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**Adopting a
retired racer:**

\$275 ...

**Having a
friend for life:
Priceless!**

From the president ...



Brenda with Hawkeye and Crissy.

GAGC Families and Friends,

Can you believe fall is fast approaching? The heat has been rough on so many of our four-legged friends. Let's start off by reminding all our greyhound families that our GAGC Fall Family Day is Sept. 15 in West Chester at Keehner Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of neat ideas for this year's event. Remember, this is our last GAGC event of the year and funds earned help us financially to get through the winter months. More details about the event are in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Ten greyhounds have been adopted so far this month, giving 66 retired racing greyhounds a new life. By the updates, all are enjoying their retirement. Thank you for all of your continued support, I am so proud of what our organization has accomplished the last 18 years (in November).

Brenda

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On the cover: Princess Freya with her daisy crown.

Greyt Health & Safety

August is Corn Research Month

The Greyhound Health Initiative (GHI) knows that corns are a problem for many of our hounds. Because research is an important part of their mission, GHI is collaborating with *Richard Doughty, DVM* and *Frode Lingass, DVM* with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in a study to help determine if there is a genetic link associated with the occurrence of paw pad corns.

GAGC provided GHI with 20 saliva samples—10 from dogs with corns and 10 from senior greyhounds 8 or older who never had corns. GHI needs to collect samples from at least 100 greyhounds with corns and at least 100 swabs from greyhounds over 8 years of age without corns, so GAGC was able to make a significant contribution to this research with our 20 samples. GHI will ship samples to Norway for data collection and to be analyzed.

GHI continues to need donations to cover the cost of this invaluable research project. They have an initial goal of \$5,000 to cover shipping around the U.S., shipping to Norway, and to purchase the specially-de-

signed collection tubes that are required for this project. We will have a collection jar out at our picnic if anyone would like to donate in support of this research.

Thank you to the GAGC greyhounds and their people who participated in the study. Our volunteers were *Brenda P., Kyle M., Alisha K., Jon R., Tracy M., Sandy K., Angie B., Mike K., Kathy E., Renee T., Leslie S., Emily H., Ken B., and Meg S.*, and a special thanks to *Kyle* for taking the lead!

CBD oil and treats

Chances are you have heard stories about the terrific benefits many owners have observed using CBD oil or treats for their fearful or nervous dogs. *Alan's [Nature's Select website](#)* has several products available.

GAGC president *Brenda* recently tried the CBD treats on her whippet **Harley** to see if it would help him through the 4th of July fireworks. Here's what she reported: "It was amazing how well it worked almost immediately. I gave it to him around 5 p.m. and no shaking, no panting, no hiding either. He didn't want to go potty, but did go into the yard and right back in but it was really loud with lots of fireworks going off around him. I gave it to him Friday and Saturday night, too."

We've heard a number of positive testimonials about the product, so take a look at *Alan's* site if you'd like more details.

Pet Supplies Plus issues Consumer Advisory for bulk pig ear product; FDA investigating contaminated pig ear treats connecting to Salmonella

Editor's note: GAGC does NOT recommend pig ears, pig hooves, rawhides, etc. as treats for greyhounds.

Image from greyhoundfriendsforlife.org, California.



With the recent announcements of the [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) investigating contaminated Pig Ear Treats connecting to Salmonella, Pet Supplies Plus is advising consumers it is recalling bulk pig ear product supplied to all locations by several different vendors due to the potential of Salmonella contamination. Salmonella can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Individuals infected with Salmonella should monitor 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, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.



Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

Bulk pig ears were distributed to Pet Supplies Plus stores in AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI and WV. Bulk pig ears were stocked in open bins. Prepackaged branded pig ears are not included in this voluntary recall.

To date, 45 individuals in 13 states have been diagnosed with Salmonella related illness. However, none of these cases are confirmed to be a result of purchasing pig ears from Pet Supplies Plus.

Testing by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development revealed that aging bulk pig ear product in one of our stores tested positive for Salmonella. We have pulled bulk pig ear product from the shelves at all of our stores and have stopped shipping bulk pig ears from our Distribution Center. We are working with the FDA as they continue their investigation as to what caused the reported Salmonella related illnesses.

Consumers who have purchased bulk pig ears should discontinue use of the product and discard it. Consumers who have further questions are welcome to contact our Neighbor Service team at 734-793-6564 between Monday and Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST (excluding holidays).

Greyt goods & services

Items for sale

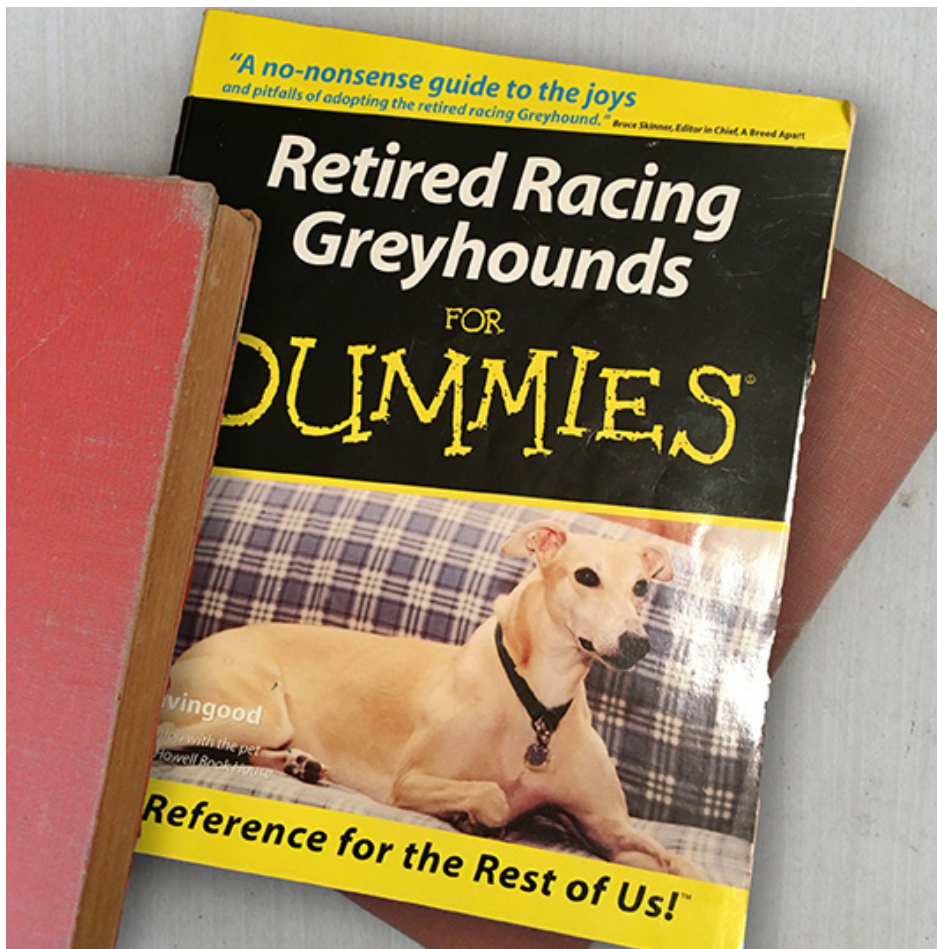
Kathy and Brenda have a supply of belly bands, muzzles and stool covers available if you are in need of any of these for your hound. Our other sellable items are available at our family picnics in May and September.

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*, or take it to any M&G and the rep will turn them in 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. Some of our books are still out on loan. Please return those as well so they will be available to new adopters. 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.



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.



GAGC News

Fall Fun Day is coming!

On Sunday, Sept. 15, please join us at Keehner Park in West Chester from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our last big event of the year. This is a major fundraiser to help us financially through the winter months, but it's also an opportunity for GAGC to give back to all our adopters. Our families can enjoy an outing with their greys and, most importantly, they can help the retired racers get forever homes throughout the year. Our available foster dogs will be at the picnic to meet and take home.

Here are some highlights of this event:

- Free frosty paws for the hounds
- Free goody bag (help yourself—one per family please)
- Pizza, cookies and water/soda will be FREE to our families.
- Pick up your 2020 GAGC calendars! See *Angie!*
- *Mel* has some amazing items for the raffle/silent auction and a couple fun games to play
- *Jon*, professional photographer, will

be there taking GREYT family photos

- *Cindy* the animal communicator will be available to find out what your hound is thinking!
- *Irene* and *Gretchen* have created new categories for the Greyhound Contest (see them below)
- *Elaine* will be available for dog massages and her energy therapy suggestions
- Sit Means Sit dog trainer will be available for questions
- Nature's Select will have a booth and *Alan* will answer any food questions
- Our booth with our sellable items will be there for you to shop.
- Nail trims for \$10

Obviously, we will need lots of volunteers to help set up/break down and other various needs during the day. If you want to help for an hour or so, let *Brenda* know. We want everyone to enjoy the day visiting with other families and their hounds!

Agenda

- Lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Patriot Kennels/Derbyland dogs group photo: 12:30 p.m.
- Group photo: 1 p.m. (greyhound contest immediately following photo)
- Raffle/silent auction drawing: 2:15 p.m.

Greyhound contest

Our categories for this picnic include:

- Oldest male
- Oldest female
- Adoptees on the day of the picnic
- TWINS—look-alike males, females, male and female, and then a person and a grey! Yes, do you look like your dog or does your dog look like you? There will be a maximum of five winners in each twin category.





Becky and Matt's new daughter Sabrina (above).

Beloved Dr. Nicole Moore with daughters Quinn and Blakely (below).



- A very special award for your dog: "Why is your dog special to you?" Please fill out the form on page 21 and return it on the day of the picnic to *Gretchen* or *Irene* and your dog will receive a medal proclaiming your grey or greys are winners each and every day. We will have additional forms at the picnic, in case you forget. This "special" activity will take place throughout the picnic. At 1 p.m., bring your pups and their medals for the big family photo.

Following the photo, the other competitions will begin. Please remember there can only be one winner in each of the competitions. Have fun and see you on

Sunday, Sept. 15.

Thank you

Thank you to the mystery donor who sent three brand new copies of the *Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies* book to *Brenda's* house!

We are very grateful to *Terri* and *John B.* who sponsored a hole in the name of GAGC in a memorial golf tournament for one of *John's* friends who passed away. From *Terri*: "Hopefully it's a good way to get the word out about our greyt organization and goes to a good cause at the same time. The tournament normally generates about \$8,000 for charity."

Congratulations

We recently received word that *Meghan* and *Kevin B.* welcomed a new baby at the end of 2018. Son *Walter* was born Dec. 18. Congratulations to the proud parents!

Two of our 2019 adopters recently became engaged to be married. Congratulations to *Jessica M.* and *Eric B.* who adopted **Couper (Stingray Coupe)** in late April.

Sherri W., long-time GAGC member, and *Greg* were married in Hawaii on July 13. What a lovely location for a wedding—congratulations to them!

Lauren and *Ryan W.*, already parents to greyhounds **Joe** and **Piper**, welcomed a new human baby on July 3. *Jack* weighed in at 9 pounds 11.4 ounces! Congratulations to this growing family.

Congratulations to *Nicole* and *Josh M.* who welcomed 6-pound *Blakely* on Saturday, July 20. Pictured is their daughter *Quinn*, *Nicole*, and baby *Blakely*.

Congratulations to *Lily B.* and *Elliott K.* for getting engaged on Aug. 3. **Norma** their greyhound was thrilled by the news.

Becky and *Matt S.* welcomed their new

daughter *Sabrina Ann* on Aug. 8, 2019, at 12:54 pm. She was 8.76 pounds and 21 inches long. Congratulations!

Webmaster

Many thanks to *Mike K.* for his continued support as GAGC webmaster. *Mike* has retired from his "real" job and has more time to travel, yet he still manages to work his magic on the website for us.

Smile.amazon.com donates to GAGC

If you are a customer of Amazon.com, consider going to smile.amazon.com, their charitable link. All the same Amazon departments and goods are available on that site but they support a variety of charities. Go to the dropdown menu and select Greyhound Adoption of Greater Cincinnati (GAGC) as your charity of choice. Amazon then donates money to us based on the purchase amounts of families who have designated us as their preferred charity. Since we are a non-profit, every little bit helps!

Lost dog found!

From *Brenda*: *Shannon* and *Mike* were so appreciative of GAGC members for their help looking for **Layla** on July 25. She was

missing for around three hours. Thankfully it was a happy ending. **Layla** was found on the porch of a neighbor who was frightened at first because **Layla** had on her turn-out muzzle, but with **Layla's** wagging tail, she knew she wasn't vicious! She read the tag and gave *Shannon* a call. *Shannon* and *Mike* made a donation to GAGC for caring, and thanking *Ron, Irene, Stephen, Laura, and Melissa* for driving around their area looking for **Layla**. Again this proves what a greyt organization we have. We all care about our greyhounds. I always think, "What if it were my dog?" knowing and hoping people would come to help search! This is a good time to remind everyone to keep tag collars on your dogs at all times; you never know when your hound could slip out the door or gate!

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.

Choose from almost a million charities, schools, and other nonprofits. We will reach out to the organization you select to ensure it is ready to accept donations from Amazon.

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Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog Runs

On July 6, *Brenda, Irene, Jon, and Mel* drove to Charleston, West Virginia, to meet the Florida dog hauler. He brought us four retired racers plus we got two more from our WV source. We ended up with four boys: **Emma's Grampygil, WW Gold Rush, Demarco, and Soutache;** and two females: **Gena Rowlands and TF Moe Can Fly.** From *Mel*: "The hauler was scheduled to drop off the new arrivals at the track in WV at 6 a.m. Luckily the staff of the adoption kennel there was kind enough to look after our newbies until we arrived at 9 a.m., saving us a 2 a.m. wake-up call and pre-pre-dawn drive. We left bright and early for a trip that was pleasantly uneventful both ways, and we made it back to town in time to drop the newest members of GAGC off at *Dr. Moore's* office for vetting, and one step closer to their forever homes!" *Kathy* met the group at

Ally getting kisses from Florida girl **MC Fireburg.**



Dr. Moore's to help with pottying, photos and weigh-ins.

We received four new Florida dogs on Aug. 8 when *Brenda* and *Irene* made the drive to Tri-State track in West Virginia to meet the hauler. Our three new boys are **WW's Unruly Hair, WW's Orrick Doc, and WW's Tuaca Gary;** and the new girl is **Blackjack Erica.** Here's *Irene's* account: "A beautiful day for a ride, so with the sun shining *Brenda* and I were 'On the Road Again' to meet the hauler in Charleston and bring home four Florida pups. I am always excited to meet the new furbabies, but this day they had to share in my excitement. Is it just me or do you ever wonder what is in those big 18 wheelers? Well, it was obvious when I passed two trucks. One truck had cows/cattle/ something that "mooed!" Then there was another truck similar to the bovine truck, but this one had about 100 little pink snouts poking through smelling the surroundings. I wish I could have taken a photo! Our roundtrip complete, the three handsome boys and beautiful little **Erica** are ready for forever homes. Be well, pups and remember the little piggies, take time to smell the flowers."

On Aug. 22, *Brenda* and *Irene* headed back to West Virginia to meet up with the Florida hauler on his way north. They drove through terrible rain, but as soon as they got to their pick-up location, the sun came out! We were able to get five sweet retired racers this run: two females named **MC Fireburg** and **Superior Cabana** who rode with *Irene*, and in *Brenda's* car three boys named **WW Linx Law, WW Orange County, and WW Colossem.** It was an earlier rendezvous than we've been having; our drivers had to be in WV to meet

the hauler by 10 a.m. *Kathy* met *Brenda* and *Irene* at Moore Vet Hospital to help with weights and photos of the newbies. *Dr. Moore* graciously agreed to vet the dogs in the next few days despite being on maternity leave. Thank you, *Dr. Moore!*

Foster homes needed!

Our biggest challenge in finding homes for the retired racing greyhounds 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 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 foster-

Recently adopted **Tuc** looks pretty mellow in his new home.



ing 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. Here are our recent winners:

June

- Food winner: *Breanna A.*, foster parent to **RS Dizzy Dean**
- Gift card winner: *Robin* and *Chris H.*, foster parents to **BGR Iron Eagle**
- Gift card winner: *Pam* and *Mike H.*, foster parents to **Whynot Redpicosa**
- Gift card winner: *Kyle M.*, foster parent to **RS Big Lou**

July

- Food winner: *Jim P.*, foster parent to **WW Gold Rush, Braxton**
- Gift card winner: *Sherri* and *Dave L.*, foster parents to **Demarco**
- Gift card winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **Gena Rowlands**
- Gift card winner: *Julie D.*, foster parent to **TF Moe Can Fly**

August

- Food winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **WW Tuaca Gary**
- Gift card winner: *Ronda* and *Deron R.*, foster parents to **MC Fireburg**
- Gift card winner: *Jim P.*, foster parent to **Bizzy Beeker (Braxton)**
- Gift card winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **Blackjack Erica, Superior Cabana**

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:

- *Becky F.*: **Emma's Grampygil**
- *Breanna A.*: **RS Dizzy Dean**
- *Colleen M.*: **AMF Fools Gold**
- *Dana P.*: **Gena Rowlands, Blackjack Erica, Superior Cabana**
- *Deb* and *Tim R.*: **Soutache**

- *Debbie K. and Jami B.*: **WW Colossem**
- *Diane M.*: **WW Orange County**
- *Gretchen D.*: **AMF Fools Gold (Flicker)**, **WW Linx Law**
- *Jim P.*: **WW Gold Rush**, **Bizzy Beeker (Braxton)**
- *Julie D.*: **TF Moe Can Fly**
- *Laura and Tom S.*: **WW Unruly Hair**
- *Lily B. and Elliott K.*: **WW's Orrick Doc**
- *Michele C.*: **AMF Aunt Verne (Angie)**
- *Robin C.*: **WW Tuaca Gary**
- *Robin and Chris H.*: **BGR Iron Eagle**
- *Ronda and Deron R.*: **MC Fireburg**
- *Sherri and Dave L.*: **Demarco**

Current Foster Dogs

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

MC Fireburg: Nov. 23, 2017; almost-2-year-old dark brindle female

WW Linx Law: Jan. 19, 2016; 3-year-old white/brindle male

WW Colossem: Feb. 20, 2017; 2-year-old white/brindle male

Did you know that the adoption fee for any dog after your first GAGC greyhound

Handsome **Khan** was adopted in July.



is only \$150? Please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* if you are interested in adding one of these foster dogs to your family.

Recent Adoptions

- **By's Dalma (Linda)**: June 22 to *Anne, Jack, and Scot B.* of Beaver creek
- **Poggun Episode (Popi)**: June 23 to *Amber R.* of Kettering
- **RS Dizzy Dean (Maverick)**: June 26 to *Adrienne K. and Jansen F.* of Bellbrook
- **AMF Aunt Verne (Freya)**: June 30 to *Malerie S. and Reid B.* of Clifton
- **CTW Barbarella (Novella)**: July 12 to *Becky R.* of Hamilton
- **WW Gold Rush (Gordie)**: July 13 to *Molly and Jim B.* of Springfield
- **BGR Iron Eagle (Khan)**: July 16 to *Tim, Laurie, Alex, and Madeline C.* of Xenia
- **Gena Rowlands (Skye)**: July 20 to *Kathryn A.* of Dayton
- **Emma's Grampygil (Pharaoh)**: July 21 to *Eileen J.* of Washington Court House
- **Demarco (Marco)**: July 23 to *Sherri and Dave L.* of Kettering
- **TF Moe Can Fly (Sweetie)**: July 25 to *Sunny and Gary M.* of Loveland
- **Soutache (Spencer)**: July 27 to *Jessica and Nick M.* of Mariemont
- **AMF Fools Gold (Flicker)**: Aug. 11 to *Lisa, Jeff, JT, and Emma B.* of Loveland
- **Superior Sonata (Luna)**: Aug. 13 to *Susan J.* of Milford
- **Bizzy Beeker (Braxton)**: Aug. 16 to *Rita B. and Wayne W.* of Hamilton
- **WW's Orrick Doc (Doc)**: Aug. 16 to *Lily B. and Elliott K.* of Cincinnati
- **WW's Tuaca Gary (Tuc)**: Aug. 17 to *Alyssa, David, Heidi, and Isaac P.* of Burlington, Ky.
- **Blackjack Erica (Flo Jo)**: Aug. 17 to *Dominica and Tyler P.* of Mason

- **Hallo Gatorbryan (Gator):** Aug. 28 to *PJ M.* of Beavercreek
- **Superior Cabana (Anna):** Aug. 29 to *Kelley and Todd E.* of Middletown
- **WW Unruly Hair (Ruly):** Aug. 30 to *Tom R.* of Loveland
- **WW Orange County (Jackson):** Aug. 31 to *Diane M.* of Dayton

Beautiful **Novella** is a classic “needle nose.”



Find GAGC on Facebook



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

Visit our home page at 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 *Heather, Melissa* and *Mike* for monitoring posts. We do monitor comments before posting and will not include negative or inappropriate items. Thanks!

GAGC on Instagram

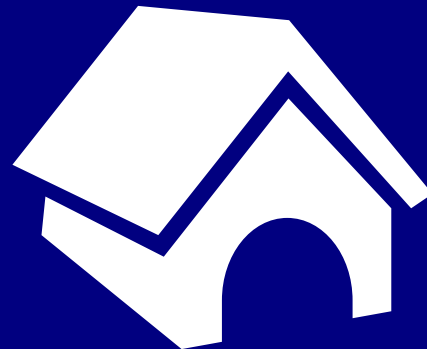


Our [Instagram](#) manager *Melissa L.* would like your photos! Send them

to MelissaLohman7@gmail.com. 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.

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.



Our Condolences



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



Hal



Lilly

Editor's Note: When we lose one of our greyhounds, GAGC makes a donation in that dog's name to the Greyhound Health Initiative, an organization supporting greyhound health and genetic research.

We send our sympathy to *Kathryn A.* whose little mixed breed dog **Rocky** died in early June, several days after the Dayton area tornadoes. Her greyhound **Bailey** needed company after **Rocky's** death, so *Kathryn* adopted greyhound **Skye**.

Anne C. let us know that she had to have her cat **Mario** euthanized in June due to complications from diabetes. We send *Anne* our sympathy for this loss.

Long time GAGC member *Edye L.* shared the sad news that her cat **T** died in late June due to severe anemia which could not be resolved with medication. **T** was a cool cat and we are sorry for *Edye's* loss.

Sunny and *Gary M.* faced a tragic situation

on July 4 when their boy **Hal** slipped and fell. X-rays revealed his shoulder was full of cancer so they made the difficult decision let him go. We are so sorry to hear of this and send our heartfelt condolences.

On July 10, *Karen* and *Jason B.* made the difficult decision to say goodbye to their senior girl **Bella**. She was having breathing problems and had issues with her esophagus for some time. We send them our sincere sympathy.

We were notified that **Brody** crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on July 25. *Kimberly* and *Ron T.* had adopted him seven years ago. From *Ron*: "Thank you for allowing us the gift of **Brody**. He will be greytly missed." We are so sorry to hear of this loss.

Bone cancer struck another of our greyhounds on July 26. *Denise* and *Larry U.* shared the sad news that **Lilly** broke her leg coming into the house. They rushed her to urgent care where X-rays revealed cancer in her leg. After weighing the options, they chose to end **Lilly's** pain and suffering that night. From *Denise* and *Larry*: "We are, as you can imagine, devastated over this but would not have missed one second of the love and time she gave us." We send our deepest sympathy.

We were sorry to see on Facebook that *Lisa* and *Rick M.* had to put their boy **Bandit** down on Aug. 9. From their post: "Lost a good friend today. He was in our lives for over 10 loving years. I'll miss our long walks and playtime in our backyard. He was named for the dog in *Jonny Quest*, although he was much bigger, he was a great companion."

Our sincere condolences go to *Teresa* and *Chuck J.* who said goodbye to their boy **Vinnie** in mid-August. He was nearly 14



Bandit



Winslow



George



Bones

years old and was adopted by them when he was 5. **Vinnie** lost a rear leg about two years ago and managed well until his remaining leg began to fail, so they made the decision to let him go to Rainbow Bridge. From *Chuck*: "We had fostered him and then he was adopted but the lady returned him after only a few days. We said that was enough for him, so we adopted him and loved him ever since."

We received the sad news from *PJ* that *Keith C.* died in August after fighting a brain tumor for nearly a year. Shortly after his battle began, *Keith* asked *PJ* to watch his greyhound **Gator** who ended up staying with her for nine months. This tragic story ended on a positive note when *PJ* adopted **Gator** on Aug. 28.

Our heartfelt condolences go to *Diane M.* who lost her sweet girl **Winslow** very suddenly on Aug. 20. *Diane* got home from work, let her two girls out, heard a

cry, reached the yard seconds later, and **Winslow** was already gone. What an awful, unexpected tragedy. We are so sorry *Diane* is having to deal with this terrible loss.

We had a second mysterious and tragic loss in less than a week. *Carolyn* and *Justin S.* let their dogs out after dinner on Aug. 25, and within a minute or two, they discovered their greyhound **George** had died. Our best guess is that he had a heart attack or an aneurysm. We send them our sincere sympathy. As *Carolyn* and *Kathy E.* both said as they were discussing the sad news: "What the hell?!"

August has been a rough month for GAGC greyhounds. Long-time members *Sherri* and *Dave L.* had to let their boy **Bones** go on Aug. 29. **Bones** was nearly 11 and had been fighting old age vestibular disease. He let them know it was time to say goodbye. We are very sorry to hear about this latest loss.

The Rainbow Bridge

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.

Hal



On July 4, my husband and I discovered that our beloved greyhound **Hal** had a cancerous shoulder that caused him to break his leg. About two weeks before that, **Hal** did seem to limp a little, so we took him to our vet who examined him and maneuvered his leg. He showed no pain. We thought it was a bit of arthritis and started him on a pain killer for two weeks. It did seem some better but then he was limping again. When he jumped off the couch to go for a walk, he fell into the kitchen and screamed. He could not stand up! We immediately took him to the ER. They took pictures and discovered he had broken his leg and if they amputated the leg, the cancer in the shoulder would require chemo and there was no guarantee. We decided to let him go. It was one of the hardest decisions we have ever had to make. We miss him terribly! He was “our

boy;” our beloved friend. We have lost a child! I know he’s running now at the Rainbow Bridge with no pain, but that doesn’t help the hole in our hearts. “When tomorrow comes without me, don’t think that we’re apart, ‘Cause every time you think of me, I’m right here in your heart!” You will always be there, **Hal!**

—Sunny and Gary M.

Bella



It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to our **Belly Ann** tonight (July 10). At almost 13 years old, **Bella** was a spry old lady. When she came to our home from Alabama after retiring from racing and being the kennel favorite, she brightened our home. She was our little drama queen and always made sure we knew she was with us.

We are glad you are at peace now and hope you are able to find **Dexter, Izzy, and Luna** on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge. We love you and will miss you dearly.

—Karen and Jason B.

Lilly



We lost **Lilly** to osteosarcoma on Friday, July 26, 2019, after she broke her leg; that was when we found out from the vet that she had bone cancer.

Lilly was our “Baby” girl, an absolute joy to have as part of our family. She truly loved everyone! Her favorite pasttime, apart from chasing bunnies and squirrels in the yard, was walking in the park everyday where we would meet other dog walkers, joggers or just people out having a stroll. Everyone would say “hello” to us; however, by **Lilly**’s smile and prancing and excitement they were obviously only saying hello to her. Even in the dog park, she would ignore the dogs for a while and “meet and greet” people as they came through the park gates with their dogs.

She brought us such unconditional love and joy to our lives and we will miss her terribly. We were blessed and lucky to have had her in our family.

—Denise and Larry

Fawna (Fast Fawna)

Sept. 9, 2009 – Aug. 16, 2019



This sweet goofy free spirit came to us in October 2012 as a foster. We would find out our male **Ares** was her half-brother, older by two weeks. **Fawna** had some trouble from her spay and we got her through that. The Saturday after Thanksgiving she went to her new home. That did not last long; three days later on *Theresa*’s birthday we got a call from *Kathy* asking if we could foster her again because the new family had issues with her. *Kathy* brought her back and she came in the house, through the other dogs and roached on the dog bed. She had chosen us.

We discussed if we should adopt her, and we decided yes. While we waited to adopt her, she developed seizures. We got her through that and made it official a few days later. Little did

we know the adventure would continue. In January, we came home one night to the end of her tail being tore off, hallway looked like a murder scene. Spent a few hours at the emergency vet. Next, she got into some power cords we had thought we stored away. Got her to our vet, sure enough they were inside her. Scheduled surgery, the vet opened her up and couldn’t find anything in her stomach. Quick X-ray showed she was almost ready to expel them. Another chuck of money.

Two years later she went to get up and was having trouble standing and walking. Ran her down to the emergency vet and she had pinched nerves; there was little they could do for her. For the next week I kept her quiet and rotated her and cleaned her. I took her out to do her business and helped her walk, and got her inside. After

bringing her back in she wanted back out. I took her out by the fence and helped her stand. Next thing I know she ran to the back door. My hair turned grayer and a couple of years lost. She got stronger and returned to her free spirit attitude. The following August she developed a case of bloat and we caught it early. Then, 14 months later she did it again. We caught it early also.

In April she was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, bone cancer. We got her to OSU and they worked miracles with her. Unfortunately after her last visit I knew we would not have her much longer. I was hoping she would make it until *Ian* got home because she attached herself to him. He made it home on Tuesday. On Aug. 16 we had to let this free spirit cross the bridge. I will miss her running in the back yard with her soccer ball or running laps. Also, her checking on all the other dogs and, after they came in, she would be out for another five minutes, even longer when it was cold. Like her brother, she could speak with her eyes.

I hope you are happy again **Fawna**, and running without pain. You, like your brother, were a one-of-a-kind dog. Run without pain, baby girl.

—Theresa, John and Ian

George



George Harrison Stoermer, aka **JJ Jo Jolly**, died suddenly on Sunday, Aug. 25 while out for his after-dinner visit to his favorite pine tree. He was a very, very good boy who loved giving and receiving kisses and chugging people's coffee when they weren't looking. He had a great sense of humor and he was a good sport. He only lived with us for a year, but he became a cherished member of our family and we will miss him every day.

—Carolyn and Justin 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 through July 31 was \$1,220.70. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

Kroger Reward Program

Please re-enroll in the Kroger Commu-

nity Rewards Program today. Our code number is **#EP079**. This is a new GAGC number. 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.krogerscommunityrewards.com

Do a Meet & Greet

Bring your greyhounds to a GAGC Meet & Greet to introduce others to this wonderful breed. They are on Sundays at the following PetSmart locations (times are on our website):

- 1st Sunday of the month: Milford
- 2nd Sunday: Beavercreek (Dayton area) and Tri-County
- 3rd Sunday: West Chester and Centerville (Dayton area)
- 4th Sunday: Mason

Special M&G: The AMC Theatre in West Chester is allowing GAGC to hold a special M&G once a month. If you would like to participate, contact *Brenda* who will schedule a time for you to attend.

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:

- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace*: **AMF Fools Gold**
- *Melissa, Deco, and Bianca*: **Bizzy Beeker, WW's Unruly Hair**



Contortionist **Popi** holding a pose.



- *Linda, Chip, Daisy, and Ava:* **BGR Iron Eagle**
- *Jaime:* **AMF Fools Gold**
- *Pam, John, and Rowdy:* **WW Linx Law**

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.*
- *Amber R.*
- *PJ M.*
- *Kroger*
- *Linda W.*
- *Molly and Jim B.*
- *Honey and Dale R.*
- *Alisha and Bob K.*
- *PetSmart*
- *Amazon Smile*
- *Deron and Ronda R.*
- *Sherri and Dave L.*
- *Juergen S.*
- *Sunny and Gary M.*

- *Terri and John B.*
- *Tom R.*
- *Anonymous donations via Facebook*
- *Marianne and James S.* (funds to cover the cost of pizza for the fall picnic)

Gift in memory of Hal

- *PJ M.*

Gift in appreciation of the many folks who helped look for Layla

- *Shannon and Mike H.*

Gift in appreciation of Cheryl Ann & the great job she did watching our pack

- *Alisha and Bob K.*

Gift in appreciation of Chris P. for watching our greyhound during a last-minute business trip

- *Deron and Ronda R.*

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Teresa and Chuck J.* donated a fold-up crate to GAGC
- *Jessica M. and Eric B.* donated a variety of dog toys and harnesses
- *June and Howard K.* donated three coats and a framed greyhound picture for our raffle
- *Edye L.* donated two brand new dog beds to GAGC
- Foster family *Ronda and Deron R.* donated their winning gift card back to GAGC
- Foster mom *Robin C.* donated back to GAGC the bag of Nature's Select she won



Happy girls **Nala** and **Wilma** are beating the heat.

Mark your calendars

Local Events

September **GAGC Family Picnic, Keehner Park, West Chester**

Sunday, Sept. 15 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is our last big fundraising event of the year. *Irene* and *Gretchen* are coming up with some new ideas for the greyhound contest, and *Mel* has greyt items for the raffle/silent auction, and games too! (If you want to donate an item, contact her at melreichle@gmail.com.) We'll provide pizza, water and soft drinks. *Jon* the photographer is attending again to take greyt family photos. Thanks to those who have ordered calendars; pick up is at this event. *Angie* ordered extras for those who did not pre-order.

Mandy's Dog-O-Mat, West Chester

Saturday, Sept. 28 | Noon to 4 p.m.

Mandy's is located at 6896 Tylersville Road. GAGC will have a tent and will participate again this year. In the past, *Mandy* has split her proceeds with other shelters and GAGC—very generous!

October **Pooch Parade, Lebanon on Mulberry Street**

Saturday, Oct. 12

GAGC will not have a booth but this is a fun event if you choose to participate.

Iron's Fruit Farm, Lebanon

Saturday, Oct. 12 and Sunday Oct. 27 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a fun fall event, with lots of families visiting with our hounds. They have farm animals and hayrides. Come join us!



Foster boy **WW Colossem** is settled in for a bath.

Why is your greyhound special to you?


My greyhound, _____ (dog's name),

is special because _____

Submitted by: _____ (family's name)

Please return this form to *Gretchen* or *Irene* on the day of the Fall Fun Day picnic, Sept. 15, and your dog will receive a medal proclaiming that he or she is a winner each and every day!


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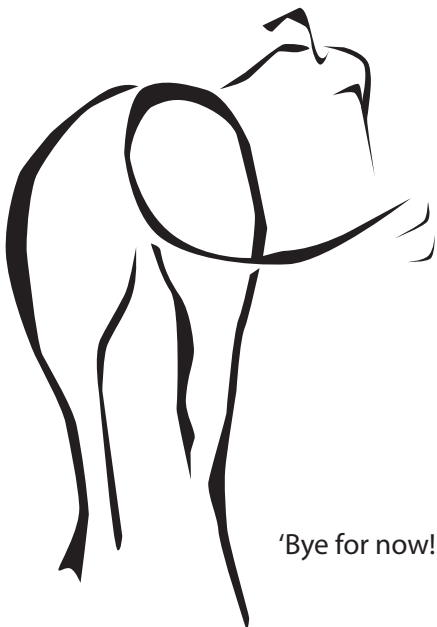
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