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Adopting a retired racer:

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Having a friend for life:

Priceless!

From the President ...



Brenda gets hugs from **Atkins**, call name **Hopper**, one of the girls in the final Florida dog haul on Jan. 4.

GAGC Families and Friends,

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday! Happy new year! Let's put 2020 behind us and hope that 2021 will soon be back to normal. The only thing good in 2020 is that 123 retired racers found their forever homes!

Wow ... we had 15 families donating \$100 or more recently. That money went right toward transporting the last Florida dogs to Cincinnati and into our foster care. Again, our greyhound GAGC families stepped up to help—14 foster homes and so many donations to help these retired racers. *Dr. Nicole Moore* squeezed them into her busy schedule so they were all ready to be adopted.

If you haven't checked out our website

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recently, do so; we have lots of new faces all looking for their forever homes!

On the cover: **Fire** is enjoying her first snow. Her new dad *William* calls her the "Ice Queen."

Greyt Health & Safety

Pet adoption during the pandemic: What to consider

By Will Draper, DVM

September 22, 2020

[WebMD Blogs: Pet Health](#)

The pandemic has brought a decline in so many important parts of life: employment, travel opportunities, friendly gatherings, and even hugs. But in other areas, like pet adoption, it's caused a boom like we've never seen before.

For the first time in forever, animal shelters, pet rescue groups, even breeders and pet stores are finding themselves with a shortage of pets to adopt. That's a very good thing, and highly unusual.

Why is this? Well, I think there are a few different explanations:

- People are home much more than they've been before—and many times home alone (cue the hands on cheeks with that "AHHHHH!" look). They miss companionship, someone or something to

love. Maybe they've thought about adopting a zillion times, but that COVID-19 world has pushed them to make the call to set up an appointment to visit.

- Parents are looking for ways to keep the kids entertained. There is only so much we can offer indoors. The kids have been wanting a dog or cat for-like-ever—and suddenly that doesn't sound like such a bad idea anymore. After all, it would not only give the kids something to love on, it would give them a chance to learn responsibility ... yada yada yada. Basically, parents just want a break—somewhere other than in the corner of the broom closet.
- People may not be able to hang out with friends, but their dogs can. So owners take their pups to the dog park, and after observing how much fun Buster was having, they think, "Maybe he/she needs a companion?" And before they know it, they're making a detour on the way home, heading toward the animal shelter to look for a new friend for Buster.

As a veterinarian, this spike in pet adoption puts a big smile on my face—but does make me a little apprehensive. My concern, as shared by many other vets, is that once we "get back to normal" (whatever that "new normal" is), some of these impulsive decisions may result in families having a pet that no longer fits their lifestyles. People will eventually start spending more time outside the home—going back to schools and offices. And when that happens, the adopted pets, who have enjoyed incredible attention,

Her Majesty **Crissy** on her comfy throne.



affection, and activity from their new family, suddenly find themselves alone. Many pets respond to a radical decline in attention by exhibiting undesirable behaviors, like anxiety, aggression (to other pets as well as people), soiling around the home, and destruction to household items. What can follow is that our shelters will start to fill up again.

So if you're thinking about adopting, it's important to ask yourself some questions before bringing a new pet home:

- Why are you adopting? If it's based on research, lifestyle considerations, and good forethought, then make the move. If it's ultimately based on personal loneliness, responding to the desires of children (which will help keep them busy and engaged at home) or other family members, then you have to move on to the next question.
- What is the plan for pet care and engagement once the pandemic is over (or over enough that we can

resume normal routines)? The family members who have handled feeding, training, cleaning up after, and engaging with the new pet—what happens when they go back to school and work?

Even with my concerns, I still appreciate the fact that if COVID-19 has done anything good, it's bringing humans and pets together. The human-animal bond is good for both physical and mental health and good for the soul. Though it's a less-than-ideal circumstance that's leading many people to adopt, that human-animal bond that forms is real—and powerful enough to last.

Why do dogs eat grass?

from [FETCH](#) by [WebMD](#)

Your beloved canine companion clearly isn't a cow, so you might be confused when you see him eating grass. You might even be worried. Is he hungry? Bored? Sick? Will eating grass hurt him?

First, rest assured that you're not alone in your concern, especially if your dog is eating grass and vomiting.

Pica is the technical term for the disorder characterized by eating things that aren't food. Sometimes pica indicates that your dog has some type of nutritional deficiency, though it is often simply a sign of boredom, especially when practiced by puppies and younger dogs.

Dogs eating grass is actually quite common (it has been observed in wild dogs, too, and may be completely natural) and this form of pica does not usually cause too many problems. In fact,



most veterinarians consider it a normal dog behavior. One small-scale study of 49 dog owners whose dogs had regular access to grass and other plants found that 79% of the dogs had eaten plants at some time. Another survey about plant-eating dogs found that grass was the most commonly eaten plant.

Why is my dog eating grass?

There are a variety of reasons your dog might be grazing on your lawn.

Some people propose that dogs might turn to eating grass when they don't feel well as a way to make themselves vomit, and then feel better. Others dispute this idea, on the basis that dogs are not proven to be smart enough to decide to treat an upset stomach by eating grass.

Evidence suggests that most dogs that eat grass aren't unwell beforehand, or at least they don't seem so. In fact, fewer than 10% of dogs seem to be sick before eating grass, according to their owners. And grass-eating doesn't usually lead to throwing up—less than 25% of dogs that eat grass vomit regularly after grazing.

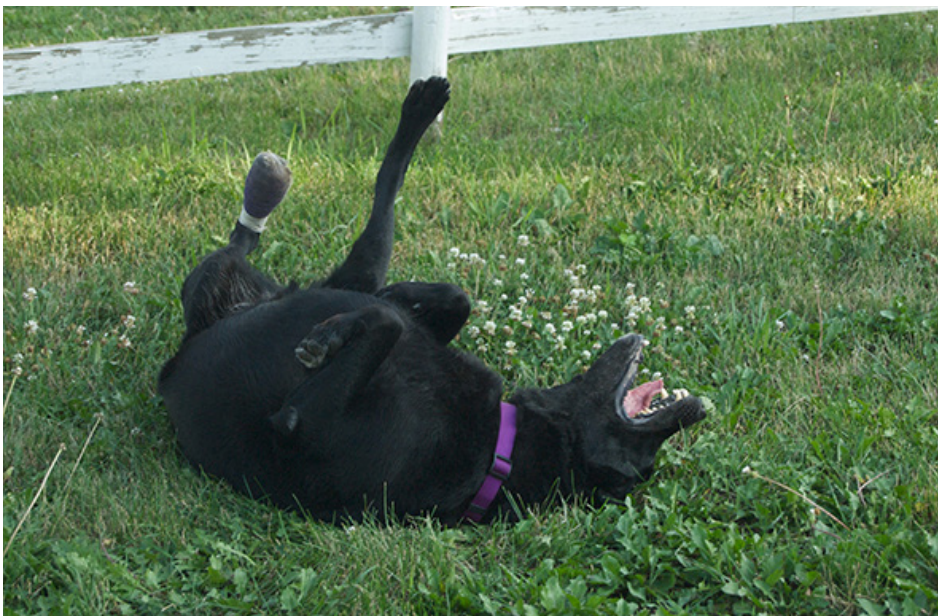
Other suggested reasons why your dog might be eating grass include improving digestion, treating intestinal worms, or fulfilling some unmet nutritional need, including the need for fiber. One published study reports on a miniature poodle that ate grass and then vomited every day for seven years. Three days after putting the dog on a high-fiber diet, the owner reported that the dog stopped eating grass entirely. And, of course, there is also the possibility that your dog simply likes the way grass tastes or feels.

Should I stop my dog from eating grass? If so, how?

If you suspect your dog is eating grass because he's bored, it might be beneficial to be sure he's getting enough exercise. Engage him in some fun activities. Try tossing a Frisbee or playing another interactive game with him, or buy him a sturdy chew toy to keep him occupied.

On the chance that your dog's pica behavior is caused by a nutritional deficiency, switching to a better dog food, especially a high-fiber variety, could help alleviate the problem.

Although most experts agree that grazing itself isn't harmful, one thing to keep in mind is that certain herbicides and pesticides used on lawns can be quite toxic, especially if ingested. Additionally, a number of common house and garden plants are toxic, which could lead to problems if your dog munches on them along with the lawn. To make sure the plants in and around the area where your dog is eating grass aren't dangerous, check the [ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center website](#), which maintains a list of toxic and non-toxic plants.



Albright's Raw Dog Food recalls chicken recipe for dogs because of possible Salmonella health risk

Albright's Raw Dog Food of Fort Wayne, Ind., is voluntarily [recalling](#) 67 cases of Chicken Recipe for Dogs because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Salmonella can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should



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.

contact their healthcare providers.

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



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, etc., 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!

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.



Brutus and **Ghost** modeling their winter coats and snoods made by *Irene*.

GAGC News

Meet-and-Greets

2020 was definitely a year of change for GAGC. We had to cancel both of our big gatherings, and we cancelled all of our weekend Meet-and-Greets and other events. Because of the tracks closing in Florida and fewer dogs being available, we've decided NOT to hold Meet-and-Greets in 2021. We definitely hope to have our two big GAGC Gatherings in May and September. These provide the opportunity to get our families together and celebrate! If it looks like it might be possible to have our May picnic, we may still need to have safety protocols in place, wearing masks and distancing 6 feet apart, but with it being outside, we're hoping we can still have it. We'll keep you posted.

2021 Calendars

We still have GAGC calendars for sale: \$5 each or three for \$10. Please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* if you are interested in purchasing any.

Animal behaviorist

Thanks to Sharon S. for sharing this recommendation

Out of the blue, *Sharon* and *Mark's* greyhound **Colton** started acting out, growling and snapping for no apparent reason that they could see. They contacted *Mike Dixon* of Tri-State Canine, an animal behaviorist, for help. After an assessment at their home, he determined that adding greyhound **Ella** to the family altered the family dynamics and triggered **Colton** to want to be dominant over the whole family. *Mike* provided a plan, a list of actions to take, and prescribed some tough love and training. It all worked. From *Sharon*: "I highly recommend *Mike*. We never had issues introducing another dog to the family until we got **Ella** so this was new to us. I am glad we reached out for help. I would be happy to talk to anyone that may be having a similar experience. It can be fixed. **Colton** and **Ella** are both great dogs. The owners just needed some guidance."

Thank you

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

Special thanks to *Irene* for making coats for GAGC to re-sell, and for making snoods in various colors for our hounds to keep them warm this year. Her donations are really appreciated. The price for snoods is \$10 and *Brenda* has them in her garage for you to come and buy! Let

 2021 GAGC CALENDAR 



AFTER THE RACE

January 2021

Brenda know if you want to stop by and shop (safely of course).

Thank you to *Carolyn S.* who has been making belly bands for us to provide to foster families and new adopters of male greyhounds.

Congratulations

Long-time GAGC members *Marianne* and *James S.* are proud to introduce their grandson *James Francis Hountz* born Nov. 8. His name is a combination of a first and middle name of his two grandfathers. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parents *Beth* and *Rusty H.* are glad to share the happy news. Congratulations to the whole family.



We send our congratulations and best wishes to *Breanna* and *Keith* who became engaged on New Year's Day!

Webmaster

Our webmaster *Mike K.* was a huge support to GAGC in 2020. He maintains a top-notch website for our organization, and we get frequent compliments on its professional appearance. Thanks for all you do, *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*

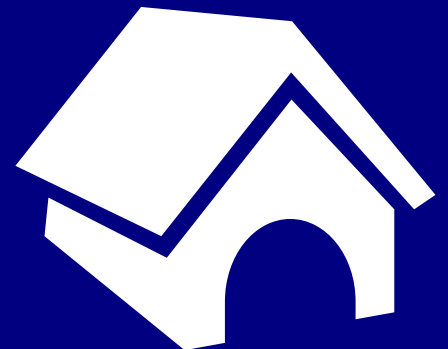


L. would like your photos! Send them to MelissaLohman7@gmail.com.

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.

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.



Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

It was a very windy day on Nov. 1 when *Kathy* and *Chris* picked up three new boys in Jackson, Ohio: **WW Shabani**, **Time for Topper**, and **Hilco Pro**. The first two are Florida pups while **Hilco Pro** is from West Virginia. Nov. 1 is known as All Saints' Day, and these three boys must have known since they were beautifully behaved for the whole ride to *Brenda's* house. **Topper** frequently approached the front seat for petting and snuggles while **Shabani** mostly napped and **Pro** went back and forth deciding on a good spot. When we reached our destination, we were met by *Brenda* and the three foster families—*Gretchen*, *Jim*, and *Stephanie*. It was a good day, but we were glad to finally be out of the wind!

On Nov. 8, *Marianne* picked up three West Virginia girls: **Flying Xenia**, **Baileigh**, and **Bonnie E. Parker**. Here's her account: Nov. 8 brought three beautiful girls to GAGC. The W.V. adoption kennel selected for us a dark brindle, **Xenia**; a red,

Baileigh; and a very light fawn brindle, **Bonnie E. Parker**, called **Honey**. I met the hauler in Jackson, Ohio, and after a quick break, they all three were loaded in my SUV. About a half hour into the drive back, I learned that I had become a first-time grandmother. Though I was pretty anxious to get back home, the drive was easy, with the three of them looking out the windows for much of the time. **Xenia** whined a bit at one point, maybe wanting to be out in the lovely 78-degree, sunny weather. *Brenda* and *Ron*, *Kathy*, and foster families were all waiting when I pulled into *Brenda's* drive. Between the lovely dogs and my good news, it was a pretty happy scene. It isn't going to be long before these three girls are in their fur-ever homes.

Sunday, Nov. 15 was our next dog run to get a couple of small West Virginia boys. *Irene* made the drive to Jackson and brought back **Slatex Jeeves** and **CDC Snooper**. Here's her report: A wildly windy and gusty day brought two new handsome boys to the *Pennix* home for a pajama party and the promise of forever homes. **Snoopy**, a sweet brindle boy, was reluctant to board the little blue Fit, but with a little help with the big step, he settled down quickly for his ride. On the other hand, **Jeeves**, a handsome red boy, was ready to start a new adventure and jumped right in and wanted to tackle the rear window wiper when it surprisingly swept the rain away. Along our way we chatted about all the Christmas decorations already on display and the wonderful smells, sights and presents they will experience on Christmas. Happy forever home, boys.

We had plenty of helpers at the Dec. 20 dog haul which brought us seven Florida pups.



We got four new West Virginia dogs on Sunday, Nov. 29, and *Marianne* and *Brenda* made the drive to Jackson. From *Brenda*: It was a nice sunny day and a pleasant drive heading to our pick-up place, meeting a trainer and adoption kennel manager. They brought us four wonderful retired pups: females **No Really** (call name **Nosey Rosie**) and **Turbo Cheyanna**, and males **Superior Monroe** and **Luke Combs** (call name **Wade**). *Marianne* brought the girls back to my house and I had the boys in my car. *Kathy* and *Chris* met us in my driveway and transported three of them to *Kathy's* house where Dayton foster families picked them up. Why is it I always get excited meeting the new dogs and of course I always have a favorite and—trust me—if my house was huge, I would keep them all. From *Marianne*: The Sunday after Thanksgiving brought four nice dogs to GAGC. *Brenda* and I met the hauler from West Virginia in Jackson, Ohio. Luckily it

was dry and sunny, so a quick walk about allowed the dogs to stretch their legs and water the grass. Then **Monroe**, a big, mostly white boy, and **Wade**, a beautiful blue brindle, were loaded in *Brenda's* car. The girls, **Cheyenna**, a brindle, and **Nosey Rosie**, whose black fur has a bit of gray and who has something of a Mohawk, jumped in mine. **Cheyenna** immediately began rubbing her face and neck on the comforter and then settled in to sleep for most of the ride. **Nosey Rosie**, a brood, watched out the back window for a time, but after a bit she too laid down. In *Brenda's* car, the boys had a bit of a noisy discussion when one stepped on the other, but they sorted it out and slept most of the way. All four happily exited the vehicles at *Brenda's* house.

On Dec. 6, we picked up five new dogs in Jackson; four from Florida and one from West Virginia. The girls are **AMF Livintolove** and **TNT Shyanne**, and the boys are **WW Mako Sako**, **WW Sky Walker**, and **Kelsos Firebrand**. *Irene*, *Mel*, and *Jon* did this dog run for us. From *Irene*: Another wonderful dog run, but this time made more special by sharing the day with old friends, *Mel* and *Jon*. As we waited for our precious passengers to arrive, we remembered dog runs of the past; waiting at Home Depot and then to the Pennix home at 4 a.m. Then waiting for Mandy's to open so the newbies could experience a spa for an hour or so. Enough reminiscing; our five pups arrived with their faces in every available car window, except for the pup who was taking driving lessons from the actual driver. Excitedly, they bounded out to get new leashes, take a short walk and then back in cars for the last leg of their journey. **Shyanne** and

The Florida kennel manager is saying goodbye to some of his favorite dogs during the final Florida dog haul.



Livintolove rode with me. The two girls did not know which window was best for sights. **Shyanne** just kept circling looking through every window. **Livintolove** decided it was time to nap, but **Shyanne** wanted to sing and talk to me. She would look directly into my rearview mirror, catch my eye and chat away. The only thing that stopped her talking was the sight of a car passing us. She was the chattiest passenger I've ever had, but the trip was interesting. Enjoy retirement, Lovies; a new journey has begun.

We originally expected 14 Florida dogs on Dec. 20 but fortunately the group was split up into two dog runs. The first group to arrive at *Brenda's* house, finally at 4:30 in the afternoon, was one girl: **KB's Joyride (Joy)**, and six boys: **AMF Foghat (Fogger)**, **AMF The Ferg (Petey)**, **AMF Mathias (Bama)**, **AMF Livnletdie (Elf)**, **TNT Goldennugget**, and **Sav's Valor T**. Four out of seven were black dogs so we had to take the website photos in a specific order so that we knew for sure

who was who. All the foster families joined *Brenda*, *Ron*, and *Kathy* to get everyone off the hauler, provide water, get some candid photos, let the dogs pee (and pee and pee), and send them home with their foster families until their vetting date arrives. Congratulations to the amazing *Brenda* who had things so well organized that everything happened smoothly without a hitch. We'll be doing it all again in early January.

Irene drove to Jackson, Ohio, on Dec. 27 to pick up two West Virginia females: **Energizer Bunny** and **MJT Boundtogo (Bear)**. Here's her account: On a beautifully warm winter day, two days after Christmas, I transported two lovely females to meet foster families. The hauler was delayed a bit because one girl wanted to try her paw at driving. However, we were on the road to the Pennix household in no time. **Bunny**, a beautiful, sweet brindle, sat in the back and looked at the scenery. **Bear**, the mama, kept checking every window. We chatted along the way about all the other animals they might meet in their new homes and both girls seemed to promise they would mind their manners when meeting guinea pigs, reptiles, or kitty cats. On the last leg of I-71, I noticed the car in front of me had a decal on the back window in the shape of a heart and read *Mama Bear*; a sign for me that **Bear** was finding her forever home quick as a wink. Thank you girls, for a fun ride and happy forever homes.

The last dog haul from Florida finally arrived at the Pennix residence on Monday afternoon, Jan. 4. It was a bittersweet day since there will be no more dogs coming from Florida, but

Handsome foster **Superior Monroe** was adopted on Dec. 6.



we got seven terrific dogs: females **Atkins**, **AMF Lonesome Gal**, **AMF Line Dancer**, and **KB's Paw Patrol (Paw Paw)**; and males **AMF Livnonaprayr (Bon Jovi)**, **AMF Bumpkin (Archer)**, and **KB's Bangles**. *Brenda, Ron, Kathy, Chris*, plus some of the foster families and prospective adopters were there to welcome the newbies, potty them, provide water, get photos, etc. A highlight of this dog haul was a reunion between driver *Rich* and **Chipper**, one of his favorite dogs who was adopted by *Jami* a little over a year ago. *Rich* was also mobbed by some of the dogs he just transported—there was quite a lovefest going on. Thanks to fosters *Breanna* and *Keith*, *Erika* and *Suzie*, *Jami*, *Jane*, *PJ*, *Robin*, and *Stephanie* for teaching the new dogs about living in a home.

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

Foster **Turbo Cheyanna** is now called **Sierra** and is living the good life with new mom *Diane*.



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 in contention to win the bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Here are our recent winners:

November

Food winner: *Amy* and *Diego R.*, foster parents to **Baileigh**

Gift card winner: *Pam* and *Mike H.*, foster parents to **Kelsos Enya**

Gift card winner: *Erika B.* and *Suzie L.*:

foster parents to **RS By By Breck**

Gift card winner: *Jim P.*, foster parent to **Time for Topper**

December

Food winner: *Erika B.* and *Suzie L.*, foster parents to **No Really, AMF The Ferg**

Gift card winner: *Amy* and *Diego R.*, foster parents to **AMF Livintolove**

Gift card winner: *Teresa* and *Andy S.*, fosters to **Superior Monroe, AMF Foghat**

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:

Amy and *Diego R.*: **Baileigh, AMF Livintolove**

Breanna A. and Keith C.: **Hilco Profit, WW Mako Sako, KB's Bangles**
Chrissy G.: **Flying Xenia, Turbo Cheyanna, KB's Joyride (Joy)**
Dana P.: **Slatex Jeeves, Energizer Bunny**

Ronda and Deron R.: **CDC Snooper**
Erika B. and Suzie L.: **RS By By Breck, No Really, AMF The Ferg (Petey), AMF Bumpkin**

Gretchen D.: **PJK Leslie, Hilco Pro, AMF Livnletdie (Elf)**

Jamie B.: **AMF Line Dancer**

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

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

Jim P.: **Time for Topper, Luke Combs (Wade), WW Sky Walker**

Kathy E.: **RS By By Breck, Turbo Cheyanna**

Pam and Mike H.: **Kelsos Enya, TNT Goldennugget (Nugget)**

PJ M.: **AMF Lonesome Gal**

Robin C.: **Bonnie E. Parker, KB's Paw Patrol (Paw Paw)**

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

Sarah U. and Alex T.: **Kelsos Firebrand**

Stephanie S.: **WW Shabani, TNT**

Shyanne, Sav's Valor T (Val), AMF

Livnonaprayr

Teresa, Andy and Gabby S.: **Superior Monroe, AMF Foghat (Fogger)**

Current foster dogs

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

KB's Joyride (Joy): March 3, 2019; almost 2-year-old black female

AMF Mathias (Bama): Oct. 19, 2018; 2-year-old black male (**Ferg's** brother)

AMF Livnletdie (Elf): Dec. 1, 2018; 2-year-old red male (**Livnonaprayr's** brother)

MJT Boundtogo: May 1, 2013; 7-year-old red female (brood)

AMF Lonesome Gal: Feb. 5, 2018; 2-year-old brindle female

AMF Line Dancer: May 1, 2018; 2-year-old brindle female

KB's Paw Patrol (Paw Paw): March 4, 2019; almost-2-year-old white-and-black female

AMF Livnonaprayr (Bon Jovi): Dec. 1, 2018; 2-year-old red male (**Livnletdie's** brother)

AMF Bumpkin (Archer): May 1, 2018; 2-year-old black male

KB's Bangles: March 1, 2019; almost-2-year-old black male (laid back)

Atkins: Jan. 11, 2017; 3-year-old brindle female

AMF Mathias, call name **Bama**, is looking for his new home.



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

- **NB's Finalgoodbi (Bean):** Nov. 7 to *Meaghan L. and Eric N.* of Milford

- **RS By By Breck (Gadhar):** Nov. 8 to *Maureen* and *Terry R.* of Fort Wright, Ky.
- **Time for Topper (Popi):** Nov. 9 to *Shirley M.* of Cincinnati
- **Hilco Profit (Coco):** Nov. 14 to *Carol* and *Jimmie O.* of Huber Heights
- **Hilco Pro (Dexter):** Nov. 15 to *Laura* and *Greg P.* of Middletown
- **Slatex Jeeves (Beaker):** Nov. 22 to *Dana P.* of Tipp City
- **Flying Xenia (Gigi):** Nov. 22 to *Karin* and *Tom P.* of Tipp City
- **Bonnie E. Parker (Willow):** Nov. 22 to *Brenda* and *Jade B.* of Goshen
- **Kelsos Enya (Enya):** Nov. 27 to *Mary* and *Joyce S.* of Nashville, Tenn.
- **WW Shabani (Kash):** Nov. 27 to *Nicole*, *Seth*, and *Josh K.* of Miamisburg
- **Baileigh:** Nov. 28 to *Molly*, *Mark*, *Eric*, *Haley*, *Luke*, and *Emily F.* of Kettering
- **CDC Snooper (Snoopy):** Dec. 5 to *Angela* and *Greg C.* of Cold Spring, Ky.
- **Luke Combs (Dash):** Dec. 5 to *Erica* and *Andrew B.* of Beavercreek Township
- **Superior Monroe (Monroe):** Dec. 6 to *Leah H.* and *Paul F.* of Fairfield
- **No Really (Rosie):** Dec. 7 to *Cheryl* and *Tom F.* of Mason
- **TNT Shyanne:** Dec. 11 to *Kaila B.* and *Nick V.* of Dayton, Ky.
- **WW Sky Walker (Tegan):** Dec. 12 to *Tom P.* of Kettering
- **Kelsos Firebrand (Fire):** Dec. 12 to *Sarah U.* and *Alex T.* of Dayton
- **WW Mako Sako (Fritz):** Dec. 16 to *Dawn* and *Jim B.* of West Chester
- **Turbo Cheyanna (Sierra):** Dec. 18 to *Diane D.* of Yellow Springs
- **AMF Livintolove (Honey):** Dec. 23 to *Cassie* and *Kevin J.* of Cold Spring, Ky.
- **AMF The Ferg (Petey):** Dec. 27 to *Ria* and *Adam M.* of Dayton
- **AMF Foghat (Fogger):** Dec. 27 to *Teresa*, *Andy*, *Gabby S.* of Pleasant Hill
- **TNT Goldennugget (Nugget):** Dec. 30 to *Richard M.* of Springfield
- **Energizer Bunny (Bunny):** Dec. 31 to *Karri* and *Jeff B.* of Centerville
- **Sav's Valor T (Valor):** Jan. 2 to *Kevin H.* of Cincinnati

Kash, formerly known as **WW Shabani**, loves meeting new people.



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.



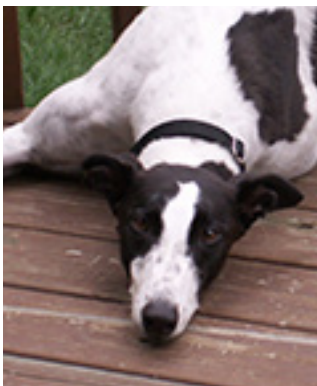
Our Condolences



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Edna



Cyprus

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.

Connie P. shared with Brenda that her husband Ron passed away in September after a long battle with kidney failure. Connie said her greyhound **Holly** helped her make it through this difficult time. We send Connie our heartfelt condolences.

Our condolences go to Sheila and Jeff V. who shared that Sheila's son Travis died in early October following complications from kidney failure. We're so sorry they faced such a tragic loss.

Heidi and Patrick S. said goodbye to their

handsome cat **Sonny** on Nov. 8. He had been having difficulty for a while and succumbed to liver failure. Greyhounds **KC** and **Juni** were confused by his absence and were looking for him. We send them our sympathy on their loss.

We received the sad news on Nov. 9 that Laura and Greg P. had to say goodbye to their boy **Apollo**. He had been reluctant to eat or drink and was steadily losing weight. A specialist discovered a large tumor in the back of **Apollo's** throat which was too big to safely remove, so they let him go. We are very sorry for their loss.

We saw on Facebook on Nov. 13 that Melissa O. lost her **Molly** to lymphoma, after recently losing her boy **Theo** to cancer. We send our sincere sympathy for this double loss.

We heard from Stephen and Dawn F. that their **Edna** was euthanized on Nov. 16. **Edna** had a massive, prolonged seizure; and deteriorated rapidly at the vet so they made the decision to let her go. We're very sorry for their loss.

We were very sorry to hear that on Nov. 20, Steve and Debbie B. had to have their boy **Cyprus** euthanized due to osteosarcoma. **Cyprus** had been with them nearly 10 years. We send them our sympathy.

Our condolences go to Georgeana G. and Doug H. who told us that their greyhound **Shamrock** passed away on Nov. 20, most likely from lung cancer. From Georgeana: I'm especially thankful we have **Karl** and **Bea** to help **Peach** through this time.



Cedric

We send our condolences to our newsletter graphics designer *Michelle P.* whose cat **Cedric** died right before Thanksgiving. *Michelle* had **Cedric** for 17.5 years and he ruled the household.

We send our heartfelt condolences to *Juergen S.* whose wife *Frede* died in mid-December after a two-year fight with thyroid cancer. We are sorry to hear of *Frede's* passing.



Hazel

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to long time GAGC members *JaCol* and *George D.* who lost their girl **Hazel** on Dec. 10, they believe due to an aggressive mast cell tumor. From *JaCol*: **Hazel Grace**, more commonly referred to as **Hazelnut**, is missed by **Forrest** and has most certainly left a huge void in our home and hearts.

We were very sorry to hear that *Linda W.* said goodbye to **Sarah** on Dec. 21. After several inconclusive visits to her vet, a second opinion confirmed **Sarah** had cancer. We send *Linda* our condolences.



Tommy

Honey and *Dale R.* said goodbye to their handsome **Tommy** on Dec. 14 when he lost his long fight with cancer. He had received chemo treatments for weeks, but eventually he developed a huge tumor in his chest and they made the difficult decision to let him go. Their female greyhound **Stella** tended to **Tommy** and stayed by him as his health declined. We are so sorry for their loss.

Our sincere sympathy goes to *Richard M.* whose boy **Eli** died suddenly Dec. 22 following a stroke. **Eli** had been with Richard for eight years. He wrote: We went for two walks daily until the day he died and that helped keep both him and me fit. **Eli** is buried in my garden where he liked to roam.



Eli

We got the sad news on Dec. 24 from *Michele C.* that her **Ozzy** broke his leg and she had to make the decision to say goodbye. We are sorry to hear of this 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.

The Rainbow Bridge

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.



Edna

Edna left our family on Nov. 19 after suffering a prolonged and massive seizure. This sweet and gentle girl was a 7-year-old 'puppy' who loved her squeaky toys and chasing the non-electric rabbits at our Ohio home (she only caught one). **Edna** had a fervent desire to greet (everyone). **Edna** was the epitome of an escape artist (three times in Ohio and once from our Florida home). There is a significant void within our home with her passing.

—Dawn and Stephen F.

Cedric Robert

May 15, 2002–Nov. 23, 2020



Cedric was a beautiful black cat with bright green eyes. He was born in Cincinnati in the spring of 2002 and lived as a stray for the first year of his life. But once he learned to first trust and then love me, he quickly became “domesticated” and enjoyed a full life of beds, couches, regular meals, knocking breakables off shelves, cuddles, and kisses. For a former stray, he was quite well-traveled. He lived in four states and oversaw the household, including humans and non-humans, in all of them. He was also a consummate gourmet (glutton?) of food of all types. He wasn’t too picky. Favorites were anything dairy, bread, pizza, burritos, corn dogs, and the occasional insect. He leaves a very large **Cedric**-shaped hole in my heart that can never be filled. While *Jon* will no doubt miss his surveying buddy, he will now, however, be able to walk away from his food and reasonably expect it to still be there when he returns to it. There’s sure to be chaos from the other survivors—**Gemma, Walter, Phoebe, and Darwin**—as **Cedric** ran his house with an iron fist and a swat of his paw. **Elly, Tyler, Scarlett, and Sky** all preceded **Cedric** to the Rainbow Bridge and will probably not be overjoyed to see him there. However, all residents at the Bridge can be sure that their meals will be on time,

there will be no shenanigans, and everything will run like a well-oiled machine. But as for me, I’m heartbroken that my best boy for the last 17.5 years used up his nine lives and is now gone.

—Michelle



Tommy

Tommy Boy, our “never in a hurry” (except in instances of squirrels) 7-year-old, was diagnosed with cancer in November. Despite his wonderful doctors’ best efforts, along with the constant and caring attention of his greyt sister, **Stella**, his health deteriorated rapidly. **Tommy Boy** was especially looking forward to Christmas and all the treats and squeaky toys Santa always brings. We miss him very much.

—Honey and Dale R.

Eli

Eli was my first dog. When we met in 2012, he weighed 75 pounds and I had to carry him up the stairs to my living room. He learned to climb those eight steps himself but never liked stairs and always balked at an unfamiliar flight.

He was a friendly, confident, and handsome greyhound with a silken coat. “How soft,” people said after stroking him. Drivers stopped cars in the street to ask about him.

Eli knew how to throw his weight around among other dogs at Bark Park and Wiggley Field in Springfield but always was willing to give a newcomer a peaceful hello. Watchers at the dog parks were open-mouthed in amazement at his speed.

We went on two walks daily for more than eight years. He pranced up to people to say good morning. They were charmed. Many hereabouts knew **Eli** by name, even if my own name escaped them. Gift-wrapped dog treats began appearing in my mailbox at holidays. Along our walk routes, **Eli** had particular friends who were known treat-carriers or for whom he had a special liking. He sought them out shamelessly.

Eli liked riding in my car and was a good traveler. We drove to Michigan, Wisconsin, and New York. He tolerated the ferry and plane rides to Beaver Island on Lake Michigan for my sake.

Once or twice a day he had his mad moments—barking, stamping and pirouetting around the living room, sometimes biting and tossing a toy into the air. He insisted that I watch, and I did. I think it was his way of releasing energy and showing he was

tough customer. But mostly we had quiet times, enjoying each other’s company. At bedtime, I put his Orthopedic Memory Foam Dog Bed next to my bed and we settled in for the night. When I turned out the light, it was a comfort to know he was there.

Eli died suddenly and swiftly at age 11—I think from a stroke. I miss him.

—Richard M.



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Talk about cat-safe! This is Anne's girl Sweet Pea and Callie the kitten.



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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:* **RS By By Breck, Kelsos Enya, Time for Topper, WW Shabani, No Really, WW Mako Sako**
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace:* **WW Sky Walker**
- *Dan, Rymer, Mo, and Magic:* **Hilco Pro, Bonnie E. Parker, Baileigh, Flying Xenia**
- *Chris, Tom, and Annie:* **AMF Mathias**

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Miss **Cay** is surrounded by a few of her furry friends.



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- Kathryn R.

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- Peggy and Jason donated their winning bag of dog food (for fostering) back to GAGC
- Patti B. donated a framed print and several greyhound statues
- Aimee K. donated a greyhound t-shirt
- Racing To Retirement Greyhound Adoption donated a variety of raffle items plus some gently used greyhound supplies
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