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**Adopting a
retired racer:
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friend for life:
Priceless!**

From the President ...



Ron and Brenda at Mountain Hounds in Gatlinburg, Tenn., with **Crissy, Maggie, and Betsy.**

GAGC Families and Friends,

Can you believe 2021 is half over already? 49 retired racing greyhounds have found their forever homes thanks to you! I am so thankful things are getting back to normal; seeing smiling faces again is very uplifting! It's time to start planning for our Fall Family Day on Sept. 19 at Keehner Park in West Chester. If you have any suggestions for new ideas, don't hesitate to share. To all our new families, this event is a greyt way to meet other GAGC families and their hounds. Our greyhounds love to be around their old racing buddies. We had around 100 families attend our May "Lite" event and around 200 greyhounds attended. It was a greyt day!

As always, thank you all for your continued support in making GAGC a GREYT organization.

Brenda

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On the cover: What's up, mom and dad? Handsome boys **Hex** and **Sirius** share their lives with **Megan** and **Josh**.

Greyt health & safety

Water and your dog's health

from [Fetch by WebMD](#)

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

Your dog's body will naturally lose water all day. They lose water as they sweat through their paws and when they pant. And they lose water when they pee and poop.

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

How much water is enough?

A good rule of thumb: Make sure your dog gets at least 1 ounce of water daily for each pound they weigh. That means a 20-pound dog needs at least 20 ounces of water every day. That's more than 2 cups, or as much as in some bottles of water or soda.



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

Keep plenty of water available

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

Clean the bowl daily. Refill often so the water supply stays fresh. Whenever you and your dog are playing outdoors—especially when it's hot—bring cool water with you for them to drink. If your dog stays outside on hot days, add ice to the water bowl.

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

Signs of dehydration

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

Symptoms of dehydration include:

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

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

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

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

Prevent diarrhea in your dog

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

Keep your dog healthy. To help prevent these illnesses:

- Have your dog vaccinated regularly
- Keep them away from old food and garbage

- Talk to your vet about treatments to ward off parasite infections

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

10 Ways to make life easier for aging dogs

from [AARP Daily](#), June 1, 2021

1. Toe grips or non-slip dog socks to prevent slipping on floors
2. Ramps to help them get into the car
3. Orthopedic beds for older bones
4. Dog stairs for getting onto the bed or couch
5. Heated pads to help regulate temperature and soothe muscle spasms
6. Dog strollers for long outings
7. Glucosamine and chondroitin supplements to reduce pain
8. Harnesses to reduce pressure on joints and lift pets up
9. Carts to help disabled pets move around on their own
10. Prescription medications to reduce pain and discomfort



How to stop your pet's bad habits

from [Fetch by WebMD](#)

By Sonya Collins

Sure, he's your best friend. But even your best friend has some habits you could live without. You try to get him to stop, but your efforts may encourage your dog's bad behavior, not curb it. Try these tips instead.

How to stop your dog from barking

You're relaxing on the sofa after a long day, until your dog breaks the silence

with a piercing bark. Then another. He won't let up. So you call him over and pet him to distract him from barking.

If you think that will keep your dog from repeating this scenario again and again, you're barking up the wrong tree. "When we respond by giving the dog attention, we reward him," says Bonnie Beaver, DVM. She's a veterinary behaviorist and professor at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

If you want to curb barking, don't respond. Instead, try to identify the trigger and downplay its impact. You might quiet outside sounds with white noise machines, TV, or static on the radio. Or you can keep the dog in a part of your home where he won't hear those sounds, such as a back bedroom. This may be a good plan if neighbors complain about barking while you're gone.

Dog owners often feel guilty about keeping their pet in a crate or confined to one room of the house, but Beaver says dogs don't mind at all.

Another strategy is to give your dog something to do that he can't do at the same time as barking, Beaver says. You can fill food puzzles with treats that a dog may work for hours to retrieve. The dog is entertained—and he can't bark.

How to stop your dog from jumping

Every time you walk through the front door, your dog jumps up to lick your face, planting paw prints all over your clothes. So, you stop and pet her, while pushing her off.

While you think you tell your dog "no," paying her any attention at all says "yes." "We're pushing, we're interacting with them, which is what they want," Beaver says. "If you stood straight as a rod, looked forward, and said 'no' or turned your back to them, that is no attention. That's the way to do it."

Or continue to walk into the house and straight into the dog. "It throws them off balance, and you're not giving them attention," Beaver says. "Even eye contact is a reward. Just keep walking, look straight ahead, and don't touch them."

If your dog will sit on command, ignore the jumping and say only "no" and "sit," Beaver recommends. When the dog sits, you can pet her. "They'll learn that the way to get attention is by sitting and eventually sit by themselves. It really doesn't take very long if you're consistent," she says. "Even when visitors come, someone has to be there to tell the dog to sit."

WebMD Magazine - Feature Reviewed by William Draper, DVM on November 14, 2013



PSA. If something lists "Birch Sugar" it IS xylitol. Small amounts can kill your dog. Nick's Ice Cream contains it. Be aware...

PSA - Birch Sugar = Xylitol. They've renamed / rebranded it but it is still deadly to our pets. Very common in 'sugar free' products.

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 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*

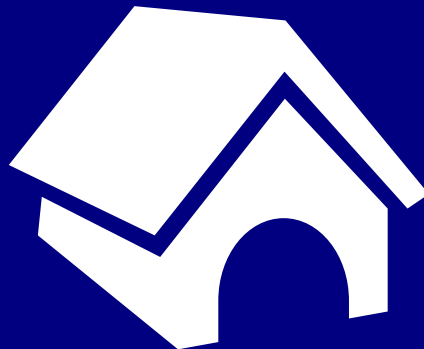


L. would like your photos! Send them to MelissaLohman7@gmail.com. Foster families are

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.



Greyt goods & services

Items for sale

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



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

Collars, belly bands, crates, and books

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.

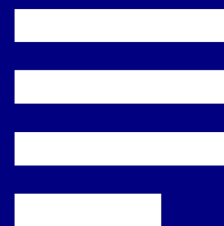
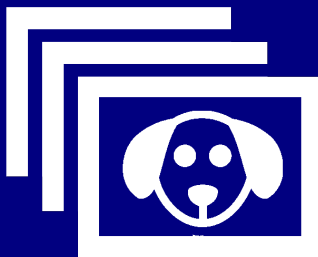
Did we loan you a belly band when you adopted your male greyhound? If you still have it, please wash it if needed and return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*. We like to keep some available for future loans and our supply tends to run out quickly.

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.



GAGC News

4th graders love GAGC

Kelli W. is a 4th grade teacher at Dixie Elementary School in New Lebanon and mom to greyhound **Natalie** (race name **Super C Allison**). A recent assignment for her students was to choose one of three animal organizations to research and write to; most of the class chose GAGC. They all wrote letters to GAGC secretary *Kathy E.* (who placed **Natalie** with *Kelli* and *Ryan*), and several included drawings as well. All the letters showed their appreciation and enthusiasm for all GAGC does for greyhounds and people. Thank you, *Kelli*, for sharing your love for greyhounds with your students.

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Adam* and *Megan T.* on the birth of their daughter *Holly Ann*,

born on May 3. Their greyhound **Jerry** has a new little best friend. He thinks he's her bodyguard.

Thank you

We send our appreciation to our Nature's Select distributor *Alan Schragar* who gives GAGC discounts on the food for our foster dogs. We are so grateful for his continuing generosity and support. Thank you, *Alan!*

Webmaster

Once again webmaster *Mike K.* came through with prompt postings of a variety of information sent by *Brenda* and *Kathy*. *Mike* supports GAGC behind the scenes and maintains a very professional looking website for the group; we appreciate all his support. Thanks, *Mike!*



Holly Ann, born on May 3, with her greyhound bodyguard **Jerry**.



Super C Allison is now called **Natalie**. This drawing was one of several that accompanied letters to GAGC by teacher *Kelli W.*'s 4th graders.

Recent Events & Outreach

GAGC "Lite" Family Picnic

Here's *Brenda's* report about the May picnic: Wow, what a greyt day it was on May 22 at our "Lite" event! I was thrilled to see so many new and current families attend. *Kathy* and I love looking around at all the happy dogs we have placed and at their humans! The weather was good and a start to getting back to normal. The dogs loved seeing other hounds and I'm hoping humans enjoyed the day as well. We're guessing maybe 100 families attended and over 100 dogs enjoyed the day. Thanks to *Bob, James, Marianne, Leslie* and *Alan* for helping set up, and to

Gretchen, Jami, Debbie, Angie, James, Leslie and *Alan* for packing it all up. Special thanks to my husband for all his support with preparing for such a special day! My pups were exhausted and will probably sleep three days!

Thanks to *Mel* for creating and heading up the raffle; we made over \$400 on the raffle alone. It was fun! I'm glad I brought our sellables, since we sold around \$1,000 worth of miscellaneous items. Thanks to *Angie* for selling stuff! Thanks to all of you who supported your greyt organization!

We want to send a special thank you to another Cincinnati adoption group that closed last year. Their president *Debbie* donated their remaining funds to GAGC and handed us a check at the picnic that was huge and very much appreciated! We will use that money to help find more retired racing greyhounds their forever homes! *Debbie* was impressed with our turn out and thrilled to know the money will be put to good use.

We had our two available girls there and several people enjoyed visiting with them, so hopefully we'll get a call that **Renee** and **Jasmine** will go home soon!

Thanks, and let's do it again on Sept. 19!

Dancing dogs

Well, not really dancing, more strutting their stuff. The DE LA Dance Company asked GAGC if any greyhound families would want to participate in their performances of *Giselle*. The company wanted dogs that were gracefully elegant. Of course, the greyhound is the

It's a brindle party at our "lite" event in Keehner Park on May 22!



best breed for this role.

The performers were **Asherton** with *Robin Corr*, **Euchre** with *Karen Durfee*, and **Finn** with *Sheri Weber*. The greyhounds' part was to lead a procession of court people on stage, watch the dancers, then depart. Twice. Not as easy as it appears. Dancers, scenery, props, and costumes all had to be negotiated with elegance. The greyhounds nailed it!

Ash, **Euchre**, and **Finn** had a backstage role as well. They kept the dancers calm

backstage. So many dancers had to have a little petting therapy before they performed. The little ballerinas were kept quiet by letting them pet the dogs and whisper questions about greyhounds.

Asherton, **Euchre**, and **Finn** were fabulous ambassadors for the breed. Everyone connected with DLD was just amazed with how wonderful greyhounds are. They received so many compliments on their looks, temperament, and grace. But does this really surprise any greyhound owner?



Sheri W. and **Finn** were one of several GAGC duos participating in the DE LA Dance Company's production of *Giselle*.

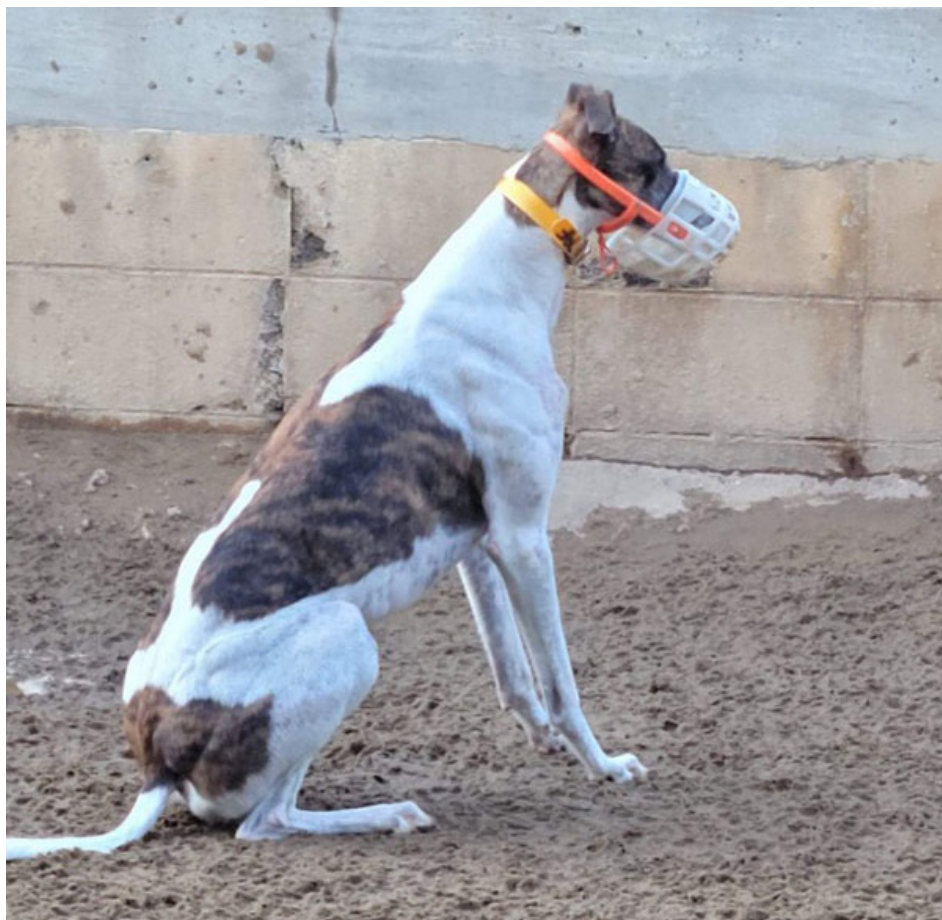
Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

Brenda and Gretchen made the trip to Jackson, Ohio, on May 23 to pick up two big W.V. boys: **Party N The Back (Apollo)** and **SNL Bones to Pick (Shane)**. From *Brenda*: "What a gorgeous day for a dog run. *Gretchen* rode with me and was excited to help me pick up two very handsome boys. *Gretchen* explained to the boys what was happening during the ride. We had learned a little about each boy after talking with the kennel manager, and the good news is she said she will have more dogs available soon." That's a huge relief because we thought it would be many weeks before we got more dogs.

Super C Affinity sits at the W.V. adoption kennel turn-out area!

From *Gretchen*: *Brenda* and I set out to pick up two boys in Jackson. The drive



went quickly, with good conversation, recounting the fun that we had at the GAGC picnic the day before. We met the adoption kennel manager who had the handsome boys in her car. With a quick explanation that the dogs might have a little extra energy thanks to a celebratory snack of oatmeal cr me pies before leaving, the boys hopped out. First was **SNL Bones to Pick**, a sweet fawn, quickly followed by **Party N the Back**, a stunning black hound. True to the warning, the boys were excited to greet their new friends and do a little exploration before starting their journey to *Brenda's* house. **SNL Bones to Pick** needed a boost into the car but settled right down for the drive. **Party N the Back** jumped in and enjoyed watching the landscape change for the first 30 minutes before laying down to sleep the rest of the way home. At *Brenda's* house, foster dad *Keith* was waiting to pick up **Party N the Back**. **SNL Bones to Pick** went to *Gretchen's* house which, within a week, would end up becoming his forever home.

First, we were getting more dogs, then we weren't, then we were! *Brenda* and *Gretchen* each drove on June 12 and brought back four new girls: **VJ Anna**, **Gamora (Mora)**, **No More Crying (Cryer)**, and **FF White Bear**; and two new boys: **Salud Driver** and **Killer Elrond (Ron)**. From *Brenda*: It is always so exciting knowing we are picking up new retired racers. *Gretchen* and I both drove to West Virginia leaving home around 7 a.m. It was really foggy in some parts of the mountain areas, a little rain but nice weather on our return. *Gretchen* brought the two boys home and I had the four

girls. Little **Anna** decided to stand up most of the ride and enjoyed looking out the windows see an entire new world.

From *Gretchen*: June 12 was a lucky day for six retired greyhounds. *Brenda* and I teamed up again to pick up the hounds, but this time the pickup location was the adoption kennel in West Virginia. What a sight it was to be greeted by the enthusiastic pups who were peeking over the fence at the two cars that pulled up! We were met by the kennel manager who let us enjoy meeting all of the hounds that would soon be going to various adoption groups to start their new lives as pets. The kennel was cool and clean and well stocked with treats. And it was confirmed that oatmeal crème pies are

Foster girl **VJ Anna** is enjoying a back rub in the grass with *Debbie* and *Jami* watching.



given as goodbye treats when a cabinet was opened to display several boxes of the Little Debbie snack cakes. It took four people to get the dogs ready and loaded into the cars. *Brenda* drove the four girls—pretty red fawn **FF White Bear**, energetic **VJ Anna**, sweet brindles **No More Crying** and **Gamora** who looked like they could be twins. I chauffeured the two boys—tall fawn **Killer Elrond** and affectionate black **Salud Driver**. During the trip, all of the dogs took turns looking out of the windows and napping and were excited to be greeted by an army of volunteers at *Brenda's* house. **Killer Elrond** wanted to visit with all the females and kept foster family *Leslie* and *Alan* on their toes. **Salud Driver**, not to miss out on the fun, pulled foster mom *Breanna* around the yard to investigate and socialize. **VJ Anna** matched the boys' energy and showed foster mom *Jami* how many twists she could get in a leash. The other girls however, realizing that it was a very hot day, were more mellow when they got out of the car. **Gamora** enjoyed laying in the shady grass with foster family *Andrea* and *Nate*; **No More Crying** enjoyed getting to know foster mom *Chrissy*; and **FF White Bear** hung out with foster mom *Stephanie* while sipping from the water bowl. It was a very exciting day for all the dogs!

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 in contention to win the bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Recent winners:

May

Food winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **Windy Jasmine**

Who could resist this snout? Meet foster **No More Crying**, called **Cryer**.



Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **JS Blinkofaneye, Lesley Gore**

Gift card winner: *Gretchen D.*: foster parent to **SNL Bones to Pick**

Gift card winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **Arno's Renee**

June

Food winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to **No More Crying**

Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **VJ Anna**

Gift card winner: *Debbie B.*, foster parent to **Soutache (Spencer)**

Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **FF White Bear**

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.: **Gamora (Mora)**

Breanna A. and Keith C.: **Party N The Back (Apollo), Salud Driver**

Chrissy G.: **No More Crying (Cryer)**

Dana P.: **Arno's Renee**

Debbie B.: **Soutache**

Gretchen D.: **SNL Bones to Pick (Shane)**

Jami B.: **JS Blinkofaneye, Lesley Gore, VJ Anna**

Jill and Ben N.: **Super C Affinity**

Jim P.: **Lesley Gore, Superior Monroe**

Kathy E.: **Party N The Back**

Leslie and Alan S.: **Killer Elrond (Ron)**

Ronda and Deron R.: **Windy Jasmine**

Stephanie S.: **Windy Jasmine, FF White Bear**

Current foster dogs

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

VJ Anna: Sept. 22, 2018; 2-year-old

brindle female

No More Crying (Cryer): March 17, 2018; 3-year-old brindle female

FF White Bear: Dec. 15, 2017; 3-year-old red female

Salud Driver: Feb. 11, 2017; 4-year-old black male

Killer Elrond (Ron): Jan. 8, 2019; 2-year-old fawn male

Santa's Zonker (Euchre): Jan. 1, 2017; 4-year-old black 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.

Recent adoptions

- **Fraline (Fraya):** May 1 to *Michelle* and

Isaiah I. of West Chester

- **Superior Monroe (Krypto):** May 7 to *Jim P.* of Hamilton
- **JS Blinkofaneye (Harriet):** May 23 to *Tamara T.* of Dayton
- **Windy Jasmine (Minnie):** May 25 to *Sara M.* and *Jack C.* of Blue Ash
- **Lesley Gore (Bella):** May 27 to *Luke S.* and *Dave, Junie* and *Peyton L.* of Miamisburg
- **Party N The Back (Apollo):** May 29 to *Pam* and *John T.* of Centerville
- **SNL Bones to Pick (Chase):** May 29 to *Gretchen D.* of Mason
- **Arno's Renee (Winnie):** May 31 to *Philena, James,* and *Owen S.* of Middletown
- **Gamora:** June 22 to *Ana G.* and *David S.* of Harveysburg
- **Soutache:** June 27 to *Sarah* and *Javier M.* of Batavia



Jim P. adopted **Superior Monroe** on May 7 and renamed him **Krypto**.
Where's Superman?

Our Condolences



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



Annie



Reggie

Editor's Note: When we lose one of our greyhounds, GAGC makes a donation in that dog's memory to 4 Legs 4 Hounds which is a nonprofit program located at Ohio State University that helps greyhounds recover from racing injuries or health issues after they retire.

We received the sad message from Pam and John T. on May 2 that they lost their beloved **Rowdy** to osteosarcoma. **Rowdy** was out in the backyard when they heard him scream. A trip to the ER vet revealed he had broken his leg due to bone cancer, so they made the awful decision to let him go. We send our heartfelt sympathy on their loss.

We were so sorry to hear the news that Chris and Tom P. had to have their **Annie** euthanized on May 5. They discovered **Annie** had an untreatable mass on her

spine. We send *Chris* and *Tom* our sincere condolences.

On May 12, long-time GAGC members *Leslie* and *Alan S.* had to say goodbye to their sweet **Reggie** who had been battling lymphoma for some time and finally lost the fight. Our heartfelt condolences go out to them.

We send our sincere sympathy to *Cathy M.* who lost her boy **Pogo** on May 18 to tumors on his liver and spleen. From *Cathy*: He came home, had a wonderful few days, and then he passed quietly with people who loved him at home. He was my favorite dog of all time. So special and he took a huge piece of my heart with him.

We were sorry to hear that *Dan R.*'s girl **Mo** passed away on June 14. **Mo** woke up paralyzed and it was determined she could not recover.

We saw the sad news on Facebook that *Michael S.* had to have his greyhound **Viper** euthanized in late June. We send *Michael* our condolences.

Tributes from our readers

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

Annie (MC Half Moon)

April 5, 2009 - May 5, 2021



We lost our beloved **Annie** on May 5. She came to live with us in August of 2011, just 2 years old. She fit right in with the other dogs, some greyhounds and mix breeds. She was such a dream dog, never any problem. She was not fostered, but came right to us off the hauler from Mobile, Ala. In 2012, I adopted a little Corgi Jack Russell mix. **Annie** was so good with her. **Mazie** could be a little annoying, but **Annie** put up with her. They would play tug of war; **Annie** would drag her all over the yard with **Mazie** hanging on for dear life. They were best friends.

I started to foster greyhounds in 2017. **Annie** helped get over 25 fosters ready for their new homes. With her calm sweet nature, I think the fosters felt at ease sooner rather than later.

Recently **Annie** started doing a little whining and became very clingy. She was trying to tell me something, but I did not understand. I chalked it up to the fact that we had just put to sleep another of our dogs, **Spike**, a puggle (Beagle pug mix). He was 16 and in declining health. I thought **Annie** was just sad and confused with **Spike** and his bed no longer around. Then last weekend she was standing at her water bucket, shaking and wobbling. Her back legs seemed to give out a little, so I took her to the vet. They did an X-ray and found a spot on her spine around the neck area. We put her on muscle relaxers, steroids, and pain killers. None of this did any good. Her whining became crying, and she was doing it more and more. She was too good of a dog to let her suffer just because I was not ready to say goodbye. I had the vet come to the house on Wednesday morning. It was a calm and loving way to say goodbye. She just went to sleep, and Faithful Friends came a few minutes later. I picked up her ashes Thursday. She is now home with me.

Each day gets a little easier. But it is hard as there are so many things that come to mind when I am doing things around the house. Anytime I made a sandwich she was right there waiting for her piece of cheese. And she knew the sound of a fork on an empty plate as she was a signal that she could come lick the plate. The hole in our heart is big. Run free, sweet, sweet **Annie**. Go find **Moon, Mercury, Tally, Hogan, Hazel, Belle, and Mindy**.

—Chris and Tom P.

Reggie

Jan. 21, 2013 – May 12, 2021

Reggie just happened into our home as a foster for a foster family that had a holiday trip planned. He was only supposed to stay for about a week. It was like when he came in, he knew he was home before we did. **Meera** and **Quita** took to him quickly. **Reggie** was a love bug; he just wanted to be loved and to love. He would come up and put his head in our lap or between our arm and side to let us know he wanted to be rubbed. When he looked at us, his eyes said he loved us, and he loved this life. He was such a happy boy.

In March, I felt large lymph nodes in his neck, and he was diagnosed with lymphoma. In only six weeks, his body and his happiness declined, and he let us know it was time to go. **Reggie** peacefully left this earthly existence at home surrounded by his family. *Dr. Amber Beck* from Lap of Love came to euthanize him. She was kind, compassionate and took care of all of us.

Reggie, you came and left so quickly. We love you and miss you so much.

—*Leslie and Alan S.*



Support GAGC!

How can YOU support GAGC?

GAGC can always use your support. Here's how you can help!

Go Krogering!

Go Krogering! Do you shop at Kroger? The Kroger Reward program is one of GAGC's most reliable fundraisers. Our rewards are based on your use of your Kroger Plus card. We receive a \$200 donation from Kroger each time our group achieves \$5,000 in total purchases. We use these donations primarily to cover vetting expenses for new or rehomed greyhounds. Be sure to link your Kroger Plus card to GAGC and always use it at check-out. Thanks to all of you who are active in using your rewards cards. We typically earn between \$1,000 and \$1,500 each quarter from this Kroger reward program. Our latest reward was \$1,230.15. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!



Brenda's pups are going for a ride. Clockwise from left are **Betsy**, smiling **Crissy**, **Maggie**, and whippet **Harley** with a priceless expression.



Kroger Reward Program

PLEASE enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Our Code Number is **#EP079**. Ask your family and friends to register GAGC as their favorite charity. It is easy money for our hounds and doesn't affect your fuel points! www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Foster Dog Sponsors

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

- *Marianne, James, Connie, and Nati:*
Lesley Gore, Superior Monroe
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace:* **Arno's Renee, Killer Elrond**
- *Chris, Tom, and Annie (RIP):* **AMF Mathias**

Thanks for Your Support!

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

General Gifts to GAGC

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

- WoofTrax
- Racing to Retirement
- *Gretchen D.*
- *Brad B.* and employer-matched donations by Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- *Kevin L.*
- *Terri and John B.*
- *Christina K.*
- Network for Good anonymous donations via Facebook
- Whole Foods Market
- Kroger
- Amazon Smile

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Christine and Pat K.* donated a crate, two Burberry winter coats, several collars and a bed
- *Stephanie S.* donated her winning bag of dog food for fostering back to GAGC
- *Terri and John B.* donated two metal GAGC logo signs that John made
- *Theresa F.* donated several crocheted items
- *Chrissy G.* donated her winning bag of dog food for fostering back to GAGC
- *Cindy and Brad C.* donated a feeder and several collars

Father's Day gift in honor of Rev. Richard Kolaskey who has an incredible love for greyhounds

- *Christina K.*



In Sherwood Forest (aka *Chrissy's* house), meet **Little John**, **Robin Hood**, and **Maid Marian**, waiting for treats on **Marian's** birthday.

Mark your calendars

Local Events

September **GAGC Family Picnic**, Keehner Park, West Chester

Sunday, Sept. 19 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any friend you have with a greyhound is welcome to attend. We would suggest NO little dogs at our greyhound events, since not all greyhounds are friendly with little dogs. We'll have food, vendors, raffle/silent auction, and much more!

Out of town Events

September **Greyhounds in Gettysburg**

Sept. 23 – 26

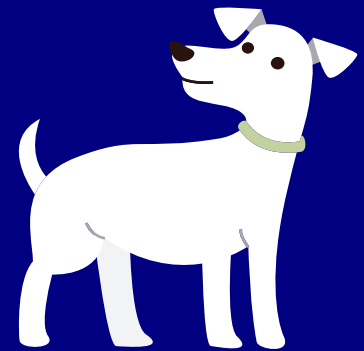
www.greyhoundsingetysburg.org



Orry seems to be making the best of his epic furniture fail.


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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