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From the President ...

I can't believe event season is almost over, only one more to go (Oct. 22 at Iron's Apple Farm in Lebanon). I truly enjoy events because it gives me a chance to see all the dogs we've placed over the years and — oh yeah — their families too! What a pleasure that gives me and definitely keeps me motivated. GAGC has placed 69 dogs so far this year, but so many more dogs need our help to get out of racing kennels and into good homes! The Greyt Gathering this year was so much fun! I had a lady stop me and say what a greyt job I do! I told her, "It's not me, look around at all these GAGC families — they do a greyt job and make GAGC a greyt organization!" I truly feel this way! Besides our wonderful families, we have 10 board members, five officers, three placement representatives and terrific foster families who all work behind the scenes of this greyt organization and keep it running smoothly! It takes teamwork and I feel honored to be a part of it!



Because of our continuing growth, we needed help in the southeastern part of the Cincinnati area and in the Kentucky area to do home visits, interviews and placements. *Kathy* and I decided to ask *Heather* to take on this role for GAGC. *Heather* adopted her two greyhounds a little over a year ago and has been volunteering, fostering, doing dog runs and taking a true interest in GAGC and our mission to find good homes for these magnificent animals. We are proud to add her as a placement rep.

Brenda

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Greyt Health & Safety

“White-Coat Effect” Elevates Greyhounds’ Blood Pressure

– *ScienceDaily* (Sept. 13, 2011)

The “white-coat effect” is not reserved for only the human patients who see their blood pressure rise in response to the stress of a doctor visit. In a new study, researchers have determined that anxiety associated with being in a veterinary hospital elevates the blood pressure in retired racing greyhounds — a breed known for having higher-than-average blood pressure in the first place.

The average systolic arterial pressure — the top number in a blood pressure reading — in the dogs was about 30 points higher in a veterinary clinic when compared to blood



pressure recorded at home. The environment seemed to make all the difference. Blood pressure readings recorded in a home were similar when taken by either a veterinary student or the dog’s owner. In general, normal blood pressure in dogs, as in humans, is 120 over 80. Some animals’ blood pressure readings normalize after they’ve had time to acclimate to the hospital setting, but in these greyhounds, that trend is less common. According to the researchers, this study suggests that the presence of the dog owner might have a more calming effect than the passage of time in the clinic.

“We see a lot of greyhounds and they are very high-strung dogs,” said *Guillermo Couto*, professor of veterinary clinical sciences at Ohio State University and senior author of the study. “Some greyhounds come in here with blood pressure above what an instrument can read — that is 300 systolic. We know this could not really be their blood pressure because these dogs

would be dead. But we also almost never get blood pressure under 150 or 160 for systolic. “In the study, their blood pressure was nearly normal at home, independently of whether the researcher or the owner checked the pressure. To my knowledge, nobody has documented that white-coat effect in dogs with hard data before.”

Most of the estimated 200,000 pet greyhounds in the United States are former racers that have been adopted at the end of their careers. *Couto* and colleagues recommend that retired racing greyhounds’ blood pressure be recorded in the home if possible to provide a more accurate measure. Blood pressure measurements were taken in three ways: in the veterinary medical center by a veterinary student wearing scrubs; in the dog’s home by that same student, again wearing scrubs; and in the home by the dog’s owner.

The systolic and mean arterial pressures, as well as heart rate readings, taken in the hospital were significantly higher than all of those same

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measures taken in the home environment. "This study emphasizes the need to consider the environment in which the blood pressure is measured before diagnosing or eliminating hypertension," Couto said. Unlike the blood pressure readings, heart-rate levels, while still higher than in the home, were lower in the clinic among "veteran" greyhounds that had frequently visited the hospital before the study. According to the researchers, this finding suggested that acclimation to the clinical environment did affect this particular stress response.

Couto and his colleagues are now exploring whether retired racing greyhounds' hypertension resulting from this white-coat effect causes any damage to their kidneys or other organs. Couto, an oncologist, is leading a number of studies on these animals to gauge the effects of racing on their health, as well as likely genetic contributions to their high risk for bone cancer. Since he adopted his first retired racing greyhound 20 years ago, he has been committed to investigating their physiologic idiosyncrasies.

"They're hypertensive and yet they don't have target organ lesions that people with hypertension get. They have strokes, unlike most dogs, but the strokes they have are different from strokes in hypertensive humans. Their kidneys and eyes don't take a beating from the high blood pressure," he said. "So my thinking is that greyhounds are 'Type-A personality' dogs. They are raised in a racing environment, but they are pack animals, so this stresses them

out. And then once they retire, they are couch potatoes. We're trying to put all of this together, and it's all aimed at promoting wellness in these dogs."

This research was supported by the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Summer Student Research Fellowship Program and Ohio State's Greyhound Health and Wellness Development Funds.

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](#).

GAGC family needed help!

Brenda wanted to share this story with everyone. She sent an e-mail to a couple of our families to see if they could help June and Howard with their greyhound **Tigger**. Stephanie and Charles replied immediately stating they would be more than willing to watch him for a couple of weeks. Here is what led up to the request for help. Howard was letting **Tigger** out of his car a couple weeks ago when a motorcycle went past their driveway. **Tigger** went shooting out the garage and Howard twisted to stop him, fell and broke his collarbone and pelvis. He's recovering nicely in rehab and is expected home soon. June called Brenda and asked if she knew of anyone who could watch their boy for a couple weeks (perhaps less). Because he's a big guy and absolutely adores

Howard, their fear is **Tigger** will be so excited that he might knock Howard over again. Brenda wanted to share that June and Howard are in their 80s and adore their two greyhounds! Thanks to Stephanie and Charles for stepping in and helping them out in their time of need.

Greyhound training need

Here's another example of how greyt our organization is. Brenda got a request for a dog trainer for Keith's two greyhounds. He was having some issues and needed expert guidance. Brenda sent an e-mail to our families and got an overwhelming amount of replies. Keith has followed up on a couple of the suggestions and is looking forward to good results.

White food buckets

If you have any white dog food buckets (given to new families or foster families), please return them to Brenda, Kathy or Heather. Alex provided these and they have been greyt for food for foster dogs. Thanks so much!

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.



Congratulations

Congratulations to GAGC members *Ryan* and *MaryBeth*. Greyhound **Phoenix**'s owners got married June 17. This is a really nice young couple with more greyhounds in their future, we're sure.

We send our congratulations to *Brian*, *Gillian* and 3-year-old *Bennett* on the birth of baby *Norah* who was born this summer.

Michelle let us know that her girl **Scarlett** (pictured below) passed her Canine Good Citizen test on Sept 6. Way to go, **Scarlett!**



Yankee Candle fundraiser

Heather did a greyt job coordinating this fundraiser for GAGC. The sales topped last year with a grand total of \$2,256! Our M&G reps and board of directors did a good job collecting orders. Thanks to all of you who placed an order — the profit for GAGC from this fundraiser was \$872. Yay!

Thanks

We appreciate all of you who have returned your black collar sets

to GAGC to use for future adoptions. We have received more than 30 sets! Thank you for returning them and for helping GAGC save money. We will continue to need them to conserve our resources, so if you no longer want yours, please return them to *Brenda*, *Kathy* or *Heather* or take them to any M&G and the rep will turn them in for reuse.



A big thank you goes out to *Edye* and her kitty **Thomas** (pictured above) who has served as our most recent test cat. Even though we request cat-safe dogs from our sources, we like to test the dogs one more time to be sure they are in fact cat-tolerant. Not all of them turn out to be, so **Thomas** and his predecessors have definitely earned their keep. Thanks!

Facebook Reminder

GAGC is on Facebook! We're grateful to *Melissa* who set up our ac-



count 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](#).

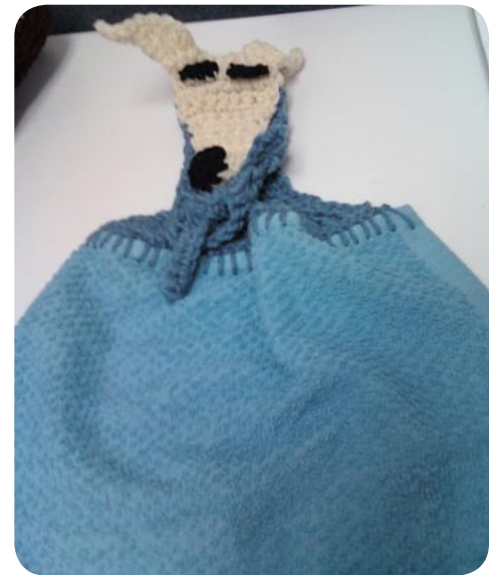
Webmaster

Here's a new photo of webmaster *Mike*'s grandbaby! We routinely receive compliments about our excellent website. Thanks, *Mike*, for all you do for GAGC.



Donations

A big thank you goes to *Theresa* (**Sally**'s mom) who made and donated a huge batch of clever greyhound kitchen towels (pictured below) for GAGC to sell at events.



We'd like to thank *JaCol* and *George* who recently adopted **LJR Genesis**, now called **Mila**. They made an additional donation to GAGC on the day of **Mila**'s adoption and we're very grateful for their support.

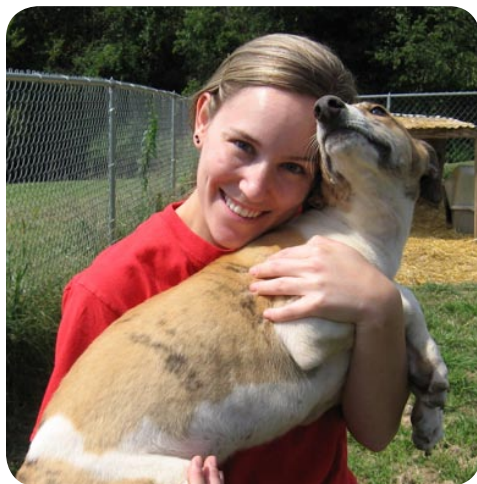
Amy wanted her birthday gift to be a donation to GAGC and her husband Ed was happy to oblige. Thanks to Ed and Amy for the generous donation to GAGC, and happy birthday Amy!

Our thanks go to *Laura, Bob, Kelly* and *Nick* who made a generous donation to GAGC on Sept. 5 in memory of their beloved boy **Ty**.

Thank you *Darin* and *Elaine* for the generous donation to GAGC in honor of **Fred**. **Fred** was a very special boy and will be missed, but remembered by many GAGC families.

Dog Runs

The schedule changed and changed and changed again, but we finally received seven terrific dogs from *Lil* in Alabama on Aug. 30, more than a week earlier than planned. They included three males named **PTL Cougar, PJ's Earville** and **RJ's Bert** and four females named **Promise Ann Bonz, Mean Lea Jean, Anna-bell Walker** and **LJR Genesis**. A big thank you goes to *Brenda, Heather* and *Jason* who met the hauler at 8:15 a.m. *Heather* and *Jason* took the boys back to *Brenda's* house and had no



problems. *Brenda* had the girls — one of them pooped and the other three walked in it all over the back of the car! Once they got the dogs back to *Brenda* and *Ron's* house, they were fed, pottied and crated so they could get some rest. They are all very good lookin' pups! Several other GAGC members headed to *Brenda's* later that day to bathe the pups. Thanks to *Karen, Colleen, Heather* and *Brenda*. The dogs were in good shape — they just needed a little weight. At 4:30, *Melissa* and *Jacob* brought his cat **Shadow** to help us test all the pups again. *Kathy* came and took **Ann** and **Lea** back to Dayton to meet a family wanting to add another greyhound, while foster families *Kirk* and *Caroline*; *Melissa, Jacob* and *Mike*; *Karen* and *Jason*; and *Brenda* and *Ron* all collected their foster pups. Thanks to all who helped in this stressful dog run. Of course, special thanks go to *Brenda* who once again handled all the details.

Brenda and *Ron* and *Heather* and

Jason drove to West Virginia (dogs at the kennel are pictured above) on Sept. 11 where they selected females **Cmon Likethewind (Windy), WV's Katy, WV's Nellis (Nellie)** and males **WV's Quincy, WV's Hammond** and **WV's Jacksonburg**. *Heather* (pictured below left) and *Brenda* were like kids in a candy store trying to pick only six dogs! None of the dogs had been spayed or neutered, so the girls rode with *Brenda* and *Ron* and the boys with *Heather* and *Jason*. *Brenda* and *Heather* texted back and forth about the "gas bombs" in their cars. The dogs tend to get nervous and pass a lot of gas! Back at *Brenda* and *Ron's* house, helpers and foster families *Laura, Bob, Kelly, Kathy, Debbie, Jami, Parker* and *Keegan* joined in the fun. *Heather, Laura* and *Kathy* bathed each of the pups in the backyard and *Brenda* took photos for the website. *Edye* came with her cat **Thomas** so that we could test all the dogs one more time to be sure they were cat-tolerant — they were.

Heather went to Eastgate on Oct. 1 to meet Roger – a breeder with a small operation but fabulous dogs. We got a handsome male named **RCK Intimidator** – white with brindle and one of Roger’s favorite dogs. **Intimidator** is now in foster care waiting for his permanent home.

Wright-Patterson AFB Pet Event

It was hot on Aug. 27, but we still had a nice turnout of GAGC volunteers and their dogs to support this event in the Dayton area. Thanks to *Lisa, Rick, PJ* and *Kathy* who got there early to set up our booth. *PJ, Kathy, Sue, Theresa* and *Bob* handled the morning shift. *Lisa* and *Rick* headed home but came back with their dogs for the second shift, which also included *Leslie* and *Alan, Dave* and *Kathy*. Of course, the stars of the day were our greyhounds: **Baisden, Gunny, Moja, Kiowa, Kelly, Tarriff, Sally, DayZ, Bandit, Eddie, Kistler** and **Nick**. A special thank you goes to *Dave* who brought this new event to our attention.

Waynesville Air Show

Thanks to *Ron* for inviting GAGC to participate in this event on Sept. 3. Unfortunately, it was hot and not healthy for our pups to be out in the open so attendance was sparse.

Bark in the Park

GAGC was well represented at the Red’s game on Sept. 14 for the second Bark in the Park this year. There were lots of breeds attending the game, but



none as popular and well-behaved as the greyhounds. GAGC members who attended and helped out at the table were *Heather, Jason, Debbie, Jami, Parker, Keegan, Colleen, Ashley* and *Kyle*. The greyhounds who did all the hard work were **Ninja, Lexi, Soul, Tessa, Cowboy** and **Buck**. Bark in the Park is great exposure for GAGC and we hope to be invited back next season. Go Reds!

Liberty Township Family Fall Festival

We were the featured attraction at the Liberty Township event on Sept. 17 and were asked to parade our greyhounds in front of the stage. The DJ asked us questions and *Brenda* talked a little about our organization. The best news was we got two applications that look very promising; hopefully our time there will give two more dogs a good home. Thanks to our families who attended: *Heather, Stephen, Laura, Bob, Kelley, Deb, Jami, Parker, Colleen,*

Karen, Bob, Cindy, Alex, Angie, Kathy, Brenda, Ron, Karen, Jason (and kids), *Marquita* and *Tim, Jess* and *Tim*. Of course, the star attractions were our greyhounds: **Ninja, Lexi, Hemi, Kelly, Ed, Indie, Smiley, Bernie, Mimi, Moja, Belle, Dexter, Bazil, Delilah, Sampson, Cowboy, Sheba, Earl** and **Nyla**. Thank you all for making this a huge success.

Iron’s Fruit Farm – Take One

It was an unseasonably cold Oct. 1 when we got together for our first of two weekend events at Iron’s Fruit Farm in Lebanon. Thanks to *Angie* and *Ron* for setting this up. Bundled up and trying to stay warm were *Angie, Ron, Brenda, Kathy, Karen, Jason* and *Edye*. Their pups (pictured above) — decked out in a variety of coats — included **Jett, Johnny, Mines, Fave, Tobee, Basia, Kiowa, Bella, Dexter, Mystic** and **Sophie**. Thanks to all of you who came out to support us.

Greyt Greyhound Gathering

Wow! Oct. 2 was a wonderful day for a greyhound event! Thanks to JoJean and her friends for making the Greyt Greyhound Gathering (photo below) another huge success! It was great seeing so many GAGC families and we're always thrilled to see so many dogs we've placed over the years; it's so obvious the love you have for your dogs. Thanks to our foster families who brought their foster dogs to show off! We adopted three dogs (**Ann, Jacksonburg** and **Nellis**) and got an application from a family interested in **Queen**. That's what it's all about! Thanks to *Laura* and *Bob* who provided a greyt silent auction again! Thanks to *Jodie*, who donated a portion of her coat sales to GAGC. Thanks to *Ashley, Jarod, Heather, Jason, Brenda, Ron, Bob, Laura, Kelly* and *Nick* for coming to set up when it was still cold! Thanks to *Heather, Ashley,*

Jami, Colleen, Kathy, Karen and *Karen* who volunteered to work in our booth selling items — you sold lots! The calendar sale was a huge success; thanks to *Angie* for all her work and thanks to *Mike* who printed them — they turned out greyt. We have several still available. Let *Brenda, Kathy* or *Heather* know if you want to purchase one. We may have forgotten to name so many others who helped during the day, but please know that we greatly appreciated your assistance. Special thanks go to all those who came to the Gathering; we're grateful for your continued support of GAGC by attending events and making them so much fun for the families and especially the hounds!

We had a terrific silent auction with lots of winners. *Honey* and *Loy* got the Cincinnati Mini Heart Marathon Greyhound Print; *Debbie* won the one-night stay in a themed suite for Great Wolf Lodge; *Angie* won the coat and snood from Coats4Greys, and the poinsettia

martingale with a \$25 gift certificate to Complete Petmart; *Melissa* won the \$50 gift certificate to Outback Restaurant along with the Magic Zoo jewelry and cookbook; *Sandee* won the Little Dipper Set, the \$25 gift card to Ferrari's, the Gini's Greyhound fashion coat with martingale collar and \$25 gift card from Complete Petmart.

**Dogs laugh,
but they laugh
with their tails.**

— **Max Eastman,**
Enjoyment of Laughter



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.

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)**
- *Melissa and Carl*: **Beach Buggy (Booga Booga)**
- *Joe, Holly, Riley and Cleo*: **LJR Genesis**
- *Heather and Jason*: **Coach Connie, WV's Hammond, RCK Intimidator**
- *Melissa, Mike and Jacob*: **Perfectly Wired (Buck), PJ's Earlville**
- *Tracy and Ben*: **Katie's Country Boy/Kirby (Ramone)**
- *Jenni and Sydney*: **WV's Nellis**
- *Kathy*: **Mean Lea Jean**
- *PJ*: **Promise Ann Bonz (Annie)**
- *Brenda and Ron*: **LJR Genesis, RJ's Bert**
- *Sarah and Doug*: **Beach Buggy**
- *Ashley and Jarod*: **WV's Quincy**
- *Honey and Tim*: **WV's Jacksonburg**
- *Karen and Jason*: **Kcon Bad Queen (Queen), Annabell Walker**
- *Caroline and Kirk*: **PTL Cougar, BF Inspecta Ty**
- *Laura, Bob, Nick and Kelly*: **Coach Edwards**
- *Lori and Ross*: **Cmon Likethewind (Windy)**
- *Jami and Deb*: **WV's Katy**
- *Ron and Angie*: **PTL Cougar**

Recent Adoptions

- Perfectly Wired (Buck)**: Aug. 28 to *Ashley and Kyle* of Newport, Ky.
- Coach Edwards**: Sept. 5 to *Laura, Bob, Nick and Kelly* of West Chester
- Annabell Walker** (now **Bella**): Sept. 5 to *Karen, Jason, Austen, Olivia and Chelsey* of Trenton
- PJ's Earlville**: Sept. 5 to *Karen and Tim* of Wyoming
- Mean Lea Jean** (now **Lola**): Sept. 8 to *Jenna and Josh* of Kettering
- Cmon Likethewind (Windy)**: Sept. 18 to *Lori and Ross* of Kettering
- LJR Genesis** (now **Mila**): Sept. 22 to *JaCol, George and Cooper* of Vandalia
- Beach Buggy** (now **Memphis**): Sept. 23 to *Carisa, Max and Braydon* of Amelia
- Coach Connie** (**Connie**): Sept. 23 to *Marianne, James and Beth* of Cincinnati
- WV's Quincy** (pictured right): Sept. 29 to *Ashley and Jarod* of Fairfield
- RJ Bert**: Sept. 30 to *David* of Loveland
- Promise Ann Bonz (Annie)**: Oct. 2 to *Lisa and Rick* of Fairborn
- WV's Nellis**: Oct. 2 to *Jenni and Sydney* of Delhi
- WV's Jacksonburg**: Oct. 2 to *Honey, Loy and Owen* of Cincinnati
- Kcon Bad Queen**: Oct. 3 to *Willa and Paul* of Blue Ash
- WV's Hammond** (now **Hemi**): Oct. 11 to *Carisa, Max and Braydon* of Amelia



- *Lisa and Rick*: **Promise Ann Bonz (Annie)**
- *Jess and Tim*: **RJ's Bert**

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
- PTL Cougar**: 2-year-old white and brindle male
- WV's Katy**: 3-year-old brindle female

Katie's Country Boy (Ramone):

3-year-old white and brindle male

BF Inspecta Ty: 3-year-old white and brindle male

RCK Intimidator: 5-year-old white and brindle male

JW's Preston (coming Oct. 22): 2-year-old red male

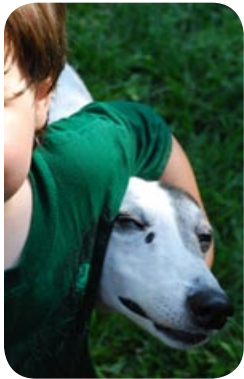
Grand Scheme (coming Oct. 22): 2-year-old red brindle female

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

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 were so sorry to hear that Gillian and Brian had to put their girl



Penny down on Aug. 22. **Penny** lost her battle with bone cancer in her leg. Gillian wrote to Brenda: "Thank you for giving us the opportunity

to have such wonderful dogs! She will be sorely missed by Brian and me, and also Bennett (3) and baby Norah (3 months). She was so great with the kids, gentle and sweet, never once turned down a happy head squeeze or hug. Let's hope she finds Miles and they are living it up canine style."

Dylan was put to sleep on Sept. 3. Wende and Bobby contacted Brenda with the sad news — we are so sorry for their loss. Brenda placed re-home **Dylan** in December 2004. Bobby said there will never be another dog with his class and dignity representing the greyhound breed. He said he was unflappable and such a greyt friend. He is



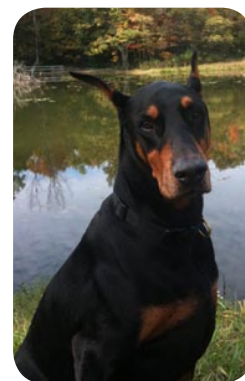
now in his favorite spot on the side of the hill in the sun.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Cindy and John on the loss of their little 13-year-old dachshund **Winnie** on Sept. 9 following a steady decline in her health. She fought a good fight, but complications from old age finally caught up with her. She loved her greyhound buddies **Easy** and **Sunny** and her Chihuahua friend **Roxie**, who are all helping Cindy and John deal with her loss.

We send our deepest sympathies to Dan, Julie and Alyssa who had to let their boy **Fred** go on Sept. 23. They wrote to Brenda: "We were blessed to have that handsome boy for 10 years and he will be missed terribly. **Phoebe** was with him until the end and when he passed, she left and went downstairs. I think she misses him already,

so we are keeping her busy, giving her plenty of love and attention. I am sure as time passes, it will be easier, but with **Fred** being our first greyhound, we are feeling very sad. He had the best smile and was exactly what a greyhound should be: loving, caring and giving. We will not forget him."

We send our condolences to Michelle and Jon who had to say



goodbye to their Doberman **Tyler** on Sept. 24. He went downhill very quickly. One of the vets who treated him thought his rapid deterioration might be due

to meningitis. Jon made the decision to go ahead help **Tyler** to the Bridge. From Michelle: "It was very quiet and

peaceful and we both hugged on him the whole time. We took **Tyler** with us to *Brenda's* when we were meeting (greyhound) **Scarlett** for the first time. We knew it would be a good match because **Tyler** smiled at her right off. **Tyler** was our big Buddha boy — nothing fazed him, not even our cats chewing on his ears. It was heartbreaking for us to see him get sick and go downhill so quickly when just the day before he and **Scarlett** were playing in the yard. We like to think that he and **Elly** have been reunited at the Bridge and are having a blast chasing squirrels and bunnies — generally being hooligans together again. *Jon* and **Scarlett** and I miss him terribly. He would have been 11 years old on Oct. 6.

Debbie and *Steve* faced two losses one after the other. *Debbie* lost her dad in late September, and then they had to euthanize their little mixed breed pup **Rookie** on Sept. 30 following a severe stroke. We are so sorry for their losses. Fortunately greyhound **Cyprus** is helping them through this difficult time.

We send our condolences to *Les-*

lie, Alan and *Kate*. Their 8-year-old kitty **Abby** had to be euthanized on Sept. 5. She was fine until about 10 p.m. when she started meowing loudly so they rushed her to the emergency vet. **Abby** had a bad heart and apparently threw a blood clot causing the circulation in her legs to cut off. Sadly, the vet recommended euthanasia.

Our deepest sympathies go to *Meg* and *Tim* whose sweet **Riley Girl** was



euthanized in early October following the discovery of an abdominal tumor. Soon after they adopted **Riley** in 2008 as a companion for their male **Sol**

Atomic, they discovered she had three heart defects. She required medication everyday, but her bad heart never slowed her down. Unfortunately, that bad heart made her tumor inoperable.

We were so sorry to hear from *Brad* and *Cindy* that they had to put their boy **Mac** down on Oct.10. Their

vet believed **Mac** had demyelination disease. *Cindy* said he seemed to be in pain and the meds weren't helping. Near the end, he was losing weight very quickly. Per *Cindy*: "**Mac** was never one to refuse food. There are no words right now — it hurts too much. He was truly an exceptional puppy."

Our hearts go out to *Carol, Darryl* and *Daniel* for the tragic loss of their son *Sam* on Oct. 14.

We send condolences to *Brenda* and *Ron* on the loss of *Ron's* sister *Barb Freeman* on Oct. 15 from a massive stroke. *Brenda* says, "She was only 70 years old. Gives you a wake up call that death can come at anytime, live every day as if it is your last!"

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.

"Old age means realizing you will never own all the dogs you wanted to."

— Joe Gores, mystery writer

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.



Tributes

Dylan — Heartlandcruiser

May 8, 1998 – Sept. 3 2011

— from Wende and Bobby

Dylan was my first greyhound. He was the most regal, ELEGANT dog I've ever been privileged to be around. Calm, quiet, gentle, respectful are just a few of the adjectives that immediately come to mind. I was told that greys don't make good watchdogs ... he made a liar out of that person. He was fabulous in alerting me to two and four legged critters that came around.

This photo is the first time I saw him relaxing, not too long after he came to live with us. It was the first time I knew he was happy on our little farm. The spot I took this photo in is the spot where he's



“resting” forever. This made me feel so much happiness for **Dylan**. He knew he was in his “forever home.”

Queen Winnie's Copper Penny

June 28, 1998 –

Sept. 9, 2011

— from Cindy and John

We lost a very dear friend today. She will always remain in our hearts. She is survived by her human family: *Cindy, John, Ja-*

son, Tori and Jeff. She is also survived by her canine family **Easy, Sunny and Roxie.** I just can't express

how much we are going to miss her. The last words I spoke to her were to say that she was a very good girl and I know we will see her on the other side. We love and miss you little **Mini Win!**



I rescued a human today

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future

to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and

sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.

So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.



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

- July 10 to Aug. 6: \$347.21
- Aug. 7 to Sept. 3: \$435.87

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* or *Kathy* to get one. Our newest ones cost \$1 and have \$1 credit pre-loaded. Please help us out! 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: 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

Oct. 22: *Iron's Fruit Farm, 1 – 4 p.m.* GAGC has been invited back again this year, so please join us at the farm in Lebanon. Thanks to *Ron B.* for arranging for GAGC to have a Meet & Greet table set up to show off our pups. Please plan to attend — we are always a huge hit at this event.

Dec. 11: *Santa Photos, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Tri County Petsmart*

Dec. 18: *Santa Photos, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Beavercreek Petsmart on Fairfield Road in the Dayton area.* Join us once again to have your pet's photo taken with Santa. This is a terrific fundraiser for GAGC at the end of the year.



EXCERPTS FROM A DOG'S DIARY

Day number 180

8:00 a.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
9:30 a.m.: Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!
9:40 a.m.: Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!
10:30 a.m.: Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!
11:30 a.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
Noon: Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
1:00 p.m.: Oh boy! The yard! My favorite!
4:00 p.m.: Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
5:00 p.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
5:30 p.m.: Oh boy! Mom! My favorite!

Day number 181

8:00 a.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
9:30 a.m.: Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!
9:40 a.m.: Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!
10:30 a.m.: Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!
11:30 a.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
Noon: Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
1:00 p.m.: Oh boy! The yard! My favorite!
4:00 p.m.: Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
5:00 p.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
5:30 p.m.: Oh boy! Mom! My favorite!

Day number 182

8:00 a.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
9:30 a.m.: Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!
9:40 a.m.: Oh boy! A walk! My favorite!
10:30 a.m.: Oh boy! A car ride! My favorite!
11:30 a.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
Noon: Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
1:00 p.m.: Oh boy! The yard! My favorite!
1:30 p.m.: Ooooooo, bath. Bummer.
4:00 p.m.: Oh boy! The kids! My favorite!
5:00 p.m.: Oh boy! Dog food! My favorite!
5:30 p.m.: Oh boy! Mom! My favorite!