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## **From the President ...**

The heat is leaving and my favorite time of year is here — it's time for the fall season of events! My five-pack loves the cooler weather and will welcome you to join them at upcoming events. Specific dates and details are in this newsletter. Come and show your support for GAGC and let your greys meet new and old racing friends. Get registered for the Steps for Pets UCAN walk on Sawyer Point — \$5 of your registration comes back to GAGC. The MI Home Event is special for us; we are the selected charity for proceeds from this event (thanks, *Michael!*). And of course the Greyt Greyhound Gathering at Sharon Woods is always a huge success; we have been invited to attend again this year. The registration form is attached to this newsletter. *JoJean* and friends do a greyt job coordinating this every year. We estimate there are usually around 200 greyhounds in attendance and what a GREYT time families and four-legged friends have — can't get any better than that! The mentioned events are profitable for GAGC; try to come to some or all of them.



Something I've noticed recently is more families are taking the initiative to set up an event or advertise GAGC in many different ways. *Sandee* asked the local newspaper to do an article about greyhounds, the interview was this past week. *Pam* set up the M&G at the winery (that was out of the norm for a greyhound event, but was lots of fun). *Chris* in Kentucky's greyhound was a calendar winner for a local shelter and a blurb about GAGC will be in their calendar. *Michael* respects what GAGC does and he has created the MI Home event for us. *Ron B.* set up a M&G

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at an air show to draw attention to greyhounds. He also initiated the event at the Iron's Fruit Farm in October. You all can make adoptions happen. More

**Adopting a retired racer: \$225 ...**

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

exposure of our greyhounds helps strangers get interested in the breed. So many families still think you need a five acre yard for them to run in. Well — we all know that isn't true.

Fifty-three greyhounds are enjoying their new homes thanks to your help. So many new applicants say "I talked to \_\_\_\_; they adopted a greyhound and think they're wonderful pets". All of you do make a difference; that is why GAGC is a huge success and a wonderful organization to call YOURS!

*Brenda*



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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**

## Greyt Health & Safety

### The Importance of Yearly Ehrlichia Re-tests

*Editor's note: The following is an edited version of an e-mail from Karen of Dayton. She and David adopted Eddie through GAGC in 2009. We are grateful for their permission to use their words to emphasize the importance of retesting yearly for dogs that have tested positive for Ehrlichia, a fairly common tick-borne disease.*

"An update on **Eddie** and a reminder you may want to send out to all members regarding Ehrlichia. We had received the e-mail you sent regarding **Eddie** testing positive and he should be re-tested. We read the e-mail but the retest completely slipped our minds. He developed a limp, X-rays were negative so he was placed on Rimadyl, which helped. We noticed that he had two episodes of small amount of bleeding which stopped with a change in the Rimadyl dose. Recently, *David* went to put him out and he had a nasty nosebleed. We stopped the bleeding but it restarted by the time the vet opened at 8 a.m. They stopped it again and drew some blood, thinking it may be the Rimadyl. At noon it started again. They felt he needed more extensive testing and treatment, so they put epinephrine in both nostrils and off to OSU I went. They ran bloodwork and X-rays and he was again positive for Ehrlichia. He will be on doxycycline for 30 days. He lost a significant amount of blood but they were able to treat him with just

IV fluids. His platelets were quite low and his spleen is quite enlarged. Both should correct over time. They also felt his limp may also be due to the Ehrlichia. Since the Ehrlichia will never go away, he will be tested yearly. I am so glad I stayed home with him; we came very close to losing him. We will keep him on the first floor, no steps and try to prevent jumping until his spleen reduces in size. Thank goodness "couch potato" is a greyhound's middle name!"

### Pet Food Recalls

Recent pet food recalls have included both dog and cat foods, and have involved name brands like Merrick, Iams and Eukanuba. Proctor & Gamble has recently shut down production at its Lewisburg plant because of salmonella contamination from an undetermined source. P&G issued a news release July 30 to announce the voluntary recall of dry pet foods "as a precautionary measure". There has been no confirmation that any pets have been sickened.



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/](http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/RecallsWithdrawals/)

### Duke and his Disappearing Corns

— from *Debbie*

My 7-year-old boy **Duke** has struggled with corns from the day I got

him. When I adopted him, he had a corn on at least one pad of each paw. Some would come and go, but he has had several persistent enough to require Thera Paws whenever we went for a walk. **Duke**'s corns have been a struggle for both of us. They have been so bad at times that he will not even put his foot down on the tile or any hard surface, and he has missed out on many walks and outings when they have been particularly painful.

If you know **Duke** (pictured below), then you know that he brings a whole new meaning to the phrase "laid back." Since he is so laid back, he will allow me to file and trim on his corns. I did find some early success with antibiotic cream. It would dry the corn and allow it to separate from the pad and he would let me cut it back. This would only work temporarily, and the corn would always grow back. I have had many suggestions on how to best treat his corns, and tried many different

creams and ointments.

Through lots of trial and error, I have found something that seems to be working well enough for **Duke** to be taking walks on concrete without his Thera Paws. I am now using Lotrimin (athlete's foot cream) on his corns. I will put the cream on his corn at bedtime, and then use a baby bootie as a sock for his foot. This prevents him from licking the cream, and keeps it from getting on the carpet if he gets up. The bootie is always off in the morning, but it was on long enough for the cream to soak in. After a few treatments, the corn will pull away from the paw pad, and my very tolerant **Duke** will allow me to trim the corn. I use cuticle cutters and am very careful to only trim the corn and not his paw pad. Then I will put more Lotrimin on and the bootie follows. I have continued the process until a corn that was the size of pencil eraser is now down to the size of a pinhead on one pad, and another

that bothered him so much is gone.

I want to stress here that I don't think I know that is a cure for corns, but of all the things I have tried, this is what has worked the best for me. **Duke** has struggled with corns his entire retired life, and for now, he is back up and moving on all fours.

## ***Lost — and Found!***

*Brenda* and *Ron* showed again recently why they make such a great team. *Brenda* was at work and *Ron* was manning the GAGC Dog Line (which is a cell phone). A call came in about a loose greyhound, so *Ron* and *Brenda* worked together to pass along information and track down the family that owned the dog. Not 10 minutes after the first call, a second call came in about another loose dog, and they repeated the process, although it turned out that the second call was about the same dog. They had about three hours of craziness, but the dog ended up home safe. Thanks to both of you for all you do for GAGC!

## ***Black Collar Sets***

We appreciate all 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.

## ***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, 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!

on Aug. 28. For a small event, we certainly had lots of interested visitors, plus generous donations from families respecting what we do for the greyhounds. There were other breeds there as well but, of course, we were the hit of the event because **Ninja, Lexi, Keeghan, Masters, Abby, Kelley, Bronco, Tess, Duke, Molly, The Black Pack, Fred, Phoebe, Bernie,**

## Sept. 4 Air Show

We had a good day at the air show. Many thanks go to *Ron B.* and *Angie* for taking the lead on this event. The dogs didn't seem to be bothered at all by the airplane noise. *Heather* was there with **Ninja (Norton)** and **Lexie (Lacoma)**, *Bob S.* with **Kelly, Angie** and *Ron* with **Yogi, Reda, Johnny** and **Jet**, and *Cindy* and *Alex* with **Sampson** and **Delilah**. Thanks to *Bob* who stayed and helped *Ron* with the take down of the booth.

The dogs were petted a lot and three people wanted to take **Jet** home with them. We had a couple of very interested families so it was a good day. **Ninja** and **Lexie** did an awesome job — **Ninja's** a natural!

## Spreading the Word

On Aug. 20, *Kathy* participated in a "dog show" with her big boy **Moja** and little female **Basia**. Bethany Nursing Home in Dayton, where *Kathy* regularly visits with her greyhounds, had an all-breed show for the delight of many of the residents. Eighteen dogs participated and all were remarkably well behaved, especially considering the size of the crowd and the variety of breeds represented. **Moja** and **Basia** stayed until the very end to meet the residents one-on-one.

GAGC was featured in the Sept. 2 edition of the *Pulse Journal*. Thanks to *Sandee* for setting it up. *Sandee*, her husband *Steve*, and *Brenda* were interviewed by *Lindsey Hilty*. She and the photographer *Gary Stelzer* were captivated by **Ripley, Haywood,**

## Webmaster/Website

Our terrific webmaster *Mike* has added a number of new photos to the GAGC website. He also keeps us current on upcoming events, dogs available for adoption and family photos. Take a moment to browse through the site to see what's new.

## Lowe's event

GAGC was invited to participate in a Lowe's event on Beechmont Avenue

**Fave, Tobee** and **Mimi** were allowing everyone to pet them! **Jiminee** (the greyhound puppy) came and seemed to enjoy himself around all the other greyhounds. Thanks to *Heather, Ed, Amy, Debbie, Jami, Carol, Earl, Rob, Tara, Joe, Rachel, Bob, Dan, Ron* and *Brenda* who were talking to all the interested families. Who knows? Someone might go home and think about adopting one of our available greyhounds!

**Halo, Mimi, Bernie and Tobee.** As Steve told the reporter, “Adopting a greyhound is like eating a potato chip. You can’t have just one.” *Sandee* shared that greyhounds are loyal, intelligent dogs that like affection and have good dispositions. *Brenda* mentioned during the interview that more than 5,000 retired racers are still euthanized each year. It’s so important that we all spread the word about adopting this terrific breed.

## Dog Runs

On July 28, *Ron L.* and his brother *Tom* drove to Jackson, Ohio, to pick up four dogs from Country Roads Kennel — **WV’s Kelley, WV’s Lanta, WV’s Zigler** and **WV’s Norway**. They took them to County Animal Hospital for vetting and then the dogs moved to foster care a few days later. Thanks to *Ron* for heading up this dog run.

On Aug. 6, we got three dogs from *Lil* in Alabama — **Country Stan**

(**Ernie**), **Tomco Luxury** and **Katie’s Countryboy**. *Brenda* and *Colleen* met the hauler in West Chester and took the dogs back to *Brenda*’s house where they gave them baths and got them ready for the next stage of their lives — spending time with foster families and learning about life in a home.

*Ron P.* went to Jackson on Aug. 25 to pick up former brood **WV’s Laval-ette**. This beautiful brindle girl came to us from West Virginia and is being fostered by *Pam*. (Editor’s note: The fostering only lasted a handful of days. *Pam* adopted **Lava** on Aug. 28.)

*Kathy* and *Colleen* headed to Columbus on Aug. 28 to pick up two dogs coming to us from Melbourne, Florida. *Barb* from Central Ohio Greyhound Rescue (COGR) traveled to western Pennsylvania to meet the hauler and bring back our dogs **Julep** (call name **Alaina**) and **CW’s Rocket-fire** (call name **Mark**, pictured below). *Kathy* and *Colleen* gave the dogs baths

at Captain Carwash/Petwash (take quarters with you!) and then headed back to Dayton to move them to foster care. *Barb* and COGR are so good to help us. They weren’t even getting any dogs of their own on this haul but made the drive to Pennsylvania anyway. We truly appreciate their support.

## Donations

GAGC continues to receive generous donations not only from our family of adopters, but from their family and friends. We received a donation from the *Greenfield* family “in honor of **Cooper**’s new friends ‘**Jake**’ and ‘**Jessie**’ and their wonderful humans, the *Smith family*.” We also received one from the *Grunkemeyers* in memory of **Queenie**, their first greyhound who passed away two years ago. Thank you for your generous support. The wonderful spirit of this breed is far-reaching.

We would also like to thank *Jeff* for his generosity to GAGC and future foster dogs. *Jeff* had his long time greyhound friend go to the bridge a couple months ago. Per *Brenda*, his greyhound appeared to have been spoiled rotten — in a very good way. *Jeff* gave a baby mattress and box full of NEW toys to *Brenda* as a donation to GAGC. He’s a true greyhound lover and we hope some day he’ll adopt another greyhound when the time is right. He said he wanted to help our organization because he loves our mission.

We have more folks to thank for their generosity. In response to our request for crates, *Holly* and *Joe* gave money for GAGC to purchase a new



crate. In addition, *Meg* and *Tim* donated their nearly-new crate that was no longer needed by their greyhounds **Riley** or **Sol**. *Edie* also offered to buy us a new crate but we've decided to hold off for a bit before we do that in case other used crates are donated. Many thanks to all of you!

## 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*: **WV's Norton** and

**Julep**

*Teresa* and *Chuck*: **Easi Fanta** and

**WV's Lanta**

*Vanessa* and *Dave*: **DunDrum**

**Memory (DeDe)**

*Melissa* and *Carl*: **DunDrum**

**Memory (DeDe)** and

**Countrystan (Ernie)**

*Tracy*, *Todd* and *Ben*: **WV's Lea**

**Jupiter** and **Katie's Countryboy**

*Laura* and *Bob*: **WV's Lacoma**

*Colleen*: **TNJ Bronco**, **WV's**

**Norway**, **WV's Zigler** and **CW's**

**Rocketfire**

*Cindy* and *Alex*: **Sassy Brat**

*PJ*: **Stat Louise (Mars)**

*Trudy* and *Lindo*: **WV's Kelley**

*Tara* and *Matt*: **Tomco Luxury**

*Pam*: **WV's Lavalette**

## Current Foster Dogs

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

**WV's Kelley**: 2-year-old brindle

female

**WV's Lanta**: 2-year-old white and brindle female

**Tomco Luxury**: 2-year-old fawn female

**Country Stan (Ernie)**: not quite 2-year-old red brindle male

**Katie's Countryboy**: not quite 2-year-old white/dark brindle male

**CW's Rocketfire (Mark)**: 2-year-old red fawn male

**Julep (Alaina)**: nearly 3-year-old brindle female

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

## Recent Adoptions

**Sassy Brat**: July 26 to *Rebecca* of Mainville

**Stat Louise** (now **Mars**): July 26 to *PJ* of Dayton

**Lea Jupiter**: July 29 to *JoAnn* and *Joe* of Mason

**TNJ Bronco**: July 29 to *Rachael* and *Joe* of Anderson

**WV's Norton** (now **Ninja**, pictured below): July 30 to *Heather* and *Jason* of Bethel

**DunDrum Memory** (now **Hope**): July 31 to *Honey* and *Dale*

**Jiminee**: Aug. 1 to *Ed* and *Amy* of Covington, Ky.

**WV's Zigler**: Aug. 7 to *Georgine* and *James* of Cincinnati

**WV's Norway** (now **Keeghan**): Aug. 13 to *Carol*, *Earl*, *Tony* and *Shelby* of Loveland

**Easi Fanta** (now **Easi**): Aug. 14 to *Teresa* and *Chuck* of Dayton

**WV's Lacoma** (now **Lexi**): Aug. 14 to *Heather* and *Jason* of Loveland

**WV's Lavalette** (now **Lava**): Aug. 28 to *Pam* of Bethel



## 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.*

Our sympathy goes to Joe and JoAnn who had to have their beloved **Duke** euthanized on July 18. From their e-mail to Brenda: "We had to put our **Duke** asleep. He developed a malignant tumor in the right ventricle of his heart that was blocking his blood flow. **Snowbear** has been very depressed without his buddy." Editor's note: **Duke** left such a huge gap in their lives that they adopted **Lea Jupiter** on July 29.

We were very sad to hear from Honey and Dale of the death on July 24 of a very special greyhound — **Scout**, also affectionately called **Scouter** or **Scouty**. Kathy and Vanessa had a close connection to this sweet girl.



They discovered her via the following newspaper ad: "Wonderful family pet — Greyhound

needs new home. Well-mannered, house/leash trained. Perfect for family w/older or no-kids. Free." Kathy got possession of her for GAGC and



Vanessa fostered her for a couple of months until she was adopted by Honey and Dale. Vanessa shared: "She was so easy and such a good/sweet dog. She walked into my house and never caused a fuss. **Scout** couldn't have gone to a better home — and she deserved it." The following is from Honey to Brenda: "Today we lost our **Scouty**. She has gone to her forever home by the Rainbow Bridge. She became very ill with a very large tumor on her spleen. We discovered it too late. We miss her so much already, she was our princess. **Luke** is lost without her. It will take some time for him to be OK and us also. Editor's note: This was another case where the family and remaining greyhound **Luke** needed another dog quickly to ease the pain. Honey and Dale adopted **DeDe** (now **Hope**) on July 31.

We send our sincere condolences to Michelle and Todd who lost their girl

**Ellie** to bone cancer on Aug. 10 — they had her for 10 years. She had recently developed a limp that didn't get better and X-rays revealed the cancer in her front left shoulder. From Michelle: "We decided to let **Ellie** go today. It was very sad, but it was time. I was so afraid it was going to go on too long and she'd be miserable. It was nice how it happened though. We had the vet come to our house and she rested on the couch. So, she was home and not anxious. It was very peaceful and respectful. I got to hug her and pet her and she passed away on her favorite spot on the couch."

Our deep sympathy goes to Bill and Barb. Bill's mother died mid-August. She was 94 and she led a great life, staying in her own home to the end. The family greyhound **Elena** had apparently developed a special relationship with Bill's mother. From Barb: "**Lana** is great. She has melted our

hearts. She did fine with all the family coming in from out of town and friends coming and going. I was amazed. I know she knew something was wrong as my mother-in-law loved her. She's such a dear!"

We send our sincere sympathy to *Cindy* and *Brad*. *Cindy's* mom had fought breast cancer for years and it reappeared aggressively about six months ago. She finally lost her battle on Aug. 15. We are sorry for their loss.

Our heartfelt condolences go to *Amy* and *Ed*. *Amy* lost her mother on Aug. 27 after a long illness. Her mom got to meet and enjoy **Jiminee** (the Black Pack puppy). That put a smile on her face and we think that has helped *Amy* through this difficult time.

We send our sincere condolences to *Lee* who just lost his boy **Leggs** to cancer on Sept. 6. **Leggs** had been fighting this disease for months but finally lost the battle despite surgery and a variety of treatments. He let *Lee* know it was time to go. *Lee* adopted greyhound **Echo** about three months ago, and that sweet boy will help him through this difficult time.

We were sad to receive word that *Lissa* and *Paul* had to say goodbye to their boy **Rocket** on Sept. 4. From *Lissa*: "He was almost 13-1/2 and gave us almost nine years of pleasure. When his trainer was asked two years ago if he remembered **Rocket**, his reply was, 'Is that big bad boy still alive?' We miss him greatly, but it was his time to go over the Rainbow Bridge. We had him cremated at Faithful Companion Pet Cremation Services in Sharonville.

Their website is [www.faithfulcompanion.com](http://www.faithfulcompanion.com). You might to pass that info on to members."

**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.


### ***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](http://www.petswelcome.com).



### ***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](mailto:koe@donet.com) or to *Brenda* at [brpennix@aol.com](mailto:brpennix@aol.com).



***"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***



## ***For Those Who Foster/ Rescue***

Melissa sat on the floor, unable to sit straight and tall like her mother had always admonished her to do when she was a child. Today, it would be impossible. And tomorrow ... it probably wouldn't be possible then either. Her mind was too busy thinking about the dog that lay across her lap. When he came to be with her, he had no name. She remembered that day very well. The first sight of him was enough to break her heart into little pieces. The woman, who had taken this dog from the rough streets where he had lived, had tried to save him because she was unable to watch this young dog find his own food in a dumpster outside the crack house where he lived. Nobody cared that he was gone.

His fur was very thick; so thick that she had to wiggle her fingers down to feel his bony body. And as she pulled her fingers away, they were coated in old dirt. Black and white, he was supposed to be. But on that day he was beige and dust. He sat in the back of her car panting continuously, ears laid outward for he had lost his courage and couldn't keep them proud and tall. He sat motionless, waiting and limp.

But the thing that was the most disturbing was the look in his eyes. They were quiet eyes, sunken into his head — and they watched her. They were alive with thought. He was waiting for her to do something “to” him. Little did he know that, instead, she would “give” something to him. She gave him one of the little broken pieces of her



heart. She reached out to stroke his head and he instinctively squinted his eyes shut and dropped his head, waiting for the heavy hand. With that little bit of movement she gave him another one of the broken pieces of her heart.

She took him home and gave him a bath. She towed him dry and brushed some order back into his coat. For that, he was grateful and even though his own heart was loaded with worms, he accepted yet another piece of her heart, for it would help to heal his own. “Would you like some water, big boy?” She whispered to him as she set down a large bowl of cold well water. He drank it up happily. He had been dehydrated for a long time and she knew it would take him most of the week to re-hydrate. He wanted more water — but it was gone. Ah ... that's how it is, he thought to himself. But he was grateful for what he had been able to get. “Would you like some more?”

and she gave him another bowl along with another little piece of her heart. “I know that you are hungry. You don't have to find your own food anymore. Here's a big bowl of good food for you. I've added some warm water and a little piece of my heart.”

Over the four months that he stayed with her, his health improved. The heart full of worms was replaced piece by piece with little bits of her loving heart. And each little piece worked a very special kind of magic. When the warmth of love and gentle caresses are added, the little broken pieces knit together again and heal the container it resides in. That container becomes whole again. She watched each little broken piece fill a gap in the gentle dog until his quiet eyes radiated the light from the little pieces. You see, kind words gently spoken turn the little pieces into illumination for the spirit that resides within. He rested beside her,

happy to be with her always. Never had he known such kindness, such gentle caresses; such love. His health returned; his spirit was as playful as a young dog's should be and he had learned about love.

Now his heart was full. The healing was complete. It was time to go. There was another person who had another heart that was meant to be shared with him. So she sat shapeless on the floor because all the broken pieces of her heart were with the dog. It is difficult to sit tall when your heart is not with you.

She wrapped her arms around the dog that sat with tall, proud ears. Lean on me, he said. And she gave him one last thing that would keep him strong; that would keep the pieces of her heart together long after he had gone on to live his new life. She gave him her tears and bound them to the pieces with a simple statement made from the ribbons of her heart. "I love you, Joe." And Joe lived happily ever after.

Melissa sat on the floor, straight and tall like her mother had always admonished her to do when she was

a child. Today, it would be possible. And tomorrow ... it probably would be possible too. Because her mind was busy thinking about this, the next dog that lay across her lap. Where did she get the heart to help yet another dog, you ask? Ahhh ... it came with the dog. They always bring a little bit of heart with them. And when the rescuer breathes in that little bit of heart, it quickly grows and fills the void left by the last dog.

— Author Unknown

## 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 web site to get all the details

on this gift card program. We receive a \$200 donation from Kroger's 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:

- June 13 to July 10: \$392.60
- July 11 to Aug. 19: \$385.46

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* excellent photographs? The cover photo and the photo below are his! *Virgil Sweden* is



a long time GAGC member who takes pet photos at a

reasonable price. For pet photos, he'll come to your home. Visit his web site at [www.PawPrintsLife.com](http://www.PawPrintsLife.com) or e-mail him at [Virgil@PawPrintsLife.com](mailto:Virgil@PawPrintsLife.com).



## Mark your calendars

**Sept. 18:** *Miamisburg 6th Annual Canine Carnival*, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Library Park in downtown Miamisburg south of Dayton. There will be a variety of vendor booths and groups sharing information about their favorite dog breed. GAGC will not have a booth, but *Kathy* and *PJ* will be there part of the day with some of their pups. Bring your greyhounds and join them!

**Sept. 18:** *Liberty Township Family Fall Festival*, 11a.m. to 3 p.m. in Liberty Park on Yankee Rd. behind the YMCA. GAGC will have a booth and would welcome any members to attend.

**Sept. 19:** *United Coalition for Animals (UCAN) Steps for Pets Annual Walk*, at Sawyer Point, Downtown Cincinnati. Check-in is 10 to 11 a.m. Walk begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Special attractions, contests, fun! GAGC will receive \$5 for each person who registers for our team! Go to their website at [www.StepsForPets.org](http://www.StepsForPets.org) to register.

**Sept. 26:** *M/I Homes Family Fun Festival*, 1 to 5 p.m. (rain date Oct. 2) at Estates at Shayler Ridge, 4117 Roland Creek Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45345. Join more than 20 vendors and sponsors for a day of fun, food and prizes. GAGC will be there showing off our beautiful greyhounds. For more information, contact *Michael Sloan* at (513) 753-0700 or [mstone@mihomes.com](mailto:mstone@mihomes.com). Thanks to *Michael's* sponsorship of this event, part of the raffle proceeds will benefit GAGC!

**Oct. 3:** *Greyt Greyhound Gathering*, Oct. 3, noon to 4 p.m. at Sharon Woods – Council Bluff. Come and enjoy fall freedom fest day which includes: Baker House Animal Hospital hosts “Ask the Vet,” Donetta the animal communicator, music, pet photography, pet massage, grillin’ for the greyhounds, bake sale, pet love blessing, hound contest and lots of out of sight vendors! The registration form is attached. We’re hoping to have all our foster dogs there, so plan to come and meet them!

**Oct. 9:** *Iron’s Fruit Farm Event*, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sunday, Oct. 10 rain day), GAGC will have a special M&G at this family filled fun day. Iron’s Fruit Farm is busy every weekend in October with the following fun events: picking apples, making pies, hayrides, corn maze, tractor rides and a petting zoo for kids. Bring the entire family and your greyhounds and join us. For more information and for directions, go to [www.ironfruitfarm.com](http://www.ironfruitfarm.com).

**Oct. 17:** *Greyt Greyhound Rodeo Roundup*, 1 to 4 p.m. at Campbell Lodge Boys Home Equine Center in Cold Spring, Kentucky. They will have games, food, and shopping. The event is sponsored by Homeward Bound Greyhound Group. For more information or directions, go to [www.gpagreatercincy.org](http://www.gpagreatercincy.org) or contact Mary Oldiges at (859) 307-9508.



### 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.



**ALL GREYHOUND FAMILIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE INVITED TO THE 12TH ANNUAL**

**“GREYT GREYHOUND GATHERING REUNION AND FUND RAISER”**

COME AND ENJOY FALL FREEDOM FEST DAY AT  
SHARON WOODS COUNTY PARK/RESERVED AREA-COUNCIL BLUFF  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2010 NOON - 4:00  
THIS GREYHOUND FREEDOM FEST INCLUDES  
BAKER HOUSE ANIMAL HOSPITAL HOSTS “ASK THE VET”  
DONETTA THE ANIMAL COMUNICATOR, MUSIC,  
PET PHOTOGRAPHY, PET MASSAGE, GRILLIN’ FOR THE GREYHOUNDS,  
FREEDOM BAKE SALE, PET LOVE BLESSING,  
HOUND CONTEST & LOTS OF GREYT VENDORS!



**YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE OF WHO YOU WANT YOUR \$\$\$ TO GO TO...  
ALL PROCEEDS GO EITHER TO THE MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION  
DIRECTED TO THE GREYHOUND PROJECT OR GREY2K  
TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:**



**[WWW.MORRISANIMALFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.MORRISANIMALFOUNDATION.ORG)  
[WWW.GREY2KUSA.ORG](http://WWW.GREY2KUSA.ORG)**



**BOTH ARE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OF GREYHOUND ADVOCATES DEDICATED  
IN DIFFERENT WAYS TO HELP WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE GREYHOUND**



**DIRECTIONS: FROM I-275 TAKE THE SHARONVILLE RT.42 EXIT  
PARK ENTRANCE ON THE LEFT, AFTER KEMPER RD.**

**REGISTRATION: ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL.**

**PRE-REGISTRATION DONATION IS \$25.00**

**WHICH GUARANTEES YOUR SIZE FOR THE GREYT GREYHOUND 2010 T-SHIRT + BANDANA  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRE-REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN GUARANTEE YOUR SHIRT SIZE.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED W/REGISTRATION OR DAY OF THE EVENT-\$1.00 EA. OR 6/\$5.00**



**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: THE MORRIS FOUNDATION /OR GREY2K/  
ENTRIES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CALL JO JEAN @ 513-675-2771 OR JOJEAN@LIVE.COM**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DOG(S) NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_**

**TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Shirt Size: SM \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_ RAFFLE TICKETS \_\_\_ AMT. ENCLOSED \_\_\_**

The following release must be signed: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I, for myself, do hereby release and discharge all sponsors, all volunteers and others assisting with this event, from all claims of damages, demands and actions whatsoever in any manner or growing out of my participation in this event. I hereby attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, that I assume and pay my own and/or my dog(s) medical and emergency expenses in the event of accident or illness. The GGG is not a group or organization and is not affiliated with any other group or organization. All checks are submitted together after the event to help defer mailing costs.



**MAIL TO:  
THE GREYT GREYHOUND GATHERING 7111 BLACKHAWK DR. MORROW OHIO 45152**

