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**Adopting a
retired racer:
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From the President ...



Ron and Brenda with their newly expanded pack: **Maggie, Crissy, Betsy, Hawkeye, and Harley.**

GAGC Families and Friends,

What a crazy time we are living in with the cold snowy weather to the pandemic never ending. I don't know about you, but without my greyhounds I would be sending this from the loony bin! Or maybe I am crazy for adding a new member to our pack—**Maggie!** She walked into our home and *Ron* and I both fell in love with her, and our other dogs accepted her after a couple days. She makes us laugh, which is a good thing these days. Anyway, I can't wait until you all get to meet **Maggie.**

We are so happy we can continue to get retired racers from our dog source in West Virginia. When she calls me with available dogs, we immediately say YES! Thanks to those who can foster and thanks to *Dr.*

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Moore for getting them ready for their forever homes! I am so thankful for ALL of you and for loving your greyhounds!

Brenda

On the cover: Beautiful **Willow** is wrapped up against the bitter cold in mid-February.

Greyt health & safety

Dog not eating? Possible causes and appetite solutions

from Fetch by WebMD

WebMD Veterinary Reference Reviewed by
Amy Flowers, DVM on August 30, 2020

Whether you've had pet dogs for years or you've just adopted your first puppy, it can be very distressing when your dog won't eat. There are a variety of reasons for loss of appetite in dogs. It's important

to determine the cause in order to design the best treatment plan.

The first thing to keep in mind is how you're judging your dog's appetite. If you're concerned because your dog isn't eating as much as the guidelines state on the [food](#) you purchase, remember that these are only averages. Many perfectly healthy dogs eat only 60% to 70% of the amount stated on the packaging.

Because loss of appetite in dogs can indicate illness, it is important to seek veterinary care if you notice changes in your dog's eating habits. It is especially important to respond promptly to a refusal to eat in dogs that usually eat well.

Even though most dogs can go a couple of days without [food](#) with no significant bad effects, it is best to address the problem as early as possible.

Reasons your dog won't eat

Just like in people, there are a variety of reasons dogs might refuse to eat. These include:

- **Illness.** A decreased appetite in dogs is often a sign of sickness, especially if your dog is exhibiting other symptoms at the same time. Although a loss of appetite in dogs doesn't necessarily indicate serious disease, prompt veterinary attention is important because it could be a sign of significant illness, including [cancer](#), various systemic infections, pain, liver problems, and kidney failure.
- **Dental disease.** Your dog may not want to eat because something in its



mouth is causing pain. Have them checked for a broken or loose tooth, severe gingivitis and even an oral tumor.

- **Recent vaccination.** Fortunately, vaccinations are available for many serious and contagious dog diseases. Although these injections have saved the lives of millions of pets in the past 100 years, they do sometimes have adverse effects. The majority of these are minor and brief, including a temporary loss of appetite in dogs.
- **Travel and unfamiliar surroundings.** If your dog's appetite was fine until you went on a trip with them or moved to a new location, it may be that your dog won't eat because of traveling or the unfamiliar surroundings. Some animals may get [motion sickness](#), and others become nervous or uncomfortable in new places.
- **Pickiness or [behavior issues](#).** Some dogs are just picky, or their refusal to eat may be caused by feeding them in situations where they aren't comfortable, such as around an aggressive dog or from a bowl at

an uncomfortable height. Because a decreased appetite in dogs may be caused by illness, never assume that your dog is picky without investigating other possibilities first.

What to do when your dog won't eat

What you can do to help when your dog won't eat will depend on what you and your veterinarian determine to be the cause of the problem.

If your dog's loss of appetite is caused by illness, the vet may recommend a prescription diet to meet your pet's nutritional needs while the underlying disease is being addressed. Sometimes these diets are not particularly tasty, especially if your dog is used to regular [treats](#) or [people food](#). If your dog is already ill, never starve your pet in an attempt to force it to eat the prescribed diet. Instead, talk with your veterinarian about alternatives. In more severe cases, your vet may prescribe appetite-stimulating medications, recommend syringe-feeding a liquid diet, or insert a feeding tube.

If your dog's decreased appetite is a behavior problem caused by pickiness or a discomfort with mealtime, rather than the result of a medical condition, there are a number of things you can do to encourage your pet to eat. These include:

- Cutting back on treats.
- Feeding your pet on a regular schedule, usually at least twice a day.
- Making mealtime a fun time for your pet, such as by playing with a toy that dispenses food or rewarding your dog with food for doing a trick.
- Taking your dog for a walk before mealtime.



- Changing your dog's feeding situation. If you normally feed your pet with other animals, try feeding them alone. Or try using different bowls or plates at different heights to see what your dog prefers. (You might even put a few pieces of food on the floor next to the feeding dish.)
- Trying a different kind of food, such as canned food if you normally feed your dog dry food.
- Add a bit of warm water to your dog's kibble to make it more appealing.

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Dog dental treats

from [FETCH by WebMD](#)

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From chewies to dental bones to dental diets, what makes the biggest difference for your dog's teeth, gums, and breath? Should you even be concerned about your dog's oral health?



Yes. Dogs can suffer from gum (periodontal) disease just like people, and it's not something to ignore. Dental problems in dogs can lead to loss of appetite and broken or lost teeth, and it may even damage other organs if bacteria get into the bloodstream through diseased gums.

Professional cleanings and [brushing your dog's teeth](#) are great ways to maintain oral health. [Dog dental treats](#) and special diets also may provide some oral benefits but using them comes with precautions.

The benefits of dog dental treats

Just as with humans, dogs can suffer from oral problems like:

- Bad breath
- Build-up of saliva, bacteria, and food on teeth (plaque)
- A hard yellow or brown residue on teeth (tartar)
- Swollen, bleeding, or irritated gums
- Pain

Improving teeth and gum health

Dogs that chew actively have less plaque build-up. And some types of dog dental treats and diets can reduce plaque by nearly 70%. How do they do this? Simply the mechanical action of chewing can make a difference. In one study, increasing the diameter of kibble by 50% led to a 42% reduction in tartar. In the same study, coating the products with a substance called polyphosphate further reduced tartar by 55%.

The Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) is an organization that evaluates pet products to see if they meet standards for reducing plaque or tartar. Approved foods, treats, and chews must

reduce plaque or tartar by at least 10% to achieve the VOHC seal of approval. If a chemical anti-plaque agent is used, it needs to reduce plaque or tartar by at least 20%. Go to vohc.org to see which products have received the VOHC seal of approval.

Reducing bad breath in dogs

It is not uncommon for a dog's breath to be slightly unpleasant. This is often the result of bacteria build-up in the mouth and can be a sign that your dog needs better dental or gum care. However, it's not a bad idea to check with your vet to make sure bad breath is not a sign of an underlying medical problem. In addition to professional cleaning and regular tooth brushing, certain dog treats are also formulated to help improve breath. Hard chew toys may also help. See what your vet recommends.

Types of dog dental treats and diets

A wide variety of dog dental treats and diets make claims of reducing plaque and tartar or improving breath. Some have voluntarily been tested and received the

VOHC seal of approval. Most are available in stores, but some you can only purchase through veterinarians. Here are the main types:

- Dental chews, bones, and biscuits. Greenies®, Del Monte Tartar Check® Dog Biscuits, Bright Bites, OraVet® Dental Hygiene Chews, and Vetradent Dog Chews are examples of edible products approved by the VOHC.
- Dog dental diets. Some dog food formulations help reduce plaque and tartar. They do this in a variety of ways. Some are made into larger kibble or a texture that resists crumbling, which creates a scrubbing action. Others have a special coating that helps prevent bacteria, reduce plaque, or discourage the formation of tartar. Ask your vet about these and special dental diets available only through the veterinary market.
- Dog chew toys. Although not edible, chew toys such as Kong® toys, Plaque Attackers®, or Gumabones® may be a good choice, especially for dogs that chew through edible treats too quickly.

Taking precautions with dental dog treats

Not all dental dog treats are created equal. Some are more effective or safe than others. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you're choosing a dental treat for your dog:

- **Make the right match.** Match the treat or toy to your dog's size, preferences, or personality. For example, aggressive chewers may need a product that is firmer.
- **Limit edible treats.** Depending on the type of edible treat, it may go down too fast to be of much benefit to your dog's teeth. And these treats



can quickly add lots of calories. The general rule is the smaller the dog, the fewer the treats. Ask your vet if you have questions about this.

- **Avoid hard bones and pigs' ears.** If your dog has diseased teeth, they are likely to break them on hard chews, hard plastic bones, sterilized beef bones, or cow hooves. Do not give your dog fresh bones with meat and cartilage because of the risk of bacterial contamination or ingestion of sharp bone fragments by aggressive chewers. Although pigs' ears are often a favorite of dogs, studies have not shown them to offer any dental benefits. They are also sometimes contaminated with bacteria.
- **Be careful with compressed chews.** Edible treats such as rawhide chews can help with dental health. But some dogs, especially aggressive chewers, consume them too quickly or may swallow pieces whole. This can cause choking or blockages. These products may also be contaminated or cause stomach irritation. Watch your dog while they are consuming these products. If your dog swallows a large chunk, contact your vet. And watch for signs of intestinal upset. Be sure to limit how much your dog—especially a smaller dog—consumes at one time.

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Midwestern Pet Foods voluntarily expands recall of pet food for Aflatoxin health risk

Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc., of Evansville, Ind., is expanding its Dec. 30, 2020, voluntary recall of certain dog and cat food products produced in our Chickasha Operations Facility to include all dog

and cat pet food products made with corn products because those products may contain aflatoxin levels which exceed acceptable limits. Products were distributed nationally to online distributors and retail stores nationwide. Midwestern Pet Foods is expanding its voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution to help protect the health and safety of pets. The products recalled cover all that expire on or before July 9, 2022, depicted as "07/09/22" in the date code on the product, as discussed below. Products with expiration dates after 07/09/22 are not included in the recall.

Aflatoxin is a toxin produced by the mold *Aspergillus flavus*, which can grow on corn and other grains used as ingredients in pet food. At high levels, aflatoxin can cause illness and death in pets.

There have been reports of illnesses and deaths in dogs associated with certain lots of products. No human illnesses have been reported. Out of an abundance of caution, we have expanded this recall to cover all corn products containing pet foods with expiration dates prior to 07/09/22.



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.

Greyt goods & services

Items for sale

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

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

Collars, belly bands, and crates

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

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

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

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

2021 Calendars

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

Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor program

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

 2021 GAGC CALENDAR 



AFTER THE RACE

GAGC News

2022 calendar contest

Please note this contest is for GAGC families ONLY. *Angie* is ready to start collecting photos for this year's May contest. There is a limit of FOUR photos per family. Winning photos will be in the 2022 GAGC calendar! *Angie* will accept photos starting now until her deadline of April 30. She'll post the photos online in May so we can all vote then for our favorite ones. Details on that process will go out to you in May. *Angie* requests the entries be non-professional candid shots (holidays, snow vacations, etc.). Highest resolution photos work best, and landscape size fits the calendar better than portrait size. They need to be sent in .jpg or similar format; if you have a printed photo you can mail those to her. Email your submissions to gagccalendars@yahoo.com.

Thank you

Our Nature's Select distributor *Alan Schragger* has been providing foster food to GAGC at no charge for many months due to the cancellation of our 2020 fundraising picnics. We are so grateful for his continued generosity and support. Thank you, *Alan*!

Thank you to *Carolyn S.* who continues to make belly bands for us to provide to foster families and adopters of male greyhounds. Some of her latest bands are patterned with dinosaur bones!

We are very grateful to *Justin S.* who has been helping GAGC secretary *Kathy* with an assortment of computer hardware and software issues. He's provided hours of support over the last several months

and everything is now running smoothly. (Fingers crossed.)

Webmaster

Many thanks to our webmaster *Mike K.* He maintains our very professional looking website and responds quickly to posting requests from *Brenda* and *Kathy*. *Mike* has also come to the rescue of GAGC president *Brenda* when she recently had some significant email issues. Thanks for your expertise, *Mike*. We appreciate you!

Find GAGC on Facebook



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

Visit our website at cincigreyhounds.org and

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

GAGC on Instagram

Our [Instagram](#) manager *Melissa*



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

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

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

Brenda drove to Jackson, Ohio, on Sunday, Jan. 10 to pick up three West Virginia females: **GLS Cuddles**, **GLS Maxie**, and **LK's Snowstorm**. Here's her account: Jan. 10 was a gorgeous sunny day for a trip to Jackson. I met our dog source with three beautiful females all looking for their forever homes. **GLS Cuddles** and **GLS Maxie** are sisters and still puppies not turning 2 until March. But I was surprised how calm they were. **LK's Snowstorm** is 4 and also calm. Nice ride home; **Cuddles** stood most of the way enjoying the view out the window. I often wonder what they are thinking and why am I leaving the only place I know. Well, I always tell them it is a start of a NEW life.

W.V. retiree **LK's Shadow Run (Bobbi)** helps *Marianne* drive to *Brenda's* on the Jan. 17 dog run.



The next trip to Jackson was on Jan. 17 when *Marianne* picked up three W.V. males: **Superior Kirkman**, **LK's Shadow Run** and **Chester W Nimitz**. Here's her input: The Jan. 17 dog run brought three good-sized boys to Cincinnati from West Virginia. Two 70-somethings plus an 83-pounder made me think we might need a bigger boat than my CRV, but they figured it out. Maybe it helped that one passenger, **Chester W Nimitz (Willow)**, shared the name of an admiral, and another, **Superior Kirkman (Captain Kirk)**, shared a nickname with another ship's captain. The third guy, **LK's Shadow Run (Bobbi)**, got in on the act by being my co-pilot for much of the drive. He guided me through a heavier snow shower as we came down I-71. Upon our arrival in Liberty Township, *Brenda*, *Ron*, *Kathy*, and a group of other helpers took over to move these nice boys into the next stage of their kennel-to-forever-couch journey.

After a weather delay from the previous weekend, *Marianne* made the drive to Jackson, Ohio, on a very cold Feb. 7 to pick up four W.V. females: **Fuzzy's Wellington (Wilma)**, **TMC's Risingstar**, **SE's MJ Flyer**, and **SR Benedict**. Here's her account of the drive: The Feb. 7 dog run brought four gorgeous girls to town. **Benedict**, **Flyer**, **Star**, and **Wilma** jumped out of the transport vehicle, and for a minute I felt like a maypole as they danced around me and wrapped me in their leads. With help from the W.V. folks who brought them to Jackson, we sorted out leads and loaded them in my car. **Star** found a spot and bedded down for the ride right away. **Flyer** did a bit of a sprawl

near the front seats. **Benedict** staked out the area between them, and **Wilma** stood for a while, not sure of the spacing. She was happy to get some ear scratches over my shoulder. When **Flyer** resettled a bit further over, **Wilma** was happy to lie down as well. They stayed that way until arriving at *Brenda's*.

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

Foster **AMF the Ferg**, call name **Petey**—and his overbite—are looking for a forever home.



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:

January

Food winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to

KB's Joyride

Gift card winner: *Breanna A.* and *Keith C.*, foster parents to **KB's Bangles**, **GLS Cuddles**, **Chester W. Nimitz**

Gift card winner: *Ronda* and *Deron R.*,

foster parents to **AMF Mathias**

Gift card winner: *PJ M.*, foster parent to

AMF Lonesome Gal

February

Food winner: *PJ M.*, foster parent to

Fuzzy's Wellington

Gift card winner: *Ronda* and *Deron R.*,

foster parents to **AMF Mathias**

Gift card winner: *Deb* and *Tim R.*, foster

parents to **Spencer**

Gift card winner: *Andrea* and *Nate S.*,

foster parents to **RMC's Risingstar**

Foster families

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

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

Breanna A. and *Keith C.*: **KB's Bangles**,

GLS Cuddles, **Chester W. Nimitz**

Brenda and *Ron P.*: **SE's MJ Flyer**

Chrissy G.: **KB's Joyride (Joy)**

Dana P.: **Superior Kirkman**

Erika B. and *Suzie L.*: **AMF Bumpkin**

Gretchen D.: **AMF Livnletdie (Elf)**,

LK's Snowstorm

Jamie B.: **AMF Line Dancer**

Jane Y.: **Atkins (Hopper)**

Jill and *Ben N.*: **MJT Boundtogo**

Kathy E.: **GLS Maxie**, **AMF The Ferg (Petey)**

PJ M.: **AMF Lonesome Gal, Fuzzy's Wellington (Wilma)**

Robin C.: **KB's Paw Patrol (Paw Paw), LK's Shadow Run**

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

Stephanie S.: **Sav's Valor T (Val), AMF Livnonaprayr, SR Benedict**

Current foster dogs

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

AMF Mathias (Bama): Oct. 19, 2018; 2-year-old black male

LK's Shadow Run: Aug. 18, 2016; 4-year-old white and black male

AMF The Ferg (Petey): Oct. 19, 2018; 2-year-old black male

Fuzzy's Wellington (Wilma): April 17, 2017; 3-year-old black female

TMC's Risingstar: Dec. 10, 2018; 2-year-old white and brindle female

Did you know that the adoption fee for any dog after your first GAGC greyhound is only \$150? Please contact your local placement representative (*Brenda or*

Handsome **Kodiak** is pretending to listen to his new family, *Honey and Dale*.



Kathy) if you are interested in adding one of these foster dogs to your family.

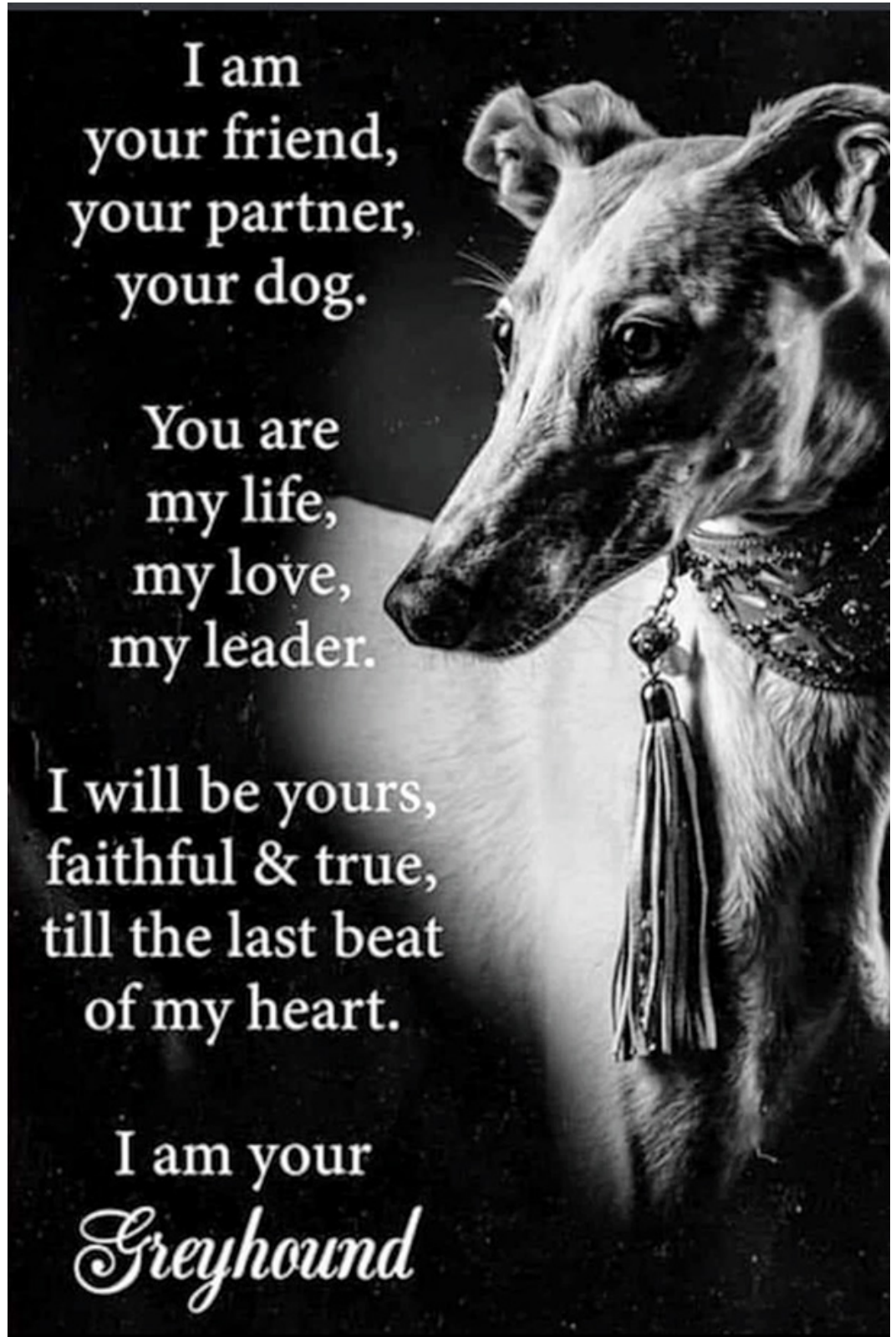
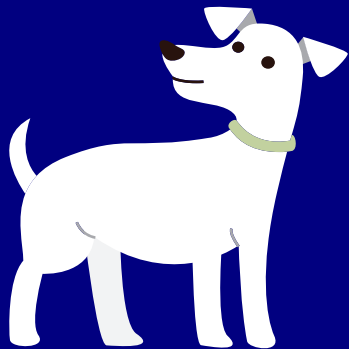
Recent adoptions

- **KB's Joyride (Julie Ann):** Jan. 6 to *Amy and Ed F.* of Covington, Ky.
- **AMF Livnonaprayr (Roo):** Jan. 9 to *Scott S. and Joseph L.* of Cincinnati
- **Atkins (Izzy):** Jan. 9 to *Scott S. and Joseph L.* of Cincinnati
- **KB's Bangles (Kodiak):** Jan. 9 to *Honey and Dale R.*
- **AMF Livnletdie (Elf):** Jan. 9 to *Angela and Greg C.* of Cold Spring, Ky.
- **MJT Boundtogo (Maid Marian):** Jan. 10 to *Chrissy, Cora, and Lea G.* of Englewood
- **AMF Lonesome Gal (Sweetie):** Jan. 11 to *Sheila and Jeff V.* of Piqua
- **GLS Maxie (Fenella):** Jan. 12 to *Shannon, Stuart, Lachlan, and Lirabella C.* of Blue Ash
- **AMF Line Dancer (Gia):** Jan. 13 to *Cindy and John F.* of Troy
- **KB's Paw Patrol (Paloma):** Jan. 13 to *Jaime, Ben, Finn, and Lucy C.* of Mt. Washington
- **LK's Snowstorm (Snowy):** Jan. 17 to *Denise and Larry U.* of Dayton
- **Chester W Nimitz (Chester):** Jan. 23 to *Julie M.* of Maineville
- **Superior Kirkman (Kai):** Jan. 24 to *Carrie and Paul J. and Patsy D.* of Dayton
- **AMF Bumpkin (Archer):** Jan. 24 to *Erika B., Suzie L., and Makayla C.* of Beavercreek
- **Sav's Valor T (Oliver):** Jan. 24 to *Christina and Andrew E.* of Cincinnati
- **GLS Cuddles (Luna):** Feb. 5 to *Ashley H. and Mitchell C.* of Cincinnati
- **SE's MJ Flyer (Maggie):** Feb. 14 to *Brenda and Ron P.* of Liberty Township

- **Soutache (Spencer):** Feb. 14 to *Deb* and *Tim R.* of Delhi
- **SR Benedict (Frankie):** Feb. 19 to *Karyn* and *John W.* of Mason
- **Recruit (Cruit):** Feb. 20 to *Rebecca F.* and *Virgil S.* of Dayton

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.



I am
your friend,
your partner,
your dog.

You are
my life,
my love,
my leader.

I will be yours,
faithful & true,
till the last beat
of my heart.

I am your
Greyhound

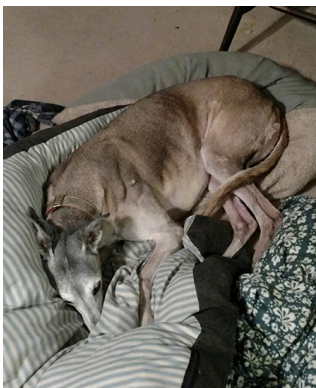
Our Condolences



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



Connie



Sugar

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 heard from *Janet S.* that her greyhound **Adel** passed away on Dec. 23. **Adel** had been suffering from congestive heart failure for some time and was having more bad days than good. From *Janet*: I loved her from the moment she trotted in the front door. Thank you for introducing me to the greyhound world.

We send our sincere condolences to *Mike* and *Debbie K.* who had to say goodbye to their girl **Solo** on Jan. 11. *Mike* let us know that nearly 12-year-old **Solo** had a significant stroke that left her unable

to use her back legs so they made the decision to end her suffering.

Our deepest sympathy goes to *Marianne* and *James S.* on the loss of their girl **Connie** on Jan. 18 to bone cancer. Shortly after Thanksgiving, **Connie** was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in her left femur. Her family watched for signs that her pain had become worse and then made the decision to let her go. From *Marianne*: Thank you for matching us with **Connie**, the perfect dog for us. We are heartbroken and grateful.

We were so sorry to hear that *Anne C.* had to say goodbye to her **Bella** on Feb. 1 also due to osteosarcoma. After the cancer spread, **Bella** let *Anne* know when it was time. From *Anne*: These greyhounds just steal my heart every time.

Our heartfelt condolences go to *PJ M.* who had to let her girl **Sugar** go on Feb. 6 after she suffered a lumbar stroke. *PJ* has **Sugar's** littermate **Walker** who is struggling with the loss of her constant companion.

We send our sincere sympathy to *Peggy C.* and *Jason P.* whose boy **Kyro** passed away in his sleep on Feb. 9 while *Peggy* was holding his paw. **Kyro's** health had been deteriorating for some time and they knew the end was close. From *Peggy*: He was such a gentle giant! Although we only had about three years with him, he was the kindest, sweetest greyhound that you could ask for and being **Furby's** brother didn't hurt either. We will miss him so!



Kyro

Our deepest sympathy goes to *PJM*, who had to say goodbye to her second greyhound in just over two weeks. Her girl **Kacey** had been battling osteosarcoma for a while and she let *PJ* know it was time, so she let her go on Feb. 24. We are so sorry about this double loss.

We got the sad news on Feb. 25 that *Jami B.* said goodbye to her girl **Piper**. **Piper** was 16 years old, which speaks to the wonderful care she received over the years. We are very sorry to hear of this loss and send the whole family our condolences.

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.



Coach Connie

Sept. 6, 2009-Jan. 18, 2021

Today, we held our girl **Connie** as she crossed the Bridge, seven weeks after the dreaded diagnosis of osteosarcoma. **Connie** had a gentle, loving spirit, making it easy to see why she never raced. She was a social butterfly with both people and dogs; there were no strangers, just friends she hadn't met yet. She had this adorable little head waggle that showed her joy when she welcomed us home, and she was quick to oblige with kisses when we asked or she thought we needed them. Though we are hurting and heartbroken, we are also grateful for the many ways she enriched our lives, for how she gave us her complete trust and affection. Run free and rest easy **Connie**, until we meet again.

—*Marianne and James S.*

Sugar (Coolsugar Walker)

June 6, 2009-Feb. 6, 2021

How I loved this girl! I first met her when she was a foster and I just loved her. She was very shy and hid in another room so she didn't have to deal with strangers. When she was returned and needed a new home, I said send her over! She got used to the other dogs, especially the girls. I had an elderly brood at the time named **Muffit**, and she took **Sugar** under her wing and helped her adjust. **Sugar** was very attached to her and mourned for a long time after **Muffit** passed.



About a year after getting **Sugar**, I got the opportunity to foster her sister. That was an amazing meeting. They definitely recognized each other and became inseparable right from the start. **Walker** was the more confident of the two and gave **Sugar** a lot of security. **Sugar** was less afraid of storms than **Walker** and helped her during thunderstorms. It was so much fun putting the two of them out and then watching them go down the sidewalk. **Sugar** would be trotting along very business-like and **Walker** was bouncing up and down beside her like "let's play!"

Sugar was very afraid of men and strangers. She would hide behind a recliner and then growl and bark. Once someone was here a few times she would get brave and try to approach them. She loved to sneak up behind **Gator's** late dad when he was here and then poke him with her nose. He would reach behind him and pet her. She was fine as long as they didn't make eye contact.

She loved my little black pittie **Allison** and they would lie on the floor facing each other and play bitey face. Once when **Allison** got distracted and **Sugar** wasn't done playing, she leaned over and grabbed **Allison's** leg, and **Allison** went back to playing with her.

She loved the spring and would be found lying in the sun on the first warm day. She kept an eye on me at all times and knew when I was sad or didn't feel well, and she would stand beside me for hours.

She became lead dog in 2017 and took her duties seriously. I was really hoping she would make it to 12 this summer, but that didn't happen. When we got up on Feb. 5, there was obviously something wrong. Her left back leg was dangling and she had trouble walking. She was worse when I came home from work and I knew she'd had a stroke. I had her at the vet first thing on Saturday, and by then she couldn't walk at all.

She was one of the best, and I will miss her for the rest of my life. The pack is in confusion since no one wants to step up and be pack leader. Like me, they all miss her. Thanks to *Kathy* and *Brenda* who got her to me.

—PJM.

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Finn is showing that he adores his mom *Julie*, even though she insists on taking his picture.



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

Foster Dog Sponsors

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

- *Marianne, James, Connie and Nati:*
Fuzzy's Wellington, SR Benedict
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace:* **GLS Cuddles, TMC's Risingstar**
- *Chris, Tom, and Annie:* **AMF Mathias**

Thanks for Your Support!

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

General Gifts to GAGC

- *Marianne and James S.*
- *Mel and Jon R.*
- *Melissa L.*
- *Scott S. and Joey L.*

- *Honey and Dale R.*
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- *Meredith R.*
- *Jaime and Ben C.*
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- *Kathy E.*
- *Chris W.*
- Amazon Smile
- *Peggy C. and Jason P.*
- *Maggie T.* (to help w/medical costs for rehome **Recruit**)

Recently adopted **Fenella** is ready for the cold weather in her Blue Ash home.



- *PJM.*
- *Tina S.*
- *Dorothy Lane Market*

Gift in memory of Connie

- *Marianne and James S.*
- *Mary S.*

Gift in memory of Sugar

- *Kathy E.*
- *PJM.*
- *Tina S.*

Gift in memory of Kyro

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- *Chrissy G.* donated her winning bag of dog food for fostering back to GAGC
- *Jayna and Joe L.* donated a crate
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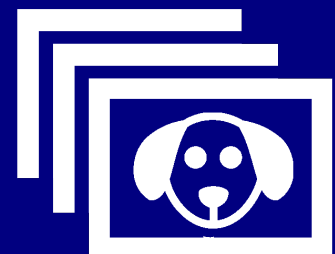
If you have good photos of your hounds, send them in as we might use them for the newsletter.

Send to Kathy at

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Mark your calendars

Local Events

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

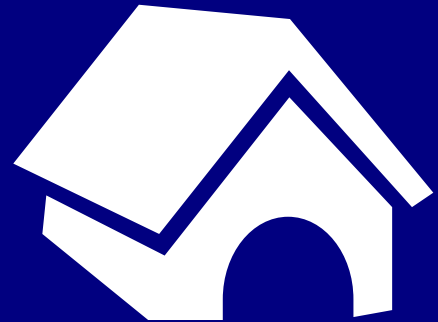
Out of town Events

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

September **Greyhounds in Gettysburg**
Sept. 23 – 26

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.



Foster girl **Star** (TMC's **Risingstar**) snuggles with resident greyhound **Rusty**.

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