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

From the President ...



Betsy and Hawkeye are filling in for the Brenda photo in this issue.

GAGC Families and Friends,

60 retired racers have found new homes so far this year through GAGC's efforts! Thanks to all of you for the part you play.

You'll see details in this newsletter about our GAGC Family Fun Day on Sept. 19. Please make every effort to attend, as this is a way for us to give back to all of you who make this organization GREYT! I'm so excited for the West Virginia kennel ladies to meet our wonderful families and see some of the dogs they cared for and loved before going to their forever homes!

Brenda

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On the cover: Brenda and Ron's greyhounds **Maggie, Betsy, and Hawkeye** are guarding the house against the thunder and lightning.

Greyt health & safety

Keeping your dog safe in the summer

from [Fetch by WebMD](#)

The warm, sunny summer months may seem like the ideal time for you to be out and about with your dog. But hot weather can be uncomfortable for dogs and even dangerous for their health.

Take these steps to keep your dog safe in the summertime:

Exercise safely. If it's hot out for you, it's even hotter for your dogs. On hot or humid days, opt for shorter, less-intense walks, runs, or games of fetch. Try to take them out in early morning or late evening to avoid direct sun.

Dogs with white ears are at higher risk of sunburn and even skin cancer from too much sun exposure. Apply pet-safe sunscreen to your dog's ears, nose, and coat before heading out.

Short-nosed or flat-faced dogs like



boxers and pugs are more likely to have trouble breathing and get overheated in the summer. Avoid taking them outside when it's hot. When you do, take frequent breaks, and always carry water.

Avoid asphalt. Walking on hot asphalt can overheat dogs since they're close to the ground. Asphalt can also burn their paw pads. To check whether asphalt is too hot for them to walk on, lay the back of your hand on it for 10 seconds. If it feels too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet. Walk on the grass instead.

Provide shade and water. When your dogs spend time outside, they need access to shade. Trees or tarps work well, as they allow for free air flow. But avoid outdoor doghouses, which can trap heat. Make sure they have plenty of fresh water whenever they're outside. You can add ice cubes to keep it cool.

Visit the vet. Because they're more likely to come into contact with other animals when they're outside, vaccinations are especially important in the warm months. Summer also brings out bugs of all kinds. So make sure your pet is current on their shots. And ask your vet about the best ways to keep your dog safe from fleas and ticks, as well as mosquitoes that can carry heartworm.

Don't leave your dog in a car. Cars can quickly get hot inside, even when the weather isn't very sunny. Never leave a dog in the car, even if the windows are rolled down or you're parked in the shade. Your pet may get overheated, which could lead to heatstroke. It's illegal

to leave a dog in a parked car in some states. Leaving the air conditioner on with your pet inside is risky, too. Your pet could knock the car out of gear, or the engine could cut off.

Practice water safety. Not all dogs are good swimmers. Don't leave them unsupervised at the pool or lake. If you're on a boat, put a floatation device on your dog in case they fall into deep water. Don't let them drink chlorinated pool water or salt water, which can make them sick. Rinse your dog off at the end of the day to remove chlorine or salt from their fur.

Keep unscreened windows closed. Open windows let in welcome fresh air. But a fall from a window can be fatal for your dog. Keep unscreened windows and doors shut. If you have screens, make sure they're tightly secured.

Don't shave your dog. You can trim your dog's long fur or give them a haircut, but don't shave them completely. Dogs' coats help insulate them from heat and protect them from sunburns.

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Avoid fireworks. If you're heading to celebrations that include fireworks, leave your pets at home. Lit fireworks can burn dogs. And loud noises can frighten and disorient them, making them more likely to run away. If your dog fears fireworks, keep them home and inside. Put them in a safe area, away from windows. Turn on the TV, radio, or a white noise machine to drown out the noise. Be careful the next day, too. The chemicals in unused fireworks can harm dogs, so make sure they can't get to them.

Store garden chemicals safely. Rat poison, insecticides, and other garden chemicals can harm dogs who eat them. Keep such chemicals tightly closed and out of reach of your curious pet. When you walk your dog, avoid grass that's been recently sprayed with chemicals. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you think your dog has been in contact with something poisonous. The Poison Control Center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Keep certain foods and drinks away from your dog. When you host summer parties, keep a close eye on your dog. Alcoholic drinks and some human foods, like chocolate, onions, raisins, and grapes, can harm dogs. They can lead to intoxication, diarrhea, and other stomach issues, or even a coma. Secure your trash can and keep unsafe foods and drinks out of reach.

Warning signs of dehydration and heatstroke in dogs

Dogs are more likely to get dehydrated in the summer months. This means they lose more water through panting, peeing, and

evaporation through their paws than they take in. While a bowl of cool water can help your dog rehydrate, they may need medical attention in some cases.

Stay alert for warning signs of dehydration such as:

- Panting
- Dry gums and nose
- Thick saliva
- Sluggishness
- Sunken eyes
- Loss of elasticity in the skin

You can give your dog an electrolyte-infused water solution to help them hydrate. If they still seem dehydrated, they may need to get fluids from a vet.

If your dog is exposed to heat for too long, they're risk for a heatstroke. They need immediate cooling down and may also need medical attention.

Ursula is enjoying some doggy ice cream on a hot day.



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Symptoms of the early stages of heatstroke include:

- Heavy panting
- Fast breathing
- Lots of drooling
- Bright red gums and tongue
- Trouble with balance

Symptoms of more advanced heatstroke are:

- White or blue gums
- Sluggishness or can't move
- Uncontrollable peeing or pooping
- Labored, noisy breathing
- Shock

If you notice early signs of heatstroke, take your dog inside with air conditioning or to a cool, shaded area. Your dog's temperature should never go above 104 degrees F. Spray water on your dog and fan them until their body temperature comes below 102 degrees F. Give them small amounts of water or ice cubes.

If you can't cool them down or you notice signs of advanced heatstroke, get to a vet right away. Your dog may need fluids, oxygen, and medication.

WebMD Veterinary Reference Reviewed by Brunilda Nazario, MD on July 06, 2021

Dog ice cream recipe

Dr. Sam Gilbert; Zoetis Petcare

You scream, I scream, we all bark for ice cream! When the weather turns hot, treat your furry friend to a frosty treat. This homemade dog ice cream recipe is easy to make and only uses ingredients that are safe for your pup.

You'll notice one ingredient that's missing in this recipe—milk. Although

puppies drink milk, after weaning dogs no longer produce the enzyme needed to break down the lactose in cow's milk and other dairy-based products. Dairy products can also be high in fat and sugar, which can cause gastrointestinal upset. As an alternative, we suggest using kefir or plain fat-free Greek yogurt (as long as they do not include artificial sweeteners like xylitol, which are toxic to your pets). Blend or mix in some of their favorite snacks, but be sure to avoid dangerous foods such as chocolate, coffee or espresso beans, and macadamia nuts when creating this delicious mouthwatering treat.

Ingredients

- 32 oz plain fat-free Greek yogurt or Kefir
- 2 ripe bananas (you can also sub in or add blueberries, apple without the core or seeds, watermelon, pumpkin, or fresh or natural peanut butter)

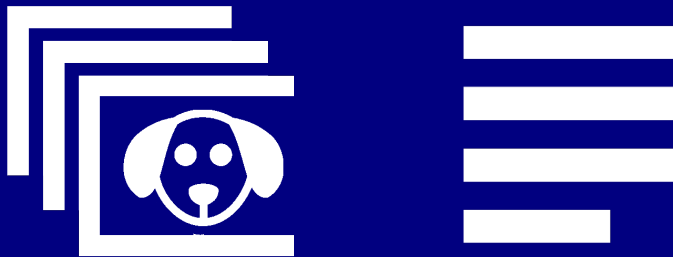
Instructions

1. Blend together the yogurt or kefir with the add-ins of your choice, using a blender. If mixing by hand, the consistency will be less smooth, but your dog won't mind (we promise).
2. Line a 9 x 9" baking dish with parchment paper and spread the yogurt mixture in evenly. At this step, you can top with some complementing fruit.
3. Freeze for 3 to 4 hours until the mixture has fully hardened.
4. Lift the frozen block out of the pan and peel off the paper.
5. Cut into suitable sized squares using a sharp knife.
6. Store in freezer for the summer, with a maximum time shelf life of two months.
7. Serve as cubes to your dog or let them thaw a bit in their bowl for a soft served ice cream treat.

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.



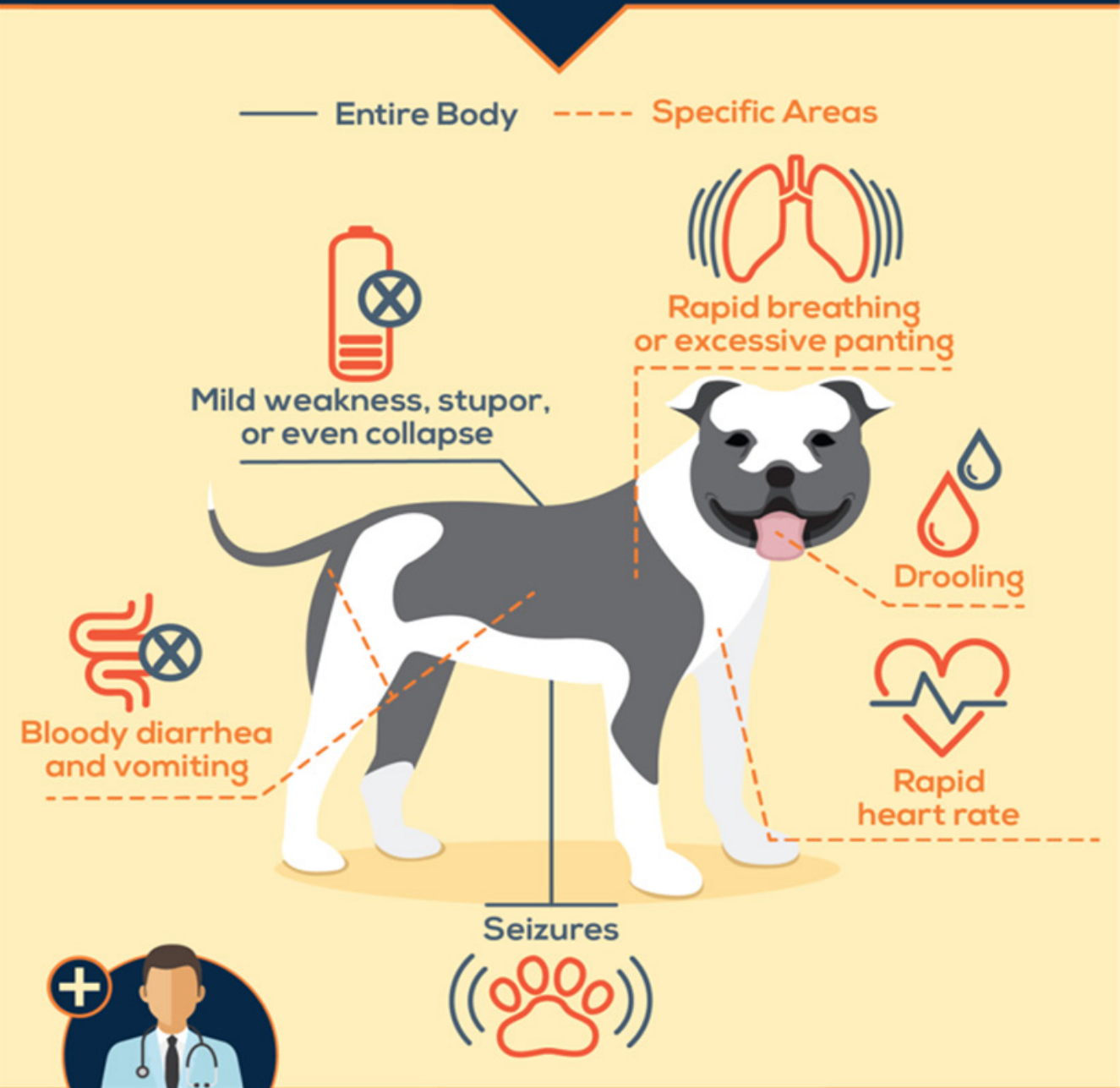
Pet food recalls

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.

SIGNS YOUR DOG MAY BE

OVERHEATING

Thirst isn't the only clue. Stay alert for these symptoms:



If your dog has **any symptoms, call your vet right away.**

Source: ASPCA.org

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 and belly bands

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.



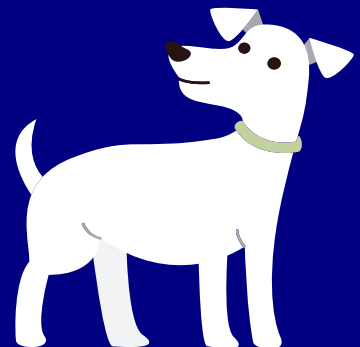
Did we loan you a belly band when you adopted your male greyhound? If you still have it, please wash it if needed and return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*. We like to keep some available for future loans and our supply tends to run out quickly.

Crates everywhere!

We've recently had several fold-up, black wire crates donated so we suddenly find ourselves with too many! If you or someone you know would like to buy one of our loaner crates, we are selling them for \$50 until our supply stabilizes. Please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* if you are interested.

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

GAGC Fall Family Day

Any and ALL greyhounds are welcome
(let's keep the little dogs home please)

Sept. 19, noon to 3 p.m.

*Keehner Park, 7411 Barrett Rd., West Chester
45069*

Bring a chair and blankie and enjoy the day visiting with our families and the W.V. kennel gals.

AGENDA

Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:15 p.m.: Greyhound Games (below is the list of categories)

Group Photo

2:30 p.m.: Raffle/silent auction drawing

The GAGC picnic in September will be a great time to socialize!



- FREE goody bag (one per family please)
- FREE Frosty Paws
- FREE lunch
- FREE water and soda
- Nail trims for \$10
- HUGE raffle/silent auction
- Wine toss
- Photographer taking family photos
- Pick up your GAGC 2022 calendars

Several vendors: Nature's Select, Mandy's Dog O Mat, Animal massages, Maria's T-shirts, Pines Cemetery, Heather's T-shirts, GAGC sellables

Greyhound Games Categories

- Oldest male and oldest female
- Twin greyhounds (male, female, and male & female)
- Greyhound adopted today
- Family resemblance grey/human
- Tallest male and female
- Shortest male and female
- Longest tail male and female
- Youngest greyhound
- Happiest tail greyhound

2022 calendar voting results

Thanks to all who participated in the calendar contest. The votes are in, and the winning photo for the cover was of **Remus Hex** and **Sirius**, owned by *Megan* and *Josh*. The name of the calendar will be "Greyhounds Are Greyt Companions (GAGC)". Your calendar orders will be available for pick up at our GAGC picnic in Keehner Park on Sunday, Sept. 19. For those who can't join us that day, we will establish alternate pick-up days in both the Dayton and Cincinnati areas and share the details via email.

The following voting results are in random order:

- Willow (Brenda Bowman)
- Chief (Kathy Berman)
- Levi (Dani Lunsford)
- Remus Hex & Sirius (Megan Golike)
- Dottie (Megan Lunsford)
- Nea (Heather McGuire)
- Maisy & Tess (Kris Pearson)
- Remi (Erin Williams)
- Lily, Odin, & Ace (Mel Reichle)

Calendar photo winner **Heart** is enjoying some pool time.



- Jack, Dewey, & Ace (Terri Barnard)
- Heart (Teresa Schmackers)
- Whiskey & Domino (Angie Blume)
- River (Leah Campbell)
- Pennix Pack (Brenda Pennix)
- Papi (Shirley Moran)
- Scout & Joey (Kaila Busken)
- Jerry (Adam Tieger)
- Niki (Suzanne Lloyd)
- Amy (Peggy Corrigan)
- Giddy (Kyle Conlon)
- Gemma (Michelle Padilla)
- Fiori (Susan Lawson)
- Magoo (Dennis Purcell)
- Petey & Katan (Kathy Evans)
- Colton (Sharon Schmetzer)
- Ash (Robin Corr)
- Kenobi (Jill Stahl)
- Rosie (Michele Merces)
- Luna (Ashley Hale)
- Coach & Misty (Miranda Grant)

Congratulations

Erika B. and Suzie L. are proud to announce that greyhound **Oscar** was awarded his Canine Good Citizen certificate on Aug. 10. Congratulations!

Thank you

We are so grateful to *Alan Schragar*, our Nature's Select distributor. He gives GAGC discounts on the food for our foster dogs and contributes to our organization in countless ways. Thank you, *Alan!*

Webmaster

We continue to receive compliments on our very professional looking website, all thanks to the expertise of our webmaster *Mike K.* He is a very important piece of the GAGC puzzle and we thank him for his continuing support.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

More dogs! After multiple schedule changes, *Brenda* was notified by the W.V. adoption kennel that they would have four females for *Marianne* to pick up in West Virginia on July 9: She wrote: "When *Brenda* said the haul would be four girls, I steeled myself for some grumbling as that many pups worked out spacing for the long drive. I could not have been more wrong! Other than joyful barks and wildly wagging tails when I met them at

Beautiful **Flying Daisy** is nearly recovered from a leg injury and will be ready for adoption soon.



the track adoption kennel, they could not have been calmer or quieter. **Charlotte (VJ Bosh It)**, a "cow dog," chose to stand and look out the windows for a long time, but then she joined **Electra (Dabo Electro)**, a sleek black girl; **Missy (Slatex Mistake)**, a red; and **Kyra (Valkyria)**, a fawn brindle, for a nap. Once at *Brenda's*, the energy was back, and the girls happily jumped out of the car and into retired life." We appreciate *Marianne* making that long drive for GAGC. *Brenda, Ron, Irene, and Kathy* were all waiting to help with the new dogs when they reached *Brenda's* house.

On July 18, *Brenda* and *Irene* each drove to Jackson to pick up males **Ain't Gonna Be Today** and **CET Frosty**, and female **Flying Daisy**. From *Irene*: A lovely early Sunday morning for a drive and we were off to get three pups. *Brenda* drove and my daughter *Tara* rode with me to meet the newbies. Arriving on time at our rendezvous, **Daisy**, a sweet little black pup with a pink bandage, was placed carefully into my car and off we went. She slept most of the way, but also enjoyed watching the sights from the back window. Sadly, she was not interested in chatting with us, so I did not point out the usual sites as we drove to the Pennix home. Happy forever home sweet girl. Here's *Brenda's* report: The weather was perfect as I drove to pick up two male retired racers. The boys were amazing, laying right down in the car for a very quiet drive home, where *Pat* and *Don, Andrea* and *Nate, and Ronda* and *Deron* met us to foster the newbies teaching them the pleasures of retirement.

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

Red male **Teedo** was just adopted on Aug. 22.



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:

July

Food winner: *Ronda and Deron R.*, foster parents to **Ain't Gonna Be Today**
Gift card winner: *Peg C. and Jason P.*, foster parents to **Salud Driver**
Gift card winner: *Breanna A. and Keith C.*: foster parents to **Dabo Electro**
Gift card winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **VJ Bosh It**

August

Food winner: *Peggy C. and Jason P.*: foster parents to **Salud Driver**
Gift card winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to **No More Crying**
Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **Valkyria**
Gift card winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **VJ Bosh It**

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 Isaac W.: **Slatex Mistake**

Andrea and Nate S.: **CET Frosty, FF White Bear**

Breanna A. and Keith C.: **Salud Driver, Dabo Elector**

Chrissy G.: **No More Crying (Cryer)**

Dana P.: **VJ Bosh It (Charlotte)**

Jami B.: **VJ Anna, Valkyria**

Leslie and Alan S.: **Killer Elrond (Ron)**

Pat and Don A.: **Flying Daisy**

Peg C. and Jason P.: **Salud Driver**

Ronda and Darren R.: **Ain't Gonna Be Today**

Stephanie S.: **FF White Bear**

Current foster dogs

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

Valkyria (Kyra): June 10, 2019; 2-year-old fawn brindle female

FF White Bear: Dec. 15, 2017; 3-year-old red female

Flying Daisy: Sept. 12, 2017; almost 4-year-old black 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

- **VJ Anna (Anna):** July 5 to *Vickie* and *Matt C.* of Kenwood

VJ Bosh It, now Zula, is really getting into this toy chewing stuff.



- **Slatex Mistake (Missy):** July 18 *Andrea* and *Isaac W.* of Beaver Creek
- **CET Frosty (Frosty):** July 27 to *Pat M.* and *Steve B.* of Edgewood, Ky.
- **Dabo Elector (Cosette):** Aug. 8 to *Sarah D.* and *Gabe C.* of Dayton
- **Salud Driver (Driver):** Aug. 8 to *Peggie C.* and *Jason P.* of Loveland
- **Killer Elrond (Ronnie):** Aug. 9 to *Leslie* and *Alan S.* of Kettering
- **No More Crying (Kyra):** Aug. 14 to *Mike* and *Mariella C.* of Middletown
- **VJ Bosh It (Zula):** Aug. 22 to *Meredith A.* and *John H.* of Cincinnati
- **Ain't Gonna Be Today (Teedo):** Aug. 22 to *Emily* and *Justin F.* of Cincinnati

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.](mailto:MelissaLohman7@gmail.com)

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.

Our Condolences



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



Orion



Spartacus

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 received the sad news that *Andrea R.* and *Nate S.* lost their boy **Torpedo** on July 6. They went for a hike in a shaded area and **Torpedo** began to struggle. He was improving after they got home but later started to decline. From *Andrea and Nate*: "By the time we reached the vet, he had passed. We're heartbroken and deeply miss our boy." We're so sorry to hear of this sudden loss.

Mel and Jon R. had to say goodbye to their 13-year-old cat **Monster** in early July. We send them our condolences.

We were so sorry to hear that *John and Sue K.* had to let their **Sally** go on July 17. At age 12, she had been struggling for a while. An ultrasound showed issues with her spleen, likely irritable bowel syndrome, thickness in intestinal wall limiting protein uptake, and more. Despite vet visits and consultations with experts, medications, and special food, they were not able to turn things around. We send them our sympathy.

We received word from *Erin and Josh G.* that their girl **Deco Bar Fire (Piper)** passed July 20. She had been seen for a pinched nerve in her neck and was on medication but then she took a turn for the worse. Soon she could not hold any food or water down and passed peacefully at only 6 years old. From *Josh*: I'm thankful to have spent four wonderful, happy years with her and she will always be a part of my heart.

Mike and Mariella C. said goodbye to 12-year-old **Orion** on Aug. 3. **Orion** started having health issues about eight months ago and his time finally ran out. From *Mike*: "We had to say goodbye to my best friend. He is no longer in pain and is now with his pack: **Houdini, Veda, Layla, Thyssen, and Trey**. They're running and chasing together." We send them our deepest sympathy.

We were notified that *Emily and Justin F.* had to have their **Spartacus** euthanized on Aug. 6. He had developed an aggressive splenic sarcoma and despite surgery and chemo, they were not able to save him. From *Emily*: We are so lucky to have adopted **Spartacus**. He has been

a joy to have in our lives and is simply a wonderful buddy and friend.

We received word in mid-August that *Frank* and *Beth H.* lost their boy **Shimme** about six months ago. We are sorry to hear of this loss and send them our condolences.

On Aug. 16 we heard the sad news from *Mike M.* that he had to put his boy **Kelso** down a few weeks earlier as he was no longer able to stand and walk. We send *Mike* our sympathy.

Heather C. informed us that her girl **Willow** died Aug. 18 at the emergency vet. **Willow** had been having some auto-immune issues that were under control until a flare up left her unable to breathe. Unfortunately, she couldn't be saved. We send *Heather* our heartfelt sympathy.

Aug. 23 was a sad day for *Lisa* and *Steve H.* They discovered their **Hope** had intervertebral disc disease that suddenly presented itself with pain and difficulty walking. Per *Lisa*, **Hope** also had some underlying conditions that did not make

her a good candidate for surgery, so they chose euthanasia before the pain was too severe. She was nearly 11 years old. We send them our sincere condolences.

We were sorry to hear that *Jane Y.* had to say goodbye to her **Lady** on Aug. 28 because of osteosarcoma. She had been diagnosed a week earlier when an X-ray revealed the cancer. *Jane* was controlling **Lady's** pain with medication, but it was time to let her go. **Lady** was 8 years old. We send *Jane* and her son our sympathy.

Megan and *Garion W.* shared the tragic news that their **Blink** passed away in the early morning hours of Aug. 31. She'd had some sudden health issues but testing at the vet didn't reveal the source of the problems. They took her home but *Megan* felt uneasy and slept on the floor with her. "When I didn't hear or feel her breathing I knew ... heart is broken." We're so sorry to hear of this loss.

We saw on Facebook that *Amy Tanaka* lost her battle with cancer. We send our sincere condolences to her family and friends.



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 and your memorial statement to us and we'll enter it in an upcoming newsletter. High-resolution photos are best.

Willow (Quirky Ricochet)

March 26, 2014 – August 17, 2021

Willow was pure joy in a greyhound's body. Every morning she woke up with excited barks and a happy dance to greet the day. She loved every person, dog, and cat she ever met and was excited to make new friends. **Willow** believed that all beds were dog beds and enjoyed all the comforts and treats of retired life. *Brenda* brought **Willow** into our lives shortly after I adopted **Switzi**, and she and **Switzi** were best friends from the start. She and my cat, **Watson**, also had a strong bond and often shared a bed when they napped. We are heartbroken that our time with her was way too short, but I am so grateful to *Brenda* and GAGC for finding her for us, and for the love and happiness she brought us. Run free, my Sweet Baby Girl; we miss you more than words can say.

—Heather C.



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 \$1,215.96. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

Kroger Reward Program

PLEASE 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



Chief looks like he's contemplating the universe—or watching for squirrels.



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:* **VJ Bosh It, Slatex Mistake, Valkyria, Flying Daisy**
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace:* **Killer Elrond, No More Crying**
- *Chris, Tom, and Annie (RIP):*
- *Christa, Kim, Leo, Annabelle, Shadow, and Marley:* **Salud Driver, Ain't Gonna Be Today**

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.*
- *Christa and Kim S.*
- *Bob R.*
- *Kevin L.*
- *Edye L.*
- *Leah and Braxton C.*
- *Pat M.*
- *Brad B.* and employer-matched donations by Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- *Corey S.*
- *Patricia M.*
- *Gretchen D.*
- Network for Good anonymous donations via Facebook
- Whole Foods Market
- Kroger
- Amazon Smile

Gift in honor of Waffle to celebrate what would have been his 12th birthday

- *Gretchen D.*

Gift as a thank you to Ronda & Deron for watching Bert

- *Kevin L.*

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Camille and Don A.* donated two greyhound coats
- *Ronda and Deron R.* donated their winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC
- *Bob and Cora F.* donated a large crate to the group
- *Erin and Dennis B.* also donated a large crate to GAGC
- *Liz A.* donated three very large high-quality beds, a large winter coat and several martingale leads
- *Dana P.* donated her winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC
- *Chrissy G.* donated her winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC



Snuggle buddies **Chevelle** and **Paloma** are a good looking pair.

Mark your calendars

Local Events

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

September **Greyhounds in Gettysburg**

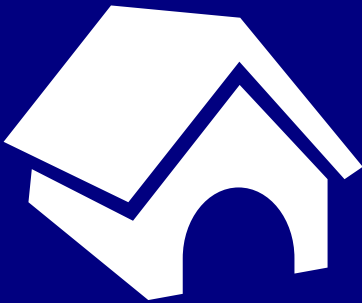
Sept. 23 – 26

www.greyhoundsingetysburg.org

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:

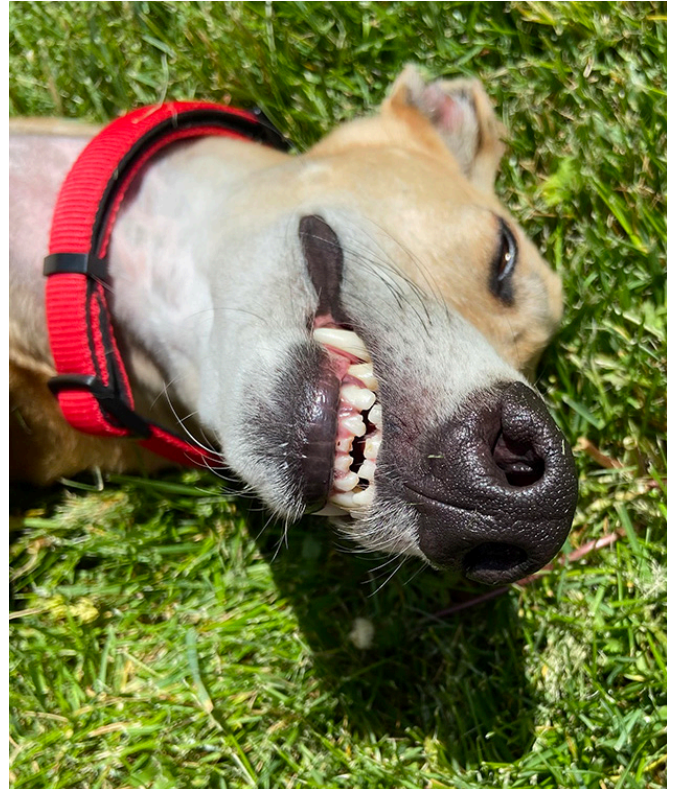
www.petswelcome.com.



Kenobi's beautiful eyes just draw you in ...

Just for fun ...


A different perspective:



Clockwise from top left: **Ursula** in full stretch mode; **Kenobi** letting his choppers catch some rays; foster **Teedo** getting way too familiar with **Zoe**; **Tera** has the droopy tongue thing going on.

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