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**Adopting a
retired racer:
\$275 ...
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friend for life:
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From the president ...



Brenda and Ron with whippet **Harley** and greyhounds **Hawkeye, Betsy** and **Crissy**.

GAGC Families and Friends,

I sound like a broken record sometimes, but I continue to be amazed at the support our families have for the GAGC mission in finding good homes for the retired racing greyhounds. Our May picnic was the best ever! Over 120 families came and we are guessing around 300 greyhounds attended. What a greyt day! Later in this newsletter I make an attempt to thank everyone who helped that day. Amazing effort made by all! Thank you! Let's do it again on Sept. 15 for our fall event.

As of today, we have found 43 greyhounds their forever homes, thanks to all of your efforts!

Brenda

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On the cover: Sweet **Finn** with his little buddy.

Greyt Health & Safety

Dehydration in dogs from Home Again

by Wendy Bedwell-Wilson

Severely dehydrated dogs require immediate emergency care. If your dog shows signs of shock, heat stroke, or severe dehydration, call your veterinarian immediately, who will likely request that the dog be brought in so that the doctor can re-hydrate him with intravenous fluids.

Vomiting, diarrhea, excessive panting, or playing in the scorching sun with no water can cause dehydration in dogs. The body loses valuable fluids and electro-

lytes that are essential in maintaining proper organ function.

When a dog's bodily fluid drops just 5 percent, you may begin to see signs of dehydration. The dog may be lethargic and his eyes, mouth, and nose may appear dry. His skin may lose its elasticity. In severe dehydration, your dog's eyes may appear sunken into his skull. He might show signs of shock, which include rapid heart rate, weak pulse, bright red gums and mucous membranes, weakness, shivering, listlessness, unconsciousness, and in extreme cases, death.

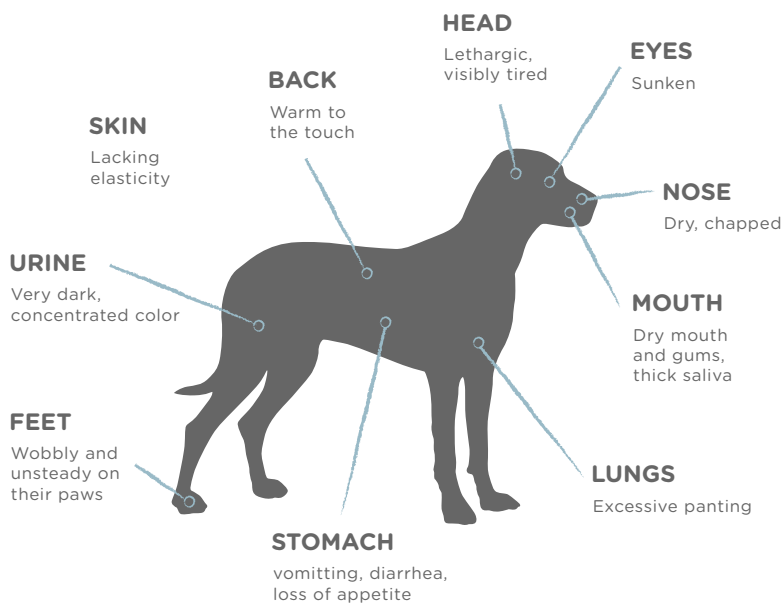
Dehydration Test

Perform the following tests to gauge whether or not your dog is properly hydrated:

1. First test his skin's elasticity. With your thumb and forefinger, gently pinch your dog's skin between his shoulders, grasping just enough to lift it an inch or two from his body. When you release it, the skin should retract immediately. As the skin loses moisture, it loses its ability to pull back. In extreme cases, the skin does not pull back at all.
2. Another method for determining dehydration is to check your dog's gums for capillary refill time. First, lift your dog's lip and look at the color of his gums. Next, press the gum with your index finger so that it appears white. Release your finger and watch how quickly the color returns, or how quickly the capillaries in the gums refill. The gums of a normal dog refill immediately, and the gums of a dehydrated dog could take up to three seconds to refill.

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SIGNS OF A DEHYDRATED DOG



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Slowly re-hydrate

Severely dehydrated dogs require immediate emergency care. If your dog shows signs of shock, heat stroke, or severe dehydration, call your veterinarian immediately, who will likely request that the dog be brought in so that the doctor can re-hydrate him with intravenous fluids. If your veterinarian recommends it, offer the dog small amounts of water on the way to the clinic.

Offer a mildly dehydrated dog small sips of water every few minutes. You can also mix electrolyte replacement powder with the water or offer him pieces of ice to lick. Too much water too quickly, however, could cause him to vomit, exacerbating his dehydration. Contact your veterinarian for additional recommendations.

Preventing dehydration

Offering your dog plenty of fluids will prevent dehydration, unless the condition is due to severe illness. Place several bowls of water around the house so that your dog can drink whenever he wants. If you're going to the dog park or for a ride, bring a portable bowl and bottled water with you.

After strenuous playing or exercise, offer your dog water in small amounts. Pour a little in his bowl, replenishing it every few minutes. No matter how tempting, don't let him drink too much too quickly.

Automatic water bowls, pet fountains, and hardware that attaches to an outside spigot are options for dog owners who work all day and aren't home to fill up the water dishes. Always offer your dog a bowl of clean, fresh water with every meal as a back-up.

If your dog refuses to drink for any reason for extended periods of time, contact your veterinarian immediately. As with humans, it's important for dogs to maintain their fluid levels for proper bodily function. A good rule of thumb: if you're out playing in the heat and you get thirsty, your dog is probably thirsty, too.

Wendy Bedwell-Wilson writes about pet and lifestyle topics from her home in Hawaii, where she lives with two spoiled cats, an exuberant Pointer puppy, and her husband.

Updated safety warning on xylitol: How to protect your pets

ASPCA, May 23, 2019

You may have already heard of xylitol, a natural sugar alcohol that is most often used as a sweetener. Though we've talked about the dangers of this product before, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) wants to give you an updated look at this toxic ingredient.

Originally found in birch bark, it can now be produced using corncob remnants from ethanol plants, making it inexpensive to produce. Xylitol has several properties that make it appealing for use in dental and skincare products. In addition to its use as a sweetener, xylitol can also:

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- Prevent tooth decay and cavities
- Kill mouth bacteria
- Provide a low glycemic index in people
- Have a cooling effect in oral and nasal cavities
- Maintain moisture in products

Due to these beneficial properties for people and its low cost, xylitol is likely to become even more prevalent, so it's important for consumers to be aware of the dangerous effects it can have in dogs.

Can it harm my dog? Is it dangerous for other animals?

In some species, particularly dogs, xylitol causes a sudden release of insulin. That insulin then causes the dog's blood sugar to drop, causing hypoglycemia. Dogs will often vomit and become lethargic or weak, and sometimes they can even have seizures. This can be very dangerous, but can be corrected by providing intravenous dextrose (aka sugar) at a veterinary hospital. Dogs who become hypoglycemic after eating xylitol will need dextrose supplementation in a vet hospital for 12 to 24 hours, sometimes longer.

Another problem that xylitol can cause for dogs is liver damage. We don't know

why this happens, but liver enzymes often become elevated in dogs after they eat xylitol. In most cases, the liver enzyme elevations are mild, and dogs recover completely with a little help from medication that protects the liver. However, very large doses of xylitol in dogs can lead to liver failure, which is a much more serious and possibly fatal condition.

We can also see these effects in rabbits, and to a lesser extent, in cows, baboons and goats.

Luckily, people, cats and ferrets are not negatively affected by xylitol.

What types of products can I find it in?

By far the most common xylitol-containing product that dogs get into is sugarless gum. Gum that comes in the larger "car cups" can be particularly dangerous because these typically contain 40 to 50 pieces. The amount of xylitol per piece of gum varies not just between different brands, but also between different types or flavors of the same brand. If you see xylitol listed as the first ingredient on your gum, keep it away from your dogs! Dogs especially like to go through purses, bags and backpacks to find gum.

Other commonly encountered products that may contain xylitol include:

- Sugar-free foods (peanut butter, candy, pudding, ice cream, energy bars, protein powder)
- Chewable or gummy vitamins/medications
- Liquid prescription medications
- Dental products (toothpaste, dental floss, mouth rinse)
- Nasal sprays
- Skin care products

What should I do if my dog eats something with xylitol in it?

First and foremost, don't panic. If your

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dog is acting normal, call APCC at 888-426-4435, so we can help you determine if your dog needs any treatment. If your dog is symptomatic, take them to a veterinarian immediately. Be sure to bring any packaging with you from the product that was ingested and tell the veterinary staff that your dog ate xylitol.

Depending on the amount of xylitol ingested, they may recommend keeping your dog in the hospital to monitor their blood sugar and possibly starting medication to protect the liver. Most dogs do recover even with large xylitol ingestions, but veterinary intervention is often required.

Wilma (front) and **Nala** are enjoying the good life!



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.

Find GAGC on Facebook



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

Visit our home page at www.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 *Heather, Melissa* 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.

Greyt goods & services

Items for sale

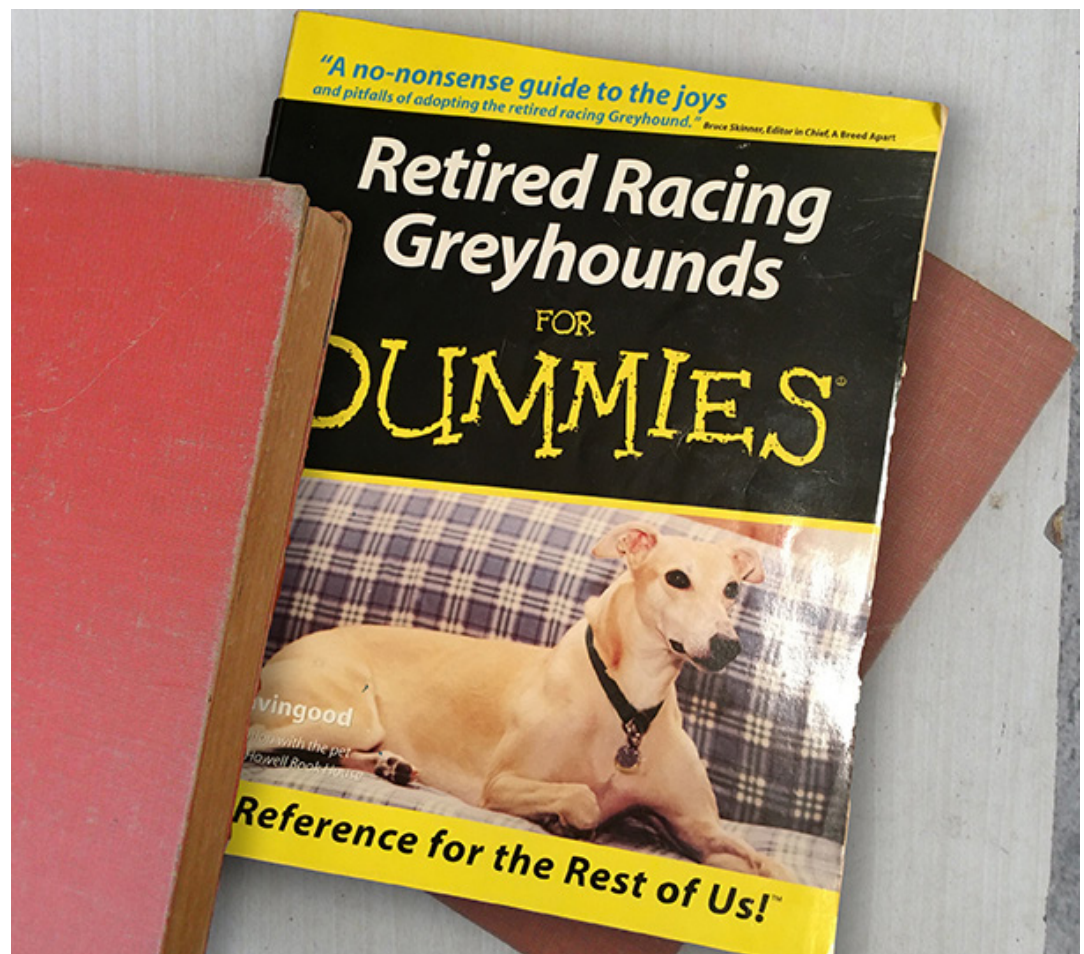
Kathy and *Brenda* have a supply of belly bands, muzzles and stool covers available if you are in need of any of these for your hound. Our other sellable items are available at our family picnics in May and September.

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 *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 crate's value.



GAGC News

Thank you

We want to send a big shout out to **Rosie** the test cat who met three of our available dogs in early May and many more before then to be cat tested. **Rosie** is *Irene's* blind cat who does a greyt job being calm (for a short period of time), allowing the greyhound to sniff and meet her. *Irene* then lets her off her lap and she leaves the room. We watch the response of the greyhound being tested to determine if it is considered cat friendly. Good job, **Rosie!** Thanks to you and *Irene!*

We are so proud of *Alan* and *Leslie Schrager*, our Nature's Select distributors. They donated 70 bags of their dog food to victims of the Memorial Day tornadoes. Thank you both for giving back to our community!

AmazonSmile has been very good to GAGC, donating money to us when families designate us as their preferred charity. If you routinely shop on Amazon, go instead to smile.amazon.com. All the same Amazon departments and goods are available on that site. Be sure to show GAGC as your charity of choice. Thanks, Amazon!

Congratulations

GAGC sends our congratulations to *Katherine* and *Chase* on the occasion of their wedding on New Year's Eve! They are the proud owners of **Bea** and **Carl**.

Congratulations to *Andy* and *Michael* who eloped on April 1. They asked anyone who wanted to get them a gift to instead donate to GAGC and we've already received several donations. Thank you!

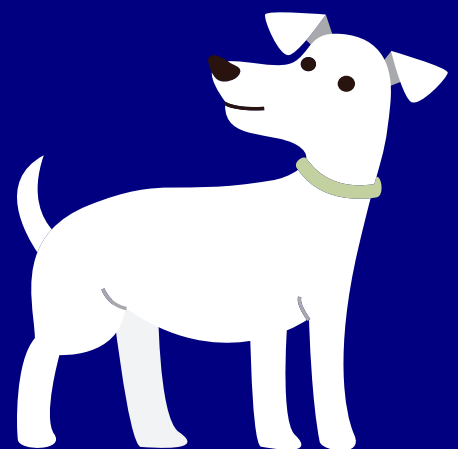
Congratulations also to *Michelle* and *Isaiah I.* who welcomed their son *Asher* on May 30. From *Michelle*: "The dogs (**Dobby** and **Winky**) are doing greyt! They are super sweet and gentle with *Asher* (as we anticipated), and they are so good when *Asher* cries in the middle of the night. **Dobby** really likes the nursing pillow."

Webmaster

We'd like to thank our terrific webmaster *Mike*. He receives a lot of input from *Brenda* and *Kathy* and responds extremely quickly. Thanks for all you do, *Mike*, to make our website so polished and informative.

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.



Recent events & outreach

Figleaf Brewing Meet & Greet

It was a beautiful day on April 6 for the Figleaf Brewing Meet and Greet. Thanks go to *Dawn* and *Stephen F.* for arranging it for us, and to *Irene* and *Kyle* for setting up the M&G table. We had lots of families show up with their greyhounds who charmed the other Figleaf visitors. We got a special surprise when a staff member took what's called "spent grain" from the brewing process and made bunches of healthy dog biscuits and donated them to the group to sell. They even provided paper bags for the biscuits. Thanks very much, Figleaf Brewing! Thanks also to *Alisha* and *Bob* who sold leftover biscuits at their PetSmart M&G the next day.

GAGC Family Picnic

Brenda: At our GAGC Family Spring picnic on May 18, we had over 121 families attend and almost 300 greyhounds present! Can't get much better than that!

So many people made our event a special day. I apologize in advance if I have neglected mentioning your name as helping. *Greg, Ron, Kyle, Max* (thanks, guys!) and I did all the loading and hauling stuff from my house to the picnic. Thanks to *Heather, Dawn, Jane, Debbie, Jamie, Kyle,*

Ron, Greg, Garion and *Max* (our grandson) who set up everything. Thanks to our treasurer, *Mary*, who came from Nashville to help throughout the day with *Laura, Leslie, Anne, and Alisha*. Thanks *Peg* for providing the bottled water, *Rob* and *Kathy* for getting soda. Thanks to the foster families who brought their dogs and stayed talking to families and to *Kyle* who watched over our precious available dogs all day. A special thanks to *Marianne* and her family for providing a terrific lunch and to *Mel* and *Jon* for presenting a wonderful raffle/silent auction (and thanks to those who donated to the raffle). Thanks to *Angie* for printing all our calendar contest entries! And thanks to *Irene* who created the fun contest, and *Gretchen* who judged it and made it a success! They have already started planning for the Fall event. Thanks to most of the above plus *Bob* and *Jacob* for the packing up of all the picnic stuff.

The Silent Auction winners were:

- Four rounds of golf with cart at Wetherington Country Club: *Jon R.*
- Cincinnati's Art Deco Greyhound Bus Depot print: *Angie B.*
- 'Greyhound on a Parkland Landscape' print: *Alan S.*

This is just a small portion of the people and dogs who attended our May picnic.



- Greyhound weather vane: *Mary S.*
- Six-month supply Nature's Select dog food: *Susan R.*
- Wine & Dine: *Sharon and Mark S.*

Our GAGC group photo was taken by talented photographer *Jon Williams*. Unfortunately, many of our families had already left when the photo was taken. *Jon* takes fantastic photos and we highly recommend him for any of your photography needs. You can contact him at www.jrwilliamsphoto.com or (513) 403-0697.

Great Global Greyhound Walk

GAGC supported the Great Global Greyhound Walk on June 9 when 40 greyhounds and their humans walked in Sharon Woods. Last year we had 78 greyhounds, but we believe the weather prevented some families from venturing out this year. We had no rain and it was about 70 degrees, a perfect day for a nice walk with our hounds. Thanks to *Melissa* for coordinating this.

"Sighthounds are 2020" calendar winners

The following list shows the dogs who will be in our next calendar and the

humans who submitted their photos. Congratulations to all! Thanks to *Angie* and *Susan* for all their hard work on the calendar contest.

- Maddie** *Alisha K.*
- Bolt**..... *Angie B.*
- Winona** *Becky S.*
- Hawkeye** *Brenda P.*
- Holly** *Carrie S.*
- Gus** *Cathy F.*
- Ziva** *Christine W.*
- Gretel & Lenny** *Cindy B.*
- Manny & Frenchie** (horse) *Claire P.*
- Fritz**..... *Corey B.*
- Magic, Mo & Rymer** *Dan R.*
- Pearl**..... *Dana P.*
- Louie**..... *Debbie K.*
- Waffle, Fifi, Gretel & Pearl** *Gretchen D.*
- Nea** *Heather & Patrick M.*
- Dobby** *Jayme S.*
- Denali**..... *Julie D.*
- Finn** *Julie P.*
- Comet**..... *Kathy G.*
- Floogal** *L.S.*
- Taylor** *Laura F.*
- Lucy & Gracie** *Laura P.*
- Ava** *Linda F.*
- Rico** *Linda W.*
- Odin** *Mel R.*
- Charlee** *Mike M.*
- Chatty & Ferris** *Sandy K.*
- Reese** *Shari M.*
- Yana** *Shelly P.*
- Jax & Chloe** *Sheri W.*
- Juliet**..... *Susan L.*
- Jack, Ace & Dewey** *Terri B.*

Maddie, balanced precariously on a tennis ball, is one of the 2020 calendar photo winners.



If you are interested in ordering calendars, please contact gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com. Pick-up will be at our Fall Family Fun Day on Sept. 15 at Keehner Park. The price is \$5 a calendar or three calendars for \$10. Besides our picnic raffles, this is our only other fundraiser so consider calendars for holiday gifts.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog Runs

We were finally able to get more dogs on April 12. The weather was lousy, but *Brenda* and *Irene* headed to meet the hauler in Charleston, West Virginia, instead of Lore, Ohio, a last minute change due to delays in the hauler's expected arrival time. We got five new Florida dogs—three boys: **Zac Sandwisch, WW Keyman** and **Stingray Coupe**; and two girls: **Jay's Madonna** and **Arkansbd Mermaid**. The boys rode with *Brenda* and took a while to settle, but the girls laid right down for *Irene*. Here's *Irene's* account of the trip: "Rain drops keep falling on my head ..." Nooooo! Buckets of rain fell on our cars as *Brenda* and I drove to Mardi Gras Racetrack (an instantaneous change) to bring five greys on the next leg of their journey to find forever homes. The skies opened up as we dashed to the

The three girls from the May 10 dog run — **Whynot Ruth, Whynot Redpicosa** and **WW's Essence** — are on their way to the vet's office.



track to meet the transporter. Yes, we arrived safely and with only a few minutes to chat before the hauler arrived. The horrible weather and the rainy drive was all forgotten as the five beautiful pups came off the hauler. They are sweet and ready for a loving family. Sweet dreams, pups; this is only the beginning."

On a beautiful Earth Day, April 22, *Kathy* and *Chris* made the drive to Senecaville, Ohio, to meet the Florida hauler and get two male greyhounds: **Whynot Colton** and **Master Cheef**. The weather was perfect, the hauler was right on time, and the two boys were terrific. After giving them some time to stretch their legs and pee (and pee and pee), they got in *Kathy's* car, laid right down and didn't make a peep during the three-hour drive back to our vet in Franklin. *Brenda* met *Kathy* and *Chris* at *Dr. Moore's* to get website photos of the boys and handle the paperwork for the newbies. Next stop ... their foster homes!

On May 10, the Florida dog hauler came right to *Brenda's* house with three girls: **Whynot Ruth, Whynot Redpicosa** and **WW's Essence**, and one male: **TNT Mister Magoo**. Here's *Brenda's* write-up: "*Irene, Kyle, Ron* and I waited anxiously at my house Friday, May 10 for the four new dogs to arrive from St. Petersburg, Fla. Hauler *Harry* and his partner arrived a little late because of good old Cincinnati morning traffic delays. We treated them with some bagels and cream cheese before they left heading to Michigan with 20 more pet dogs to an adoption group there. Our four pups jumped out of the hauler and immediately squatted to pee! They looked around at all the grass, heard strange sounds and experienced

definitely chillier weather than when they got in the hauler in Florida. We fed them, got their photos and let them relax for a little while before putting them in our cars to head to *Dr. Nicole Moore's* office to be vetted and ready for their foster homes."

Brenda and *Irene* each drove on May 26 to pick up five new dogs coming from Florida. In a last-minute change, they traveled to Charleston, W.V., instead of Senecaville, Ohio. We got two males: **BGR Iron Eagle** and **Popgun Episode**; and three females: **AMF Do Not Use**, **AMF Aunt Verne** and **AMF Bestberight**. Here's *Irene's* account: The Sunday of Memorial Day weekend *Brenda* and I drove to Charleston, W.V. 'Twas the night before though when I had visions of backed up holiday traffic, speed traps and rainy weather dancing

in my head. Well, my visions were wrong; clear sailing in beautiful weather with no hazards to block our way. In no time, the hauler arrived and five beautiful Florida pups bounced off ready to continue their adventure with us. I'm sure it was a little confusing hopping off one transport into another with just a quick rest stop in between, but we were ready to start their leisurely life as retirees. The boys, **Iron Eagle** and **Popgun Episode** and I had a great conversation about how wonderful retirement is and the many new adventures they will have with their new families. Our day has come to a close and after an early start and hours of driving, I can't help but thinking how lucky I am to have adopted **Millie** and **Red** and become a member of the GAGC family. Good luck, pups. Retirement is good.

With *Kathy* in one car and *Irene* and *Kyle* in another, we made drive to West Virginia to meet the Florida hauler on June 16. He had four dogs for us: girls **By's Dalma** and **AMF Fools Gold**, and boys **RS Big Lou** and **RS Dizzy Dean**. It rained during much of the drive but was hot and sunny in WV. Because we had a three-and-a-half hour drive back to Ohio, we pottied the dogs and hit the road. Here's *Irene's* account: "Sunday, June 16, and our destination is **Mardis Gras Casino and Track** in WV. We had a lovely drive with some rain, but the consolidation of lanes from two to one for miles in both directions when there is no work being completed on the weekend was befuddling. Despite the silly road conditions that kept me amused, we met the hauler from Florida and four beautiful dogs were ready to start a new life journey. Their long ride ended in the early evening at the Pennix household. Good luck, my lovelies; you deserve great forever homes. Have a happy life."

Florida boys **BGR Iron Eagle** and **Popgun Episode**; and girls **AMF Do Not Use**, **AMF Aunt Verne** and **AMF Bestberight** taking a potty break at *Dr. Moore's*.



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 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:

April

- Food winner: *Jane Y.*, foster parent to **Jay's Madonna**
- Gift card winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **Blackjack Tom**
- Gift card winner: *Debbie K.*, foster parent to **Zac Sandwisch**

AMF Bestberight (now called **Destin**) meeting her new dad **Steve**.



- Gift card winner: *Colleen M.*, foster parent to **Whynot Colton**

May

- Food winner: *Megan and Josh S.*, foster parents to **MW's Jonah Hex**
- Gift card winner: *Valerie V.*, foster parent to **WhynotRuth**
- Gift card winner: *Debbie K.*, foster parent to **Zac Sandwisch**
- Gift card winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Arkansbd Mermaid** and **Mommy's Shadow**

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:

- *Becky and Matt S.*: **AMF Bestberight (Rite Rite)**, **Bys Dalma**
- *Breanna A.*: **Master Cheef**, **RS Dizzy Dean**
- *Chris and Tom P.*: **AMF Do Not Use**
- *Colleen M.*: **Whynot Colton**, **AMF Fools Gold**
- *Debbie K.*: **WW Eyes Open**, **Zac Sandwisch**
- *Gretchen D.*: **Arkansbd Mermaid**, **Popgun Episode**
- *Jane and Ethan Y.*: **Jay's Madonna**
- *Kathy E.*: **Wicked Tuna (Toon)**, **JA's Lucky Gal (Sox)**
- *Kim M.*: **WW Keyman**
- *Kyle M.*: **Hi Noon Grace**, **Stingray Coupe**, **TNT Mister Magoo**, **WW Keyman**, **RS Big Lou**
- *Laura and Tom S.*: **Charlize T**
- *Megan and Josh S.*: **MW's Jonah Hex**
- *Michele C.*: **WW's Essence**, **AMF Aunt Verne (Angie)**
- *Pam and Mike H.*: **Whynot Redpico**
- *Robin C.*: **Blackjack Tom**
- *Robin and Chris H.*: **BGR Iron Eagle**
- *Valerie V.*: **Whynot Ruth**

Current Foster Dogs

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

BGR Iron Eagle: Feb. 20, 2016; 3-year-old red male

Popgun Episode: Sept. 27, 2015; 3-year-old white/brindle male

AMF Aunt Verne: Oct. 7, 2016; 2-year-old red female

By's Dalma: May 12, 2016; 3-year-old black female

AMF Fools Gold: Aug. 25, 2016; 2-year-old brindle female

RS Dizzy Dean: May 15, 2016; 3-year-old brindle male

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

Recent Adoptions

Happy boy **Whynot Colton** was adopted by *Sharon* and *Mark* on May 9.

- **Charlize T (Bailey):** April 4 to *Kathryn*



A. of Dayton

- **WW Eyes Open (Fergus):** April 6 to *Mary S.* of Nashville
- **Hi Noon Grace (Norma Grace):** April 20 to *Lily B.* and *Elliott K.* of Cincinnati
- **Stingray Coupe (Couper):** April 25 to *Jessica M.* and *Eric B.* of Dayton
- **Arkansbd Mermaid (Maddie):** May 3 to *Jean* and *Bob S.* of Cincinnati
- **Jay's Madonna (Baby):** May 4 to *Stephanie S.* and *Steve C.* of Goshen
- **Whynot Colton (Colton):** May 9 to *Sharon* and *Mark S.* of Cincinnati
- **WW's Essence (Essy):** May 15 to *Denise* and *Jeff N.* of Cincinnati
- **Master Cheef (Cheef):** May 16 to *Bobbie* and *Tom M.* of Mason
- **MW's Jonah Hex (Hex):** May 18 to *Megan* and *Josh S.* of Cincinnati
- **Zac Sandwich (Elliott):** May 18 to *Tara M.* of Monroe
- **Mommy's Shadow (Shadow):** May 18 to *Kim* and *Christa S.* of Lebanon
- **TNT Mister Magoo:** May 24 to *Holly, Dennis, Erin* and *Stacy P.* of Terrace Park
- **Whynot Ruth (Bella):** May 27 to *John R.* of Cincinnati
- **WW's Keyman (Keyman):** May 27 to *Cameron L.* and *Evan E.* of Xenia
- **Blackjack Tom (Miles):** June 2 to *Dominica* and *Tyler P.* of Mason
- **AMF Bestberight (Destin):** June 4 to *Steve C.* of Cincinnati
- **Whynot Redpicoa (Red):** June 6 to *Amanda S.* and *Nathan N.* of Mason
- **AMF Do Not Use (Alice):** June 11 to *Cathy F.* of Montgomery
- **JA's Lucky Gal (Sox):** June 17 to *John K.* of Loveland
- **Wicked Tuna (Toon):** June 17 to *John K.* of Loveland
- **RS Big Lou (Big Lou):** June 20 to *Kathy E.* of Dayton

Our Condolences



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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.

Brenda was notified in late February that **Dempsey** passed away from liver disease several years ago. We send our condolences to *Connie* and *Bill C.*

Mary Ellen and *Greg K.* informed us that their girl **Posey** was euthanized on April 6. They came home one evening to find blood all over the house. X-rays and a sonogram showed a large tumor covering much of her bladder. "**Posey** would have been 8 on April 11. She was the sweetest, best-behaved dog we have known. We will miss her quiet silliness." We send our heartfelt sympathy.

We were very sorry to hear that *Willa* and *Paul K.* had to have their **Queenie** put to sleep on April 15. She was convulsing

and it was determined that she had both brain and liver issues. From *Paul*: "We miss the love of our life!"

Our sincere sympathies go to *Jean* and *Bob S.* who had to say goodbye to their girl **Cookie** on April 29. **Cookie** had been limping and an X-ray revealed she had bone cancer in her shoulder and leg. We are so sorry to hear of this devastating loss.

We were very sorry to hear that *Steve C.* lost his greyhound **Casey** in early May. She was 10 years old.

Our heartfelt condolences go to *Michelle* and *Jon* whose beloved Doberman **Sky** passed on May 6. He had just turned 13. **Sky** had been coughing and X-rays showed he had cancer in his lungs that had likely spread from elsewhere in his body. They started him on medication, hoping they'd have a little more time with him, but he was really struggling. "**Gemma** gave him a goodbye kiss; I think she understood that he was very sick."

We send our heartfelt condolences to *Anne* and *Jack B.* They got the horrible news May 19 while on vacation that their girl **Kelly** died suddenly following a massive seizure. Greyhound **Kelly** was only 4 years old. We are so sorry to hear of this tragic loss.

We send our sympathy to *Tara M.* who had to say goodbye to **Sidda**, her little dachshund mix, on May 20. **Sidda** lost her battle with old age issues.

On May 30, *John* and *Sue K.* had to say goodbye to their girl **Ellie**. She broke her leg running in the yard and they discovered it was full of cancer. Since she was 11 years old, they decided to say goodbye. We are very sorry for their loss.



Sky

We send our condolences to *Stacy* and *Tom K.* who had to have their kitty euthanized on June 8. From *Stacy*: “No more face-offs between **Ella** and **Ray** and the cat.”

We were so sorry to hear that *Cathy F.* said goodbye to her Doberman **Lexi** on June 8. **Lexi** had several health issues, and after

her loss, her friend **Gus** was really missing her. Fortunately *Cathy* was able to adopt **Do Not Use**, now called **Alice**, on June 11.

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.



Rosie

Just seven months after losing **Bowie**, the *Erskines* had to say goodbye to their **Whole Lotta Rosie** on Feb. 7, 2019. From just a limp to knowing we had to let her go took only a month for that horrible osteo to take her from us. She was surrounded by her playmate **Ringo**, Mom and Dad and the skin child, *Ronnie*. She crossed peacefully and met **Bowie** at the Rainbow Bridge. It has taken us this long to be prepared to write this. She was *Ron's* heart dog. He fell in love when he saw the first picture of her, coming from the track with the Turner family. She never forgot her Uncle *Doug*, (she adored him). We knew she was meant for us. *Ron* treated her like the queen she was—giving her a pool of her very own so she could be by our pool during the summer—to giving her a regal bed to sleep in. She loved going for rides and walkies. She was our first greyhound and she taught us all about the glorious

benefits she and the breed could give. **Rosie**, we miss you every day, but it eases our grief knowing you and **Bowie** are together.

— *Annelise* and *Ron*

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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 \$1,220.36. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

Kroger Reward Program

Please re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program today. Our code

number is **#EP079**. This is a new GAGC number. 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.krogerscommunityrewards.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, and Nati*: **Blackjack Tom, MW's Jonah Hex**
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly and Ace*: **Hi Noon Grace**
- *Melissa, Deco and Bianca*: **Tread Lightly**



Millie posing at the Figleaf Brewing meet & greet.



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.
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- Regina R.
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- Pat and William H.
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Gift in honor of Joyce & Walter Y.

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- Stephanie K.
- Valerie A.
- Brooke B.
- Michele K.

Gift in honor of Robin

- Marquita A.

Gift in memory of Lexi

- Cathy F.

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- Robin C. donated her gift card won for fostering back to GAGC

Stephen and Dawn's "salad crew." **Diva**, **Edna** and **Johnson** love fresh veggies!

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.



Mark your calendars

Local Events

August Paws Adoption Center, Monroe Community Park

Saturday, Aug. 24

GAGC will not have a booth but you are welcome to attend.

September GAGC Family Picnic, Keehner Park, West Chester

Sunday, Sept. 15 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a repeat of our May event. These two events help us raise monies to support our organization for the year!

October Pooch Parade, Lebanon on Mulberry Street

Saturday, Oct. 12

GAGC will not have a booth but this is a fun event if you choose to participate.

Iron's Fruit Farm, Lebanon

Sunday, Oct. 13 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a fun fall event, with lots of families visiting with our hounds. Come join us!

Out of Town Events

July Greyt Fest, Louisville, Ky.

July 19 and 20

This will be Kentucky Greyhound Placement's third annual Greyt Fest. The event is inside in the air conditioning, there's a free concert Friday, and the free main event is Saturday. The theme is "Rounding 3rd ... to Home." Registration is appreciated for these free events and to pre-order optional lunch and event t-shirt. Go to

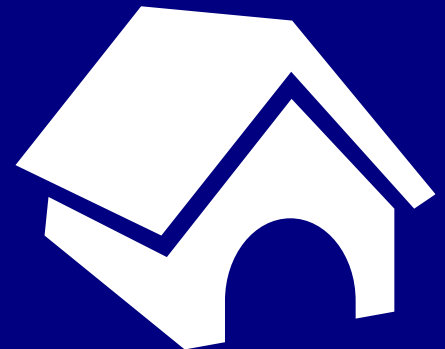
Pearl with her many-legged friend. KyGreyhounds.org for more information.




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.




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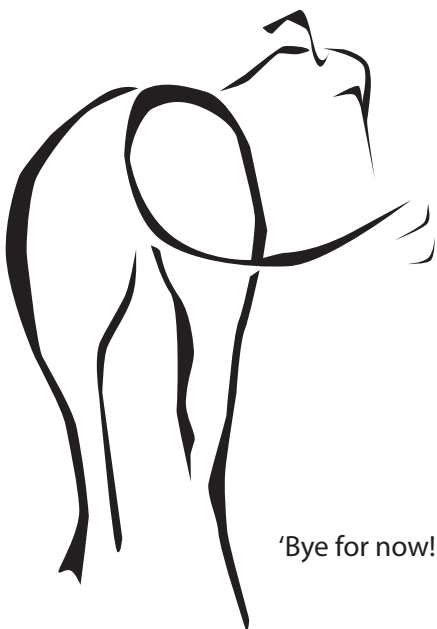
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