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From the President ...



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

GAGC Families and Friends,

I can't believe two months of 2022 is already past! Fifteen greyhounds have already been adopted this year. Losing our **Crissy** in January seems like a bad dream; I still look at her favorite bed thinking she should be there. The photo reflects the eye contact we had together! Unfortunately, several of us have recently gone through the same emotions after losing our furry family members. Anyway, let's all look forward to our May 21 event. We'll be celebrating 20 years of finding good homes for these grey dogs. What an honor it has been to be part of such a greyt organization and the best families ever. Did you know we have around 500 families that make up GAGC? We have a good reputation with other groups and

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at the track, with breeders that trust us to find great homes for their retired racers.

Brenda

On the cover: Beautiful **Rushing Legend**, now called **Freya**, strikes a pose.

Greyt health & safety

Why dogs can't eat grapes

from Fetch by WebMD

By Jeffrey Weishaupt

Reviewed by Vanessa Farner, DVM on Jan. 4, 2022

Can dogs eat green grapes?

When dogs eat grapes of any kind and in any form, they are at risk of [kidney \(renal\) failure](#). All types of grapes, whether cooked, seedless, peeled, dried, or fresh, are toxic to dogs, even in small amounts.

You should also avoid giving your dog any grape products such as raisins, juices, jelly, or jam.

What should you do if your dog eats grapes?

Since there isn't a well-established toxic dose of grapes for dogs, even very low amounts of it could be harmful to your

pet. For example, an amount as low as 0.3 ounces of grapes per pound of body weight could also cause various symptoms of food toxicity.

If your dog consumes even tiny amounts of grapes, you should contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. They may be able to induce vomiting so your pet is in the clear instead of waiting for serious symptoms that can be fatal. Keep an eye out for serious symptoms such as increased blood pressure, nausea, and vomiting.

If you are unaware of the food product that your dog has consumed, it is wise to induce vomiting. However, if your dog has trouble breathing or exhibits any signs of distress, you should visit the vet as soon as possible.

Your dog will need prompt care since there isn't an antidote for grape poisoning. The veterinarian can induce vomiting just after ingestion. It will help remove the grapes from the dog's system. Your vet may also suggest giving your dog activated charcoal to help minimize the absorption of toxins in the intestines.

What are the symptoms of grape poisoning in dogs?

Acute symptoms develop within 24 hours of eating the fruit. Initial signs of grape toxicity include weakness and loss of appetite.

Severe signs of kidney failure are noticeable 24 to 48 hours after eating the fruit and include abdominal pain, nausea, and uremic breath (fishy odor). Here are



some other signs of grape poisoning:

- Vomiting
- Anorexia
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy
- Increased thirst
- Excessive urination
- Anuria (no longer peeing)
- Dehydration
- Mouth ulcers
- Coma
- Seizures
- Oliguria (decreased urination)

If you suspect that your pet has eaten grapes or raisins and you observe any of these symptoms, you should take your dog to the hospital as soon as possible.

How do I prevent grape poisoning in my dog?

Grapes, raisins, currants, and sultanas should never be fed to dogs. You should also make sure your dog does not consume raisin bread, grape juice, or



grape jam and jelly. Be aware that some protein bars contain raisins, making them a source of toxicity to your dog.

The best way to prevent grape toxicity in dogs is to keep these food items away from your pet. Make sure that family members and friends visiting your house are aware of the risk of giving grapes or grape products to dogs.

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7 Things to know about pet insurance

by Sara Ventiera, AARP, January 19, 2022

Policies can help keep veterinary costs down, but may not cover everything

When Karen Hopper, 57, of Cooper City, Fla., looked into pet insurance for Rusty, her 5-year-old Staffordshire terrier, it didn't seem worth the cost.

Rusty had a knee injury from jumping off the bed when he was 2 years old, and the plan Hopper was offered through her job wouldn't cover preexisting conditions. Since she'd probably be dealing with the repercussions of Rusty's torn ACL for years, why pay a monthly fee when those expenses wouldn't be covered?

But less than a year later, Hopper had to charge a \$4,000 surgery to remove a piece of rubber lodged in Rusty's abdomen on her credit card. "I was like, 'Maybe I should've gotten the insurance,'" she says.

Many dog and cat owners struggle with whether to buy pet insurance. Between coverage limitations, high deductibles, network constraints and wellness options,

navigating the pet insurance industry can be as challenging as making sense of human health insurance. So, is it worth it?

While Hopper and others address health issues as they arise and hope for the best, some pet owners say the monthly premiums for pet insurance actually relieve stress.

A growing pet insurance industry Researching pet insurance policies and plans?

If you're thinking of investing in pet insurance, here are seven things to consider.

1. Ask your breeder, rescue organization, or vet if they can recommend an insurer—or consider bundling your policy with your car, homeowners or another existing policy.
2. Generally, the higher the deductible, the lower the premium. Your deductible decision should be based on how much money you could comfortably come up with in case of emergency.
3. If you're thinking of purchasing pet insurance, it's better to do so before

your pet is diagnosed with something serious. Pre-existing conditions

may not be covered.

4. Be mindful of lifetime or annual cap limits. "A cap can really get you in trouble," says Colleen Stratton, who spent thousands on medical treatments for her cat.
5. While most plans cover dogs and cats, some plans will cover exotic pets like lizards, birds, rabbits and other creatures. Be sure to do additional research if you're looking for coverage for those animals.
6. Wellness plans that cover vaccines, grooming and other routine services will cost more per month, but they can help owners budget month-to-month pet expenses.
7. Be sure to read the fine print so you know what a plan does and does not cover.

According to the "2021 State of the Industry Report" from the North American Pet Health Insurance Association (NAPHIA), the industry is growing annually by an average of 23.4 percent. Around 3.45 million pets were insured across the United States and Canada by the end of 2020.

After Colleen Stratton's cat Pyewackett cost her thousands of dollars—which she borrowed from her father—for a hyperthyroid treatment, she took out an insurance policy on Pyewackett as well as her second cat, Sho-Zen. "It was a godsend," says the resident of Glendale, Ca., "because Sho-Zen started having health problems and slowly deteriorated over a period of three years."

Her Pets Best Insurance plan, which cost \$60 a month for two cats a decade



ago, paid 80 percent of the bills after a \$500 deductible. Now those cats are gone, and Stratton has two young healthy felines—and a premium that jumped from \$87.32 to \$127.68 per month this year for reasons she still does not understand. Stratton is weighing whether or not to keep the plan, increase the deductible, shop around or put that money into an emergency savings account. “I keep researching,” she says. “But there is something comforting about knowing I have pet insurance, and I’m afraid to cancel it.”

That sense of comfort is the reason many pet owners opt in.

“Pet insurance is a financial product, but it’s also an emotional product,” says Kristin Lynch, executive director of the NAPHIA. “You care a lot about your pet, and you want to be sure if something happens, you want to have the means to take care of them.”

What to watch out for

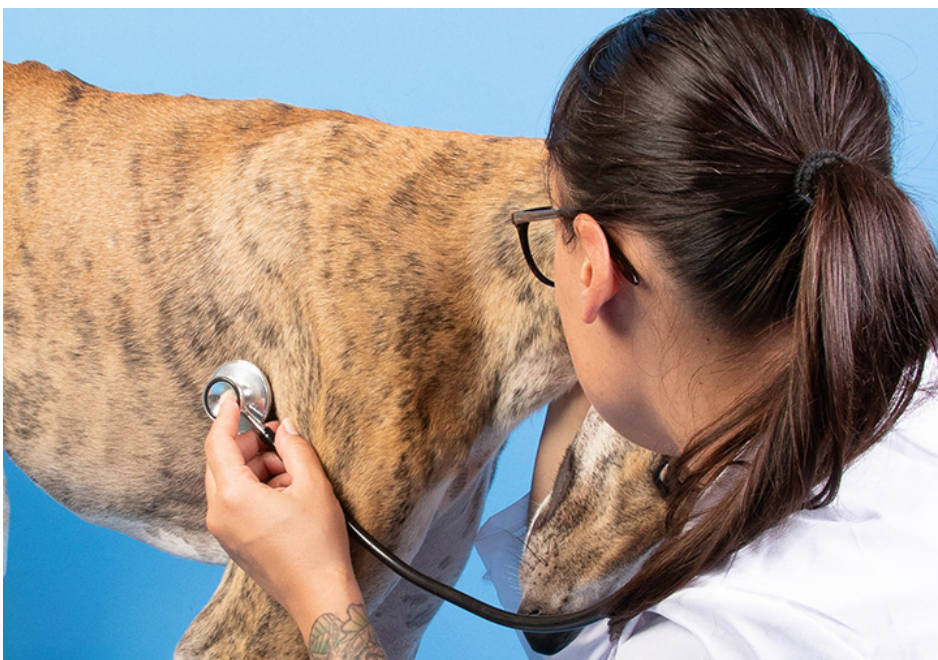
In the U.S., the average premium for

accident and illness coverage is \$49.51 per month for dogs and \$28.48 for cats, according to the NAPHIA. For accident coverage only, it’s \$18.17 and \$11.13, respectively. Premiums fluctuate based on age, breed and where you live.

Plans from companies and organizations including Fetch, Embrace, Spot, Pumpkin, Lemonade, Pets Best and more can range from just injury coverage to comprehensive packages that offer perks like spay and neuter, immunization, dental and grooming coverage.

Deductibles can start at \$0 and go up to over \$1,000. Many policies have copays; the most common is an 80/20 plan, meaning that after the deductible has been reached each year, you pay 20 percent of the remaining bills. Some plans have lifetime or annual per-condition limits on reimbursements, often capped at \$5,000.

Most plans do not cover preexisting conditions, and many require users to pay up front for veterinary services, then submit paperwork to get reimbursed.



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.

Sometimes companies will reimburse for a lower amount than the actual bill for a particular procedure or treatment—and, in some cases, depending on the plan, those procedures or treatments may not be covered at all.

Lynch suggests talking to your vet before researching plans to understand what accidents or illnesses your pets are likely to face in their lifetimes and what treatment will cost. Rattlesnake bites may be common in your area, for example. Or your miniature poodle may be prone to Cushing's disease, and the vet can tell you what treating that is likely to cost at the time of diagnosis and on an ongoing basis.

While some insurance plans have provider networks that may or may not include your vet, most plans don't require that a vet accept the plan. The vet just needs to sign the form and provide medical records to the insurance company.

"I think most practices and veterinarians like it for clients because it removes finances as an obstacle for doing the right thing for a pet in critical or complicated situations," says South Carolina-based veterinarian Julie Buzby. "And as vets, many of us have it, too, for our own pets for these same reasons," including specialty care.

Stratton is motivated to keep paying premiums by a friend whose uninsured cat jumped out a window. "We're doing a GoFundMe now. The vet bills will total more than \$10,000," she says. "It's a lot for people who are retired."

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.

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.

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.

2022 calendars

Do you still need 2022 calendars? They are only \$3 each or three for \$5. Please contact *Brenda or Kathy* if you'd like to purchase some.



GAGC News

2023 calendar contest

GAGC is taking photo submissions for the 2023 calendar from March 1 through April 30.

If you have a favorite candid shot of your hound family members, submit them by no later than April 30. The pictures will be voted on in May. Once the votes have been tallied, we will provide them to the printer and the calendars should be ready by the annual fall event. We usually start taking orders over the summer.

We are also taking submissions for the name of the calendar. *Huggable Hounds*, *A Year of Greytness*, and *Greyt Expectations* have been just a few from the past. We will vote on the name at the picnic.

In addition, we have a Memory page for all those greyt friends who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. If you have a grey you would like to include, please

Lined up for a potential calendar photo are **Betsy, Harley, and Maggie.**

send *Angie* their name and memorial date (and a picture if you like, just follow the submission guidelines below). This year, we will accept submissions for those who crossed from June 2021 through May 2022.

Need to know information

1. Picture size is important. We can do some resizing of pictures; however, if the picture is too small or too large, it may be difficult to get a good quality resolution from the picture. Based on printing experts' recommendations, please set your camera to the HIGHEST resolution possible when snapping shots of your greyhounds.
2. Pictures that are in landscape orientation 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: 1. we don't want any problems with copyright or artistic infringement, and 2. we want an even playing field for the pooches. Below are some suggestions that have done well over the years.
 - Holidays: Any holiday (Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Valentine's, birthday, Cinco de Mayo, etc.) are great for the calendar. Any day is a holiday for a greyhound!
 - 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: So cute you can't stand it (big eyes, cuddling), the type of shots that made you adopt the dog(s) in the first place.
4. Picture formats: Electronic formats (.jpg or another similar format) are definitely preferred. However, we will gladly take print submissions IF
 - the quality of the photo is good (because we will have to scan in later)
 - AND
 - the print is a copy, not an original. (In the case of print submissions, we will try to get them back to you. But to be safe, we would rather be responsible for a copy.)
 5. Please limit your photo submissions to four (4) per household. If you have more and you would like *Angie* to choose, indicate it in the email.
 6. If you submitted pictures last year and your picture was selected for the calendar, please do *not* resubmit that picture. If you submitted pictures that did not make the calendar, feel free to resubmit those pictures for voting.
 7. Please provide your hound(s)' names and, if more than one in the picture, indicate which name goes with which hound. This is very important as the dog(s) names appear in the calendar with their pictures.
 8. 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 about once a week and will send out a confirmation email to each submitter once she has an opportunity to log in the pictures.

Please contact *Angie* at the address above or (513) 292-3367 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you

Alan Schrager is our Nature's Select distributor, and we are so grateful to him for his continued support and generosity to GAGC. Thanks, *Alan*!

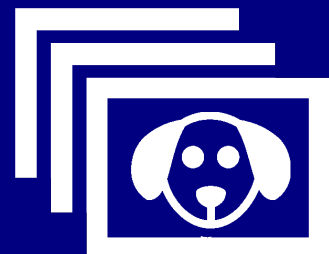
Webmaster

We certainly appreciate our skilled webmaster *Mike K.*, who keeps our professional-looking website current and responds very quickly to a slew of inputs from *Brenda* and *Kathy*. Thank you, *Mike*!

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.



Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

We started 2022 with a dog run on Jan. 9. *Brenda* met our West Virginia dog source and picked up three new boys: **Imark Sheriff**, **Superior Mickey**, and **Donau**. Here's her report on the trip:

“What a yucky day for a dog run, but once I saw the new boys, I was happy to have made the trip. *Barb* and *Stephanie* helped potty the boys before putting them in my car; they said they will have more retirees coming soon, which I was thrilled to hear! It was so sweet; **Mickey** kept looking out the back window for a long way. I wonder what he was thinking? All three boys laid down after a short while and napped until we got home. *Gretchen* picked up **Sheriff**, her foster boy, and took him home. *Kathy* took the other two boys to

Langley was heading from West Virginia to Ohio and his new life; he was adopted on Feb. 20.



Dayton meeting *Ryan* and *Lauren* who are fostering **Mickey**, and *Chrissy* who is fostering **Donau**. When I got to I-71, the sprinkling stopped, and the roads were dry the rest of the way home. ”

Ron drove to Jackson on a snowy Jan. 23 to pick up two new W.V. girls: **JS Caseoftheruns (Trotter)** and **Baffler**. *Ron* said there was occasional heavy snow, but nothing stuck to the ground. The Athens area got 12 inches last week and *Ron* said the mountains and sides of the road were still covered with snow, making for a pretty ride. The girls laid down and slept most of the way, with **Trotter** getting up occasionally to look out the window. When he got home, *Brenda* and the foster moms *Gretchen* and *Jean* were all on hand to get photos and help the girls move to the next stage of their new lives.

On Feb. 6, we were able to get three boys from the West Virginia kennel: **Langley**, **Dutch McGruff**, and **Ketel One**. Here's *Brenda's* report of the dog run:

“It was a gorgeous drive looking at the frozen trees that had a shine to them while the ice was melting. *Chrissy* asked to ride along with me to pick up the three new retired racers. She wanted to experience a dog haul and she asked me lots of questions. We met the hauler in Jackson, and we let the boys pee before getting in my car which was a bit of a challenge on ice in the parking lot. We thanked *Barb* (W.V. trainer) again and loaded the boys up in my car. **Langley** was very stressed at first, I can only imagine what he was thinking, not being sure where he was heading. **Dutch**

McGruff laid down in the middle of the car and growled and barked most of the way home. He broke a leg while racing and I think he was worried the other two boys would step on him. There were times during the ride home that all three BIG boys were barking and growling. We think they were mostly talking to each other! I was thankful *Chrissy* was with me trying to correct them. I missed my exit while the barking was going on, adding another 14 miles to our trip. When we got back to my house, *Jami*, *Stephanie*, and *Chrissy* got the boys out of the car and they were all super-friendly and loved the attention we gave them while they pottied again. Honestly, all three are very sweet pups and will fit into most any family.”

On a very cold Feb. 13, *Brenda* headed back to Jackson to get four new girls. Here’s her report:

Ketel Run didn’t want to miss a thing during the Feb. 6 dog run.



“The Super Bowl didn’t turn out like we had hoped on Sunday, but we won with getting the four retired females: **Zebra Spot**, **Turbo Galaxy**, **Fly Quisha King**, and **JS Rockin Jewels**. The girls got out of the hauler in Jackson, and we immediately put them into my warm car. It took about five minutes before all of them laid down wondering where they were going next. Our four foster families met me when I pulled into my driveway, lots of excitement for the girls exploring grass and a new environment. We got pictures and they were on their way to the next chapter of their lives. *Kathy* came to meet one of the dogs for an applicant in Dayton. A couple that I had interviewed came to meet the shy girl, **Zebra** and she was adopted on the 25th. Thanks to *Gretchen*, *Jo* and *David*, *Andrea* and *Nate*, and *Meg* and *Tim* who are the foster families for these newbies.”

Feb. 20 was a gorgeous day for a five-hour round trip out Rt. 35 to meet up with our W.V. kennel contact. *Ron* drove and met our dog source picking up only one female: **KL’s Millie**. The dog run was uneventful. He said **Millie** would get up every once in a while and cry, and then lay back down. He thought she was missing having another greyhound in the car. She’s a beautiful girl and will likely find her new home soon.

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 fostered for at least a week in that month will be eligible to win either the bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Recent winners are:

January

Food winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **Imark Clyde**

Gift card winner: *Lauren and Ryan W.*, foster parents to **Superior Mickey**

Gift card winner: *Jessica and Eric B.*: foster parents to **Rushing Legend**

Gift card winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to **Donau**

Senior **Perfect Playboy** is looking for his new home.



February

Food winner: *Lauren and Ryan W.*, foster parents to **Superior Mickey**

Gift card winner: *Jo and David M.*, foster parents to **Fly Quisha King**

Gift card winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to **Ketel One**

Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **Dutch McGruff, KL's Millie**

Foster families

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

Andrea and Nate S.: **Kells Finale,**

Turbo Galaxy

Chrissy G.: **Ma Barker Gang, Donau, Ketel One**

Gretchen D.: **Imark Sheriff,**

JS Caseoftheruns, Zebra Spot

Jami B.: **SNL Vixen, Dutch McGruff, KL's Millie**

Jean G.: **Baffler**

Jessica and Eric B.: **Rushing Legend**

Jo and David M.: **Fly Quisha King**

Lauren and Ryan W.: **Superior Mickey**

Megan and Josh S.: **Langley**

Meg S. and Tim G.: **JS Rockin Jewels**

Ronda and Deron R.: **JS Fine Toon**

Stephanie S.: **Imark Clyde, Langley**

Current foster dogs

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

Ketel One: Dec. 14, 2018; 3-year-old black male

Turbo Galaxy: Oct. 8, 2019; 2-year-old white and brindle female

Fly Quisha King: Jan. 24, 2020; 2-year-old black female

KL's Millie: April 4, 2020; almost 2-year-old dark brindle female

Perfect Playboy: July 26, 2013; 8-year-

old white with red male
Did you know that the adoption fee for any dog after your first GAGC greyhound is only \$150? Please contact your local placement representative (*Brenda* or *Kathy*) if you are interested in adding one of these foster dogs to your family.

A foster dog's first few days

We so appreciate our foster families! *Brenda* always asks the foster parents a series of questions about new foster dogs so that we can assess which home would be best for them. The following is about a very shy girl named **Zebra Spot**. She was already lined up for a new couple who planned to call her **Beatrice**. Our very patient foster mom *Gretchen* sent this delightful report:

Zebra Spot, now called **Beatrice**, is a shy girl who will take some time to come out of her shell.



Beatrice is working hard at figuring out what in the world is going on. She is going to take time, patience and then more time and patience. **Beatrice** wants to make up to me, but she's on her own timeline. I'm trying to accept that, but it's hard because she's so stinkin' cute that I just want to cuddle her. I love her ... from a distance right now! She has been following me around, not too closely and always behind or beside me. She is not yet comfortable if I walk toward her. She either bolts off in the opposite direction or crouches down. It breaks my heart when that happens, so we're approaching each other very slowly and I'm giving her plenty of space as she adjusts to her new lifestyle. Despite herself, yesterday she gave me a few licks and her tail was wagging. Those moments were awesome!

She really likes to go upstairs and really, really does not like going down them! She's heavier than she looks. We're going to continue our slumber party for a few more days I'm afraid. She slept through the night like a champ and didn't stir once! It takes a long time to find the right spot to pee and she still hasn't pooped. I'm not sure who will feel better when that happens—her or me! The crusty snow hasn't been kind to her nail. It looks like the top part of the nail has come off and it's bleeding a bit now. She is one tough little girl and other than occasionally holding it up when we're outside, she is not licking it and it doesn't seem to be bothering her. She is confidently exploring her new surroundings and is the right amount of curious.

Beatrice is doing well with my dogs—sometimes she stays by herself and other times she puts herself right in the middle

of the action. Yesterday she joined **Fifi** and **Chase** in their nightly depiction of elephants running through my house and she did a few laps with them. She kept a close eye on **Chase** when he was playing with some toys and helped herself to one when she thought no one was watching! Argh—she’s so cute! She is eating well and understands the concepts of treats. She prefers not to take them from my hand, but she is communicating when she wants them, and that seems like a good start.

We’re going to focus on slow and steady progress and hope for a poo soon (preferably outside!). ”

Recent adoptions

- **Ma Barker Gang (Cleo):** Jan. 8 to *Gunnar, Jeff, Cheryle, and Katie O.* of Batesville, Ind.
- **Rushing Legend (Freya):** Jan. 14 to *Keara S.* of Cincinnati
- **SNL Vixen (Vixen):** Jan. 14 to *Malgorzata K. and Santosh K.* of
- **Maineville**
- **Imark Sheriff (Sheriff):** Jan. 17 to *Lou and Jeff V.* of Milford
- **Donau (Dalton):** Jan. 22 to *Nick K.* of Tipp City
- **Imark Clyde (Clyde):** Jan. 22 to *Shirley M.* of Cincinnati
- **JS Caseoftheruns (Ursa)** Jan. 28 to *Robert B.* and *Doug S.* of Mt. Washington
- **Kells Finale (Lily Mae):** Jan. 29 to *Dawn* and *Dave B.* of Carlisle
- **JS Fine Toon (Luna):** Feb. 4 to *Chris* and *Tom P.* of Burlington, Ky.
- **WV’s Faraday (Ferris):** Feb. 6 to *Deb* and *Tom S.* of Washington Township
- **Baffler (Stevie):** Feb. 12 to *Julie* and *Huey P.* of Fort Thomas, Ky.
- **Superior Mickey:** Feb. 18 to *Tracey* and *Tom G.* of Fairfield
- **Langley:** Feb. 20 to *Zach N.* of Anderson
- **Zebra Spot (Beatrice):** Feb. 25 to *Courtney D.* and *Karan M.* of Cincinnati
- **JS Rockin Jewels:** Feb. 27 to *Monica L.* of Dayton



JS Rockin Jewels found her new bed, and is snug as a bug in a rug!

Our Condolences



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Crissy



Mazie

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.

Our sincere condolences go to *Tara* and *Irene M.* who had to say goodbye to collie **Trooper** on Jan. 9. *Tara* found **Trooper** through a collie rescue; their beloved boy had some medical issues early on, but *Tara* gave him a chance and he was a wonderful addition to their family.

Our sympathy goes to *Shirley M.* whose boy **Papi** died in early January. *Shirley* emailed *Brenda* that he had an aggressive oral tumor.

We were so sorry to hear that *Cindy* and *Brad C.* had to let their **Terra** go to the

Bridge on Jan. 17. **Terra** started on a downward spiral in July 2020 when they lost another of their dogs. We send them our heartfelt condolences.

GAGC officers and directors send their sincere sympathy to *Brenda* and *Ron P.* who said goodbye to 13-year-old **Crissy** on Jan. 15. They had **Crissy** for nine years and recently she had been fighting age related issues. *Brenda* shared that **Crissy** had always been their pack leader until several months ago when she somehow knew to pass the torch to **Betsy**. We are so sorry for their loss.

We send our condolences to *Tarah* and *Matt C.* whose boy **Mac Superstar** crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Jan. 31 as a result of severe breathing issues. **Mac's** family had been trying to get to the bottom of his breathing problems for quite some time with no success. *Tarah* said that after reviewing the episode and doing research, it was likely laryngeal paralysis.

We were so sorry to hear that long time member *Jami B.* lost her boy **Romeo** on Feb. 1. He suddenly stopped eating and made it clear to her that it was his time to go. We send *Jami* our heartfelt sympathy.

We send our condolences to *Chris* and *Tom P.* who had to say goodbye to their corgi/Jack Russell mix **Mazie** on Feb. 2. **Mazie** had been diagnosed with cancer in her nasal area about a year ago and she finally lost her battle.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to *Joyce* and her daughter *Mary S.* who is the GAGC



Remy

treasurer. They had to saying goodbye to Joyce's Shar-pei mix **Milton** on Feb. 21. He had a cancerous mass on his spleen as well as other significant health issues, so they decided **Milton** had been through enough and they let him go.

Our condolences go to *Ann N.* who posted on Facebook that she said goodbye to **Remy** on Feb. 22. Her boy had Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD), which is a gradual, age-related, degenerative process that affects the spinal cord of the dog. We're sorry for her loss.

There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth.

It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of all its beautiful colors.

Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows, hills and valleys with lush green grass.

When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place.

There is always food and water and warm spring weather.

The old and frail animals are young again.

Those who were sick, hurt or in pain are made whole again.

There is only one thing missing ...

they are not with their special person who loved them so much on earth.

So each day they run and play until the day comes when one suddenly stops playing and looks up!

The nose twitches! The ears are up!

The eyes are staring and this one runs from the group!

You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet, you take him in your arms and hug him.

He licks and kisses your face again and again —

and you look once more into the eyes of your best friend and trusting pet.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together never again to be apart.

Tributes from our readers

SPECIAL NOTE: If your beloved greyhound goes to Rainbow Bridge and you would like to share a tribute about him or her, please forward a picture and your memorial statement to us and we'll enter it in an upcoming newsletter. High-resolution photos are best.

Recruit

Born June 1, 2009, adopted by us Feb. 20, 2021, died Nov. 20, 2021

Cruit (short for **Recruit**) joined our lives in February 2021 as an old boy. He was 11-and-a-half and in need of a new home. We had 10-year-old **Barney**, who needed a greyhound companion.



Cruit came to us very subdued. He shied away from our hands and wouldn't take treats we tried to give him. He was even afraid of treats we dropped on the floor for him.

At first, he chose to spend his time in another room, sleeping alone. **Cruit** was silent. He never barked, whined, or growled. He was very well behaved, but he didn't seem relaxed or playful.

One day, we rooed in our family room. We knew **Barney** wasn't much of a rooer, but we gave it a try.

Cruit came dashing in from the living room, rooing at full volume, tail going like a propeller. It was so heartwarming. We rooed with him many more times over the months, with **Barney** sometimes joining in. **Cruit** loved it. He and **Barney** became great friends, sleeping close together in the sunshine.

Cruit and **Barney** were practically twins. **Barney** was a little bigger, and **Cruit** had more age in his face. **Cruit** had bigger spots. From a distance, they were almost indistinguishable.

We lost **Barney** in September and found that **Cruit** turned to us for companionship. He even learned to play games with treats dropped on the floor (our version of hide-n-seek).

By the end of his life, **Cruit** was taking treats from us, rolling around for belly pets, snuggling with us, and getting up to greet us when we came home from somewhere. He was a charmer, and we were honored to give him a chance to blossom. We loved him so.

—Rebecca and Virgil S.

Trooper

This gloomy day was merely a reflection of my emotions as I had to say good-bye to my beloved **Trooper**, a rough-coated sable collie (Lassie). **Trooper** tried three times to find his forever home and family. Three times was the charm for him. **Trooper** and I met at a vet's office when he was brought in by a collie rescue organization. It was love at first sight. His sweet attentive disposition stole my heart, and in a few days, he was home to stay. A case of undiagnosed Canine Lupus caused his nose to slightly deteriorate, and left **Trooper** with an unusual look in the beginning, but with tender loving care and the correct meds his nose improved. Who cared anyway? Not me.



Trooper lived with me, a bloodhound, a wire-haired dachshund, and now a greyhound. He was the fun police. When the others got rowdy outside, **Trooper** took it upon himself to herd them together into a quieter, more sedate group. He remained that fun-loving collie until the end. Today, Jan. 9, he just couldn't anymore; old

age, arthritis and finally other internal ailments forced me to make the necessary but difficult decision.

Trooper will still live with me, but in my heart. Rest well, dear friend. The herd and I miss you.

—Tara M. (and mom Irene)

Crissy

Our sweet girl was a huge part of our family for almost nine years. She was born Dec. 24, 2008, so **Ron** named her **Crissy** because she was born on Christmas Eve. She



enjoyed our travels to Greyhounds in Gettysburg and Mountain Hounds, showing off her beauty and representing the breed to its fullest. We LOVED her ears! She had the best eye contact of any Pennix greyhound. At our events and Meet & Greets, she would walk in demanding attention and expecting pets from everyone. We could never get her on our couches, but she loved her morning ear rubs and massages by **Ron**.

In November, she didn't come to him every morning, so we knew she was slowing down. She tried to run in the yard with the younger dogs and when that stopped, we knew the end was near. The greyhound harness (I called it the suitcase harness) helped her with potty breaks and getting up and down out of the dog beds. I know she is still with us keeping

our pack comforted and reminding **Harley** to behave. I know one day we'll meet again!

—Brenda and Ron

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Sweet **Landry** is celebrating her third anniversary with *Kay* and *Doug* by being thoroughly pampered and loved.



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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:
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Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace: **SNL Vixen, Baffler**
Christa, Kim, Leo, Annabelle, Shadow and Marley: **Kells Finale, Langley**

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!

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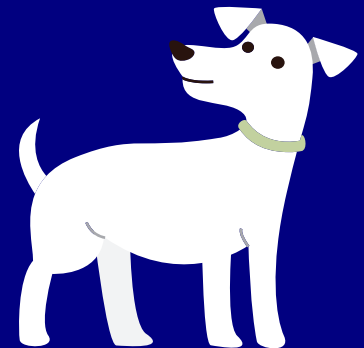
- Joyce and Walter Y. donated a variety of greyhound items including eight statues, a book, two coats and two wall hooks.
- Karen B. donated several Interceptor Plus tabs for our foster dogs.
- Tara C. donated some dog food, plus assorted greyhound items including a coat and sweaters.

Sunlit **Lucky** is checking out the squirrels through the front window.




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.



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