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From the President ...

Happy Holidays! I can't believe this year is coming to an end already! What an exciting year for GAGC. Sixty-eight retired racing greyhounds have found good homes with loving families. This is not possible without our fabulous foster families, who do a greyt job transitioning the newbies into living in a house!

GAGC will be starting its ninth year in December and has found homes for over 450 greyhounds during that time. The help from you all this year has been tremendous. The events were all very successful and the personal efforts from some of our new families have been wonderful. The depth of GAGC has always amazed me. It just proves WE ALL LOVE GREYHOUNDS! Thanks to all of you for all you do for greyhounds — organizing events, working in the GAGC booth, attending Meet-N-Greets. We do it for the greyhounds!

Brenda



Greyt Health & Safety

Autumn Safety Tips – from ASPCA

Ah, fall—there's nothing like crisp, cool air, the first months of school and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming the break from hot, sticky weather. But pet parents, beware — fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends. From household poisons to cold weather hazards, the season is a minefield! Here are some tips to keep your pet snug and healthy during the autumn months.

- The use of rodenticides increases in

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the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets — if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must

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use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.

- It's back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on fun items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. These items are considered "low toxicity" to pets, which means they're unlikely to cause serious problems unless large amounts are ingested. However, since gastrointestinal upset and blockages certainly are possible, be sure your children keep their school supplies out of paw's reach.
- Training tip: If you and your pooch haven't been active outdoors in a while because of the summer heat, do some remedial recall training. Dogs, like people, get rusty on their

skills if they aren't using them.

- Fall and spring and are mushroom seasons. While 99 percent of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1 percent that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Unfortunately, most of the highly toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from the nontoxic ones, so the best way to keep pets from ingesting poisonous mushrooms is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you see your pet eating a wild mushroom.
- In order to generate body heat, pets who exercise heavily outdoors, or who live outdoors, should be given more food during colder seasons. Make sure horses and other outdoor animals have access to clean, fresh water that is not frozen.
- Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants — though they aren't completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.



Fleas and Dawn Detergent

One of our members shared this useful information. Her cocker spaniel was infested with fleas and the flea treatments she was using were not working. Her vet suggested she wash the dog in blue Dawn dish detergent. He said it kills the fleas and keeps them off for several weeks. Check with your vet's office to see if they recommend this for a short-term basis before you use this on a greyhound.

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 go to the following site to check the safety of your pet's food: www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/RecallsWithdrawals/.

Paw Bandaging Tips

A greyhound owner shared the following tip to help the healing of dog feet from nail loss, web cuts, pad cuts, etc. In her experience, bandages can fall off because the wrap is too loose;

the foot may swell because the bandage is too tight; the paw can't "breathe." Bandages get wet and have to be changed more than once a day. Vet Wrap and gauze is expensive. Her answer? Try baby socks for a foot cover.



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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

For girls and smaller boys, she suggests the 0-6 month size. For the bigger boys, use the 6-12 size. Get some soft 1-inch adhesive tape to wrap and secure the sock above the wide part of the paw. Apply it snug, but not tight. Narrower tape might try to cut into the paw, so use 1-inch. The socks can be used, washed and re-used. Environmentally friendly. Naturally, some hounds won't like this any better than a Vet Wrap bandage, and this may not be appropriate for all foot problems. But, it's a greyt option for many of them, and very easy to do.

2011 Calendars — A Year of Greytness

We still have some 2011 calendars for sale. Please let *Brenda* or *Kathy* know if you'd like to purchase any. They will make greyt holiday gifts, and are on sale now for \$10 each.

Black Collar Sets

We appreciate all of you who have returned your black collar sets to GAGC to use for future adoptions. We continue to need them, so if you no longer need yours, please return them to *Brenda* or *Kathy*, or take them to any M&G and the rep will turn them in for reuse. Thanks!

Looking for Used Crates

We continue to have a need for large collapsible black wire crates in good condition that you might be willing to donate to GAGC. We now tend to have several dogs in foster care at once



(right now we have 10!), plus we offer the loan of a crate to a new adopter for the first month. Therefore we are still sometimes scrambling for crates. If you can help by donating a used crate, please contact your adoption representative — *Brenda* or *Kathy*. Thanks!

Webmaster/Website — Check out the new photos

Our terrific web master *Mike* has added a new section to our website, "Greyt Pictures." You can find it by clicking on Greyt Info on the main tool bar of the home page; you'll then see it listed at the right. The current photos are from the November dog run to "The Farm" in West Virginia, but *Mike's* suggestion is to put up a new batch of photos every month. We like it! Please send your photos to *Brenda* (BRPennix@aol.com) or *Kathy* (koe@donet.com) and then watch the site to see which ones get posted next.

Suggestions Needed!

As members of GAGC, you all have the opportunity to provide input. We would really like to hear some of your suggestions or comments to make

GAGC even better. Your thoughts or ideas are always welcome. Would you be interested in:

- play dates for the dogs
- group walks, maybe at Sharon Woods
- having a pet communicator come to a meeting and read your dogs
- more events
- fewer events
- speakers
- purchasing reasonably priced t-shirts with our GAGC logo on them? OR can anyone design a t-shirt?

We have lots of events during the year that you all support.

- Do we have too many fundraisers? We do not want members to feel like all we do is beg for financial support.
- Do you feel we send out too many e-mails?
- Do you check the website frequently or only when suggested to in the e-mails?

Our annual officer/directors meeting is in January and we'll be glad to present your thoughts/suggestions at that meeting. Please send your comments to *Brenda* or *Kathy*.



Greyt Greyhound Gathering

The Greyt Greyhound Gathering was another huge success. *JoJean* and friends really know how to prepare for a greyt event. It was a little chilly, but it really helped with coat sales! Thank you so much for attending and spending time at this event. It was so good to see so many GAGC families and friends. GAGC did very well with sales and donations which will definitely help us through the winter months with vetting and food costs for our foster dogs.

Thanks to *Angie* and *Mike* for the wonderful calendars and to *Laura* and *Bob* for the greyt silent auction. Thanks to *Jodie* for your donation of the sales of your coats. Thanks to *Heather*, *Jason*, *Sandee*, *Steve*, *Carol*, *Earl*, *Debbie* and *Colleen* for working the booth. Thanks to *Teresa*, *Chuck*, *Tracy*, *Todd*, *Kathy*, *Tara*, *Matt*, *Colleen*, *Melissa* and

Carl for bringing their foster dogs to show off. We had LOTS of interest.

Here are the silent auction winners:

- *Brenda* won the two-night stay in a family suite at Great Wolf Lodge, donated by *Betsy Kang*, Marketing Director at Great Wolf Lodge.
- *Jeanne* won the Little Dipper Set and \$25 Ferrari's gift card, donated by the Little Dipper Company and Ferrari's Italian Restaurant.
- *Carol* won the dog ramp, donated by *Teresa* and *Chuck*.
- *Melissa* won the Frisch's Basket, donated by *Carol* who works for Frisch's.
- *Edye* won the four-color greyhound print. GAGC donated the poster and the frame was donated by *Bob* and *Laura*.
- *Matt* won the OSU Nugent autographed jersey. The jersey



was donated by *Brenda* and *Ron* and the frame was donated by *Bob* and *Laura*. *Debbie* donated the actual framing.

- *Angie* won the dog accessories basket which contained a \$25 gift certificate donated by Petsmart, Vita-tabs and Joint Enhancer donated by PetMeds, a cookbook donated by *Gale Tereszuck*, coupons from FreshPet Select, dog treats from *Bob* and *Laura*, and a dog bone donated by *Melanie*.
- *Angie* also won the coat and collar basket. The coat and snood was donated by Coats 4 Greys; the collar and tag set was donated by A Step Ahead, Collars for Hounds; coupons from FreshPet Select, and a dog bone donated by *Melanie*.

Thanks again to *Laura*, *Kelly* and *Bob* for collecting all the items and packaging them so nicely, and for running the auction for GAGC. As always, a huge thanks goes to *Brenda* and *Ron* for organizing GAGC's participation at the Gathering, setting up and tearing down our tents and displays, holding foster dogs, and doing whatever else the situation required. We are so lucky to have you as the foundation of this organization!

Miamisburg Canine Carnival

It was a beautiful day for a carnival on Sept. 18. Instead of having a GAGC booth this year, *Kathy* and *PJ* walked around with their greyhounds and a

pocketful of our business cards. **Basia, JT, Kiowa** and **Nellie** attracted so much attention, it took about 45 minutes to walk from one side of Library Park to the other. Also out enjoying the day was *Heather* with **Ninja** and **Lexie**, and *Vanessa* and *Dave* with **Bubba** and **India**.

Liberty Township Event

Also on Sept. 18, the Liberty Township Fall Family Event was a HUGE success for GAGC. We had a greyt day, making \$25 in donations and receiving three adoption applications. The event's emcee had GAGC President *Brenda* on stage, with **Bernie** and **Mimi**, talking to the crowd about greyhounds and what greyt pets they are. Thanks to those who showed off their pups: *Bob, Laura, Angie, Colleen, Debbie, Jami, Bob, Ron* and *Brenda*. The stars of the day all were beat after being in the heat: greyhounds **Ty, Indie, Tessa, Molly, Johnny, Jett, Cowboy, Mark, Kelly, Ellie, Fave, Mimi, Bernie** and **Tobee**.

UCAN Walk

GAGC participated in the UCAN walk at Sawyer Point on Sept. 19. We walked a mile and a half along the river on a very nice day. The UCAN group donated \$5 to GAGC for everyone who walked for our team — we received \$50. Thanks to *Steve, Sandee, Debbie, Jami, Heather, Jason, Colleen, Beth, Bob, Ron* and *Brenda*. Of course (in *Brenda's* opinion), the best looking dogs there were our greyhounds — we made a huge impression. Walking the

walk were **Halo, Ripley, Haywood, Tessa, Molly, Ninja, Lexi, Cowboy, Montana, Cowboy** (and his whippet friends), **Rupert, Bernie, Tobee, Fave** and **Mimi**.

MI Homes Event

Wow! What a wonderful day to sit out and enjoy our greyhounds and their two legged friends. Thank you all for attending and supporting GAGC on Sept. 26. Special thanks to *Kathy* and *Laura* and *Laura's* daughter *Kelly* who spent the entire day at the raffle table. We made \$264 from raffle tickets sales. Greyt prizes — thanks, *Lee*! In addition, several of the vendors gave us donations from their sales. Silpada donated \$14 from sales; \$35 from Paul Mitchell; \$15 from A Fortunate Dog; I think \$24 from Animal Communication & Wellness Services. We had some sales at our booth and the grand total taken in today was \$460. A lot of the vendors donated a raffle item. *Josh* also made a very generous donation. Special thanks also go to *Pam* for her t-shirt donations. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Michael did a terrific job coordinating this event and the best part was helping to support our GAGC cause in finding good homes for retired racing greyhounds. We have two new families who attended and are considering sending in applications, so that's what it is all about!

Many thanks to all the following who attended, and of course special thanks to their greyhounds: *Rachel* and *Joe* with **Bronco**; *Heather* and *Jason* with **Ninja** and **Lexi**; *Carol* and *Earl* with **Keeghan** and **Kayla**; *Sissy* and *Ron* with **Granny, BJ, Hammer** and **Zia**; *Cindy* with **Sampson** and **Delilah**; *Kathy* with **Boris**; *Brenda* and *Ron* with **Pete, Bernie, Tobee** and **Mimi**; *Laura* and *Bob* with **Smiley, Ty** and **Indie**; *Angie* and *Ron* with **Yogi, Johnny** and **Julep**; *Jill* and *Willie* with **Maggie**; *Colleen* with **Cowboy** and **Mark**; *Lee* with **Echo**; *Debbie* and *Jami* with **Tessa, Duke** and **Molly**; *Chris, Ed* and *Amy* with the Black Pack — **Jethro, Juno, Journey** and puppy **Jiminee**; *Michael* and *Josh* with **Kally**; *Bob* with **Kelly**; and *Pam* with **Lava**.

Iron's Fruit Farm

Ron B. arranged for GAGC to hold a special M&G on Oct. 9 at Iron's Fruit Farm in Lebanon. It was a perfect day, especially since we were in the shade of a huge tree. The visitors were fascinated by our beautiful dogs, and the dogs were fascinated by the pigs, ostriches, goats, roosters and the resi-



dent cat. Thanks so much to *Ron* and *Angie* for setting this up for us. We had lots of representation for GAGC: *Ron* and *Angie* with **Reda**, **Johnny**, **Jet** and **Yogi**; *PJ* with **JT** and **Lace**; *Kathy* with **Basia** and **Moja**; *Bob* with **Kelly**; *Laura*, *Bob*, *Kelly* and *Nick* with **Smiley**, **Indie** and **Ty**; *Joe*, *Holly*, *Cleo* and *Riley* with **Boone**; *Tracy* and *Jayme* with **Marty** and **Bruce**; *Lee* with **Echo**; *Glenn*, *Laura*, *Calvin* and *Evelyn* with **Peanut** and **Crackerjack**; *Cindy* and *John* with **Easy**, **Sunny** and **Roxy**; *Peg* and *Wiley* with **Arie** and **Cigi**; and *Abbey* with **Haley**. Thanks to all of you for your support!

Red's Park Bark Event

Thanks to *Edye* for getting GAGC a booth at the Red's game Park Bark Event and to *Sandee*, *Jake* and *Steve* for talking to lots and lots of families about greyhounds.

Puppy Report

Ed and *Amy*, proud parents of the Black Pack, who adopted **Jiminee** several months ago, wrote "**Jiminee** is doing very well. He is 95 percent housebroken, meaning that he runs to the basement door when he has to go — the 5 percent is that you have to see him go there and, if you don't, he makes alternative arrangements."

Dog Runs

Ron P. drove to the Columbus area on Sept. 11 to get **Struttin Boris** and **Gale Havoc** and took them to *Kathy's* in Dayton. Unfortunately, the pups were covered in fleas and sores from flea



bites so *Kathy* set up two crates in her driveway. With lots of help from *Riley*, *Cleo* and *Joe*, one by one the dogs were cleaned up and medicated to get rid of all creepy crawlies before they moved to their foster homes.

Ron did another dog run a few days later when he drove to Jackson, Ohio, on Sept. 15. There he met *Rodney* coming from Country Roads Kennel in West Virginia with a couple of retired broods for us — **Kelso Sheba** and **RKS Heartland (Smiley)**. Both girls are 6 years old. Light fawn **Sheba** is a big girl weighing about 70 pounds. **Smiley's** dark red coat is gorgeous with black tips on the end of each hair. The girls were spayed on Sept. 16 and then moved to foster care.

Brenda did a dog run to Eastgate on Oct. 9 to pick up a puppy we weren't originally expecting for another week. The little guy was the runt of the litter and then had some health challenges and was never going to be able to race successfully. We had placed several broods for this breeder so he called us again to find a home for the

puppy. **Helvie** is now living the good life with *Jenny* and *Brad*.

Cindy and her daughter *Mary Beth* did the dog run on Oct. 22 to meet the hauler coming from Alabama. GAGC got three beautiful brindles — males **Mister Fine** (pictured at left) and **Grice**, and female **HopinInTheWind (Windy)**. *Brenda* had crates and a heater set up in her garage. *Cindy* and *Mary Beth* fed and watered the three newcomers and got them settled in the crates. Later that day, foster mom *Heather* arrived to bathe the dogs and then took home her foster pup, **Mister Fine**. *Joe* and *Rebecca* arrived later to pick up their foster dogs and get them ready for their forever homes. Apparently **Mister Fine** has the longest tail *Brenda* has ever seen on a greyhound! *Cindy* said about her part in the dog run, "I'm so glad *Brenda* asked for our help. We were thrilled to do it. It's a privilege to be a small part of what our group is all about!"

Brenda, *Ron* and several other GAGC members visited the greyhound "farm" in West Virginia on Nov. 7. Here is *Brenda's* account of the day: "WOW! What a spectacular day at the two kennels we visited in West Virginia on Nov. 7. Dogs EVERYWHERE! *Ron* and I celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary while on a dog run. A perfect celebration, in my opinion. Some of our members (*Melissa*; *PJ*; *Kathy S.*; *Laura*, *Bob*, *Nick* and *Kelly*; *Joe*, *Holly*, *Riley* and *Cleo*; *Colleen*; *Cindy* and *Alex*) went along to visit the adoption farm and really enjoyed seeing some young dogs before they are shipped off

to training school. *Rodney* the handler, who LOVES his job, showed us around and answered any questions we had. After meeting so many nice dogs, we brought seven of them back to the Cincinnati area. Check out the website! Special thanks to the *Drennan* family who brought back three females — **C'Mon Soulmate, Anfield/Annie** and **Lady Astor** — who from what I was told, had some serious gas issues! Also **WV's Doak** (pictured below) was brought back by the *Krutza* family who offered to foster the boy until his forever home is found. *Ron* and I brought back the other three males (**RWC Mulberry, Carrow Road** and **RK's Party Boy/Tom**), who were perfect angels on the trip home. Thanks to you all who went to the vet and helped the dogs check in to their suites before surgery — *Kathy, Laura, Bob, Cindy, Alex, Holly, Joe, Brenda* and *Ron*. We made quite an impression! Everyone who came really enjoyed the experience. In the spring of 2011, we'll send out an invitation to those who might want to go with us then."



On Nov. 21, we added two more dogs to our growing family of fosters. *Brenda* got up at 4 a.m. to meet the hauler coming from Alabama with **Ink-an Horn** and **Jazzy Moon**. Both dogs are white with red and are very striking. Male **Inkan** and female **Jazzy** went back to hang out with *Brenda* and *Ron* until they were picked up by their foster families later that morning.

Congratulations!

We send our heartfelt congratulations to *Vanessa* and *Dave*, who welcomed their first non-greyhound

child into the world on Sept. 24. *Daniel David* was born via c-section, after pushing for 2.5 hours. He weighed in at 9 pounds, 2 ounces and 22.5 inches long! Parents, baby and greyhounds **Bubba** and **India** are all doing well.

Meredith and *Paul* welcomed *Zevi Reuven Hertz* (*Zevi* is Hebrew for "Wolf") on Nov. 5. Per *Meredith*, *Zevi* was born at home at 10:41, weighed 9½ pounds, and is happy and healthy. Mom and Dad and new baby (and greyhound **Amy**) are all doing great!"

Congratulations to *Kathy* and *Gordon* on the birth of daughter *Isla Florence* on Nov. 11. *Isla* weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. The new baby, parents, and greyhound **Teddy** are all doing fine.

In an interesting coincidence, *Vanessa* and *Dave* (see first entry above) fostered **Teddy** before he was adopted by *Isla's* parents. Per *Gordon*: "This greyhound must be a fertility charm."



Donations

This is the time of year when folks become especially generous to GAGC. Lee's company Analysis, Computing, and Engineering Solutions (ACES), Inc. started things off with a generous donation at the Iron's Fruit Farm Event in October. We also received a nice donation from *Josh Dragosavac*. More recently we received a very generous anonymous donation from one of our members, another generous donation from *Stephanie and Charles*, and yet another from *Sue and Warren*. Our members recognize we are supporting more foster dogs than usual for this time of year and expenses can add up. We are so grateful for all the help we receive to further our mission.

At the beginning of October, we received our second quarterly box of goodies from PetMeds. This company is a strong supporter of shelters and adoption groups, and has now included GAGC in the groups they support.

Yankee Candle Sales

Thank you all for making this fundraiser a HUGE success. *Carol* reported we had \$2,242 in sales. GAGC makes 40 percent profit from this fundraiser and the funds will help us in the next few months. We want to take this opportunity to thank *Carol* and *Earl* for heading up this effort — greyt job! *Carol* said she can't foster, so by chairing this fundraiser, she was able to give something back to the group. She sent in the order mid-November and our candles should be arriving in early December.

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:

- *Angie and Ron*: **Julep (Alaina)**
- *Teresa and Chuck*: **WV's Lanta, Carrow Road**
- *Melissa and Carl*: **Countrystan (Ernie), Kelso Sheba, Struttin Boris**
- *Tracy, Todd and Ben*: **Katie's Countryboy**
- *Colleen*: **CW's Rocketfire (Mark), Anfield (Annie)**
- *Trudy and Lindo*: **WV's Kelley**
- *Tara and Matt*: **Tomco Luxury (Abby)**
- *Kathy E.*: **Struttin Boris**
- *Joe, Holly, Riley & Cleo*: **Gale Havoc, HopinInTheWind (Windy), WV's Doak**
- *Laura and Bob*: **RKS Heartland (Smiley)**

- *Heather and Jason*: **Mister Fine, Anfield (Annie)**
- *Rebecca*: **Grice (Ernie)**
- *RuthAnn and Jim*: **Grice (Ernie)**
- *Cindy and Alex*: **Tomco Luxury (Abby), Cmon Soulmate, Inkan Horn**
- *Kathy S.*: **RWC Mulberry, Jazzy Moon (Berry)**
- *Pam*: **Kelso's Lady Astor**
- *Vickie*: **RK's Party Boy (Tom)**
- *Doug and Sarah*: **Dancing Juliet**
- *Brenda and Ron*: **WV's Doak**

Current Foster Dogs

Are you ready for another greyhound? We have the following 10 dogs in foster care:

Struttin Boris: 3-year-old black male

Grice (Ernie): 2-year-old red brindle male

Carrow Road (Pharaoh): 2.5-year-old red fawn male (pictured below)

Anfield (Annie): 2.5-year-old red



fawn female

Dancing Juliet: 5-year-old brindle female (former brood)

WV's Doak: 1.5-year-old white/fawn brindle male

RK's Party Boy (Tom): 3-year-old brindle male

Kelso's Lady Astor: 7-year-old red brindle female (former brood)

Jazzy Moon (Berry): 2-year-old white with red female

Inkan Horn: 3-year-old white with red male

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

"To live with greyhounds is to live with beauty. There is no escaping it."

***—Alice Sebold,
author***

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.



Recent Adoptions

Country Stan (now **Orien**): Sept. 9 to *Jacob, Mike and Melissa* of Middletown

Gale Havoc (now **Eddie**): Sept. 17 to *KC, Alice, Kaitlin and Emily* of West Chester

RKS Heartland (Smiley): Sept. 23 to *Laura, Bob, Kelly and Rick* of West Chester

WV's Kelley (now **Kayla**): Sept. 24 to *Carol and Earl* of Loveland

Kelso Sheba: Oct. 5 to *Colleen* of Monroe

CW's Rocketfire/Mark (now **Dempsey**): Oct. 8 to *Bill, Connie, Jacob, Jessie and Amy* of Union, Kentucky

WV's Lanta (now **Layla**): Oct. 8 to *Melissa, Mike and Jacob* of Middletown

Helvie: Oct. 9 to *Jenny, Brad, Danielle, Barry and Charlie* of Hyde Park

Katie's Countryboy (now **Kirby**): Oct. 14 to *Shelley, Dave, Truman and Jude* of Springboro

Julep: Oct. 24 to *Lee* of Beavercreek (pictured below with *Lee* and greyhound friend **Echo**)

Tomco Luxury (Abby): Nov. 2 to *Terri and Dan* of Mason

Mister Fine: Nov. 7 to *Lori and Ross* of Dayton

HopinInTheWind (Windy): Nov. 9 to *Cathy, Colton and Shane* of West Chester

RWC Mulberry: Nov. 11 to *Kathy* of Cincinnati

C'Mon Soulmate: Nov. 13 to *Jami, Keegan and Parker* of Dayton



Our Condolences

Editor's Note: Every time we lose one of our greyhound to cancer, GAGC makes a donation 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 were recently notified by *Sheila* and *Jeff* that their greyhound **Boogie** died May 19, most likely of kidney failure and complications from old age. Their sweet girl was 14 years old and had significant health challenges at the end. *Sheila* wrote that there will never be another like their **Boogie** girl. We are so sorry to hear of their loss.

Our condolences go to *Charlotte* on the loss of her "classy animal" — her greyhound **Sunny** — at the beginning of September. Her beloved **Sunny** was nearly 14 years old and had struggled with health problems for months. *Charlotte* told *Brenda* they brought her home and buried her by the fence, which was her favorite place to lay. Eleven-year-old greyhound **Wally** misses **Sunny** but continues to do well.

We send our deepest sympathy to *Honey* and *Dale*, who adopted little **Hope** earlier this year. *Honey* contacted *Brenda* to let her know that her brother died in early September in his sleep at the age of 67. He lived in Germany and took care of her mother who has Alzheimer's. We are sorry for



their loss. *Honey* and *Dale* adopted **Hope** despite the fact that this little greyhound has some serious health problems.

Edye sent us the following sad news: "On Sept. 10, my beloved 14½-year-old greyhound/lab **Duke**



took his last breath as I held him tight. He was my shadow, my companion, my protector, my best friend

and soulmate. A big piece of my heart is missing. Mercifully, I have my greyhounds **Joey** and **Sophie** to kiss and cherish. They seem to know when I'm really hurting and stay close, but they too are missing their pack leader and brother." We send our heartfelt condolences to *Edye*.

Julie notified *Brenda* on Sept. 17 that she had to have her greyhound **Parrish** put down that morning. From *Julie*: "He had some kind of stroke, aneurysm or neurological problem that caused him to lose all functions. Took him to the emergency clinic last night and they called early this morning recommending that he be euthanized. Mourning greatly." We are so sorry about this sad news from *Julie*.

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 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 in need. Thank you for your support! Here are the amounts of our latest awards:

- August – September: \$403.95
- September – October: \$368

This is 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* or *Kathy* to get one. We have some that cost \$10 but come pre-loaded with \$10 credit; our newest ones cost \$1 and have \$1 credit pre-loaded. This is an easy and consistent fundraiser.

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: Eastgate
- 2nd Sunday: Beaver Creek (in the Dayton area) and Tri-County

- 3rd Sunday: West Chester, Western Hills and Centerville (Dayton)
- 4th Sunday: Fairfield and Mason

Pet Photography

Have you seen *Virgil's* photographs? Check out the photo of *Brenda's* pack on the cover of this issue. *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 and comfortable. E-mail him at Virgil@PawPrintsPet.com, or check out his website at www.PawPrintsPet.com



Mark your calendars

Dec. 5: *Santa Photos*, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mason Petsmart and **Dec. 19**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Centerville Petsmart. Join us once again to get your dog's photo taken with Santa. We'll be at the Mason Petsmart on Mason Montgomery Road on Dec. 5 and at the Centerville Petsmart on Feedwire Road on Dec. 19. And don't stop at dogs — we've photographed kitties and even a pet pig! This is a great fundraiser for us at the end of the year. The cost is \$9.95 with your PetPerks card and GAGC earns \$5 for each photo.



Newsletter Photos or Articles Needed

If you have good photos of your hounds, please send them in as we might use them for the newsletter. If you have an article or photo you want to share for the newsletter, send it to *Kathy* at koe@donet.com or to *Brenda* at brpennix@aol.com.



Just For Fun

How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb? (Thanks to *June* for sending this.)

- Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
- Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
- Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!
- Rottweiler: Make me.
- Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
- Lab: Oh, me, me! Pleeeeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!
- German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
- Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
- Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!
- Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
- Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb. Or "We don't need no stinking light bulb."
- Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?
- Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle ...
- Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.



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, both for the Dayton and the Cincinnati areas. Please let *Brenda* know if you're interested.

**Happy
Holidays!**