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**Adopting a
retired racer:**

\$275 ...

**Having a
friend for life:
Priceless!**

From the president ...



Brenda getting kisses from **Crissy**.

GAGC Families and Friends,

Fall is finally here! Sometimes I feel like I am on a roller coaster, so many ups and downs, some disappointing moments and sadness when we lose a fur baby. But then I meet the new retired racers and get such joy seeing them develop into pets and going to their forever homes! Can't say it enough how proud I am of this group of people; **thank you** for making this organization what it is today.

Fun fact: 1,337 retired racers, including 85 so far in 2019, have found homes because of our GAGC families.

Brenda

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On the cover: **Chancy** is super stylish in her new jammies.

Greyt Health & Safety

How to protect your pet before an emergency strikes

Excerpt from Home Again September 2019 Newsletter

Whenever there is a hurricane, tornado, forest fire, earthquake or other natural disaster, the last thing you want to do is search for a pet-friendly place to take shelter or gather your pet's necessary items. Over 280 natural disasters were reported around the world in 2018¹—don't wait for one to strike! Protect your pet by preparing ahead of time with these tips.

Have a plan

One of the most important things you can do to prepare for a natural disaster is to have a plan. Create a checklist of the items you may need and keep your pet's emergency information in an easy to find location, like a wallet or purse. In the

event your pet ever goes missing, you'll have all their information in one place. If you need inspiration for what to include in your checklist and wallet card, check out this [Pet Disaster and Safety Checklist](#) from the American Red Cross.

Additionally, make sure to gather any of your pet's medical papers and a list of their vaccinations. If your pet is injured, it's helpful to have these papers, especially if you're unable to see your primary veterinarian. Before a disaster strikes, it may also be useful to practice putting your pet in their carrier and running through a full evacuation with your family—including your furry friend! That way, if an evacuation is needed, your family is already familiar with your plan.

Find a place to take shelter

Before any disaster heads your way, identify local evacuation shelters for yourself and your pet. VCA Animal Hospitals offer pet healthcare services across the country – including free pet boarding during natural disasters.

Create a Pet Emergency Kit

Keeping a kit stocked and ready will allow you to evacuate quickly without forgetting any of your pet's important things.

Some items to include:

- Prescriptions
- Toys or comfort items
- Any veterinarian prescribed medications to help keep them relaxed in stressful situations
- Collar with [updated tags](#)
- Leashes
- List of hotels that are pet-friendly
- Food, water and treats
- Water and food bowls



- Doggy bags
- List of their prescriptions/medications
- A copy of their medical history and vaccinations

Know where to go in case of an injury

Despite preparation, accidents can still occur, and pets can get injured during the chaos. Before a natural disaster, research the closest local veterinary clinic to your home. If your pet takes any medication, don't wait until you are almost out of their prescription. Try keeping at least two weeks' worth on hand in case veterinary offices or pharmacies are closed.

Have your pets microchipped

Microchipping is vital to a pet's safety during a natural disaster as they can get hurt, collars can get lost or their appearance can be altered in various ways. A study of more than 7,700 stray animals at various animal shelters showed that dogs without microchips were returned to their owners 21.9% of the time, whereas microchipped dogs were returned to their owners 52.2% of the time. Cats without microchips were reunited with their owners only 1.8%



of the time, whereas microchipped cats went back home 38.5% of the time².

1. Ritchie, H., & Roser, M. (2014, June 03). Natural Disasters.

Retrieved May 1, 2019, from <https://ourworldindata.org/natural-disasters>

2. Microchipping of Animals FAQ. (n.d.). Retrieved April 30, 2019, from <https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/FAQs/Pages/Microchipping-of-animals-FAQ.aspx>

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Seven ways to help your pet de-stress

Excerpt from Home Again October 2019 Newsletter

Loud noises, large groups of unknown people, other animals, young children ... the list of things that can panic your pets goes on and on. But don't fret, there are several ways you can calm your pets when they begin to get overwhelmed. Like humans, dogs and cats have a fight or flight response when they feel overwhelmed or intimidated, as seen when a dog hides or a cat hisses.¹

Stay calm.

Your pet can read your energy and will act according to your feelings. Therefore, it's imperative that you stay calm when your pet begins to get anxious. Pets might act out when they get stressed, but scolding them will only make matters worse.

Watch your tone and pitch when talking.

Just as pets respond excitedly to your high-pitched voice, they will also calm down if your voice does. Speaking calmly and positively to your pets will help them relax a little.¹

Put your pet on a leash.

If your dog begins to get overwhelmed at a dog park or in a public area, keeping them on a leash can ease some of their anxiety. It will also allow you to stay calm and ease some of your stress. You can get your pet's attention more easily by keeping the leash

short and letting him or her know you are there.

Keep your pet close.

If you are home or in an enclosed place, letting your pet cuddle up to you can help them relax. Let them sit near you or stand between your legs so you can both breathe easier. It is important to make sure that while you're cuddling and comforting them, you don't overdo it. If you do, you could end up confirming your pet's fears.¹

Send your pets "home."

If your pet is at the vet and getting anxious, like so many do, putting them in their crate, or "home" can relax them. Being in a familiar environment surrounded by their scent can put them more at ease. Also, creating a border between your pet and the others in a veterinary office will provide them with additional security, remove them from the stressful situation and allow them to relax.¹

Distract them.

If your pet begins to panic, it may be best for you to distract them. Whether that be by giving them treats or playing with them, sometimes the best thing you can do is

pull their attention away from whatever is stressing them out.¹

Have a plan.

If your pet tends to bolt when they're stressed, make sure you're thinking one step ahead of them. Always keep doors, windows and gates secured, and ask house guests to be mindful when they enter and exit your home. The most important thing you can do as a pet parent in this situation is to be attentive to your pet's needs. If they want to hide under the couch, let them. If they cower in their crate, that's fine too. As long as they're not lashing out, let your pet react the way they want—just make sure they're safe and that you're there for them.

1. Signs Your Dog is Stressed and How to Relieve It (L. Buzhardt, DVM)
Retrieved on May 1, 2019 from: <https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/signs-your-dog-is-stressed-and-how-to-relieve-it>



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.

This is **Tuc** in what his mom *Alyssa* calls his "tear-drop sleep position."

Greyt goods & services

Items for sale

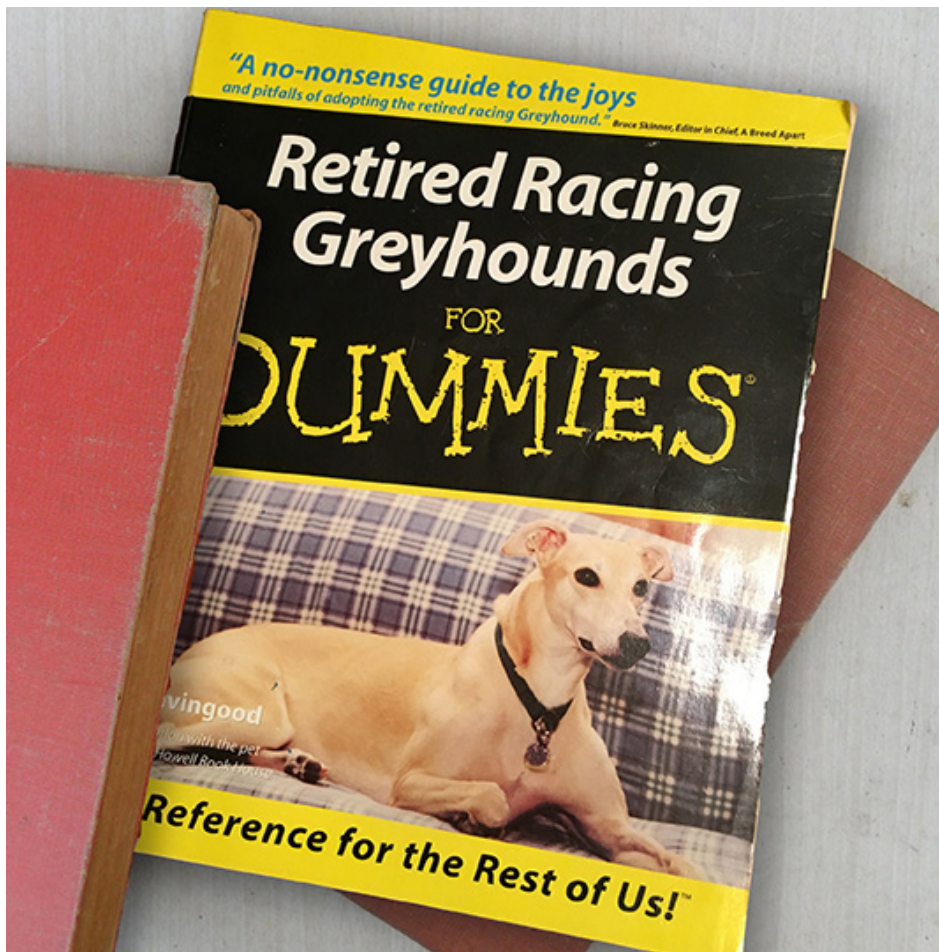
Kathy and Brenda have a supply of belly bands, muzzles and stool covers available if you are in need of any of these for your hound. Our other sellable items are available at our family picnics in May and September.

Collars, belly bands, crates and books

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

Did we loan you a belly band when you adopted your male greyhound? If you still have it, please wash it if needed and return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*. We like to keep some available for future loans and our supply tends to run out quickly. Some of our books are still out on loan. Please return those as well so they will be available to new adopters. Do you still have a GAGC loaner crate? We need those back, usually in 30 days or less, to make them available for other new adopters. If you still have one, please contact your placement rep (*Brenda* or *Kathy*) and make arrangements to return it. Thanks!

If you have purchased a fold up crate and your hound is no longer using it, feel free to donate it to GAGC and we will write you a tax donation letter for the value of the crate.



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.



GAGC News

Custom coats

Irene M., **Millie** and **Red's** mama, will make coats, and/or snoods for your fur babies. Please contact her at misspick-yune@yahoo.com or call (631) 636-4137 for details regarding price, size, fleece fabric, colors, and sewing notions.

Thank you

We really appreciate *Carolyn S.* who recently made us a batch of belly bands to have available for boy dogs. Thank you, *Carolyn!*

We also want to thank *Diane M.* who cleaned and repainted several metal food/water stands for the group. They look like new now!

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Heather* and *Stephen* who were married in Florida on Oct. 12!

Webmaster

Our webmaster *Mike* has been providing super fast responses to *Brenda* and *Kathy* when they send him input for the website. We frequently receive compliments about the professional look of our site, all thanks to *Mike*.

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.



The sun finally came out at Iron's Fruit Farm on Oct. 27 and **Lucky** is catching some rays.

Recent Events & Outreach

GAGC Fall Family Day

From *Brenda*: Wow, what a greyt day it was on Sept. 15! The weather was perfect and we had over 160 GAGC families attend. Guessing at least 200 greyhounds enjoyed the day, too! This kind of day could not happen without the help of many volunteers. I apologize in advance if I neglect to mention your name. Some of our members just jumped in to help where needed throughout the day. I love our organization!

The morning started at 9:15, when *Greg P.* brought his truck and his son *Aiden* to load up; they helped unload and set up at the park. *Ron*, my wonderful husband, had already gone to the storage unit several times bringing back tents, X-pens, tubs, etc. making it easier to load the truck. Our son *Keith* and grandson *Sam* helped load and set up at the park. *James, Heather, Jon, Jane, Angie, Peg, Kyle, Kathy, Jami*, and her two sons *Keegan* and *Parker*

It looks like this happy trio was hoping to score some pizza at the GAGC picnic.



all helped set up. Packing up was done by most of the above; *Alisha, Sheri* and *Greg* and his son pitched in and we were done in record time. *Garion* provided his canopy and X-pens for our available dog area and was part of the set up/tear down crew as well.

Jane, Jami, Debbie, Keegan and *Parker* took care of the pizza and drinks. Thanks to *Peg* who donated the water, *Kathy* picked up all the soda, *Rob* brought ice, *Sandy K.* and *Debbie K.* provided the cookies, *James* brought buckets of water for the dogs and wading pools and kept them full throughout the day. What a team effort! *Heather* headed up our sellables and did a greyt job, with help from *Alisha* later in the day. *Angie* sold items and took care of the calendar order sales. *Laura* covered the Welcome table, with my husband as back up! *Kyle* was in charge of the foster dogs; poor **Papa** really was showing interest in the girls because he was just neutered the Friday before.

Leslie and *Alan* had their Nature's Select table and answered lots of questions about food to our families. *Elaine* was doing massages and donated all of her donations back to GAGC. *Cindy* was the animal communicator, she looked busy all day; she donated half of her proceeds to GAGC.

Mel and *Jon* coordinated the raffle/silent auction. *Mel* collected items for weeks in advance and displayed them really nice, lots of proceeds from her efforts. Thanks to those of you who donated wine; we had \$130 profit from the wine toss!

The best part of the day was that two available dogs were adopted and went

home! This is why we do what we do!
It went so well, let's do it again in the spring!

Here are the folks who won the silent auction items:

- Dr. Moore annual vaccination appt: *Adrienne K.*
- 'Big Boy Wants Treats' Steve Wirtz laminated paper sculpture: *Kathy E.*
- Six-month supply Nature's Select dog food: *Lisa B.*
- Rodan and Fields Skin Care and wine/glasses: *Angie B.*
- 'Woman with Black Greyhound' cross stitch: *Mel R.*
- 'Retirement Bound' print by Jim Harrington: *Sharon S.*
- Henry McKenna 10-year Bourbon Whiskey: *Linda S.*

Iron's Fruit Farm

We had a special Meet and Greet at Iron's Fruit Farm in Lebanon on Oct. 12. Per *Angie* who had the lead for this event, it was chilly and definitely a day for coats, but it was sunny and the crowd picked up about midday. We sold several cal-

Bianca, Deco, and Lucky at Iron's Fruit Farm.



endars and had some good donations. Several of our new families attended plus some of our "regulars" who help out at many events. Thanks to *Angie, Susan, Peggy, Mel* and *Jon*, plus the new adopters. *Angie* reported that visitors had lots of interaction with the dogs and a couple of families seemed really interested. Several folks asked when we were going to be back out so we made sure people knew we have another day in a couple of weeks. *Angie* said she found something her greyhound **Maggie May** is scared of—they have a giant emu at Iron's that was very curious about her. *Angie* wondered if **Maggie** was thinking about her Halloween nightmare coming early in the form of payback for all of the little birds she chases.

The Oct. 27 Iron's event also started off cold, windy, and overcast. The sun finally came out in the last hour which helped make it a bit more comfortable. We had a steady stream of interested visitors, and one youngster donated 50 cents of his own money. Thanks to *Kathy E., Chris P., Marianne* and *James S., Melissa L., Ashley E.* and *Aaron, Peggy C., Cole C.* and *Jessica M.,* and *Darren* and *Lori S.* for representing GAGC. As always, the stars were our greyhounds: **Dave, Lucky, Mama, Connie, Nat, Deco, Bianca, Ari, Kyro, Horatio, Flo** and **Gamer**.

Exciting news!

GAGC was highlighted in the Greyhound Health Initiative (GHI) September issue of The Healthy Hound Quarterly! [Read the newsletter](#). The GAGC article starts on page 14.

Mother Teresa school visit

from Brenda

I was walking my dogs one day in the parking lot of Mother Teresa Elementary

School across the street from my house and met the principal. We chatted about the dogs and then she asked if we would visit their latchkey students one day! We attended Friday, Sept. 20 and were well-accepted by around 45 students and several adults at their outside classroom. They listened intently while I spoke about the breed, lots of questions were asked and then we broke into smaller groups for an opportunity to pet the dogs. *Matt*, who works there, and his dad *Brian*, who subs at the school, who both have a GAGC greyhound, took one of my dogs and talked to the kids. Also talking with the kids were *Irene*, *Kyle*, and *Marianne* with our hounds **Millie**, **Elliott**, **Jemma**, **Skye**, **Hawkeye**, **Crissy**, **Betsy**, and **Connie** who definitely represented GAGC well. I was told the students plan to have a bake sale and their proceeds will be donated to GAGC! What a greyt day educating students K-6th graders about these magnificent animals. We provided a flyer for every student to take home. Shortly

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.



after, *Brenda* said she got a call saying the latchkey kids had earned \$175 at the bake sale and they donated it all to GAGC! Wow, greyt kids!



Talking to the latchkey students at Mother Teresa Elementary School about greyhounds.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog Runs

Hurricane Dorian kept changing our plans for an early September Florida dog run. *Kathy* and *Irene* planned to drive to West Virginia on Sept. 4, then the 5th, then the 6th, to meet the Florida dog hauler. In the end, the hauler changed his plans to take our dogs to WV and instead delivered four females to *Brenda's* house! Our new girls are **SE's Diggin In**, **PJ So Jaded**, **Bjay's Rummy**, and **PJ Fence Jumper**. After pottying, photos and meals for the new pups; *Brenda*, *Irene*, and *Kathy* drove them to Moore Vet Hospital where they will be vetted in the next few days.

Way too early on Sept. 12, with *Kathy* and *Chris* in one car and *Irene* and *Tara* in another, we headed to West Virginia to meet the hauler from Florida. Our rendezvous time in WV was 8 a.m. but it was worth the early start. *Phil* brought us five wonderful boys this time, ranging in size from 59 pounds to 86 pounds! The boys are **WW Donatello**, **WW Jicco**, **B's Big Papa**, **BBG Cash the King**, and **CTW Game Changer**. *Irene* and *Tara* transported little **WW Jicco** and **CTW Game Changer** while the other three big boys rode with

WW Donatello and **B's Big Papa** on the last leg of their trip from Florida on Sept. 12.



Kathy and *Chris*. *Irene* reported her boys were quiet for most of the ride. In *Kathy's* car, **Donatello** was up and about visiting and exploring while the other two tried to sleep. *Brenda* met them at *Dr. Moore's*; all the boys were weighed and photographed and settled into the kennel to await their vetting.

We got a terrific surprise when the Florida hauler agreed to deliver six new dogs directly to *Brenda's* house in October; three girls: **T Buffy Episode**, **Superior Rina**, and **BGR Lois Lane**; and three boys: **LK's Eforce**, **Imark Diesel**, and **Thanx for Playin**. Here's *Brenda's* account: The six new dogs arrived at my house Monday, Oct. 7 at 5 a.m. from Florida. *Robin*, *Irene*, *Ron*, *Kyle*, and I welcomed them to Ohio, getting them off the hauler and letting them do their business after the long ride. *Irene* made quiche for the humans to enjoy while the pups were eating. They rested until 8 a.m. when we took them to *Dr. Moore's* office where *Kathy* met us to help with pottying and weighing. The dogs are always well taken care of there and will be ready for their foster homes soon after their surgeries. As you see, this is a team effort and I thank you all.

Brenda and *Irene* each drove to West Virginia on Oct. 23 to meet the Florida dog hauler. This time he brought us five dogs: females **TNT Mama Mia** and **WW Law N Order**, who rode with *Irene*; and males **RS Money Hungry**, **WW Maraschino**, and **KB's Chipper**, who made the drive to Ohio with *Brenda*. Once they were back in town, *Kathy* met them at the vet to help with turn outs, weighing, and photos. Here's some input from *Brenda*: "What a gorgeous fall day for *Irene* and me to take a 3½ hour ride to West Virginia picking up

five retired racers from Florida. The leaves were full of color and the drive was easy. We waited a little longer for the hauler to arrive and the pups getting off were glad to finally relieve themselves. After the potty break, we put the boys in my car and Irene took the girls and we headed straight to *Dr. Moore's* office where *Kathy* and *Maria* welcomed the newbies. The dogs got to eat and settle down for the night. It is so exciting to be a part of finding these dogs their forever homes!"

We had only one day notice of the dog run to West Virginia on Oct. 30, and it turned out to be an early rendezvous. *Kathy* left home at 5:30 a.m. and made the drive to pick up two handsome males: red fawn **Superior Uno** and black-and-white **Don't Tell on Me**. Super nice boys! She drove back to Ohio and straight to her house with them; *Brenda* met her there to help with pottyng and photos. The dogs hung out with *Kathy's* pack until she and *Chris* drove them to *Dr. Moore's* office in Franklin later in the day. The day started with fog and ended with rain, but these two boys were worth the effort!

Foster homes needed!

Our biggest challenge in finding homes for the retired racing greyhounds continues to be finding foster families to help with the

SE's Diggin In and **Bjay's Rummy** snuggling as they came out of anesthesia at *Dr. Moore's* office.



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:

September

- Food winner: *Debbie K.* and *Jami B.*, foster parents to **WW Colossem**
- Gift card winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **B's Big Papa**
- Gift card winner: *Cindy* and *Jeremy S.*, foster parents to **PJ So Jaded**
- Gift card winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **PJ Fence Jumper**

October

- Food winner: *Jim P.*, foster parent to **Imark Diesel**
- Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **KB's Chipper**
- Gift card winner: *Chris* and *Tom P.*, foster parents to **TNT Mama Mia**
- Gift card winner: *Breanna A.* and *Keith C.*, foster parents to **CTW Game Changer, LK's Eforce, WW Maraschino**

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:

- *Adrienne K.* and *Jansen F.*: **RS Money Hungry**

- *Andrea and Nate S.:* **T Buffy Episode, WW Law N Order**
- *Breanna A. and Keith C.:* **CTW Game Changer, LK's Eforce, WW Maraschino**
- *Carolyn and Justin S.:* **WW Donatello**
- *Cindy and Jeremy S.:* **PJ So Jaded**
- *Chris and Tom P.:* **TNT Mama Mia**
- *Dana P.:* **PJ Fence Jumper**
- *Gretchen D.:* **WW Linx Law**
- *Jami B. and Debbie K.:* **WW Colosseum, KB's Chipper**
- *Jane and Ethan Y.:* **Superior Rina**
- *Jim P.:* **SE's Diggin In, Imark Diesel**
- *Julie and Aderienne D.:* **WW Jicco, Thanx for Playin**
- *Lisa and Jeff B.:* **WW Linx Law**
- *Robin C.:* **B's Big Papa**

T Buffy Episode, now called **Willow**, with new mom *Kristina*.



- *Ronda and Deron R.:* **MC Fireburg**
- *Sherri and Dave L.:* **WW Colosseum**
- *Theresa and John F.:* **BGR Lois Lane**

Current Foster Dogs

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

- **PJ Fence Jumper:** Oct. 8, 2017; 2-year-old red and white female
- **TNT Mama Mia:** Aug. 8, 2017; 2-year-old black female
- **WW Law N Order:** Feb. 20, 2016; 3-year-old white/red female
- **RS Money Hungry:** May 15, 2016; dark brindle male
- **KB's Chipper:** May 21, 2016; 3-year-old red male
- **Superior Uno:** Aug. 17, 2016; 3-year-old red male
- **Don't Tell On Me:** June 19, 2016; 3-year-old black/white 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

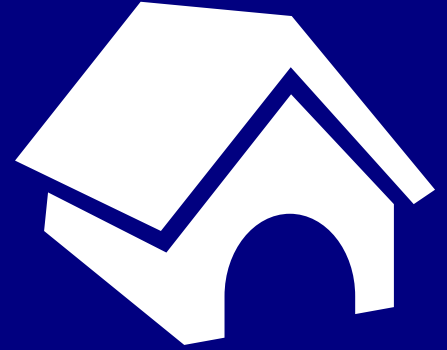
- **MC Fireburg (Zoe):** Sept. 8 to *Ronda* and *Deron R.* of Edgewood, Ky.
- **Bjay's Rummy (Rummy):** Sept. 10 to *Pat A.* and *Don D.* of Cincinnati
- **WW Linx Law (Linx):** Sept. 11 to *Lisa*, *Jeff*, *JT*, and *Emma B.* of Loveland
- **BBG Cash The King (Thor):** Sept. 13 to *Jennifer R.* and *Nick Z.* of West Chester
- **SE's Diggin In (Ginger):** Sept. 15 to *Walter R.* of West Chester
- **WW Jicco (Spot):** Sept. 15 to *Alyssa*, *David*, *Heidi*, and *Isaac P.* of Burlington, Ky.
- **WW Donatello (Reggie):** Sept. 17 to *Carolyn* and *Justin S.* of Bellbrook
- **WW's Colosseum (Rufus):** Sept. 19 to

Sherri and Dave L. of Kettering

- **PJ So Jaded (Jade):** Sept. 23 to *Pat A. and Don D. of Cincinnati*
- **B's Big Papa (Stevie):** Oct. 5 to *Molly and Jim B. of Springfield*
- **CTW Game Changer (Gamer):** Oct. 5 to *Lori and Darren S. of West Chester*
- **BGR Lois Lane (Piper):** Oct. 12 to *Theresa and John F. of Huber Heights*
- **Thanx for Playin (Horatio):** Oct. 17 to *Jessica M. and Cole C. of West Chester*
- **LK's Eforce (Loki):** Oct. 18 to *Erin, Jeremy, Brianna, Lola, and Declan W. of Hamilton*
- **T Buffy Episode (Willow):** Oct. 26 to *Kristina K. of Cincinnati*
- **Superior Rina (Dottie):** Oct. 26 to *Megan L. and John L. of Cincinnati*
- **Imark Diesel (Diesel):** Oct. 28 to *Aaron K. of Walnut Hills*

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.



- **WW Maraschino:** Oct. 29 to *Megan and Adam T. of Reading*



Happy boy **Gamer** bonding with his new dad *Darren*.

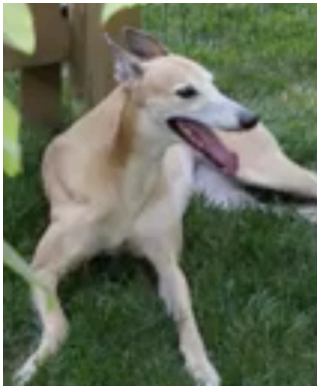
Our Condolences



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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.

Our sympathy goes to *Patricia H.* who shared the sad news that her **Aimee** was euthanized on Aug. 28, just a few days before her 13th birthday. She told us the family was "gathered around her as she crossed the rainbow bridge with the help of Angel's Paws. We had her in our family 10 years and five months but it wasn't long enough. So loved and remembered, my **Aimee** girl!"



Aimee

We heard from *Theresa* and *Aaron M.* that their boy **Chance (West Virginia's Halleck)**, passed away on Sept. 5. From *Theresa*: "He was an amazing dog and we are heartbroken." We send them our condolences.

Our heartfelt condolences go to GAGC

Treasurer *Mary S.* who had to say goodbye to her girl **Fiona** on Sept. 11, following complications from a stroke earlier in the year. **Fiona** was a special girl from the beginning, having suffered a head injury as a puppy. That didn't deter *Mary*, who loved her without reservation all the years they were together. We are so sorry for her loss.

We were very sorry to hear that *Robin C.* had to have her 33-year-old horse **Sophie** euthanized on Sept. 12. *Robin* said while she was at The Pines checking on her burial, she saw many statues of greyhounds, and it made her feel better to leave **Sophie** there.

Brenda received notification from *Caroline* and *Kirk R.* that they said goodbye to their greyhound **Surge** on Sept. 16. We send them our sympathy.

Ann V. shared with *Kathy* at the September family picnic that she lost her **Boris** to osteosarcoma earlier in the summer. We are sorry to hear this sad news.

Long time GAGC member *PJ M.* had to have her sweet pit mix girl **Allison** euthanized on Sept. 18. **Allison** had been fighting kidney failure and finally lost the battle. She was an affectionate, well-behaved girl who loved her mama *PJ*. We send *PJ* our condolences.

We saw on Facebook that *Karen* and *Jason B.* had to let their **Vicki** go on Sept. 19. *Karen* posted that **Vicki** ruptured a soft tissue mass in her shoulder and they made the difficult decision to let her go. We send them our sympathy.

We were very sorry to hear that, on Sept. 20, *Pat* and *Don A.*'s little dog **Tidbit** passed away.



Basia

Just over a month after losing **Vicki**, *Karen* and *Jason B.* lost their girl **Kala** on Sept. 26. **Kala** had been dealing with intestinal issues for several years and finally just stopped eating. *Karen* thought she might have been missing **Vicki** and decided to give up. We send our heartfelt sympathy for this second loss.

We were notified of the sad news that *Sarah* and *Doug T.*'s boy **Wally** had to be euthanized on Sept. 30. **Wally** was almost 13 years old and likely had cancer. We send the whole family our sympathy.

On Oct. 2, *Cindy* and *John F.* had to have their girl **Roxie**, "The Enforcer," a feisty Chihuahua, euthanized. **Roxie** had an enlarged heart and the condition had been controlled with medication for a while, but then **Roxie** stopped eating and let *Cindy* and *John* know it was time. True to her nature, she was high-spirited to the end. We are so sorry to hear of this loss and send our sympathy.

We were sorry to hear that *Theresa* and *John F.* had to have their little Italian

greyhound **Blaze** euthanized on Oct. 24. **Blaze** was 17 years old and had been dealing with heart issues for some time.

Also on Oct. 24, GAGC Secretary *Kathy E.* lost her 12-year-old girl **Basia** following complications from a series of vestibular issues. **Basia** was just 21 months old when *Kathy* started fostering her, and she was feisty to the end. *Kathy* had actually driven her to the vet that morning for euthanasia but **Basia** decided to choose her time and died on her own in the car after they arrived.

Our sympathy goes to *Terri* and *Rob S.* who notified us that they lost their girl **Patience** on Oct. 25. They adopted her when she was 2 and she lived to be almost 12. From *Terri*: "I don't know how to live without a big old greyhound in my life. Adopting **Patience** was one of the best decisions we've ever made. I just wanted you to know that we loved her to pieces until the very end. We're grateful that we were her people."



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.

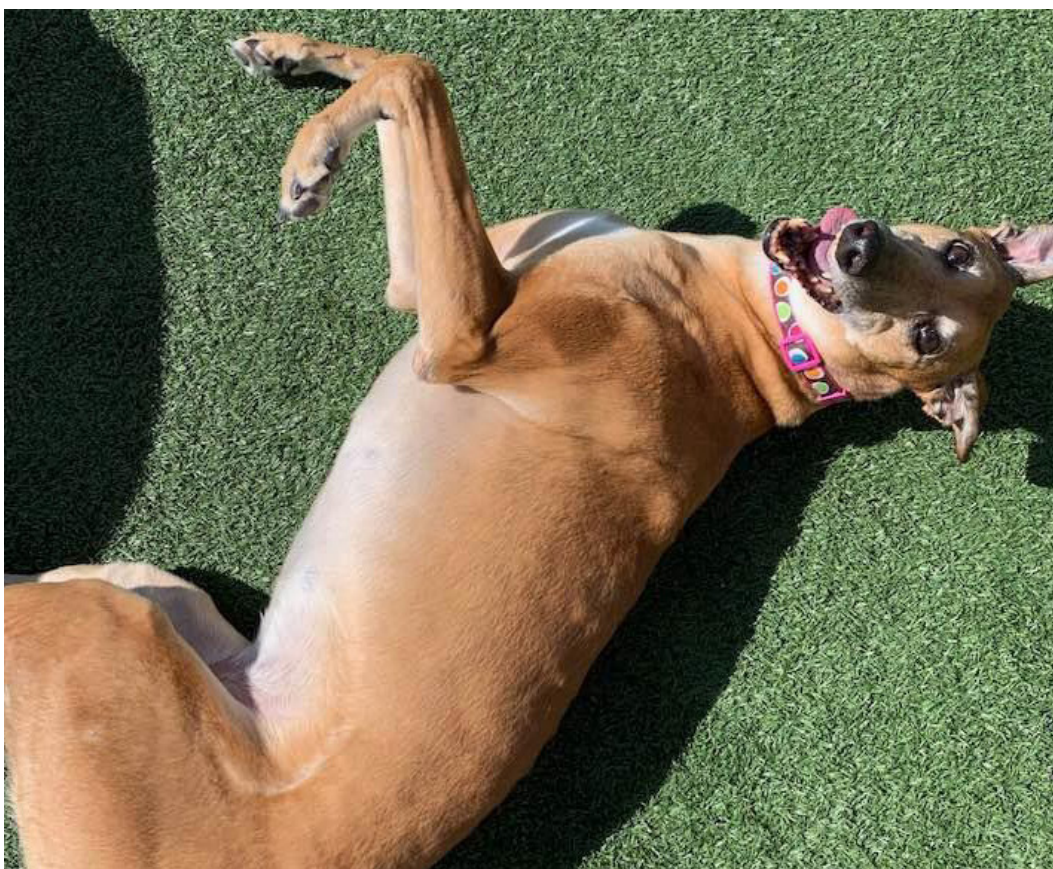
Vicki

It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to our **Vicki Vicster**. After rushing her to Grady Animal Hospital tonight to find she had ruptured a soft tissue mass in her shoulder, she passed over the Rainbow Bridge to peace and no more pain.

Vicki was a very special greyhound. We fostered her after retiring from her racing career in West Virginia. She was adopted by a family to be returned six months later through no fault of her own. When we picked her up to foster her again she was so happy to see us. It was as if she was thinking, "I'm not sure where you've been, but I've missed you and can't wait to go home!" We tried to take her to families to find her forever home, but each time she kept looking at me as if to ask, "when are we going home?" We adopted her at my one-year anniversary of being cancer free. She was truly home. We've loved her these past seven years and enjoyed her playfulness. Her soulful eyes always told us she's been through a lot but finally found her forever home.

We love you, **Vicki**, and will miss you dearly. We hope that you find **Dexter, Bella, Luna, Izzy, and Jeanie** over the Rainbow Bridge.

— Karen and Jason



Basia (WV's Bays)

July 28, 2007 to October 24, 2019

There's something about those little red girls: feisty, hard-headed, independent. **Basia** actually picked me, many years ago. I fostered her a few days before the regular foster was available, then moved her to their house. She lasted a week with them; they said she was terrified of the cat, wouldn't come inside after turn outs, etc. I went to pick her up and she came racing up to me like I was her best friend in the world. I knew then I was doomed. I adopted her a few weeks later when she was about 22 months old.

My girl never raced. She flunked racing school probably because she was shy; they likely never got her to go in a starting gate. **Basia** was glad to pass on M&Gs and other events and just stay home, but she could be a spitfire with me and my other greyhounds, bumping up against us with her muscular little body. I nicknamed her The Red Tank.

In January 2019, she had a significant stroke, the first of several vestibular events that took their toll on her. While she recovered almost completely from the stroke, she became a very picky eater. That led to months of hand feeding, experimenting with new foods, whatever it took to get some calories into her. She gradually lost weight and muscle mass and started declining dramatically. On Oct. 21, I told her that if she was ready to give up the fight, I was OK with that. Three days later, she had another massive stroke and died before she could be euthanized. True to her character, she died on her own terms at 12 years old, on a lovely fall day filled with sunshine.

— Kathy E.



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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 ex-

penses 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 \$1,220.70. 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

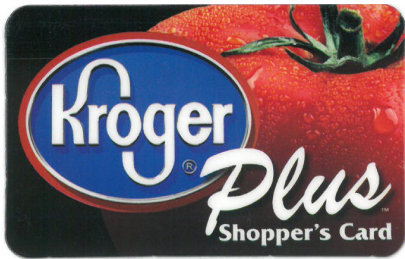
Bring your greyhounds to a GAGC Meet & Greet to introduce others to this wonderful breed. They are on Sundays at the following PetSmart locations (times are on our website):

- 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



Couper and **Ginger** are getting love from a PetSmart employee at the Beavercreek M&G.



food and monthly medications for these greyhounds. The sponsors have their names on the website on the listing for the dog, plus we'll include it here. This is a nice way to support our foster program without actually bringing a grey into your home. Thanks to all of you! Our latest sponsors are:

- *Marianne, James, Connie & Nati: **Imark Diesel, Thanx for Playin***
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly and Ace: **B's Big Papa***
- *Melissa, Deco and Bianca: **PJ Fence Jumper***
- *Pam, John and Rowdy: **WW Linx Law***

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!

Devilish **Tera** looking like an angel.



General Gifts to GAGC

- *Marianne and James S.*
- *Mel and Jon R.*
- *Melissa L.*
- *Mary S.*
- *Brenda P.*
- *Kroger*
- *Kathy E.*
- *Jennifer R. and Nick Z.*
- *Molly and Jim B.*
- *Stephen C.*
- *PetSmart*
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Gift in memory of the Rubenstein's sweet Lucy

- *Meredith F.*

Gifts in honor of the amazing Fiona

- *Mary S.*
- *Brenda P.*
- *Kathy E.*

Gift in honor of sweet, feisty Basia

- *Kathy E.*
- *Mary S.*
- *Brenda P.*

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- Foster mom *Robin C.* donated her winning gift card back to GAGC
- *Kathy E.* donated a greyhound-themed metal wind spinner
- Management at the Beaver Creek PetSmart donated several brand new dog beds to GAGC. The styles were being discontinued and we were the lucky recipients of the beds.

Mark your calendars

Local Events

January **Bern's Dog Days of Winter**
Saturday, Jan. 25 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March **Heart Mini Expo**
Saturday, March 21 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.




Photogenic **Nea** in this year's Halloween costume.



Recently adopted **Horatio** has settled right into his new home.


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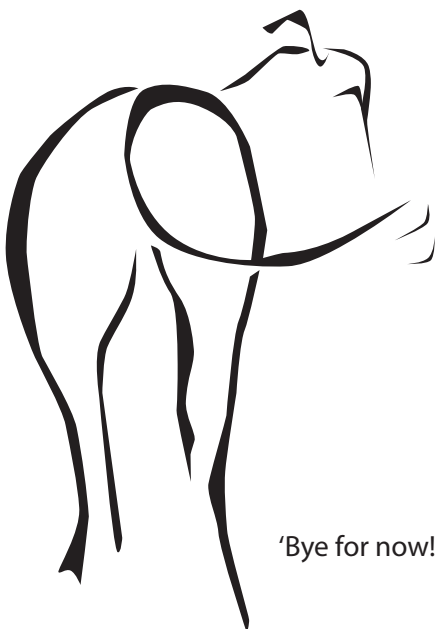


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