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From the President ...

I really can't believe it's the end of 2011. Time flies when you're having fun! My retirement has been greyt, but I'm busier now than I ever thought possible. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, and I hope I see all of you at events in 2012! I am honored to be part of such a wonderful organization!

GAGC is growing rapidly. Last year we placed 74 greyhounds, and so far this year 89 dogs have found their forever homes! You all are making this happen by taking your dogs out and about, and showing people what greyt dogs they are. Get our business cards at any M&G and pass them out!! Keep up the good work! *Dave*, our GAGC treasurer, budgeted for us to adopt out 80 dogs for 2011 and we were skeptical that we would place that many, but we did it! I wonder what he'll budget for 2012?

Brenda



Greyt Health & Safety

FDA continues to caution dog owners about chicken jerky products

Nov. 18, 2011

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is again cautioning consumers that chicken jerky products for dogs (also sold as chicken tenders, strips or treats) may be associated with illness in dogs. In the last 12 months, FDA has seen an increase in the number of complaints it received of dog illnesses associated with consumption of chicken jerky products imported from

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China. These complaints have been reported to FDA by dog owners and veterinarians.

Chicken jerky products should not be substituted for a balanced diet and are intended to be fed occasionally in small quantities. FDA is advising consumers who choose to feed their dogs chicken jerky products to watch their dogs closely for any or all of the following signs that may occur within hours to days of feeding the products: decreased appetite; decreased activity; vomiting; diarrhea, sometimes with blood; increased water consumption and/or increased urination. If the dog shows any of these signs, stop feeding the chicken jerky product. Owners should consult their veterinarian if signs are severe or persist for more than 24



hours. Blood tests may indicate kidney failure (increased urea nitrogen and creatinine). Urine tests may indicate Fanconi syndrome (increased glucose). Although most dogs appear to recover, some reports to the FDA have involved dogs that have died.

The FDA continues to actively investigate the problem and its origin. Many of the illnesses reported may be the result of causes other than eating chicken jerky. Veterinarians and consumers alike should report cases of animal illness associated with pet foods to the FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator in their state or go to <http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints>.

Winter baths for greyhounds and whippets

— from Merianne

Option 1: Run warm water in the sink and add ¼ to ½ cup baking soda, mix well until baking soda dissolved. Use a terry face towel, soak and wring out well. Thoroughly wipe down dog, moving both with and against the hair growth. Although dog will hardly be damp, use second towel to dry. I like this bath method for several reasons, they dry quick, they smell good and there are no episodes of 'tub drunk' or tub fainting'.

Option 2: On a soft bristle brush,

sprinkle small amount of baking soda, then brush dog. You will also be amazed at the shine this puts on your dog's coat. Baking soda can also be used to brush the dog's teeth ... and your teeth too!

P&G Voluntarily Recalls One Production Lot of Dry Dog Food

CINCINNATI, OH Dec. 6, 2011 – The Procter & Gamble Company (P&G) has voluntarily retrieved one production lot of its puppy food, Iam's ProActive Health Smart Puppy dry dog food due to aflatoxin levels that were detected above the acceptable limit. This product has already been retrieved from store shelves. No illnesses have been reported in association with this production lot to date, and no other Iam's pet food products are involved. See the link above for more details.

Cargill Animal Nutrition Recalls River Run and Marksman Dry Dog Food

Dec. 7, 2011 — Cargill Animal Nutrition today announced a voluntary recall of two regional brands of its dry dog food – River Run and Marksman – due to aflatoxin levels that were detected above the acceptable limit.



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Formed in 2002, GAGC's mission is to strive for the best quality placements. We focus on being small and doing things right. We recognize that we cannot save all the greyhounds in the world, but we can make a difference to the ones we touch.

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Lost the Race



Won Our Hearts

The affected products were manufactured at Cargill's Lecompte, Louisiana, facility between Dec. 1, 2010, and Dec. 1, 2011.

Pet Food Recalls

The FDA periodically updates their web site with new pet food recalls. Don't take a chance with your pet's health. To check the safety of your pet's food, please [click this link](#).



What every pet parent should know about holiday dinners

— from ASPCA

(Editor's note: This information was extracted from an ASPCA article about Thanksgiving, but the warnings can apply to any holiday meal.)

Some foods are totally off-limits to our furry pals (and there's a full list of

them at ASPCA.org). Ten of them are especially common around the holidays. Just say no to:

- sage
- chocolate
- candy with xylitol
- bread dough
- batter with raw eggs
- onions and garlic
- macadamia nuts
- raisins and grapes
- rich or spicy foods
- alcohol

Let's talk turkey. Good news for Fido! ASPCA experts say a little bite of plain turkey is usually safe for pets. If you decide to share, remember: only boneless, well-cooked turkey is OK. Giving your pet undercooked or bone-in turkey, fat or gristle, or cooked bones for chewing is not OK.

Don't overdo it. Lots of us over-indulge at the holiday table, but when our pets do, it can be a real problem. It's best to keep pets on their normal diets during the holidays, but if you do decide to share with your pets, make it just a taste. Eating too much can give your dog diarrhea, upset stomach or even pancreatitis.

Protect your pups — get an Encoder Receiver Transmitter

— from John

Dayton Power & Light (DP&L) offers a device called an Encoder Receiver Transmitter (ERT). This is an electric meter that is swapped out for your older one. The ERT transmits your reading for that month to the meter readers

without them having to go into your yard, thereby eliminating the chance of having a gate left open. To get this installed, call the DP&L customer center at (937) 331-3900 to set a day and time. They will turn the power off just for a couple of minutes to change out the meter. For those outside the DP&L coverage area, you can contact your local power provider and ask if they have Encoder Receiver Transmitters available for installation.



WV's Ethel (now Solo) saved a life

Many of you know we use County Animal Hospital in Mason for much of the vetting on our new dogs. *Brenda* works there part-time and was keeping an eye on the 10 dogs we recently got from West Virginia, making sure they were getting what they needed. There happened to be an emergency case while *Brenda* was working — a family brought in their lab mix that had collapsed. *Dr. Smith* had to do emergency surgery on her, removing a 10-pound mass. She needed a blood transfusion and no local vets had a supply, so *Dr. Smith* approached *Brenda* and asked if one of our greyhounds could

Pet Sitters

Do you need a pet sitter for your greys while you're out of town? *Brenda*

has a list of GAGC members willing to pet sit, but we're also looking for more willing folks, in the Dayton and Cincinnati areas. Let *Brenda* or *Kathy* know if you're interested.



give blood. *Brenda* said definitely. They chose **Ethel**, and she was so quiet and calm while donating the blood. **Ethel** did great and had no ill effects and, in fact, she got to spend the rest of the afternoon near the front desk getting lots of attention. They had to keep a close eye on her neck since they removed blood from the jugular vein, but she did fine and definitely saved the dog's life. The family came out of the room and hugged **Ethel**, thanking her for rescuing their pet. Way to go, **Ethel!**

Postcards for updates

Very soon we'll be sending out postcards to those of you we don't see regularly. We want to ensure we have your current contact information, to see if you need a new GAGC ID tag for your greyhound, to verify your e-mail, etc. Please take a moment to review the card and respond to us with the requested information.

Collar sets and white tubs

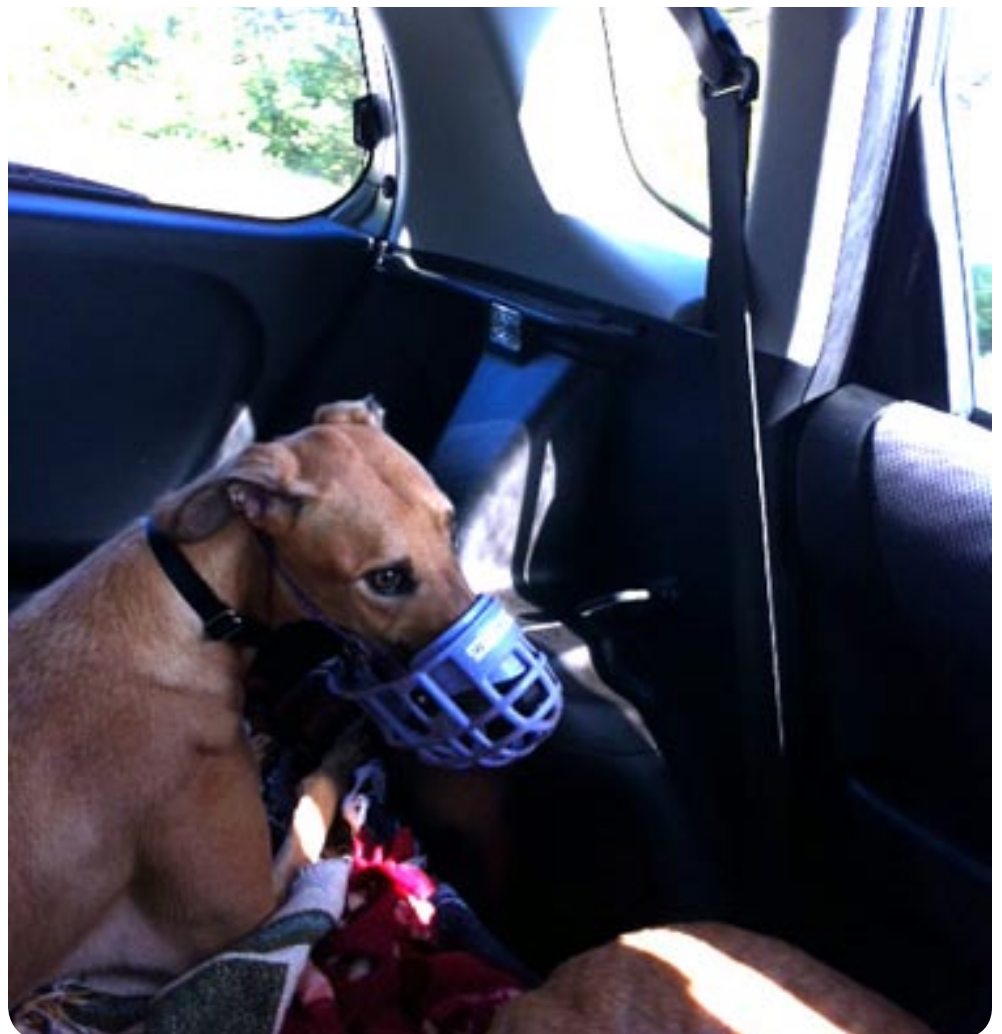
We appreciate all of you who have returned your black collar sets to GAGC to use for future adoptions. We have received many of them, helping GAGC save money. If you no longer need yours, please return it to *Brenda*, *Kathy* or *Heather*, or take it to any M&G and the rep will turn them in for reuse. We also need back the white tubs that we use for foster food. These need to be available for our next foster families. Thanks!

Dog Runs

On Oct. 22 we got two terrific dogs from Florida — female **Grand Scheme** and male **JW's Preston**. *Caroline* and *Justin* made the trip to Columbus for GAGC, meeting *Julie* from Central Ohio Greyhound Rescue who picked up all the dogs in Pennsylvania. The hauler was delayed by a blown tire, but *Caroline* and *Justin* got everyone scrubbed and to *Brenda's* by about 12:45 p.m. to meet their new foster families. Both dogs stretched out and slept soundly during the trip.

Brenda and *Ron* celebrated their 42nd anniversary in West Virginia on Nov. 5 by going on a dog run! They were joined at the adoption kennel

by GAGC members *Heather*, *Carisa*, *Ashley*, *Jami*, *Debbie*, *Keegan*, *Parker*, *Karen* and *Jason*. They all watched several greyhound races to get the big picture experience of how our dogs lived their early life. They visited the racing kennel and picked out four great dogs: **RWC Python**, **Jack's Lil Jet (Feona)**, **AMF Plain Sight (Clyde)** and **Freeride Ringo**. The next morning we met more of our GAGC families: *Bob*, *Laura*, *Kelly*, *Nick*, *Colleen*, *PJ*, *Karen*, *Chris*, *Michelle*, *Theresa*, *Ian*, *Joe*, *Holly*, *Cleo* and *Riley* and enjoyed several hours at the adoption breeding farm. We experienced greyhounds of all ages, and some of our members got into the runs and ran with the dogs.



(Guess who won?) We were allowed in with the 2-month old puppies who loved the extra attention. *Brenda* said she checked everyone's coats, hats and bags before leaving to make sure one of the puppies wasn't getting smuggled out! When we got home, *Rodney*, the kennel manager, called and said one of the broods went into labor right after we left. He thinks all the excitement of us being there caused her to start labor. He said he really enjoyed our greyt families and opened the invitation to come again for another visit! *Brenda* will keep you posted on plans for next spring. We selected six females from this kennel: **WV's Gualley**, **WV's Guyan**, **WV's Dola**, **WV's Katylick**, **WV's Ethel** and **TMB Lady Lilly**. The weekend was exhausting but it was so exciting to meet so many dogs, and very hard trying to narrow our selections to just a few. Everyone enjoyed this weekend experience!

Jason and *Heather* picked up three more males from the West Virginia adoption kennel on Nov. 15. They brought back **Freeride Furby** and **Freeride Pogo** who are **Ringo's** littermates, and **Deco Fireball** who has been waiting in the kennel for several months. All three are very nice boys and all are cat friendly. Thanks to *Jacob* and his cat **Shadow** for cat-testing these three West Virginia boys.

In our last dog run of the year, *Ron P.* met the hauler coming from Alabama on Dec. 15 at 4:35 Thursday morning – and that was nearly an hour later than expected. The run went smoothly – we were all thrilled the weather


cooperated and there was no snow. We got two very sweet females from *Lil's* kennel: **WWW Meanjogreen** and **Lucy Lakeview**. Both are already in their forever homes and will enjoy the holidays! Thanks to *Ron* and *Brenda* for giving up your sleep to pick up these girls and settle them in.

Webmaster

You all know what a terrific website we have, but what you may not know is all the time our webmaster *Mike* puts in to keep it current and fresh. For months, he has been frustrated by a glitch with the thumbnail photos in the Adopt Us and Meet our Families sections. Every time he added an entry, it would sometimes take hours to correct program-related errors that resulted. He is very pleased to report the problem with mismatched thumbnails has finally been resolved by the Internet Service Provider and updates should be easier and faster.

In addition, *Mike* absorbs all expenses for the program used on the site and the costs for the yearly license for our site. Thank you, *Mike*, for your continued support to GAGC and for maintaining such an excellent website.

Facebook reminder

GAGC is on Facebook! We're grateful to *Melissa* who set up our account and maintains it for us, and to  *Mike* who also does updates when he adds items to our website. Check us out – we're listed under [Greyhound Adoption of Greater Cincinnati](#).

Donations

We are very grateful to *Honey* and *Dale* (mom and dad to **Jax** and **Hope**) who made a generous donation to GAGC in late October.

We appreciate the donation made to GAGC by *Bob* and *Cora* in memory of *Ron's* sister *Barb*. *Cora* and *Bob*



share their lives with greyhounds **Big Pete** and **Patsy Cline**.

We would like to thank one of our newest families. *Teresa, Andy* and *Gabby* adopted **Intimidator** (now **Luca**) in mid-November and made an additional donation in loving memory of their girl **Venus** who they recently lost. They have since also adopted **WV's Dola** (now **Zola**). *Teresa* says **Zola** reminds her of **Venus** in many ways.

We received a number of end-of-year donations to GAGC for which we are very grateful.

- Thanks to the *Greenfield* family who made a donation in *Joyce* and *Walter Yonka's* name.
- Thanks to *Ed* and *Amy* for their donation and continuing support of GAGC.
- We appreciate the donation received from *Alan* and *Melissa*.
- **Queen** and her humans *Willa* and *Paul* made a donation in support of GAGC. Thanks!
- We thank *Chris* and *Dwight* for their end-of-year donation.
- We appreciate *Deborah* and *James* who sent GAGC a donation in honor of *Denise Neu*.
- Thanks to *Jane J.* who contributed to GAGC in honor of the *Yonkas*.
- We were pleased to receive a donation from *Charlotte*.

- Thanks to *Stephanie* and *Charles* who continued their support of our organization with a donation.
- *Sue* made a special trip to the Beaver Creek Santa photos to give GAGC representatives a donation. Thank you, *Sue*.
- Our thanks go to *Carol* who made a donation in honor of *Stephen R. Jenei*.



- Thanks to *June* and *Howard* who made an end-of-year donation to our group.
- We appreciate the generosity of *Dr. Gary Smith* and the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati for their donation to GAGC.
- *Ron* made a very generous donation to GAGC for which we are very grateful. *Ron* and his wife *Angie* are long-time supporters of GAGC and we truly appreciate all they do for greyhounds.
- We're grateful for the donation from *Jeff Mink* (who is not even a GAGC member). The donation went to *Brenda* with paperwork to receive a matching donation from *Jeff's* company.
- We are very grateful to *Joyce* and *Walter* who made a generous end-of-the-year-donation.

Special support for GAGC

Early this year, *Bob* and *Cora* (**Big Pete** and **Patsy Cline** are their greyhounds) were looking to support GAGC. *Bob* told *Brenda* he would donate an amount for each GAGC adoption in 2011. After sending an e-mail about our adoptions to date, *Brenda* received this note from *Bob* in late November: "I personally would like to say kudos to you and your staff — this is truly over the top! I know it is difficult to put in words what gratification this must give each and every one — God bless. Eighty-four greys sounds like 100 to me, so as I promised, a check will be forthcoming. May the good things you do in life be yours in abundance. Happy Thanksgiving to all." We are so grateful for this generosity!



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 them to *Kathy* at koe@donet.com or *Brenda* at gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com.

Jewelry fundraiser

We are grateful to *Lisa W.* who still supports GAGC even though she has moved out of the area. *Lisa* arranged a Lia Sophia on-line jewelry sale, donating a percentage of the sales back to GAGC. Thank you! *Lisa* is mom to three GAGC greyhounds — **Julian, Ripley** and **Leah**.

Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program

GAGC earned a small donation in 2011 from some of our members participating in this Good Neighbor Program in the Dayton area. Thank you! If there are more of you who shop at Dorothy Lane Market and would like to sign up for the Good Neighbor program, we could earn even more. Enrollment forms for the 2012 program are already in the Dorothy Lane Markets, or you can contact *Kathy* at koe@donet.com for more details.

Tri-County Santa photos results

Our first GAGC Santa photos were at Tri-County on Dec. 11. It was a lot of fun and we took more than 40 photos earning GAGC over \$200. Thanks to our greyt Santas *Rob* and *Gary*, and to *Sunny* who was Mrs. Claus. *Julie* was a tremendous help learning how to use the printer and training *Mary, Carissa, Cara, Angie* and *Heather* who worked closely with our greyt photographers, *Alex* and *Jenni* (they took some really good shots). Several of us held dogs during the five hours in attendance:

Brenda, Susan, Kirk, Ron, Max and a couple others. Thanks to all who came and got your greyhound photos! It was the same date as our normally scheduled M&G so we had over 30 greyhounds in attendance throughout the day. We made a greyt impression!

Santa photos at Beavercreek

The first day of Santa photos at the Beavercreek Petsmart was Dec. 17 and we were crazy busy, taking nearly 80 photos. Thanks to our Santa volunteers *PJ* and *Barnie*. They handled pets from a tiny chihuahua to a huge mastiff and everything in between. We had helpers for photography, registration, toy squeaking, M&G reps, etc. Thanks to *Kathy, Lori, Leslie, Alan, Kate, Juan, Vanessa, Angela, Kim, Theresa, John, Ian, Mary, Linda, Liz, Lisa* and *Rick*. Our M&G pups included **Kiowa, Nellie, Nick, Kistler, Sally** and **Ares** (pictured below with *Ian* and *Santa PJ*), **Fiona, Solo** and **Avery**. *Sue* stopped by to make a donation. *Amy* and *Jim*

came by with their two young sons plus greyhounds **Dharma** and **Dexter** for photos; *Sherri* and *Dave* brought **Buddy** and **Josie** to meet Santa; *Dave* stopped by to say hi. If we've left anyone out, please know we appreciate your help.

Beavercreek Petsmart Santa photos on Dec. 18 were every bit as successful as the previous day, with GAGC taking about 85 photos. *John* and *John* served as our Santas. Thanks to the day's helpers: *Theresa, John, Ian, Cindy, John, Kathy, Alan, Jami, Debbie, Meg, Tim* and their 2-year-old son *Jack*. The greyhounds who worked their magic included **Sally, Ares, Moja, Basia, Nick, Soul, Ringo** and **Sol**. We were plagued throughout the day by technical difficulties with camera and printers, but *Jami* and *Debbie* saved the day by using one of their personal cameras. Between photos, donations and sales of greyhound towels, GAGC made close to \$1,000 this last weekend before Christmas.



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:

- *Teresa and Chuck*: **PG's Versatility (Vinnie)**
- *Joe, Holly, Riley and Cleo*: **Grand Scheme, Freeride Pogo**
- *Heather and Jason*: **RCK Intimidator, Fiona, Freeride Furby**
- *Tracy and Ben*: **Katie's Country Boy/Kirby (Ramone)**
- *Brenda and Ron*: **Preston, AMF Plain Sight (Clyde), WV's Gualey**
- *Karen and Jason*: **WV's Guyan, Deco Fireball**
- *Jami and Deb*: **WV's Katy, Freeride Ringo**
- *Ron and Angie*: **PTL Cougar**
- *Theresa, John and Ian*: **RWC Python**
- *Tim and Jess*: **WV's Katylick**
- *PJ*: **WV's Dola**
- *Julia*: **TMB Lilly**
- *Kathy*: **Get the Job Done (Stella)**

Current Foster Dogs

Are you ready for another greyhound? We have the following dogs in foster care:

- PG's Versatility (Vinnie)**: 5-year-old white and brindle male
- Freeride Pogo**: almost-2-year-old white and brindle male
- Deco Fireball**: 3-year-old red fawn male

Recent Adoptions

Inspecta Ty: Oct. 23 to *Mike, Melissa and Jake* of Middletown

JW's Preston (now Brogan): Oct. 28 to *Heidi and Michael* of Mason

WV's Katy: Nov. 4 to *Debbie and Steve* of West Milton

RCK Intimidator (now Luca, pictured at right): Nov. 11 to *Teresa, Andy and Gabby* of Pleasant Hill

AMF Plain Sight (Clyde, pictured on the cover): Nov. 11 to *Bev and Ed* of Cincinnati

RWC Python (now Ares): Nov. 12 to *Theresa, John and Ian* of Huber Heights

Freeride Ringo (now Ringo): Nov. 13 to *Jami, Parker and Keegan* of Kettering

TMB Lady Lilly (now Lily): Nov. 15 to *Julia, Ethan and Owen* of Bellbrook

Grand Scheme: Nov. 15 to *Bonnie, Laura and Rodney* of Cincinnati

WV's Guyan (now Luna): Nov. 16 to *Karen, Jason, Chelsea, Olivia and Austin* of Trenton

WV's Ethel (now Solo): Nov. 17 to *Linda, Hanna and Fletcher* of Liberty Twp.

Jack's Lil Jet (now Fiona): Nov. 19 to *Mary* of Cincinnati

WV's Gualey (now River): Nov. 23 to *David* of Loveland



WV's Dola (now Zola): Nov. 24 to *Teresa, Andy and Gabby* of Pleasant Hill

PTL Cougar (pictured at left): Dec. 9 to *Jessica* of Lebanon

Katie's Country Boy (Ramone): Dec. 10 to *Tracy, Ben and Todd* of Fairfield

Freeride Furby (now Furby): Dec. 13 to *Peggy and Jason* of Loveland

Lucy Lakeview (now Penny): Dec.

16 to *Joanne and Mike* of Hebron, KY

WWW Meanjogreen (now Jeanie): Dec. 17 to *Suzanne* of Hebron, KY

WV's Katylick (now Katy): Dec. 22 to *Jenni, Rick, Mackenzi and Madison* of Milford

Get the Job Done (Stella): almost 3-year-old white and black female

R. Harriet Tubman: 3-year-old dark red female

Rodeo Jet Cry: 4-year-old black female

WJS Tempest: 3-year-old brindle female

Please contact your local placement representative (*Brenda, Kathy or Heather*) if you are interested in adding one of these sweet pups to your family.

What is your new adopted greyhound thinking?

— from *Kathleen Gilley*

This breed has never been asked to do anything for itself, make any decisions or answer any questions. It has been waited on, paw and tail. The only prohibition in a racing greyhound's life is not to get into a fight or eat certain stuff in the turnout pen. Let us review a little.

From weaning until you go away for schooling, at probably a year-and-a-half, you eat, grow and run around with your siblings.

When you go away to begin your racing career, you get your own "apartment," in a large housing development.



No one is allowed in your bed but you, and when you are in there, no one can touch you without plenty of warning. Someone hears a vehicle drive up, or the kennel door being unlocked. The light switches are flipped on. The loud mouths in residence, and there always are some, begin to bark or howl. You are wide awake by the time the human opens your door to turn you out. A greyhound has never been touched while he was asleep. You eat when you are fed, usually on a strict schedule. No one asks if you are hungry or what you want to eat. You are never told not to eat any food within your reach. No one ever touches your bowl while you are eating. You are not to be disturbed because it is important you clean your plate.

You are not asked if you have to "go outside." You are placed in a turn-out pen and it isn't long before you get the idea of what you are supposed to do while you are out there. Unless you really get out of hand, you may chase, rough house and put your feet on everyone and everything else. The only humans you know are the "waiters" who feed you and the "restroom attendants" who turn you out to go to the bathroom. Respect people? Surely you jest.

No one comes into or goes out of your kennel without your knowledge. You are all-seeing and all-knowing. There are no surprises, day in and day out. The only thing it is ever hoped you will do is win, place or show, and that you don't have much control over. It is in your blood, it is in your heart, it is in your fate — or it is not. And when it is not, then suddenly you are expected to be a civilized person in a fur coat. But people don't realize you may not even speak English. Some of you don't even know your names, because you didn't need to. You were not asked or told to do anything as an individual; you were always part of the "condo association" — the sorority or fraternity and everyone did everything together as a group or pack. The only time you did anything as an individual is when you schooled or raced and, even then, you were not alone.

Suddenly, he is expected to behave himself in places he's never been taught how to act. He is expected to take responsibility for saying when he needs to go outside, to come when he is called, not to get on some or all of the furniture, and to not eat food off counters and tables. He is dropped into a world that is not his, and totally without warning, at that. Almost everything he does is wrong. Suddenly he is a minority. Now he is just a pet. He is unemployed, in a place where people expect him to know the



rules and the schedule, even when there aren't any. How many times have you heard someone say, "He won't tell me when he has to go out." What

kind of schedule is that? Have you heard the joke about the dog who says, "My name is No-No Bad Dog. What's yours?" To me that is not even funny.

All the protective barriers are gone. There is no more warning before something happens. There is no more strength in numbers. He wakes up with a monster human face two inches from his. (With some people's breath, this

could scare Godzilla.) Why should he not believe that this “someone” who has crept up on him isn’t going to eat him for lunch? I really do have to ask you ladies to consider how you would react if someone you barely knew crawled up on you while you were asleep? (No, I will not ask for any male input.) Now he is left alone, for the first time in his life, in a strange place, with no idea of what will happen or how long it will be before someone comes to him again. If he is not crated, he may go through walls, windows or over fences, desperately seeking something familiar, something with which to reconnect his life. If he does get free, he will find the familiarity within himself: the adrenaline high, the wind in his ears, the blood pulsing and racing through his heart once again ... until he crashes into a car.

Often, the first contact with his new family is punishment, something he’s never had before, something he doesn’t understand now, especially in the middle of the rest of the chaos. And worst of all, what are the most common human reactions to misbehavior? We live in a violent society, where the answer to any irritation is a slap, punch, kick,

whip or rub your nose in it. Under these circumstances, sometimes I think any successful adoption is a miracle. He is, in effect, expected to have all the manners of at least a 6-year old child. But, how many of you would leave an



unfamiliar 6-year-old human alone and loose in your home for hours at a time and not expect to find who knows what



when you got back? Consider that if you did, you could be brought up on charges of child abuse, neglect and endangerment. Yet, people do this to greyhounds and this is often the reason for so many returns. How many dogs have been returned because they did not know how to tell the adopter when they had to go out? How many for jumping on people, getting on furniture, counter surfing, separation anxiety or defensive actions due to being startled or hurt (e.g. growling or biting)? So, let’s understand: sometimes it isn’t the dog’s “fault” he cannot fit in. He is not equipped with the social skills of a 6-year old human, but you can teach him. With love.

Pet-friendly lodging

Looking for pet-friendly lodging when you go on vacation? The following web site will give you listings of lodgings that accept both you and your dogs: www.petswelcome.com.



Our Condolences

Editor's Note: Every time we lose one of our greyhounds to cancer, GAGC makes a donation in that dog's name to the Department of Veterinary Clinical Services at Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, led by Dr Guillermo Couto. GAGC hopes that someday soon, Dr. Couto and his colleagues can determine why so many greyhounds are struck down prematurely by cancer and other causes.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to *Kari* who lost her girl **Princess** to cancer in August. **Princess** was a greyhound found in a shelter and GAGC placed her in July of 2007. We are sorry for *Kari's* loss, but the good news is she's living with her mom now and they are in the process of adopting another greyhound.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to *Al* who lost his greyhound **Augie** on Nov. 7 to complications of old age. This has been a difficult year for *Al*, but he is comforted by the affection of his female greyhound **Preda**.

GAGC sends condolences to *Lyn* and *Carol* who lost their boy **Indus Braveheart Bonsoor (Freddie)** on Nov. 16 as a result of complications following a stroke. From *Lyn*: "He was such a smart friend to us all and we will miss him."

We were so sorry to hear from *Cindy* and *Brad* on Nov. 25 about the death of their senior boy **Art** due to osteosarcoma. They had adopted **Art** when he was already an advanced senior. This loss is particularly hard be-



cause they lost their boy **Mac** just six weeks earlier. *Cindy* wrote: "He came in with a hugely swollen left back leg, and he wouldn't put any weight on it." Their vet confirmed there was no fracture but **Art** had osteosarcoma. *Cindy* said: "Rather than let him fracture and be in pain, we decided to let him go." We are so sorry for both their recent losses.

Brenda was notified by *Ruthann* and *Scott* that their beloved greyhound **Amma** got out of their yard, was hit by a car and severely injured and had to be euthanized on Dec. 3. From *Ruthann*: "We got a call from a neighbor, and there she was standing on their porch and just wanting in; when *Scott* wrapped his arms around her she collapsed. Blood was everywhere; she had a broken leg, broken nose, pelvis, ligament and tendon damage, possible

brain damage and blood in her lungs. She could not be saved and had to be put down. Our hearts are broken, she was a great dog and we loved her so much. We were honored and privileged to have her in our home, our family and our hearts." We send our condolences.

We send our deepest sympathy to *Joyce* and *Walter* on the unexpected loss of their girl **Lacey** on Dec. 12. She collapsed in their home, and a visit to the vet revealed an abdominal sarcoma that had been growing undetected for a while. They held her while she was put to sleep. From *Joyce*: "I think that **Eppie** knew something yesterday and last night because she stayed around **Lacey**, remaining downstairs with her all night. We will put **Lacey's** ashes in the backyard."

Our condolences go to *Julie* and *Kyle* who had to have their dear boy

Lincoln euthanized on Dec. 15 due to an osteosarcoma. From *Julie*: "I believe he is chasing rabbits and he can run again without any pain now. He was the best dog and I hope we made him as happy as he made us. He will never be forgotten and he will always be loved." *Kyle* is currently in the Army in Afghanistan — we thank him for his dedicated service.

"It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are."
— Unknown

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 up coming newsletter. High-resolution

photos are best — 300 dpi. If they are 72 dpi, then they should no smaller than 4 inches on the shortest side.

Show Your Support

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

Go Krogering!

Do you shop at Kroger? Do you know someone who does? The Kroger gift card program is one of GAGC's most reliable fundraisers. Go to the "Support Us" link on the GAGC website to get all the details on this gift



card program. We receive a \$200 donation from Kroger each time our group

achieves \$5,000 in total purchases. We use these donations to cover vet expenses for new or rehomed greyhounds. Thank you for your support! This is such a great source of funding for us. If you have purchased a Kroger gift card, be sure you keep reloading it and use it at check-out. If you don't

have one, you can contact *Brenda, Kathy or Heather* to get one. Our new ones cost \$1 and have \$1 credit pre-loaded. Please help us out! This is an easy and consistent fundraiser that earns GAGC hundreds of dollars every month.

Do a Meet-and-Greet

Bring your greyhounds and join us at a GAGC Meet & Greet to introduce other people to this wonderful breed.



They are on Sundays at the following PetSmart locations (check our website for times):

- 1st Sunday of the month: Milford
- 2nd Sunday: Beavercreek (in the Dayton area) and Tri-County
- 3rd Sunday: West Chester, Western Hills and Centerville (Dayton)

- 4th Sunday: Fairfield and Mason

Pet Photography

Virgil Sweeden is a long time GAGC member who takes pet photos at a reasonable price. He is available to take photos of your greyhounds, other pets or even of human family members and special events.



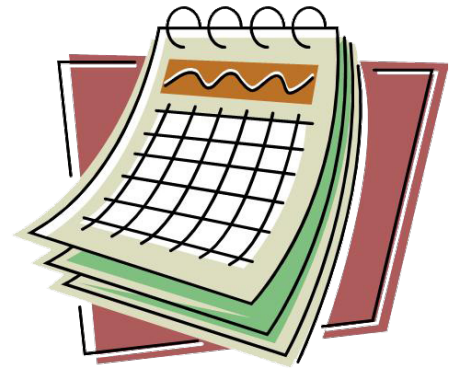
For pet photos, he'll come to your home if you prefer, to make your pets more at ease. E-mail him at Virgil@PawPrintsPet.com or visit his website at www.PawPrintsPet.com.

Mark your calendars

Jan. 13: *Anderson Nursing Home.* We've been asked to take a couple of dogs to do a presentation to the residents. We'll stay about an hour or so.

May 26: *GAGC Family Picnic.* This is our premier annual event at Keehner Park in West Chester. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us in May. Lots of details will follow.

May 31 – June 3: *Mountain Hounds in Gatlinburg.* We will provide more details on this terrific event as we receive them.

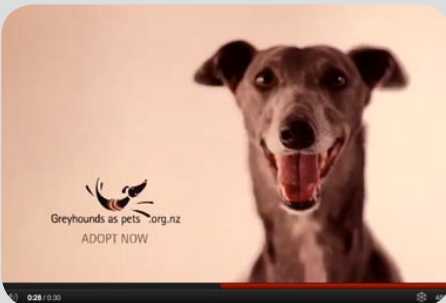


Just for Fun

Check out these cute YouTube videos:



[Two Dogs Dining](#)



[Love Comes from Unexpected Places](#)



Did You Know?

Seen in Egyptian tomb carvings, the greyhound is an ancient, well-respected breed of dog whose body lines have changed little since 2000 B.C. Used for hunting deer in England during the 16th century, the greyhound is now better known for its racing ability. The name greyhound comes from an old Saxon word, "greu," which refers to a running dog.