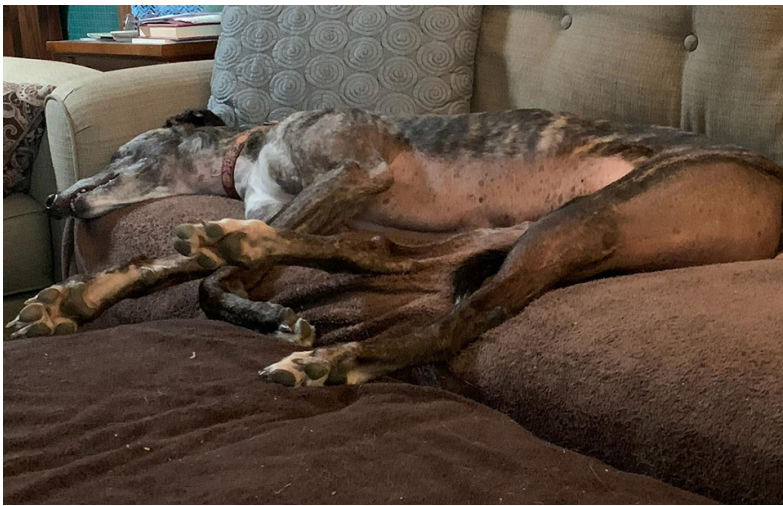
### Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- Robin C. donated her winning bag of Nature's Select for fostering back to the group
- Nate S. donated his mileage reimbursement back to the group
- Anne and Jack B. donated their winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC
- Stephanie S. also donated her winning gift card for fostering back to the group



**Oscar** (short for **Sir Oscar Zippy Zoom**) and **Erika** chillin' on the deck. He looks pretty comfortable, doesn't he?






### **A few greyhounds that need to relax more ...**

[Top] **Betsy** and **Hawkeye** catching some rays at *Brenda's* house; Miss **Natalie**, snug as a bug in a rug; [middle] *Diane's* boy **Jackson**, mastering what greyhounds do best; **Gemma** doing a great job holding down the floor; [bottom] goofy **Tera** is trying her best to relax; snuggle buddies **Greer** and **Hazel**.




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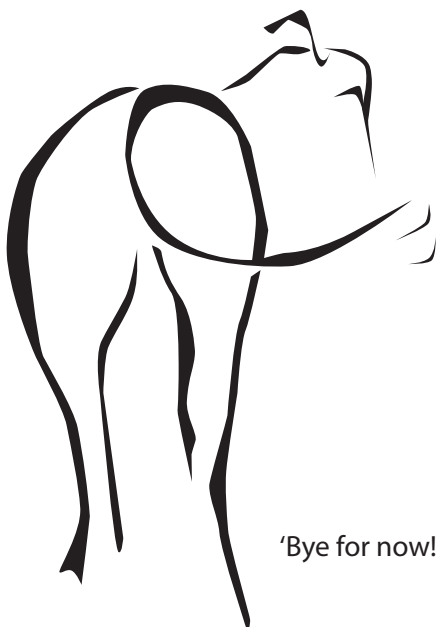
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