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**Adopting a
retired racer:
\$275 ...
Having a
friend for life:
Priceless!**

From the President ...



Brenda and Ron with **Crissy, Harley, Maggie, Hawkeye, and Betsy.**

GAGC Families and Friends,

We have had a busy year, lots of ups and downs, but looking at the big picture we did GREYT! The calendar sales were a huge success, and our events were fun and successful. It was so nice seeing everyone again; I know the dogs loved socializing, and I did too! There were lots of people involved to make these events successful. Thanks to them and all of you who attended. 74 adoptions so far this year! Did you know that in November, GAGC will start celebrating 20 years of finding homes for these greyt dogs? We are planning ways to celebrate in 2022 giving back to YOU. I know I keep saying this, but I am extremely proud of this organization because of all of you and your support over the years!

Brenda

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On the cover: Beautiful **Gemma** just finished a swim in a Texas nature preserve.

Greyt health & safety

The top 10 deadliest pet toxins in or near your home

ASPCA News; October 7, 2021

When a pet ingests something they shouldn't, one of the first questions that comes to mind is "could this be deadly?" While it's a good idea to take any sort of foreign ingestion seriously, there are many different factors to take into account. All pet toxins can have varying levels of concern due to how much your pet ingests, their medical history and their size. That being said, there are a few things that pet owners should use extra caution with which is why the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) created this list of toxins that are more likely to cause serious, or potentially life threatening signs. Below are the top 10 deadliest pet toxins:

1. **5-Fluorouracil** is usually found as an ointment or a lotion and is used in people to treat skin cancer. When a

dog ingests 5-fluorouracil it can cause intractable seizures, severe vomiting and diarrhea and possibly bone marrow suppression.

2. **Amphetamines** are medications commonly used for weight loss or ADHD treatment, and are also included in illicit substances like methamphetamine and MDMA (ecstasy). Overdoses often result in significant hyperactivity, pacing, panting, tremors and seizures. Internally, severe elevations in body temperature, heart rate and blood pressure are seen.

3. **Baclofen** is a prescribed muscle relaxer for humans. For small dogs, even one or two pills could potentially be life-threatening. Initially, dogs will salivate and become disoriented and vocal. As signs progress, they may become comatose, have seizures and difficulty breathing. If your pet has ingested baclofen, it is best to get them to a veterinary clinic immediately as signs can progress very rapidly.

4. **Calcium channel blockers** are common blood pressure medications. Examples include diltiazem, amlodipine, verapamil and nifedipine. Even small exposures may lead to a severe decline in blood pressure and heart rate in pets. Outwardly a pet may just seem lethargic or more tired than normal.

5. **Lamotrigine** is a prescription medication used to prevent or reduce



the severity of seizures. Overdose can lead to irregular heartbeats, muscle tremors and seizures.

6. **5-Hydroxytryptophan**, or 5-HTP, is an over-the-counter supplement often used for sleep or mood moderation. A dog that gets into a bottle of 5-HTP may develop significant vomiting, abdominal pain, high body temperature, high heart rate and elevated blood pressure. Tremors and seizures are also possible.
7. **Hops (*Humulus lupulus*)** should be a concern for home brewers. Hops are the flower from the *Humulus lupulus* plant and are commonly used in making beer. When dogs get into the plant or the pellets used to make beer, life-threatening elevations in body temperature can be seen.
8. **Metalddehyde** is the active ingredient used in some slug and snail baits. Pets that ingest these baits will rapidly develop severe tremors and seizures.

9. **Blue-green algae (BGA)** contains harmful toxins that cause either rapid seizures or liver failure. If taking your pet to a lake, pond or river, make sure to check the area for any postings or warnings. Many health departments will post warnings when BGA has been detected and in these instances, it is crucial to keep your pet out of the water. If you are unsure if a body of water has been tested and you see algae floating, it is best to keep your pet out of the water.
10. **Methomyl** is an active ingredient found in some fly baits. It is an insecticide that will cause salivation, vomiting, slow heart rate, difficulty breathing, weakness, tremors and seizures when ingested by a mammal.

Bonus tip: never mix a poison, such as a rodenticide, with something tasty as that increases that chance your pet may accidentally ingest it. To keep your furry friends safe, be sure to keep all the aforementioned items locked in cabinets or out of paws' reach!



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.

Dog Friendly Thanksgiving

Pet Poison
Helpline:

• 1-855-764-7661

Dogs CAN have

Carrots
Celery
Corn (no cob)
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Apples (no core/seeds)
Pumpkin
Rice
Quinoa
A little cheese
Turkey (no skin, fat or bones)

Dogs CANT have

Ham
Chocolate
Garlic
Leeks
Onions
Grapes
Raisins
Raw Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Raw Dough
Canned Cranberry
Pre-made Desserts
Pie Filling
Stuffing

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 coats, combo leads, or greyhound odds and ends, 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 and belly bands

We really appreciate all of you who have returned your unwanted black combo leads and reflective tag collars to GAGC to reuse for future adoptions. Recycling these collar sets helps GAGC save money. If you no longer need yours, please return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy* for reuse.

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

2022 calendars

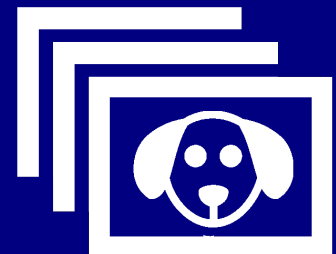
Do you still need 2022 calendars? They are only \$5 each or three for \$10 and make great holiday gifts. Please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* to purchase some and arrange for pick up.



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

Thank you

Alan Schragger, our Nature's Select distributor, continues to support GAGC with discounts on the food for our foster dogs. He also participated in our recent fall picnic, providing samples of his products. Thanks, *Alan!*

Webmaster

We want to send our thanks to *Mike K.*, our terrific webmaster. No matter how much *Brenda* and *Kathy* bombard him with items to be posted, he always provides a rapid turnaround. Thank you, *Mike!*

Chrissy G. with foster **KB's Joyride**.



Why foster?

from Chrissy G.

We adopted our first retired greyhound back in 2007, **Powers (Proof of Power)**, a big red fawn boy. Later, after several years without a dog in the home, we decided it was time to have one again; and that we would have a greyhound wasn't even in question. Today we share our home with all of Sherwood Forest: **Robin Hood (HL's Hano)**, **Little John (WW's Rexley)**, and **Maid Marian (MJT Boundtogo AKA Bear)**. Adopting our own dogs made me truly appreciate what their foster families did for them before coming to us. Knowing that the Florida tracks would be sending a lot of racers into retirement, we wanted to do our part and signed up for the GAGC foster list. To date we've hosted just five greyhounds, but the experience has really impacted us. We have found fostering to be very rewarding in so many ways. Are you considering fostering? Why would you want to foster? Here are my opinions:

The opportunity

Fostering gives you a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes things that go on with a newly-retired racer between leaving the kennel and being adopted. Sometimes you can see them coming off the dog hauler or help make a trip to pick up and transport them here. You get to be the first person to introduce him to his brand-new life, reassure him when he's a little confused about it all, teach him that counter surfing is forbidden, and discourage his connoisseurship of toilet water. If he is timid, you get to help him come out of his shell. You'll nurse him

during his recovery from his vetting experience, which will form a bond. He'll begin to learn about neighborhood walks and household etiquette. You get to start analyzing his behavior and personality so that he can be placed with the family that fits him best.

The benefits

Allowing a greyhound to temporarily join your family offers quite a few advantages. I believe the first thing is how fostering keeps your own hounds well socialized and adaptable. They may not consciously know it, but they are mentors, role models, breed ambassadors. Our **Robin Hood** is such a great helper when it comes to walks. All our fosters have taken his example, and even had chances on the coupler with him. He doesn't pull or zig-zag; he stays on my left side. **Maid Marian** plays a big role in setting the pack etiquette, teaching the foster what the space boundaries are. **Little John**

Brindle foster **No More Crying** with the resident pack: **Little John**, **Robin Hood**, and **Maid Marian**.



shares his sense of enthusiasm and willingness to please. Not to say that my pack is perfect, and a few of our fosters have picked up a bad habit here or there (I hope they've dropped them by now, too!).

Getting the chance to meet all kinds of hounds, and people, too, makes the fostering experience fun. We've had all types of personalities come through, and it is such a joy seeing those traits shining through as they become more accustomed to things in your home. Each potential adopter and other foster families you interact with is another chance for networking, support, and camaraderie.

If you have children in the home, they can be more helpful than the adults sometimes! My daughters are 11 and 13, and the role they play with the fosters is just as important as mine. They set boundaries and expectations for the dog's interactions with kids. Every one of our fosters has been enamored with my girls. They can sometimes get the dog to do things that he won't do for me. This experience also benefits the children, as they enjoy being a part of it, and learn how to interact appropriately with dogs.

Fostering-to-adopt is a great way to get to know a dog without making the full commitment yet. If you are considering adopting another greyhound, fostering with the option to adopt helps you truly see if that dog is a fit for you; if he's not, he will still find a great home and you will surely still find the right hound for your family.

Getting updates from your foster's new

family is a real treat. Seeing him in his new home enjoying life, little anecdotes about his adventures. You never forget those dogs who stepped into your life for a little while. You know how fortunate the hound and the people are to have each other. It is so nice to keep up with the connection, hear about him every now and again, or visit with each other at an event.

The help

Fostering makes what GAGC does possible. Think of all the things needed to be done for your own hounds before they come to you. *Brenda* and *Kathy* genuinely care about every single greyhound who

Foster **Turbo Cheyanna** (center) walking with **Robin Hood** and **Little John**.



comes through the program, but they couldn't foster all these dogs! GAGC wouldn't be able to give so many retired racers homes if there weren't enough people willing to help. It is nice to know that what you're doing makes a difference for and brings joy to lots of people. The network of people in the GAGC family supports one another, working collectively to meet the needs of all the foster dogs. If anything unexpected arises, there are many people who are willing to jump to action.

More like foster WIN! I can't admit to personally experiencing this, but I certainly can understand why this is so common. We all know how easy it is to fall in love with a greyhound in a matter of minutes. By the first night you're already considering if it's possible to keep the dog forever. You must have a lot of resolve to stick to your guns if another adoption isn't in the plan for your family, especially when everyone is falling in love. Fate has its way of taking care of things, and I believe it usually is very clear to GAGC leadership, fosters and adopters where that hound is meant to end up. We hosted a sweet, little brindle girl for nine weeks over the summer. Many times, we had hopes for her to meet a family and go home, but it just didn't seem to work out. We got so accustomed to having her around it was as if she'd always stay. In the end, the story of finding her family really is one of those 'it's meant to be' situations, and we were so very happy for her.

The love

GAGC is entrusting you with that dog as a caregiver, teacher, and temporary family; *Brenda* and *Kathy* are counting on you to act as an extension of themselves. It is so

important to love your foster as much as you would your own hounds and treat him as if he is. The love you give him prepares him for the love he'll receive in his forever home. It continues the love he received at his kennel. These hounds are accustomed to getting love and attention their entire lives; they accept and give it so freely. You have to go 'all-in' as if he really is your hound, which is difficult, because that goodbye is eventually coming. Your love and kindness will undoubtedly impact your foster; your own hounds will also treat him as if he is one of the pack. The love he gives you will also impact you. It is something that will stay with both you and the foster forever, and it will help his new owners connect with him.

Saying goodbye

Sending your beloved foster dog off to his new home and family is simultaneously sad and exciting. It certainly isn't easy, but it is definitely worthwhile. I'll admit that tears have been shed in our home when the time comes, but we don't regret it at all. We know that he is going where he is supposed to be, and that we had the privilege of being a part of that process. It does get easier than it was with your very first foster, but the feeling can't be described as heartbreak or grief. There's a sense of joy mixed in with sadness; your foster takes a bit of your heart with him and leaves a bit of his with you.

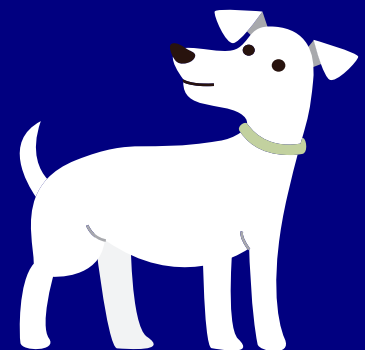
Don't get me wrong, fostering isn't all sunshine and daisies. You might deal with some sleepless nights as he adjusts to this entirely new world. You'll likely have to clean up various bodily fluids off your carpets. Maybe your foster will get into everything—trash, food, papers, etc. It's also possible that some things

in your home will be chewed up and destroyed. You have to find inventive ways to get medications into him. Maybe he's extremely timid or frightened, or just a bit of a spaz. The best bit of advice when facing the things that aren't as fun: keep a sense of humor, baby-proof your home, be consistent, and when in doubt ask *Brenda* or *Kathy*. Chances are your foster hound will settle into things within a couple days. These dogs are resilient, smart, and adaptable.

Fostering may not be for you, and that's OK. If you are considering the possibility, why not give it a shot and find out how it works for your family? You might find out it's not the right fit for your family, or you might love it and keep doing it. Fostering is a rewarding experience, it takes a lot of heart, and it's one you likely won't regret.

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

Community Celebration Day

Alisha K. represented GAGC at this event on Sept. 11 and provided this feedback for us: "The Campbell County Cooperative Extension invited GAGC to their Community Celebration Day. It was perfect day for an outdoor event! Thankfully, not too hot! **Kai, Tori,** and **Nicki** were great greyhounds and enjoyed the visitors. We had a steady flow of people petting the dogs and asking questions. I was interviewed by Campbell County media! I was horrified but tried my hardest to advertise the group. And of course, after the fact I have come up with all sorts of things I should have said! I did make sure to say we adopt retired racers. The dogs were visited by Wally

It was HOT at the September Family Fun Day, so **Lenny** found a great way to cool off.



(the mascot). **Nicki** and **Tori** kept their distance, but **Kai** thought Wally was a big toy. He was a brave boy! It was a fun event and I'd love to go back next year. Thank you, *Rhonda Rex*, for inviting us!"

GAGC Fall Family Fun Day

What a greyt turn-out we had on Sept. 19 for our Fall event. It didn't feel like fall but it was a greyt day! Next year our board has voted to bump it back a week, so it will be Sept. 25. Maybe it will be a cooler day! Thank you to those who came; we're guessing over 150 families attended and probably 200 greyhounds or more! We got a lot of positive feedback thanking our efforts for holding this gathering so we can all get together!

Planning started about a month before, preparing goody bags, lining up vendors and getting volunteers to help with set up and breaking down. Thanks to *Greg* who came to my house and packed his truck up full of stuff and set up and broke down the event, *Ron's* car was packed full and I even had stuff in my car besides my dogs. My two sons and their wives came and helped us set up, and *Jami* and her two sons were huge helpers. *Mel* and *Jon* had two cars full of raffle/silent auction items and had a very successful day selling raffle tickets. *Kathy* had her car packed with donated beds and some sellables. *Peg* and *Jason* and *Rob* donated and brought the water. *Alisha, Melissa* and *Rob* donated all the soda, *Alisha, Rob* and *Jami* donated and brought ice for the coolers, *Marianne* and *James* donated ALL the lunch items, her daughters and *Susan* helped serve. *James* also brought several five-gallon buckets of water for the

wading pools! *Jonathan* was there taking candid shots and family photos that were really nice! Several people brought their coolers to hold our drinks. *Robin, Lynn* and my hubby *Ron* welcomed and passed out the goody bags. *Jami* made the yummy frosty paws. *Kathy, Julie, Karin, Dana* and *Jane* (and perhaps more who we missed acknowledging) spent much of the day at the foster dog pen, answering questions for interested folks. *Gretchen* and *Irene* were in charge of the Greyhound Games, which was the hit of the day; our two W.V. kennel ladies helped with judging. *Debbie, Jami, Angie* and *Mary* were selling calendars and items at the GAGC booth. Thanks to the vendors who attended, especially *Alan* with Nature's select. The two groomers who were doing dog nails stayed busy too. Thanks to all the foster families who were there with their foster dogs sharing information with families. The dogs loved the attention and the

three females that came with *Barb* and *Stephanie* that day are now all home! **VJ Cinderella** was adopted that day and the two other girls were adopted within that week! We had lots of interest and who knows, perhaps more of the available dogs were adopted before you read this! Lots of folks stayed behind at the end to help with packing up. Thanks to all of you for making this such a successful event!

Iron's Fruit Farm Meet-and-Greet

From *Angie*: Several hounds and their families turned out for a day of pumpkins, pets, and promoting greyhound adoption. Iron's Fruit Farm, in Lebanon, Ohio, graciously invited GAGC to have a meet and greet on one of their fall weekends. The weather was amazing and there were a lot of attendees at the farm. The dogs really enjoy this event because of the chance to interact with all the friendly patrons and their children (and maybe get a small bite of one of the greyt doughnuts). The donation dogs worked their magic to generate funds that help pay for GAGC activities; the public was generous this year. Some of the dogs even got to meet an emu or donkey. After the hive of activities, many of the dogs took a well-earned nap in the car or when they arrived home.

Brenda was able to take note of the GAGC families in attendance: *Deron* and *Lori S.* with their hounds **Gamer** and **Floogal**; *Mel* and *Jon* with **Lily, Odin,** and **Ace**; *Angie* and *Ron* with **Maggie Mae, Bolt, Whiskey,** and **Domino**; *Susan* with **Sergio** and **Fiori**; *Brenda* and *Ron* with **Betsy** and **Maggie**; *Peg* with **Debbie**; *Tricia* and *Sam* with **Jasper**; and *Stephanie* with **Baby**.

13-year-old **Quita** was crowned Queen at the GAGC Fall Family Day; here she is with her mom *Leslie*.



Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

Brenda and Ron drove to West Virginia for our latest dog run. Here's *Brenda's* account: *Ron* and I headed to the West Virginia kennel on Sept. 1 where we met my cousin and her son *Jason*, who has special needs. He loves dogs and I got permission for him to visit the adoption kennel. He was so happy and was giving treats to give each dog at the kennel. That is all he talked about all evening. We all spent the night at the Mardi Gras hotel connected to the greyhound racetrack and casino. We watched 16 greyhound races and met a dog we'll be getting next weekend. We were able to pet the dogs after they raced. *Jason* was so happy, so it made this dog run really special for all of us. The next morning *Ron* and I went to the adoption kennel and loaded up

On their way from West Virginia to Ohio are female **California Dream**, male **Where U Want Me**, and female **Fly L Dillydilly**.



females **Fly L Dillydilly** and **California Dream**, and male **Where U Want Me**, called **Fire**. The girls were a little uncomfortable for a short while because **Fire** decided to lay all spread out right in the middle of the back of my van. **Dilly** has a splint, so she stumbled around a bit stepping on **Fire** and **Dream**; we heard only one or two little grumbles when that happened. Other than that, they all did well. At one point they all stood up and looked out the back window, which made my heart sad. What were they thinking? I'm sure a little overwhelmed not knowing what the next chapter of their lives will be.

On Sept. 12, *Brenda* and *Marianne* each drove to meet our W.V. kennel representatives in Jackson, Ohio, to pick up four boys. From *Marianne*: Sept. 12 brought four boys to Cincinnati just in time for the big fall event. **Baller (Tx Lil Baller)** and **Bubbi (VJ Bubbi)** paired up in *Brenda's* van, and **Chester (VJ Zeus)** and **Ron (VJ AA Ron)** loaded into *Marianne's* SUV. These boys needed a lift into the cars because, unlike the smaller dogs who are used to hopping up into stacked kennels, they'll need to learn to jump into vehicles. The ride was a mostly smooth trip except for a bit of excitement in *Brenda's* car when **Baller** laid down on top of **Bubbi** who naturally took exception and gave **Baller** a stern lecture about respecting personal space. Meanwhile, in *Marianne's* car, **VJ Ron** did a really good impression of *Ron Pennix* by settling in and being mellow the whole time. **Chester** was also very calm but did want to look out the windows from time to time and enjoyed neck scratches when he could get them.

Upon arriving at the Pennix home, all four boys hopped out of the cars, watered the trees, and happily greeted *Ron*, *Kathy*, and the foster folks there to meet them.

Brenda and *Heather* went to Jackson, Ohio, on Oct. 2 to pick up two girls: **JS Beer Goggles (Micky)** and **Flying Daisy**. Per *Brenda*: "The dog run was uneventful. The two girls got in my car and laid right down for the entire trip. *Heather* rode along with me because she was adopting the special girl **Daisy** that same day." *Ron* and *Kathy* were waiting at *Brenda's* house to assist with the new girls, letting the pups potty and getting them to pose for their photos for the website.

On Oct. 10, we were able to get four females from our West Virginia sources: **Magic Nicole**, **Arno's Newjack**, **Arno's Lexie**, and **Coach Tori**. *Brenda* drove to Jackson, Ohio, to get them and gave

Handsome **VJ Zeus**, call name **Chester**, was adopted on Oct. 6 by *Cindy* and *Terri* and is now called **Kaloni**.



this report: It was a gorgeous day when I drove alone to meet our two W.V. greyhound trainers at our pickup spot. They brought four sweet females to us so we can help them start a new life. The drive home was fine; **Newjack** decided she wanted the middle of the car and when another girl stepped on her she growled, but no big deal, and all four laid still for most of the drive home. I was a little worried driving alone with such precious cargo, but it was a pretty day and I enjoyed seeing leaves starting to change.

Brenda and *Irene* picked up four W.V. dogs on Oct. 31: females **JS Run to You** and **Rushing Legend** and males **Mega Legend** and **VJ Poseidon**. *Irene* transported the girls and had the following input: "My girls were curious most of the way. They were aware of every passing car, truck, and tree. I definitely have nose art on every car window. We enjoyed the ride and chatted about forever home adventures." *Brenda* wrote: It was a beautiful fall day on the last day of October when *Irene* and I both drove and picked up four newly-retired racing greyhounds. All four were super sweet and the boys enjoyed the ride back to my house. *Kathy* and *Ron* were the welcoming party and helped potty the dogs and get photos to send *Mike* for our website.

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:

September

Food winner: *Julie M.*, foster parent to **TX Lil Baller, CET Frosty**

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

Roaching foster girl **JS Beer Goggles**, call name **Micky**, with her boyfriend **Big Lou**.



Valkyria, Fly L Dillydilly

Gift card winner: *Dana P.*, foster parent to **VJ AA Ron**

Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **Calafornia Dream, VJ Zeus**

October

Food winner: *Kathy E.*, foster parent to **JS Beer Goggles**

Gift card winner: *Steve C.*, foster parent to **Coach Tori**

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

Gift card winner: *Andrea and Nate S.*, foster parents to **TX Lil Baller**

Foster families

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

Amy and Diego R.: **VJ Athena (Carmen)**

Andrea and Nate S.: **FF White Bear, CET Frosty, TX Lil Baller**

Anne C.: **VJ Piece of Cake (Hacky), Arno's Lexie**

Chrissy G.: **VJ Bubbi, VJ Poseidon (Corbin)**

Dana P.: **VJ AA Ron**

Heather C.: **Calafornia Dream**

Jami B.: **Valkyria, Fly L Dillydilly**

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

Julie M.: **TX Lil Baller, CET Frosty**

Kathy E.: **Where U Want Me, VJ Bubbi, JS Beer Goggles, Mega Legend**

Katie E. and Dave N.: **Magic Nicole**

Stephanie S.: **Calafornia Dream, VJ Zeus (Chester), Arno's Newjack**

Steve C.: **Coach Tori, JS Run to You**

Current foster dogs

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

TX Lil Baller: Oct. 13, 2017; 4-year-old

light brindle male

VJ AA Ron: Sept. 27, 2018; 3-year-old black male

JS Beer Goggles (Micky): Sept. 27, 2019; 2-year-old red female

Arno's Newjack: June 2, 2018; 3-year-old fawn female

Arno's Lexie: June 2, 2018; 3-year-old black female

JS Run to You: Sept. 27, 2019; 2-year-old red fawn female

Rushing Legend: Sept. 10, 2019; 2-year-old black female

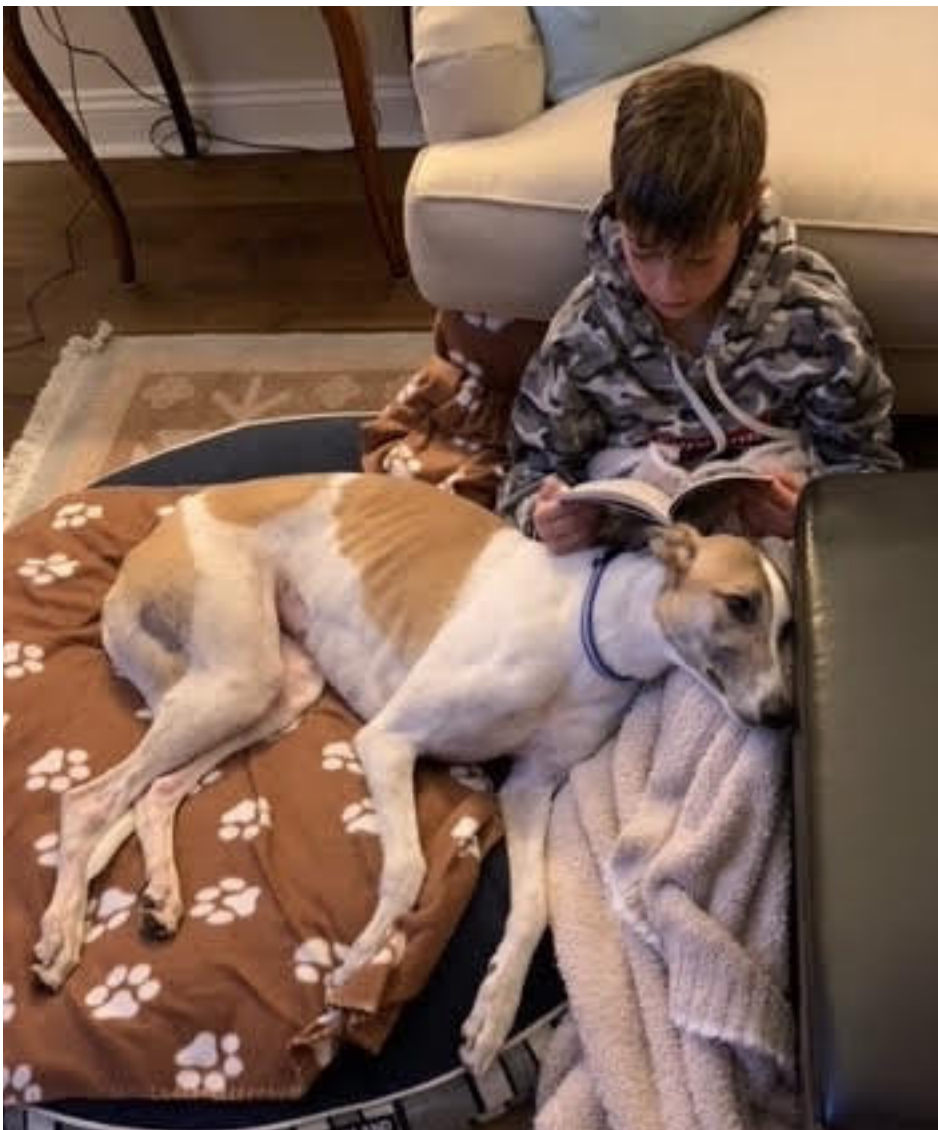
Mega Legend: Sept. 30, 2018; 3-year-old brindle male

VJ Poseidon (Corbin): Aug. 24, 2019; 2-year-old red male

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

Recent adoptions

- **Valkyria (Tillie):** Sept. 3 to *Corey S.* of Dayton
- **FF White Bear (Ginger):** Sept. 4 to *Mike M.* of Liberty Township
- **Where U Want Me (Sammie):** Sept. 11 to *Debbie* and *Steve B.* of West Milton
- **VJ Cinderella (Rella):** Sept. 19 to *Michelle* and *Chris D.* of Cincinnati
- **VJ Piece of Cake (Onyx):** Sept. 21 to *Lisa U.* of Dayton
- **VJ Athena (Nike):** Sept. 26 to *Amy* and *Diego R.* of Cincinnati
- **CET Frosty (Frosty):** Sept. 29 to *Jane* and *Ethan Y.* of West Chester
- **Fly L Dillydilly (Dilly):** Oct. 2 to *PJ M.* of Beavercreek
- **Flying Daisy (Daisy):** Oct. 2 to *Heather C.* of Cincinnati
- **VJ Zeus (Kaloni):** Oct. 6 to *Cindy H.* and *Terri N.* of Maineville
- **VJ Bubbi (Bubbi):** Oct. 8 to *Holly* and *Eric G.* of Loveland
- **Magic Nicole (Magic):** Oct. 21 to *Michelle* and *John L.* of Cincinnati
- **Coach Tori (Lucy):** Oct. 26 to *Josh G.* of Fairfield



Cinderella came from West Virginia directly to our September picnic and was adopted 20 minutes later! She is one happy girl.

Our Condolences



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Barney



Asherton

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 were so sorry to hear that *Chrystal* and *Ryan R.*'s boy **Rookie** died of lymphoma on Sept. 3 at 9 years old. RIP sweet **Rookie**.

Long time GAGC members *Rebecca* and *Virgil S.* notified us that they had to put their **Barney** down on Sept. 6 after several days of intense specialist care. Despite their efforts, **Barney's** health continued to fail, and he was losing weight. At 11.5 years old, he let them know it was time to go. We are very sorry for their loss.

We send our sincere condolences to *Christine* and *Gary W.* who lost their girl **Hera** on Sept. 10 to osteosarcoma. A chronic back problem recently worsened, and X-rays revealed **Hera** had bone cancer.

Our sympathy goes to *Betsy K.* who had to say goodbye to **Kit** on Sept. 11. *Betsy* shared that **Kit** had a mild limp for several days followed by sudden paralysis of his shoulder. They felt he had a tumor impacting the nerve. When medication couldn't control the pain, they decided to let him go.

We were so sorry to hear that *Robin C.* lost her lovely **Asherton** on Sept. 19. **Ash** had been in a lot of pain and *Robin* tried assorted medications to alleviate it. **Asherton** let her know early one morning that the time had come so *Robin* arranged with Lap of Love to let her go. From *Robin*: It is so sad. There is such an emptiness in my home. It was the right decision and now my wonderful **Ash** is in no pain. Thanks to everyone who loved **Ashie** and been so supportive through this.

On Sept. 24, *Sherri* and *Dave L.* had to say goodbye to **Marco**. He had been diagnosed with several large intestinal tumors and surgery and chemo were not feasible in this situation. We send them our sympathy.

Carol and *Paul B.* contacted *Brenda* to say they lost their 13-year-old boy **Archie** on Sept. 27 due to old age issues. We are very sorry to hear of their loss.

Our sincere sympathy goes to *Anne* and



Katana

Nelson P. who lost their boy **Dusty** on Oct. 1. **Dusty** had broken his leg and X-rays revealed significant damage from aggressive osteosarcoma.

GAGC officer *Kathy E.* had to have her sweet boy **Katana** euthanized on Oct. 1 after nearly four months of trying to diagnose and treat assorted mystery illnesses. **Katana** would have been 9 in December. The other officers and board members offered their condolences.



Maddie

Our heartfelt condolences go to *Robin* and *Mike G.* who had to say goodbye to their girl **Maddie** on Oct. 5. **Maddie's** health had been failing for some time and when she had a severe seizure, they knew it was time to let her go.

We were very sorry to hear that *Sue L.* had to have her girl **Jolee** euthanized on Oct. 6. Significant behavioral and neurologic changes in **Jolee** led *Sue's* vet to diagnose a probable brain tumor. *Sue* misses her very much.



Chauncey

We saw sad news on Facebook that

Julie and *Ron M.* said goodbye to their **Finn** on Oct. 21. After seeing some unusual behavior, an ultrasound and X-rays revealed his internal organs were enlarged and were shutting down. *Ron* shared that "he appeared to have a mass (more than likely cancer) growing inside. I made one of the hardest choices I have ever made and decided to help him go peacefully. He was my buddy. Even though we had four dogs, he and I had a special connection from day one. He was afraid of so much, but he knew he could trust me. I will miss him so much."

Also on Facebook, *Lauren* and *Michael A.* posted that they lost their 12-year-old girl **Chauncey** on Oct. 23. From *Lauren*: I was lucky enough to share eight of her 12 years with her, but as you all know, we never have enough time with them. She was my shadow girl who loved walks, car rides with the windows down, the sound of the treat jar opening, and putting her cold nose on me in the morning to get me going. Besides being a great racer, she also made the cover of the newsletter a few years ago.



Tributes from our readers

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



Hera

Hera, our female greyhound, started out life as **Tranquil Trish**. She ran 70 races, placing first in seven of them. We adopted her from GAGC as a companion for our male greyhound **Bacchus**.

Hera lived up to her name (Hera was the wife of Zeus, aka Boss Lady). She had definite opinions on where her big brother should use the bathroom in the back yard. When the two of them ran zoomies, **Bacchus** was faster, but **Hera** could always execute a tighter turn. **Hera** didn't always get the whole 'pet' thing. She thought she was only supposed to bark at people she knew, so I always heard a lot of "unnecessary woofing" when I came home from work. She never did figure out how fetch worked. Her favorite toy was a stuffed chicken ('Chickee'), whom she guarded zealously. She loved eating peanut butter from a spoon while Dad trimmed her nails.

Hera had a back problem that would flare up every so often. We suspected she may have had a spill on the track resulting in an injury that cut her racing career short. We would treat it with vetprofen for a few days, and she would be back to her old self. Recently the problem had become chronic, and recently she started holding her left front leg up. Every time she tried to put weight on it, she'd cry. We visited the vet, and the X-rays confirmed our worst fear: osteosarcoma (bone cancer). She had cancerous lesions and a fracture in her left shoulder, and a smaller set of lesions in the right.

We said goodbye to her on Sept. 10.

—Gary and Christine



Kit

My wonderful **Kit** went to the bridge today. To say I will miss him is the understatement of the century. This was by far the best dog ever! He earned his wings years ago but now he has them for real. I cannot thank **Brenda** enough for giving me the opportunity to 'foster' this boy back in 2014! The 24-hour foster. My heart is broken as this was a super sudden happening and I am still wrapping my head around my world without him. I will always be grateful for the time and memories with him!

—Betsy K.

The 10 best things about Asherton

Feb. 13, 2010–Sept. 19, 2021



1. **Asherton** was drop dead gorgeous.
2. **Ash** was a great foster friend and mentor to 17 greyhounds.
3. **Ashie** was amazing at hoovering up any food that hit the ground.
4. **Asher** was always ready for a “Go” whether it be a walk or car ride.
5. **Ash** willingly shared some of the bed and sofa with me.
6. **Asher** was content no matter what was going on.
7. **Ash** never met a body of water she didn’t like and need to be in.
8. **Asherton’s** grace and svelte body made her a wonderful ballerina.
9. **Ashie** was an absolute goofball running around in the backyard.
10. **Asher** used her greyhound superpower “zen” to make my world full of love, peace, and hope.

—Robin C.

Katana (Coach Katana)

Dec. 10, 2012–Oct. 1, 2021



Katana started his life with me as a foster dog. The first day at my house, he had a massive 12-minute seizure. The next day he had another, and another the day after that, so of course we started him on medication to control them. It took weeks to begin to get him stabilized and by then he and I had completely bonded, and he wasn’t going anywhere else. Over time as he settled in and mellowed, he became a terrific M&G dog, one of my best pet therapy dogs, and eventually the dog alpha. He was a big, sweet teddy bear of a boy with a thick black coat and huge eyes that followed me everywhere.

My **Katana** started having significant health issues in June, showing a variety of strange symptoms. Despite extensive diagnostics including blood tests, X-rays, and ultrasound, plus starting him on special food and multiple medications, we couldn’t sort out what was causing all his problems. He seemed to get better for a while but then his health took another nosedive. The day came when he made it glaringly obvious to me that he was through fighting, so I made the decision to let him go. He didn’t even make it to 9 years old. The rest of the pack is in disarray, and I still find myself calling his name and waiting for him to come in from a turnout, but we’ll all sort it out over time.

I love you and miss you, big guy.

—Kathy E.

Braska Bernie

Nov. 20, 2010–Sept. 7, 2021



Barney came to us as a foster in 2016. We were sure we wouldn't adopt him. We had recently lost two other boy greys, and our black girl **Zelda** seemed okay as an "only." After two weeks, we were still okay for **Barney** to be adopted. But the third week happened, and he and **Zelda** bonded. Then, of course, we knew he was ours for life.

100-pound **Barney** was **Zelda's** follower. She took the lead and enforced the rules. **Barney** was very happy with that arrangement. They were good buddies.

A year ago, **Zelda** died. A bit later, 12-year-old **Cruit** came to live with us. He looks like a slightly smaller **Barney**. They also quickly bonded.

Barney has been a friendly, outgoing boy—great with guests and welcoming to other dogs who have come and gone. We thought he was a bit mischievous, but it turns out that was really **Zelda. Barney** (and **Cruit**) was a model greyhound.

All his years with us, **Barney** ran like a mad thing in the backyard, ate with gusto, was fascinated by squirrels, and rolled around for belly rubs. If he was ill, he didn't show any signs until two days before the end.

We'll miss this wonderful boy forever.

—Rebecca and Virgil

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program. Our latest reward was \$1,215.96. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

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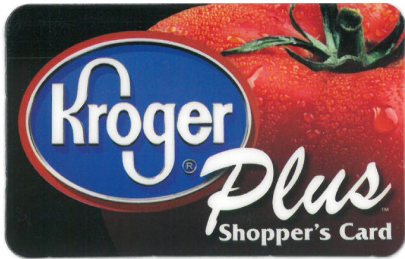
Foster Dog Sponsors

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

- *Marianne, James, Connie and Nati:* **Flying Daisy, Calafornia Dream, Where U Want Me, TX Lil Baller, JS Beer Goggles**
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace:* **Fly L Dillydilly, VJ Bubbi, Arno's Lexie**
- *Christa, Kim, Leo, Annabelle, Shadow, and Marley:* **Calafornia Dream, VJ AA Ron**
- *Diane and Sierra:* **VJ AA Ron, TX Lil Baller**

Thanks for Your Support!

One of the reasons GAGC has experienced so much success is due to the support



The majestic, rarely seen lionhound, indigenous to the couches of the North American continent (AKA **Maid Marian**).



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.*
- *Christa and Kim S.*
- *Michelle P.*
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- *Virgil and Rebecca S.*
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- *Susan J.*
- *Timothy C.*
- *Heather C.*
- *Holly and Eric G.*
- *Sue L.*
- *Debbie and Steve B.*

Foster girl **Whitney** with the trash can cover on her head!



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- *Virgil and Rebecca S.*

Gifts in memory of sweet Katana

- *Mary S.*
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Gift in memory of Jeanette Lawson

- *Angie B.*

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.

Gift in honor of Brenda Pennix on her birthday

- *Keith and Jennifer P.*

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Rebecca and Virgil S.* donated four Kuranda beds and pads
- *Julie M.* donated her winning bag of food for fostering back to GAGC
- *Sue and Warren N.* donated a bag of Nature's Select to the group
- Many folks donated items for the GAGC picnic's raffle and silent auction; here's a partial list:

Heather & Patrick M., Pines Pet Cemetery and Cremation Center, Melanie B., Robin C., Peggy C., Cora F., Bobbi M., Denise N., Brenda P., Kathy E., Alan & Leslie S., Marianne S., Mike W.


Love from the kennels ...

Pictured below is *Barb*, one of the greyhound trainers at the West Virginia track. She joined us at the fall picnic and was thrilled to visit with many of the dogs she loved.



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