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

From the president ...



Leslie, Brenda, Heather, Jon, and a whole bunch of greyhounds!

GAGC Families and Friends,

2020 is starting off slow with only eight adoptions so far this year, but we all know we'll start getting more applications soon. We have nine available retired racing greyhounds at this time waiting patiently to go home! Our foster families are greyt with helping these dogs transition into living in a home. As you know, the Florida greyhound racetracks will be closed by the end of this year, but we've been told that, as soon as August, there will be no more racing in Florida. So remember, this will definitely impact us getting available retired racers. On a positive note, we will continue our two GAGC gatherings, this year scheduled for May 16 and Sept. 27. This will be a time we give back to all of you who support our efforts.

Brenda

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On the cover: Photogenic Remi was adopted by Kathleen and Matthew in November.

Greyt Health & Safety

Winter baths for greyhounds

Option 1: Run warm water in the sink and add $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup baking soda, mix well until baking soda is dissolved. Use a terry cloth towel, soak and wring out well. Thoroughly wipe down the dog, moving both with and against the hair growth. Although the dog will hardly be damp, use the second towel to dry. They dry quickly, they smell good and there are no episodes of 'tub drunk' or tub fainting'.

Option 2: On a soft bristle brush, sprinkle small amount of baking soda, then brush the dog. You will also be amazed at the shine this puts on your dog's coat.

Water and your dog's health

from Fetch by WebMD

When it comes to your dog's nutrition, water is even more important than protein, fat, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals.

Your dog's body will naturally lose water all day. He loses water as he sweats through his paws and when he pants.

And he loses water when he pees and poops.

A dog that loses too much water—just 10% to 15% of the water in his body—can get very sick and even die. So that water he's losing needs to be replaced.

How much water is enough?

A good rule of thumb: Make sure your dog gets at least 1 ounce of water daily for each pound he weighs. That means a 20-pound dog needs at least 20 ounces of water every day. That's more than two cups, or as much as in some bottles of water or soda.

To help you keep track of how much water your dog drinks, make a note of how high you fill his water bowl and how far the level has dropped the next day.

Keep plenty of water available

Leave the water bowl where your dog can get to it easily. Since dogs can knock over the bowl while they're drinking, use one that's made to not tip and spill.

Clean the bowl daily. Refill often so the water supply stays fresh.

Whenever you and your dog are playing outdoors—especially when it's hot—bring cool water with you for him to drink. If your dog stays outside on hot days, add ice to the water bowl.

Some dogs are happy to drink from the toilet. But that isn't a clean source of water! Keep the toilet lid closed so your dog stays out.

Signs of dehydration

When dogs don't drink enough water or if they lose too much water, they become dehydrated. Older dogs and dogs that are sick, pregnant, or nursing can get dehy-



drated easily.

Symptoms of dehydration include:

- Little energy
- No interest in eating
- Sunken eyes
- Dry mouth

You can use these two ways to quickly check your dog for dehydration, too. If the response isn't normal, it's a sign of possible dehydration:

- Lift the skin on the back between your dog's shoulders. It should sink back to its normal place right away.
- Gently press on your dog's gums until the pressure creates a light spot. The normal color should come back right away when you remove your finger. Also the gums should feel slick and moist.

If you think your dog might be dehydrated, take him to the vet right away.

Prevent diarrhea in your dog

Many health problems can cause diarrhea, including infections from bacteria, viruses, and worms. A disease called parvovirus triggers severe vomiting and diarrhea. And because your dog will lose more water with diarrhea, diarrhea can lead to dehydration.

Keep your dog healthy. To help prevent these illnesses:

- Have your dog vaccinated regularly.
- Keep him away from old food and garbage.
- Talk to your vet about treatments to ward off parasite infections.

WebMD Veterinary Reference reviewed by Amy Flowers, DVM on May 09, 2019

Sources:

- ASPCA: "Nutrients your dog needs," "Dehydration," "Diarrhea," "Parvovirus."
- Fogle, B. ASPCA Complete Dog

RECALL

Pet food recalls

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

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.



Manual

- Humane Society of the United States: "Keep pets safe in the heat."
- American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation: "Dehydration and overheating in dogs."

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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

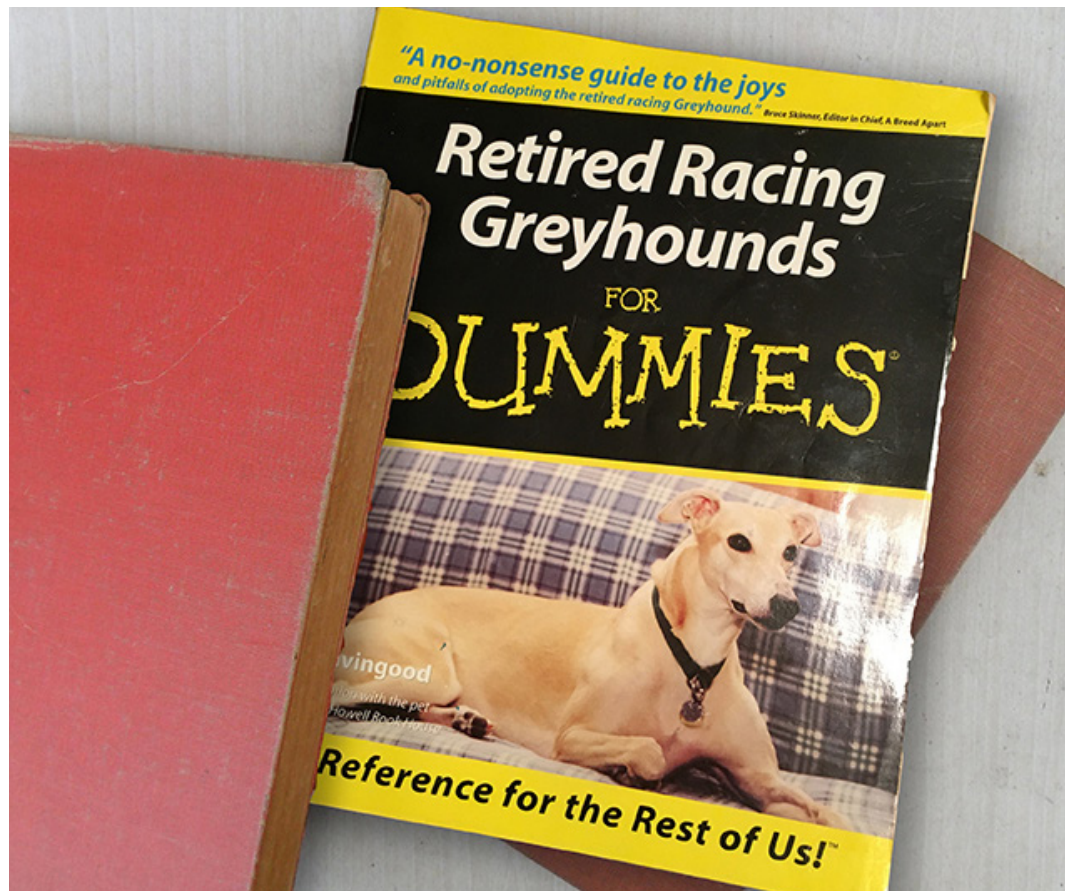
We really appreciate all of you who have returned your unwanted black combo leads and blue or red reflective tag collars to GAGC to reuse for future adoptions. Recycling these collar sets helps GAGC save money. If you no longer need yours, please return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*, or take it to any M&G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



GAGC News

2021 GAGC Calendar: now taking submissions!

It's that time! Submit your favorite candid shots of your greyhound family members no later than April 30. The pictures will be voted on at the annual GAGC picnic in May. After the votes have been tallied, the photos go to the printer and the calendars will be ready for pick up at the fall picnic. We usually start taking orders over the summer.

Again this year, we are taking submissions for the name of the calendar. Huggable Hounds, A Year of Greytness, and Greyt Expectations have been just a few. We will also vote on the name at the picnic. Please limit your calendar name submission to one suggestion per household.

We also have a Memory page for all of those greyt friends who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. If you have a

grey you would like to include, please send me their name and memorial date (and a picture if you like, just follow the submission guidelines below). This year, we will take submissions for those who crossed starting in June 2019 through April 2020.

Need to know information for calendar photos:

1. Picture size is important. We can do some size adjustment of pictures; however, if the picture is quite small or quite large, it may be difficult to get a good quality resolution. Please set your camera on the highest resolution possible when snapping shots of your greyhounds.

2. Pictures that are in landscape form (instead of portrait) are more likely to make the month photos (as opposed to the collages) in the calendar design. Don't worry—portrait photos can be submitted.

3. Candid, everyday shots are preferred. We avoid professional pictures for two reasons—we don't want to get into any problems with copyright or artistic infringement, and we want an even playing field for the pooches. Here are some suggestions that have done well:

- Holidays: Any holiday (Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Valentine's, Birthday, etc.)
- Seasonal: If you have a great shot of the beach, the snow, autumn leaves, throw it in.
- Quirky shots: Cockroaching, weird expressions, funny ears, etc.
- Cuteness: Big eyes, cuddling, etc.

4. Picture formats: Electronic formats (.jpg)

2020 GAGC CALENDAR



SIGHTHOUNDS ARE 2020

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or other similar format) are great and definitely preferred. However, we will gladly take print submissions:

- if the quality of the photo is good enough to scan, and
- the print is a copy, not an original. (In this case, we will endeavor to get them back to you.)

5. Please send up to **four** photos per household. If you have more and want *Angie* to choose, indicate that in your email.

6. If you submitted pictures last year and one was selected for the calendar, please do not resubmit it. If you submitted pictures which did not make the calendar, you may resubmit those pictures for voting.

7. Submissions may be sent to: *Angie Blume*, 109 Hunters Trace Frankfort, KY 40601 Email: gagccalendars@yahoo.com

Please note: *Angie* typically checks this email box once or twice a week and will send out a confirmation email once she has an opportunity to log the photos.

Gemma (KB's Werner) retired from Derby Lane racetrack in 2018.



We will send follow-up reminders to the email list. Please contact *Angie* at the address above or (513) 292-3367 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you

Thank you to *Irene's* cat **Rosie** for being our primary "test kitty" with the new dogs.

We appreciate *Carolyn S.* for making us belly bands for our boy dogs.

We always like to thank our webmaster *Mike K.* for his excellent GAGC website and his prompt response to requests for changes or input. We appreciate you, *Mike!*

We want to send a huge thank you to the families who donated to *Kami* and *Rich* to help them start a new life. They are trainers/kennel managers at Derby Lane racetrack in St. Petersburg, Florida, and have lost their livelihood with the closing of the track. We have gotten lots of retired racers from their kennel; they send us their favorites. We took up a donation to help them move back to Alabama and were thrilled with the amount collected. Thanks to *Sharon* and *Mark*, *Amanda* and *Nelson*, *Dennis* and *Holly*, *Alyssa* and *Dave*, *Debbie* and *Jami*, *Rich* and *Christina*, *Kathy*, *Adam* and *Megan*, *Irene*, *Tara* and *Kyle*, *Mary*, *Ron* and *Brenda*. This was *Jami's* idea—thanks! *Brenda* sent *Kami* and *Rich* the donations including a letter with all of the donors' names and short comments about their hounds with their racing names.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to *Miranda* and *Jacob* who were married on Dec. 27, 2019. Greyhounds **Coach** and **Misty** were happy to welcome *Jacob* into their lives.

Recent Events & Outreach

Bern's Nursery "Dog Days of Winter"

It was a cold, yucky day for an event, but we were treated like royalty at the Bern's Nursery "Dog Days of Winter" on Jan. 25. Thanks to *Debbie K.* and *Jami B.* for heading this up and greeting everyone stopping by our area. We had several GAGC families attend; the dogs loved getting together and visiting in the middle of winter! Here's a report from *Debbie* and *Jami*: Jan. 25 was a busy day for GAGC. We got four dogs delivered to *Brenda's* and also attended the Bern's event in Monroe.

In attendance at Bern's were: *Peggy* with **Furby**, *Valerie* with **Hardy**, *Will* and *Lindsey* with **Buddy**, *Adam* with **Marachino**, *Irene* with **Red** and **Millie**, *Connie* with **Maggie**, *Chris* with **Annie**, *Kelly* with **Anna**, *Jami* with **Chip**, *Debbie* with **Louie**, and *Brenda* with **Clark**. Big thanks to *Will* who walked **Clark** all over so he would sleep soundly for his overnight stay with *Brenda*. The greyhounds are always a big hit with the wonderful staff at Bern's and we appreciate them including us in their event.

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.



Find GAGC on Facebook



Have you visited the [GAGC Facebook](#) page? Visit our home page at www.cinci-greyhounds.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. 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.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

On Jan. 8, the Florida hauler drivers brought us two females: **XB Elevate (Ella)** and **Ramonda** and two males: **Underground** and **HeHa Say Wat**. *Brenda* got word early evening on the 7th that the hauler would meet her and *Irene* in West Virginia at 7 a.m. on the 8th. Here's *Irene's* report: "*Brenda* and I left our homes in the wee dark hours of the morning, so little to no traffic made driving a breeze. Four lovely, excited pups leaped from the hauler, took care of business and became passengers in vehicles with windows. **Ella** and **Ramonda** rode with me. They were so curious; neither could decide which window would give them the best view of the sunrise, farmland, 18 wheelers and other scenery. **Underground** and **Say Wat** did much the same with *Brenda* except the boys got an extra pit stop on the

Irene at *Dr. Moore's* office with **Misty Rosa**, **RS Gold Finger**, **RS Libby Lee**, and **Cobi's Big Bug** after the Feb. 8 dog run.



way home. We arrived at *Dr. Moore's* office around 11:15 where *Kathy* met us to help with weighing, pottying, and photos. *Carrie*, who works for *Dr. Moore*, had prepared their beds, food, and water. Lucky will be the families that get adopted by these pups."

On Jan. 25, four Florida dogs arrived at *Brenda's* house: females **Super C Allison** and **O Ya Carol Ann**, and males **Super C Command** and **NB's Finalgoodbi**. Here's *Brenda's* account of the day: Jan. 25 was a greyt day. We knew four, then six, then back to four dogs were coming to my house from Florida. We were told noon, then 2 p.m., then finally at 4 p.m. they arrived! Because of our anticipation of getting more retired racers, several of our families asked if they could come see them get off the hauler. *Ron*, *Jon*, *Irene*, *Kyle*, *Debbie*, and *Jamie* were here with me to welcome the newbies. Also helping so they could see the hauler were *Valerie*, *Will* and *Lindsay*. All four of the hounds jumped off the hauler and then realized it was cold. We pottied them, fed them, and pottied them again, then *Jon*, *Ron* and I took them to the vet where *Kathy* and *Jenna* met us. We weighed the dogs and got them settled into the kennel. *Dr. Nicole Moore* will spay/neuter them on Monday and Tuesday, then they go to their foster homes, and next stop will be their forever homes! What a long journey, but so worth the wait!

Our favorite Florida dog source sent us five more dogs on Feb. 8: males **Cobi's Big Bug**, **WW Scion**, **RS Libby Lee** and females **RS Gold Finger** and **Misty Rosa**. From *Irene*: On the road again ...

this time it was *Ron* and me making the run to Mardi Gras Racetrack and Casino. The day started in the wee hours of the morning, still dark and with the threat of snow. West Virginia welcomed us with a beautiful golden, orange sunrise. It didn't last long, but our five wonderful pups arrived and bounded off the hauler and we were beaming even though the sun didn't cooperate. The girls (**Misty Rosa** and **Goldfinger**) and the three boys (**Bug**, **Libby** and **Scion**) quickly did their business and hopped into our cars. The girls and I were in the lead most of the way to *Dr. Moore's* office. **Goldfinger** was the lookout as she stared out the back window to make sure *Ron* and the boys were following us. **Misty Rosa** was just interested in sleeping until the back wiper interrupted her beauty nap. Thank you to

Handsome **Scion** was adopted by *Becky* and *Andy* on Valentine's Day.



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Dr. Moore and her staff for waiting for us after hours. To our wonderful passengers ... a new chapter in your lives has begun. Happy forever homes.

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 monthly drawing for a bag of Nature's Select or a \$50 gift card!

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

January

- Food winner: *Jane* and *Ethan Y.*, foster parents to **XB Elevate**
- Gift card winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Underground**
- Gift card winner: *Breanna A.* and *Keith C.*, foster parents to **He Ha Say Wat**
- Gift card winner: *Sarah* and *Doug T.*, foster parents to **GS Sid**

February

- Food winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **Cobi's Big Bug**
- Gift card winner: *Anne C.*, foster parent to **NB's Finalgoodbi**
- Gift card winner: *Megan* and *Josh S.*, foster parents to **NB's Finalgoodbi**

- Gift card winner: *Jim P.*, foster parent to **Braxton**

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:

- *Anne C.*: **NB's Finalgoodbi**
- *Breanna A. and Keith C.*: **HeHa Say Wat, RS Libby Lee**
- *Brenda and Ron P.*: **Underground**
- *Cameron L. and Evan E.*: **Ramonda**
- *Chris and Tom P.*: **GS Frances**
- *Faye and George H.*: **Super C Allison, RS Goldfinger**
- *Gretchen D.*: **Underground**
- *Jami B.*: **Cobi's Big Bug**
- *Jane and Ethan Y.*: **XB Elevate, O Ya Carol Ann, Misty Rosa**

RS Gold Finger is looking for a home to call her own.



- *Jim P.*: **Braxton**
- *Kathy E.*: **WW Scion**
- *Megan and Josh S.*: **NB's Finalgoodbi**
- *Pam and Mike H.*: **Super C Command**
- *Robin C.*: **Don't Cry**
- *Sarah and Doug T.*: **GS Sid**
- *Valerie V.*: **RS Gold Finger**

Current foster dogs

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

- **Don't Cry**: March 17, 2018; almost 2-year-old red female
- **Underground**: Jan. 11, 2018; 2-year-old red brindle male
- **Super C Command**: Nov. 1, 2017; 2-year-old dark brindle male
- **NB's Finalgoodbi**: Dec. 19, 2016; 3-year-old red brindle male
- **Cobi's Big Bug**: Nov. 18, 2016; 3-year-old white and red male
- **RS Libby Lee**: March 2, 2017; 2-year-old white and red male
- **RS Gold Finger**: May 15, 2016; 3-year-old red female
- **Misty Rosa**: Aug. 14, 2018; 1.5-year-old red 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

- **GS Sid (Sid)**: Jan. 12 to *Sarah, Doug, and Emily T.* of West Chester
- **XB Elevate (Ella)**: Jan. 12 to *Sharon and Mark S.* of Cincinnati
- **GS Frances (Bailey)**: Jan. 13 to *Katie S.* of Cincinnati
- **He Ha Say Wat (Watson)**: Jan. 25 to

Theresa L. of Clayton

- **Ramonda (Aziza):** Jan. 28 to *Sharon and Mike A. and Sharon's dad Charles P. of Kettering*
- **O Ya Carol Ann (Clementine):** Jan. 31 to *Emma P. and Juliana M. of Northside*
- **Super C Allison (Natalie):** Feb. 7 to *Kelli W. and Ryan W. of Dayton*
- **WW Scion (Scion):** Feb. 14 to *Becky and Andy S. of Washington Township (Dayton area)*



Foster **NB's Finalgoodbi (Bi Bi)** wants his future family to know he's a good boy with lots of potential. Are you interested?

Our Condolences



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



Dahlia



Joey

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 condolences to *Dawn* and *Stephen F.* *Brenda* saw on Facebook that *Dawn's* mother passed away late last year after a long illness.

We were so sorry to hear that *Suzanne B.* and *Chris K.* had to put their 12-year-old **Dahlia** down before the holidays. **Dahlia** had lost weight and started having significant breathing problems and they made the difficult decision to end her suffering.

Our sympathy goes to *Beth* and *Jerry C.* who notified us that they had to say goodbye to their girl **Cherry** on Jan. 7.

We were sorry to hear that on Jan. 13, *Kevin* and *Brittany F.* had to let their Labrador **Zeus** go. Their boy had been fighting several health issues for some time and he let them know when he needed to stop.

Osteosarcoma took sweet **Joey** on Jan. 14. We send our heartfelt condolences to *Lauren* and *Ryan W.* They had discussed a variety of treatment options but recognized euthanasia was the best choice for **Joey**. From *Ryan*: "We gave him a nice Tuesday morning which included a car ride with his head out of the window, steak, hash browns, eggs, a Starbucks puppachino, an absurd amount of peanut butter, and a pint of double chocolate ice cream (he always begged for chocolate, but couldn't have it so we figured why not let him try it)."

On Feb. 7, *Gary H.* contacted us with the very sad news that his wife *Vickie* passed away after a two-year struggle with cancer. This family fostered several dogs for us and really loved greyhounds, and *Gary* asked that friends and family make donations to GAGC in *Vickie's* memory. We send him our sincere condolences.

Also on Feb. 7, we were notified of the passing of *Jack S.* Our sympathy goes to his wife for her loss.

GAGC adopters *Theresa* and *John F.* notified us on Feb. 10 that their sweet **Daisy** broke her leg while in their back yard and the vet indicated that it was from bone cancer. We are so sorry for their loss.

PJM. has adopted many greyhounds from us and, on Feb. 17, she had to say



Daisy



Cameron

goodbye to one of her favorites. Beloved **Cameron** had been diagnosed with bone cancer and let *PJ* know it was time to end the fight. We send her our heartfelt condolences.

Jill and Ben N. had to euthanize their **Sammie** on Feb. 19. After a roller coaster ride of symptoms and treatments, an ultrasound revealed two inoperable, aggressive tumors in her small intestine. From *Jill*: "It all happened so fast! It was such a shock! She had been so strong, healthy, and vivacious just a few days

before all this. I cannot thank you enough for introducing her to us and for the incredible work you do for these dogs." We are so sorry to hear of this tragic loss.

We saw on Facebook on Feb. 20 that *Lisa P.* lost her boy **Gabe**. We're sorry to hear this sad news.

Also seen on Facebook was the news that *Jim P's* father passed away at age 83 on Feb. 21 after an extended illness. We send our sincere condolences to *Jim*.

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.

Dahlia

This fall we had to say goodbye to our sweet girl, **Dahlia**. She had been failing for weeks, and we made the difficult decision to let her go. **Dahlia** was a brood who never lost her spunky, motherly nature. She was a staunch defender of our fence line, but was also great with kids and our other greys. She won **Daisy** over to become her cuddle buddy, and she loved **Wish** from the day we adopted him. Our older cat watched out for her, meowing loudly to announce when she was ready to come in from the

backyard. Our younger cat curled up by her bed, content to snooze in her company. **Dahlia** loved to be petted, and would soak up any and all affection. As she got older, she wanted to be with us at all times. It was like she was drinking it all in, making the most of every moment. **Dahlia** had a huge heart, and leaves an equally huge hole in our hearts. We like to think she is now romping free and easy with **Daisy**, across the Rainbow Bridge.

—*Suzanne and Chris*



Daisy (San Tan Darkness)

Oct. 27, 2009 – Feb. 9, 2020



Daisy was our second foster, then fail. She was the one who would run our group and became **Ares'** wife. She would always bark and chase him when he came in from outside and became my heart dog after **Ares** passed. As far as the bed, it was her and **Fawna** fighting over who would be at the head of it between *Theresa* and me. She had a habit of ignoring me or *Theresa* at times and we could get her attention by holding her tail. She did not like her paws messed with. That made for a very interesting event at the vet when it took four to hold her down to trim her nails. For those reasons we nicknamed her Princess.

On Feb. 9 she was outside and broke her front left leg. A trip to the emergency vet showed she had what appeared to be cancer and I had to let her cross the bridge. You are missed, Princess.

—*John and Theresa F.*

Cameron (Easi Cameron)

Jan. 26, 2010 – Feb. 17, 2020

I first met **Cameron** in the fall of 2012 at the puppy farm in West Virginia. *Kathy* and I hauled him to Cincinnati to drop him at the vet. As we went down the mountain, he decided he didn't like being in the back of my RAV so he started climbing over the seat. We had to stop before we got to the highway and unload the car, put the dog in the back seat and our stuff in the back and resume our trip. Well, that wasn't good enough for him either. He wanted to be with us. About an hour of travel and we stopped and *Kathy* got in the back seat with him. He was very happy about that and



settled down. After awhile he fell asleep and then disaster struck. He rolled over on to his back, slid off the seat and was laying on the floor of the car, legs in the air and a goofy grin.

That was so typical of the dog I was lucky enough to call mine. He was adopted and then returned a few months later. He found a great second home and was happy there. That owner had to give him up because her job changed. *Kathy* asked me to foster him, since he had been at my house recently for a week. He came in the spring of 2016 and never left. He was so happy with the other dogs, he loved when we had extra ones, and he got along with everyone. Meet and greets were his favorite. He would be surrounded by teenage girls petting and

hugging him, and he would roach and just grin.

He always knew when I needed his love and would stand patiently by me. He was especially close to **Teague**, who I found out later was his half-brother. He loved the big cats and later the little cat, and he was buddies with both my pitties. I have a picture of him curled behind **Allison** the night before she died, just hugging her and being there. He was that kind of dog.

He broke his toe in October and it healed just fine, then in November I noticed his leg joint looked a little swollen. I thought it was something related to the toe. When it got bigger I took him to the vet, and he had a tumor on his bone. I was crushed. He wasn't even 10 yet. He went on pain meds and was fine for a couple weeks. The tumor grew slowly at first and he was fine. He limped sometimes and did not even try to run in the yard. He made it six weeks from his diagnosis and every day was a good one for him. He even chased a squirrel on three legs! The last few days he was tired although his appetite was great. Then the tumor shifted and I figured the cancer was going to start spreading so we said our goodbyes and, on the 17th, I let him go. I know he is happy at the Bridge, hanging with **Hal**, **Allison**, and his friend **Joey**. And I know he will be the first one to meet me someday.

He was beautiful, kind to all creatures, and loved to be with people. Rest in peace, sweetheart.

—PJM.

Joey

Joe was our first greyhound. We began our adventure together just before his third birthday. What a wonderful heart! **Joey** had an easy-going and lovable spirit that effortlessly endeared himself to us and our entire extended family. Five years later:

cancer. The loss of **Joey** feels cruel and markedly unfair. We have mourned his absence in the usual way, but that hollow, numb feeling seems to remain just below the surface. We will always remember his kind, goofy nature as a cherished member of a loving family. Of the many pleasures he enjoyed in retirement, his favorites were couch cuddles, surveying his backyard, catching rabbits and letting them go, and bananas. We are very lucky to have been blessed to know such a rare soul and genuine companion.

—Ryan and Lauren W.



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 \$1,183.31. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

Kroger Reward Program

PLEASE re-enroll in the Kroger Com-

munity 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

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:

- *Marianne, James, Connie & Nati: Don't Cry, GS Frances, He Ha Say Wat, NB's*



Couper and **Katana** at the Centerville Meet & Greet.



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- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly and Ace: Don't Cry, Super C Allison*
- *Melissa, Deco and Bianca: GS Sid, Ramonda, Braxton*
- *Peg, Jason, Furby, Dora, Amy and Kyro: Super C Allison*

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.*
- *Jenna and Chris T.*
- *Dan R.*
- *Kristine D.*
- Kroger
- *Vickie and Gary H.*
- *Mary S.*
- Network for Good anonymous donations via Facebook
- *Pam and John T.*

Big Lou with his goofy ear was a Patriot Kennel favorite.



- PetSmart
- Amazon Smile
- *Stephanie S.*
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- Resonate Foundation (matching gift with *Melanie and Terry B.*)
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Gift in honor of Steven Curtis

- *Stephanie S.*

Gift in honor of Bodie & all the sweet dogs who joined Fiona & Taj at Rainbow Bridge

- *Mary S.*

Gifts in memory of Vickie Haley

- *Judith D.*
- *Diane P.*
- *Margaret O.*
- *Roberta Y., McMaster-Carr Supply Co.*

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Karen and Jason B.* donated eight winter coats, two raincoats, several collars, leashes, and some toys
- Centerville PetSmart donated dozens of packages of premium treats
- *Anne C.* donated her winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC

Mark your calendars

Local Events

March Heart Mini Expo, Duke Energy Center

Saturday, March 21 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We'll be in the lobby in Hall B. The dogs love all the attention they receive! It is carpeted which makes it even nicer for the hounds.

May GAGC Family Picnic, Keehner Park, West Chester

Saturday, May 16 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We'll share lots of details as the date gets closer.

Madtree Brewery Market Place

June *Saturday, June 13, July 11 and Aug. 8 | 1 p.m.*

This is a place to gather in the summer months for a nice social visit with our greyhounds. The Market Place, which has local vendors, will be set up between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 3301 Madison Road.

Great Global Greyhound Walk, Sharon Woods

Sunday, June 14 | 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

September GAGC Family Picnic *Sunday, Sept. 27 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

October Iron's Fruit Farm, Lebanon *Sunday, Oct. 11 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.* *Saturday, Oct. 24 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

Out-of-State Events

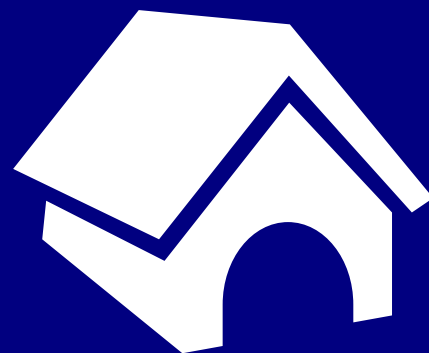
May Greyhounds in Gettysburg, Penn. *April 30 – May 3* www.greyhoundsingettsburg.com

Mountain Hounds in Gatlinburg, Tenn. *May 28 – 31* www.gfncmountainhounds.com


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

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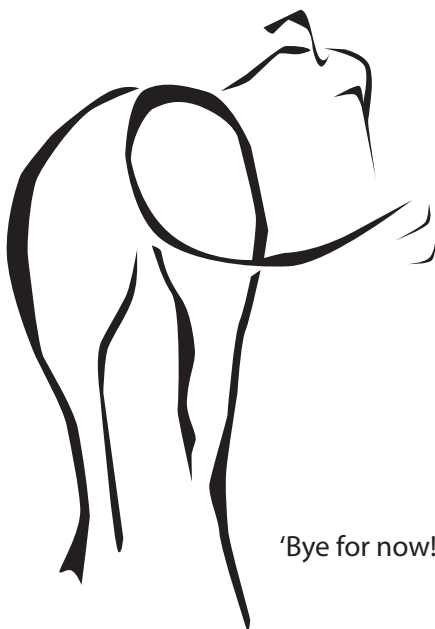


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