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retired racer:**

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## From the president ...



Brenda walking her pups **Harley, Crissy, Hawkeye, and Betsy**, plus foster **Patrick** on the left.

### GAGC Families and Friends,

It can't be the end of 2019 already! Lots of happy and sad moments this year but happy moments outweighed the sad. It is the time of year we all must give thanks in so many ways. First on my list is that GAGC has found 105 greyhounds their forever homes! I'm thankful for how greyt this organization has become. All of our families love their hounds and give them what they deserve. Thanks to our greyt vet who gets them ready to be adopted. I'm thankful for the greyt foster families who open their homes to help transition the dogs off the track; to our M&G reps who are always so positive when talking about greyhounds. Thanks to the greyt workers who make our two gatherings so successful. My list could go on and on because let's face it, every member of GAGC has helped in

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some way to find homes for these greyt dogs! Give your hounds a hug!

*Brenda*

**On the cover:** Foster mom *Gretchen* said this was **Lyle's** happy reaction when he heard he was getting adopted!

# Greyt Health & Safety

## Pain medications for dogs

*from FETCH by WebMD*

If you notice your dog isn't quite himself lately, it could be because he's in pain. He could have an injury, an infection, or a disease. Or maybe he's starting to feel the aches of aging. When your pet hurts, you want to help him feel better. But don't try to guess what his problem may be. Visit your veterinarian to find out what's wrong. There are different ways to help ease his pain. Your vet will recommend medication based on what's going on and your dog's health history.

### NSAIDs

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, help reduce swelling, stiffness, and joint pain in humans, and they can do the same for your dog. They can bring relief to a dog with arthritis, or one who's just had surgery. But don't give your pooch something from your medicine cabinet. These are some of the available NSAIDs just for dogs:

- carprofen (Novox or Rimadyl)
- deracoxib (Deramaxx)
- firocoxib (Previcox)
- meloxicam (Metacam)

NSAIDs are usually safe for dogs and have few side effects. But in some cases, they can cause kidney, liver, or digestive problems.

You may be able to tell if your dog is having a bad reaction to an NSAID. An easy way to remember the signs is with the word BEST:

- Behavior changes
- Eating less
- Skin redness, scabs
- Tarry stool/diarrhea/vomiting

If you spot these symptoms, stop giving your dog the drug and call your vet.

Aspirin is an over-the-counter NSAID. Your doctor may OK giving it to your dog for a limited amount of time, but usually only if he has an injury or another short-term condition. It's not recommended for long-term use in dogs because it has a greater potential for side effects, including the risk of bleeding. Coated aspirin is best on the stomach, and give the pills with food. Talk to your vet and follow her recommendations on how much and how often.

### Other medications

Because NSAIDs are usually good at relieving pain, veterinarians don't often prescribe other kinds of painkillers. But sometimes, your dog may need more options. Your vet may talk to you about gabapentin or tramadol.

- Gabapentin treats pain from dam-



aged nerves in humans and dogs. It may make your dog sleepy for the first few days, but that usually goes away. Sometimes your vet will prescribe it along with other drugs.

- Tramadol is a painkiller that works partly like other mild opioid medications. Vets sometimes give it to aging dogs with constant discomfort. Some side effects that may occur include an upset stomach, vomiting and dizziness. Talk to your vet if you are concerned.

Veterinarians give stronger opiates only for a short while. They usually don't prescribe steroids for pain, as they can have serious side effects.

### Supplements

Supplements, like glucosamine and chondroitin, are very popular alternative treatments. It's not clear if they help, but some research has found that they may make swelling go down and help cartilage repair itself. They also may help protect and lubricate existing cartilage. Always talk to your vet before giving your dog any medications, including supplements.

Ask for a written copy of the treatment plan, as well as instructions (and a demonstration) for how to give the medicines to your pet. Be sure to give the drug only as your vet recommends. Too much or too little can cause problems. Don't share medications between dogs. What's good for one animal may not be the right thing for another.

You may not be able to relieve all of your dog's pain, but you should be able to make him feel better. With your vet's guidance, you may need to try different things to find out what brings the most relief.

*WebMD Veterinary Reference Reviewed by Amy Flowers, DVM on January 21, 2018*

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PetCareRx: "Options and Types of Pain Medication for Dogs."

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### **Pet food recalls**

The FDA periodically updates their website with new pet food recalls. Don't take a chance with your pet's health. Please visit the [FDA website](#) to check the safety of your pet's food.



# Greyt goods & services

## Items for sale

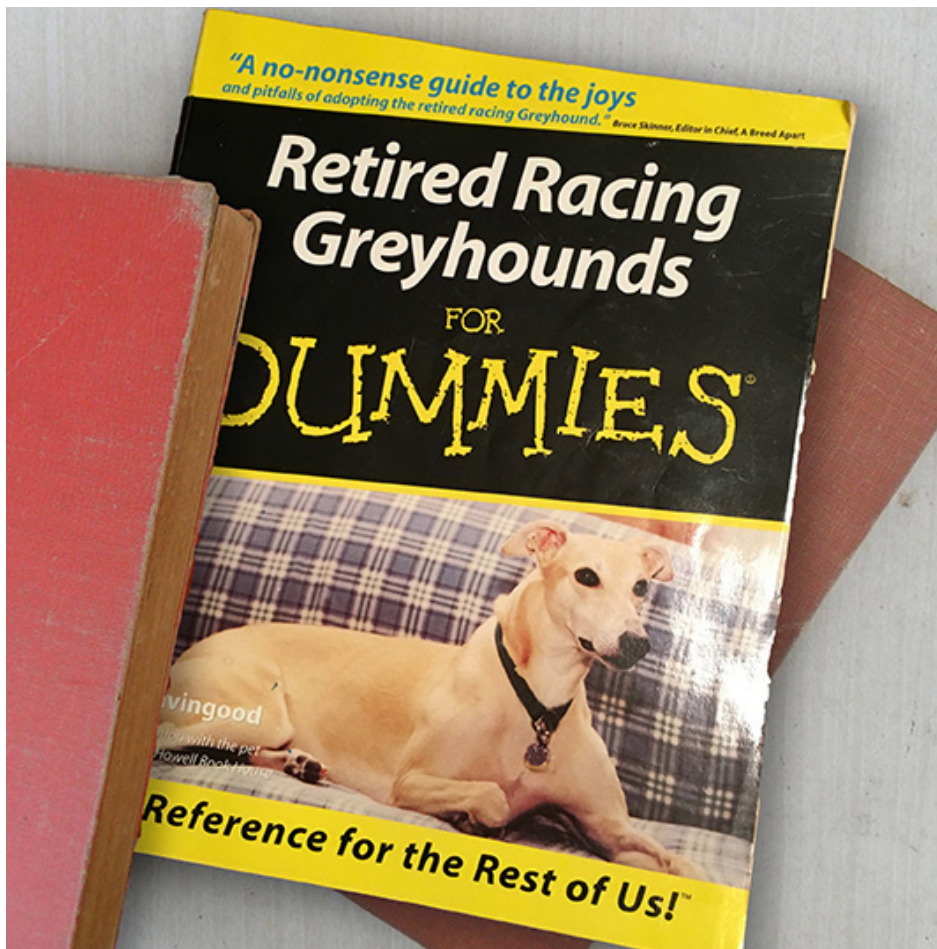
*Kathy and Brenda* have a supply of belly bands, muzzles and stool covers available if you are in need of any of these for your hound. Our other sellable items are available at our family picnics in May and September.

## Collars, belly bands, crates and books

We really appreciate all of you who have returned your unwanted black combo leads and blue or red reflective tag collars to GAGC to reuse for future adoptions. Recycling these collar sets helps GAGC save money. If you no longer need yours, please return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*, or take it to any M&G and the rep will turn them in for reuse.

Did we loan you a belly band when you adopted your male greyhound? If you still have it, please wash it if needed and return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*. We like to keep some available for future loans and our supply tends to run out quickly. Some of our books are still out on loan. Please return those as well so they will be available to new adopters. Do you still have a GAGC loaner crate? We need those back, usually in 30 days or less, to make them available for other new adopters. If you still have one, please contact your placement rep (*Brenda* or *Kathy*) and make arrangements to return it. Thanks!

If you have purchased a fold up crate and your hound is no longer using it, feel free to donate it to GAGC and we will write you a tax donation letter for the value of the crate.



## Pet Sitters

Do you need a pet sitter for your greys while you're out of town? We keep a list of potential pet sitters but we are always looking for more willing folks, both for the Dayton and the Cincinnati areas. Please let *Brenda* or *Kathy* know if you're interested in being added to the list, or if you'd like to see who might be available in your area to pet sit your greyhounds.





# GAGC News

## Reminder about AmazonSmile

Using AmazonSmile is an easy way to support GAGC. If you shop at Amazon.com, go instead to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), where you'll find the same selection and prices of Amazon items, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase of qualifying items to GAGC (or another charitable organization of your choosing). Products that are eligible for donations will be marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the product detail page. You can use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile (your shopping cart, wish lists, etc. will all be the same) so donating couldn't be easier for current Amazon.com shoppers. To get started, visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select from an extensive list of charitable organizations. GAGC is listed as "Greyhound Adoption of Greater Cincinnati." AmazonSmile will remember your charity for future purchases but you can also change your charity at any time. For more details, visit: <http://smile.amazon.com/about>. (Thanks to Sarah S. for preparing this information for us.)

**Juniper** is on her way from her foster home to her new family: Heather, Patrick and greyhound KC.



## Lost hound found

Friday, Dec. 13 had some very scary moments but turned out to be a lucky day. **Juniper**, adopted less than a month earlier, was out on a walk and completely panicked when several large trucks rumbled by. She wrenched herself loose and took off running, covering several miles in each direction from home over the next few hours. We sent out emails to our GAGC family and we're aware of at least nine members who were able to join the search, supplementing many of **Juniper's** neighbors and family members. Thanks to *Kathy E., Irene M., Doug T., Meg S., Jami B., Sarah S., Deb S., Dana P., and Karin P.*, plus any others we may not be aware of. **Juniper** was ultimately found very close to home when she saw an open front door, walked inside, helped herself to the resident cat's food and water, and laid down for a well-deserved nap. From *Brenda*: "Thank you all for your prayers, assistance, and good thoughts. Her family is so relieved and thankful. Our GAGC families are amazing. So glad this is a happy ending! Hugs to *all* of our greyhounds."

## Fannie and Ellie

*submitted by Tina K.*

Our family adopted our first greyhound from GAGC in December of 2017, and fell absolutely in love with her. **Fannie** made a seamless transition to our home and quickly bonded with the family and made friends with our elderly beagle named **Sherman**. They had a year-and-a-half together before tragedy struck. We lost **Sherman**, and we were all mourning him while at the same time dealing with huge changes in the dynamics of our own family as our youngest moved to college



and my husband and I prepared for a new school year. After a few weeks of our new (much quieter) household, we noticed **Fannie** began to exhibit behaviors we'd never seen before. She was stealing things of ours and bringing them back to her bed. Nothing was safe: clothing and pens, food if we were careless enough to leave it within her reach (everything is within her reach), but also exercise bands, notepads, salt shakers, and once an empty cup from the sink. Poor **Fannie** was lonely and needed a friend, so I began stalking the GAGC site, and talking to *Brenda* about adopting another greyhound. The first dog I was interested in didn't seem to be a good match, but I kept checking back to see if there were any new additions. One day, a sweet-faced little girl named **Ellie**

appeared, needing a new home. Since this suggested that she had been previously placed with another family, I did a search for her and found her original picture from the track—the same track that **Fannie** was from, and in the same time-frame. As I studied the picture more closely, I noticed a sweet little cow-hound photo-bombing **Ellie's** picture and thought how much she looked like **Fannie**. Then I did a double-take. That *was* **Fannie**! I made the picture bigger and set **Fannie's** adoption photo right next to **Ellie's** and it was true—**Fannie** and **Ellie** were together in that photo. It seemed like fate, and obvious that these two needed to reunite and see if they would be a match. So, *Brenda* brought **Ellie** over the next day for a visit, and the two dogs greeted each other like old friends. It has been just a week, but the two of them follow each other around the house, share toys and beds, and seem very pleased with one another. **Fannie** has stopped stealing our things and seems much less anxious since **Ellie** came. As for **Ellie**, she has such a lovely personality, and is so loving and well-trained (she sits—I've never seen a greyhound sit!). We are so lucky to have them both. That picture from the track may well have been their first photo together, but I can assure you it won't be the last.



## Why My Greyhound is Special Contest

*submitted by Gretchen D.*

During the GAGC picnic, Irene M. and Gretchen D. organized several contests, including one about why our greyhounds are special to us. Many families stopped by to share their thoughts; the responses were funny, touching and relatable. Enjoy the many reasons why our dogs are special to us!

**Akira:** She is extra patient and loving. She knows my every emotion. She takes amazing care of me!

**Ace:** He is such a gentleman with his brothers and everyone he meets.

**Ace:** He completes our family.

**Asherton:** Is the zen of my life.

**Ben:**  
Survived  
cats.

**Ava:** She's sweet and thoughtful.

**Archer:** She's so hyper!

**Baby:** She's just a big baby & that's her name.

**Betsy:** Little, but mighty!

**Beezy:** She loves us unconditionally & is always ready for loving when I come home from work!

**Becca Lin:** She is smart. She turns down my bed and redecorates the house. She says "no" and "yes" and gives me lots of joy.

**Blink:** So sweet to my children.

**Bolt:** He's "man-pretty," super polite and the softest greyhound ever!

**Charlee:** She is very loving and always seems to get into something!

**Bram:** He is so well behaved and calm and he will stand there next to you until you stop petting him.

**Colton:** He makes us laugh and smile every-day and is a perfect dog after losing two greys.

**Chatty:** Is so special because of her loving me in the middle of the night—wake up to a roach in your face!

**Couper:** He is very handsome and likes to play catch.

**Crissy:** My husband's heart dog!

**Daisy:** She's funny! She entertains us!

**Denali:** She is always happy and not wild and cuddles a lot!

**Dallas:** He always follows me through the house and never stops leaning on me.



**Dobby:** He is the fastest zoomer!

**Dewey:** He came to us so shy but has really come out of his shell. Sweetheart!

**Doc:** He is the most subtle & assertive attention seeker.

**Elliott:** He is like Elliott from "Pete's Dragon." He came to us when we needed him most.

**Dusty:** Is a gentle giant.

**Fifi:** She is a beautiful combination of spunky, sassy and sweetness! And she picked me to be her mama.

**Ferris:** Is so special that he lays down at meet and greet events, tries to nap—example of how laid-back greys are.

**Flicker:** She mended our hearts.

**Gordie:** He's my big guy and I love him!

**Flo-Jo:** She is "bad"—whines when she wants something, barks if whining won't work! "Diva" in every way!

**Gwynny:** She loves everyone.

**Gloria:** She is never angry with anybody (except cats). She is a great guard dog! UPS beware!

**Gretel:** She "bombs" us in the yard (sneaks up at full speed).

**Hawkeye:** Most laid back boy ever. Big cuddler.

**Harley:** Thinks he is a greyhound!

**Jackson:** He loves to play. He stands up and bats our husky like a bear!

**Jack:** He's our smartest of all we've had, but definitely in charge of everyone!

**Jenna:** Finally home after three placements.

**Lady:** She loves her zoomies and long walks.

**Hazel:** She loves her mams & brothers! She gives good kisses too!

**Lily:** She completes our family.

**Landry:** She chose me to be her mom! She gives me kisses and hugs and wants to go everywhere with me!

**Lenny:** He insists on laying his head on our shoulders.

**Linda:** She is always bubbly! No matter what time of day, she is happy!

**Louie:** He knows exactly when his mama needs lovin'! He is a great snuggler.

## **Linx:** The sweetest first boy dog.

**Manny Pena:** It's difficult to even find words to describe how special **Manny** is to our family! He is an adoring soul who loves us more than we can describe and we feel the same way about having him in our family!

**Macy:** She has multiple personalities. One of them is super sweet, the others are not!

**Lydia:** I tell her to come to me when we are walking them.

**Maggie May:** "I'm Maggie May" (she thinks that says it all!)

**Meg:** Is our sweet & smiling girl!

**Mermaid:** She's affectionate, makes friends easily, loves to play & is not a breed snob.

**Miles:** He is the best dog in the world!

**Millie:** She is my first grey and has become my Mary Poppins—practically perfect in every way.

**Mistee:** She is so sweet & loving! She is always around me & loves to be talked to. She loves squirrels!

**Nola:** She is funny and special to us.

**Odin:** He completes our family.

**Norma:** She has the happiest leaps when outside & when you come home!

**Pearl:** She sleeps next to me whenever I have a rough day. She also knows when to give kisses.

**Muffi:** We belong to her. She has a sweet disposition, puts up with five (cat) brothers & has great ear!

**Pearl:** She's sweet, happy & a very pretty girl. She also never goes potty in the house.

**Popi:** He is a goof and very loving!



**Piper:** She is our eldest dog and she loves us. She loves the greyhounds & is an excellent hunter.

**Reno:**  
**Goober.**

**Romeo:** He gives good kisses & hates hard floors! Truly one of a kind!

**Shadow:** He was returned to GAGC in June. He has been a playmate for Annabelle & a confidence booster for Leo.

**Valoo:** Is super sweet and cuddly!

**Waffle:** He's a mama's boy & my best friend! He's a good communicator, helps lots of fosters & always up for going for a ride.

**Red:** I'm sweet and sassy—I use my big girl bark (a lot)!

**Red's Let's Do It:** He has the most wonderful ears. He is a gorgeous heartworm survivor who adores people!

**Red:** He has found his forever home with me. He fills my heart and he has learned to trust the world again.

**Ruger:** He's the best snuggler in the whole wide world!

**Spot:**  
**Is loving.**

**Sunny:** He's a wonderful, sweet mama's boy!

**Thor:** His super special power is worming his way into our hearts.

**Stryker:** He is a great companion and always finds a way to make me smile! He is also a terrific coach for the foster dogs we get.

**Sergio:** I'm a big ball of love!

**Tuc:** Has a helicopter tail!

**Vegas:** She is a queen!

**Whiskey:**  
I'm the cutest cuddler ever & I'm Mr. Social Butterfly!

A special submission was received in memoriam of **Arwen** from her mom *Miriam*: My greyhound, **Arwen**, is special because she loved me. When I said it's time for kisses, she moved her face to let me kiss her snout. When I said it's time for bed and pat the couch, she laid her head in my lap. When I would wake up in the middle of the night, she moved to make sure she was closer to me. She was happy when I came home and greeted me with chattering. She made me walk every day, no matter the weather. After our summer walks, she laid in her dog pool like a princess and I would read to her while she cooled down. She always made room for the cats to lay near her. She followed me around everywhere I went and when we walked down the stairs, she was always careful to stay right next to me, like she wanted to protect me and make sure that I did not fall. If I was sad, she made me happy. If I was happy, she was happier. She ran so fast that it took my breath away, but she always ran right back to me and waited for my kisses before she ran again. She was so protective of all the little dogs in the park. She stood over them and barked at other dogs when they got too near the little dog. She would have made a great dog mommy. When she was scared of thunder, she ran to me and finagled her way in between my legs and then she just sighed, like she knew she was safe. She felt secure with me right from the start. She was so smart, she learned fast, when I saw her try to grab a baby bird off the ground, all I said was, "oh no honey, please don't do that, it's just a baby," and she stopped immediately. I always told her how special she was. She saved my life by loving me when she came to live with me. I was lucky enough to have her in my life for almost

three years. When she turned 6 we discovered cancer in her pelvic bone and within four months she passed away. My life will never be as good as it was with her in it. I am the luckiest person in the world that I had **Arwen** in my life.

## Thank you

As we end 2019, we want our webmaster *Mike K.* to know how much we appreciate him for maintaining our very professional looking website. Many of our applicants find us via our site and remark on its ease of use. Thank you, *Mike*!

We also want to thank our amazing graphics designer *Michelle P.* who gives our GAGC newsletters their very professional look. Even after moving to another state, *Michelle* continues to support GAGC electronically, and we are so grateful to have her expertise!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to *Tricia W.* and **Miller**! They graduated from Miami Valley Pet Therapy on Oct. 28. **Miller** even learned to sit!

## Newsletter photos or articles needed

If you have good photos of your hounds, send them in as we might use them for the newsletter. Send to *Kathy* at [koe50gh@gmail.com](mailto:koe50gh@gmail.com) or *Brenda* at [gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com](mailto:gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com).





# Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

## Dog Runs

The Florida hauler brought us two little females on Nov. 7: fawn brindle **AMF Which Was It** and red brindle **Perfect Illusion**. *Irene* made the drive to meet the hauler in W.V. and gave the following report: "Feeling blue, listless, just plain blah ...? I have the cure! Wait for a phone call from *Brenda* indicating there is a dog run ... TOMORROW! Hop in your car at 2:15 a.m., and drive to meet the hauler. Upon arrival, open the windows and listen to all those happy dogs waiting for us to take them to forever homes. The pups bounce out happy to see us, take care of business, get some loving and hop in the car (sometimes with help), and off we go. After exhausting their curiosity with all they can see, the fur babies settle down for a special ride listening to music, singing, and commentary about the scenery we pass. That was my trip on Thursday morning, Nov. 7. It is one of the most exciting, rejuvenating experiences I have had the

**B My Patrick, SE's KC Kid, and Dez** are excited about the last leg of their road trip from Florida to Ohio.



pleasure to encounter. It is better than anything you can buy over the counter! What a life! Happy forever home to my passengers."

*Kathy* and *Chris* made the trip to West Virginia to meet the Florida hauler on Nov. 20. Originally we thought we needed to be in W.V. at 8 (it's more than a three-hour drive from Dayton), then it was 9, then 11. We arrived early and the hauler was further delayed by a traffic backup due to an accident, but we finally connected and picked up three wonderful males: **B My Patrick, Dez, and SE's KC Kid**. Since the vet was closed that day, we drove the boys back to *Brenda's* for potty, photos and meals. We arranged for one of *Dr. Moore's* staff members to meet the dogs at the clinic late afternoon to get them settled in the kennel for the night. *Dr. Moore* made time to vet them the next day so that they were ready to move to foster care by the 22nd. These are nice boys and will likely have permanent homes soon.

Very early in the morning on Dec. 3, *Brenda* and *Irene* drove to West Virginia to meet the hauler bringing us three girls from Florida: **Don't Cry, ADH Freda Dee, and GS Frances**. Here's what *Irene* wrote: "December 3rd, 4:10 a.m.: That time is not an error; and so off to Charleston *Brenda* and I went to meet the hauler with three girls; **Dee, Don't Cry and Frances**. We were going to be late, but the hauler would wait. It was dark, rainy, snowy, sleety but nothing would stop the white Toyota from getting retired racers that were ready for their forever homes. Our ETA was 7:15; we made it by 7:12 and the hauler was a few minutes late. He encountered heavy winds and snow in

Virginia. Our three beautiful girls came out into the cold, did their business and into the warm car; destination Ohio. **Dee** and I were in deep conversation most of the ride as she fussed with my hair, offered kisses through her muzzle and was mesmerized by the scenery, while the other two girls slept. In the blink of an eye we were welcomed by *Dr. Moore* and her staff. May you beautiful girls be home for Christmas."

*Ron* made the drive to West Virginia on Dec. 15 to meet the Florida hauler with our three new boys: **GS Sid**, **GS Lyle**, and **Braska Mooch**. Here's some input from *Brenda*: *Ron* did the dog run to W.V., bringing us three handsome retired hounds. *Ron* and the hauler driver let them do a LONG pee before putting them in my car for another 3½ hour drive back to our house. *Ron* said the boys settled down nicely until I called him and **Sid** was startled and started barking at the ring of the phone, he then noticed trucks going by and gave a couple more barks. This boy just turned 2 years old on Dec. 12 so everything is still so new and exciting to him. Soon after they all laid down and enjoyed the heat of the car and slept. *Ron* got here around 3:30; *Irene* helped *Ron* and me get the dogs out of the car, pot-

tied again and fed them. Soon after we headed to *Dr. Moore's* office where *Kathy*, *Maria* and her fiancée welcomed them. *Dr. Nicole Moore* will neuter the boys and then off they go to foster families, preparing for the rest of their lives.

## Foster homes needed!

Our biggest challenge in finding homes for the retired racing greyhounds continues to be finding foster families to help with the dogs' transition into their forever homes. Would you like to be a part of the process? We provide all food, medications, and guidance, and there is no expense to you. Can we add you to the list?

## Foster a greyhound, get in the drawing for a bag of Nature's Select or a \$50 gift card!

*Alan* and *Leslie*, our Nature's Select distributors, donate a 30-pound bag of Nature's Select every month to support our fostering program. Everyone who has fostered for at least a week in that month will be in contention to win the bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Here are our recent winners:

### November

- Food winner: *Slawa* and *Ken B.*, foster parents to **Dez**
- Gift card winner: *Deb* and *Tim R.*, foster parents to **Perfect Illusion**
- Gift card winner: *Sarah* and *Doug T.*, foster parents to **B My Patrick**
- Gift card winner: *Kathy E.*, foster parent to **Superior Uno**

### December

- Food winner: *Slawa* and *Ken B.*, foster parents to **Dez**
- Gift card winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Don't Tell on Me, GS Lyle**
- Gift card winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **GS Frances**
- Gift card winner: *Sarah* and *Doug T.*, foster parents to **B My Patrick, GS Sid**

**SE's KC Kid** with a huge smile on his face during the Nov. 20 dog run.





## 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:

- *Adrienne K. and Jansen F.:* **RS Money Hungry**
- *Andrea and Nate S:* **WW Law N Order**
- *Angie and Ron B.:* **Don't Tell On Me**
- *Breanna A. and Keith C.:* **ADH Freda Dee**
- *Brenda and Ron P.:* **Don't Tell On Me, B My Patrick, Don't Cry**
- *Chris and Tom P.:* **TNT Mama Mia, GS Frances**
- *Dana P.:* **PJ Fence Jumper**
- *Deb and Tim R.:* **Perfect Illusion**
- *Gretchen D.:* **Don't Tell On Me, GS Lyle**
- *Jami B. and Debbie K.:* **KB's Chipper**
- *Kathy E.:* **Superior Uno**
- *PJ M.:* **Emma's Grampygil**
- *Pam and Mike H.:* **AMF Which Was It, Braska Mooch**
- *Robin C.:* **Don't Cry**
- *Sarah and Doug T.:* **B My Patrick, GS Sid**
- *Slawa and Ken B.:* **Dez**
- *Valerie V.:* **SE's KC Kid**

**Don't Cry** is patiently waiting for her special forever home.



## Current Foster Dogs

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

- **Don't Cry:** March 17, 2018; almost 2-year-old red female
- **GS Frances:** May 22, 2016; 3-year-old white and red female
- **GS Sid:** Dec. 12, 2017; 2-year-old black and white male

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

## Recent Adoptions

- **Braska Boston (Boston):** Nov. 1 to *Brittany F. and David G.* of Mariemont
- **WW Law N Order (Law):** Nov. 3 to *Mary K.* of Bridgetown
- **KB's Chipper (Chester):** Nov. 6 to *Jami, Parker, and Keegan B.* of Dayton
- **Superior Uno (Remington):** Nov. 8 to *Kathleen C. and Matthew T.* of Yellow Springs
- **TNT Mama Mia (Mia):** Nov. 17 to *Carri W. and Darren M.* of Troy
- **PJ Fence Jumper (Juniper):** Nov. 18 to *Heidi and Patrick S.* of Springboro
- **Perfect Illusion (Lilly):** Nov. 22 to *Theresa L.* of Clayton
- **Ellie's Dragon (Ellie):** Nov. 27 to *Tina, Ed, Emily, and Jake K.* of Mason
- **SE's KC Kid (Bear):** Nov. 30 to *Lori and Doug I.* of King's Mills
- **AMF Which Was It (Maggie):** Dec. 8 to *Karin, Tom, Dana, Ellie, Brian, and Sam P.* of Tipp City
- **Don't Tell On Me (Domino):** Dec. 8 to *Angie and Ron B.* of Frankfort, Ky.
- **B My Patrick (Patrick):** Dec. 13 to *Tiffani S-L., Calvin, and Garmarcus L.* of Dent
- **Dez (Nemo):** Dec. 13 to *Katya,*

## Find GAGC on Facebook



Have you visited the [GAGC Facebook](#) page? Visit our home page at [www.cincigreyhounds.org](http://www.cincigreyhounds.org) and click at the top. Foster families add cute photos and comments about their fosters, proving fostering can be rewarding and fun! If you have cute stories about your hounds, please share them. Thanks to *Melissa, Heather, and Mike* for monitoring posts. We do monitor comments before posting and will not include negative or inappropriate items. Thanks!

## GAGC on Instagram



Our [Instagram](#) manager *Melissa L.* would like your photos! Send them to [MelissaLohman7@gmail.com](mailto:MelissaLohman7@gmail.com). Foster families are encouraged to send pictures of their fosters settling into home life, but anyone is welcome to send good photos of their greyhounds.

*Germaine, Joachim, and Donovan A. of Huber Heights*

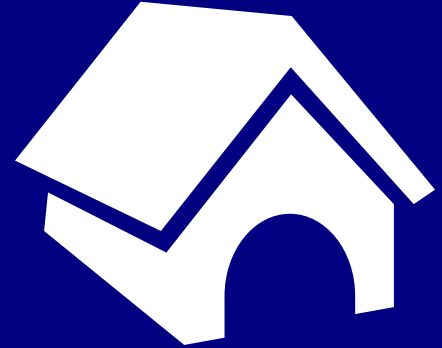
- **GS Lyle (Lyle):** Dec. 21 to *Marie T. and Devon R.* of Kettering
- **Emma's Grampygil (Arthur):** Dec. 21 to *Lynne H. and Greg L.* of Cincinnati
- **ADH Freda Dee (Dee):** Dec. 22 to *Tim, Laurie, Alex, and Madeline C.* of Xenia
- **Braska Mooch (Mooch):** Dec. 22 to *Andrea and Isaac W.* of Beavercreek
- **RS Money Hungry (Goose):** Dec. 26 to *Adrienne K. and Jansen F.* of Bellbrook

Handsome **Remington** was adopted in November and is much loved by his new family.



## Pet-friendly lodging

Looking for pet-friendly lodging when you go on vacation? The following website lists lodgings that accept both you and your dogs: [www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com).





# Our Condolences



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www.barkerandpaws.com.

*Editor's Note: When we lose one of our greyhounds, GAGC makes a donation in that dog's name to the Greyhound Health Initiative, an organization supporting greyhound health and genetic research.*

GAGC sends our sympathy to *Alissa* and *Drew B.* who lost their girl **Fonda** just before Halloween following a three-month battle with two brain tumors. **Fonda** had just turned 9 years old. The family, including greyhound **Giant**, are devastated and they will likely adopt another girl before too long.

Our sincere condolences go to *Cheryl* and *Thom F.* who lost their boy **Handsome** (**Oh So Handsome**) to pericardial effusion on Nov. 3. They wrote: "**Handsome** never met a stranger, always leaning on any nearby body to be pet; he was so sweet and gentle. Not only do we truly miss him, but **Lovely** was very sad and disoriented for a few days; she is doing well now."



Dave

We were so sorry to hear that *Aaron K.*'s mom *Julie* lost her battle with cancer on Nov. 6. She was a GAGC greyhound owner for years and was thrilled to meet *Aaron's* new greyhound **Diesel** and his friend *Kris's* greyhound playing in her yard. It brought a huge smile to *Julie* seeing them play.

*Lori W.* and *Ross S.* lost their boy **Goose** on Nov. 20. His death was related to his ongoing battle with inflammatory bowel disease, and he died early that morning at the emergency room. We send *Lori* and *Ross* our heartfelt condolences.

GAGC Secretary *Kathy E.* had to deal with a second greyhound death just four weeks after losing her sweet girl **Basia**. Her beloved **Dave** suffered a massive stroke on Nov. 27 and died at home less than an hour later.

We extend our condolences to *Julie* and *Tom P.* whose Italian greyhound **Zoe** died on Dec. 16 at nearly 18 years old. **Zoe** had a wonderful life with them.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to *Katie S.* who lost her girl **Sasha** on Dec. 15. We heard from *Katie's* mom that **Sasha** had a significant seizure and died soon after. She was only 6 years old.

GAGC board member *Angie B.* and her husband *Ron* finally had to say goodbye to their boy **Bodie** on Dec. 18. He had been fighting cancer for some time but when he stopped eating, they knew the pain was too much for him and let him go. We are very sorry for their loss.

Our deepest sympathy goes to *Becky* and *Andy S.* on the loss of their sweet **Max** on Dec. 27. During a routine dental, **Max** was diagnosed with gingival squamous cell carcinoma. While awaiting a surgery date,



he got a severe infection and despite spending several days at Med Vet, he was not able to be saved.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to *Stephanie S.* on the loss of her husband *Steve* to a rare type of liver cancer. She has been comforted by her dogs, and particu-

larly by **Maddie** the greyhound. *Stephanie* wrote: "He was only really sick for a few weeks and I can remember her coming-up to him and putting her head on his chest to say 'I love you.' This must have helped him intensely." We are so sorry for *Stephanie's* loss.

## Tributes from our readers

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

### **Dave (Easi David)**

*March 27, 2009 to Nov. 27, 2019*

All my greyhound losses through the years have been painful, but this latest one was very, very bad. This was **Dave**; my sweet, wonderful, easy-going, beloved **Dave**. I knew the day I met him in early 2014 that he was going to be my dog. He was nearly 5 then

and had been an excellent racer but broke his hock to end his career. He bounced back from that like he bounced back from every challenge. He became the dog alpha at my house and was my heart dog. He had faced and overcome some significant health issues the past couple of years and was doing great at nearly 11 years old, but the night before Thanksgiving, he had a massive stroke and was gone in less than an hour. In his quiet, gentle way, **Dave** loved everyone, human and canine, and he is missed more than I can say.

— *Kathy E.*



# Support GAGC!

## How can YOU support GAGC?

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



### Go Krogering!

Go Krogering! Do you shop at Kroger? The Kroger Reward program is one of GAGC's most reliable fundraisers. Our rewards are based on your use of your Kroger Plus card. We receive a \$200 donation from Kroger each time our group achieves \$5,000 in total purchases. We use these donations primarily to cover vetting expenses for new or rehomed greyhounds. Be sure to link your Kroger Plus card to GAGC and always use it at check-out. Thanks to all of you who are active in using your rewards cards. We typically earn between \$1,000 and \$1,500 each quarter from this Kroger reward program. Our latest reward through Oct. 31 was \$1,165.67. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

### Kroger Reward Program

PLEASE re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Our Code Number is **#EP079**. Ask your family and friends to register GAGC as their favorite charity. It is easy money for

**Couper** was holding down the comforter for us at the December Centerville M&G.



our hounds and doesn't affect your fuel points! [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

### Do a Meet & Greet

Bring your greyhounds to a GAGC Meet & Greet to introduce others to this wonderful breed. They are on Sundays at the following PetSmart locations (times are on our website):

- 1st Sunday of the month: Milford
- 2nd Sunday: Beavercreek (Dayton area) and Tri-County
- 3rd Sunday: West Chester and Centerville (Dayton area)
- 4th Sunday: Mason

Special M&G: The AMC Theatre in West Chester is allowing GAGC to hold a special M&G once a month. If you would like to participate, contact *Brenda* who will schedule a time for you to attend.

### Foster Dog Sponsors

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

- *Marianne, James, Connie & Nati: Superior Uno, Don't Tell On Me, Don't Cry, GS Frances*
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace: KB's Chipper, Dez, Don't Cry*
- *Melissa, Deco and Bianca: PJ Fence Jumper, Emma's Grampygil, GS Sid*
- *Sunny, Gary, and Sweetie: Dez, Don't*



### **Tell on Me (Denny)**

- *Beth, Sean, Quinn, and Paul: B My Patrick*

### **Thanks for Your Support!**

One of the reasons GAGC has experienced so much success is due to the support we receive from our families and friends. Month after month, you help us out in many ways, and we so appreciate all of our donors. Thank you!

### **General Gifts to GAGC**

- *Marianne and James S.*
- *Mel and Jon R.*
- *Melissa L.*
- *Kathy E.*
- *Brenda P.*
- *Mike K.*
- *Kroger*
- *Sarah S. and Chris D.*
- *Alissa A.*

**Marshiano** is trying to decide what he thinks of his new antlers.



- *Anne and Jack B.*
- *Honey and Dale R.*
- *Jianguo L.*
- *PetSmart*
- *AmazonSmile*
- *Tal L. and Stephen Z.*
- *Lori and Doug I.*
- *Edye L.*
- *Greg K.*
- *Terri and John B.*
- *Elizabeth C.*
- *Laura P.*
- *Rob and Julie J.*
- *Linda and Chip F.*
- *Carri W. and Darren M.*
- *Dr. Nicole Moore*
- *Debbie and Steve B.*
- *Anne N.*
- *June and Howard K.*
- *Robin C.*
- *Cathy F.*
- *Alisha and Bob. K. (plus Slider, Nicki, and Maddie)*
- *Cora and Bob F.*
- *Kristen C.*
- *Greg L. and Lynne H.*

### **Gift in memory of Josh Dragosavac**

- *Alissa A.*
- *Gayle D.*
- *Michael S.*
- *Many other Facebook friends*

### **Gifts in memory of beloved Dave**

- *Kathy E.*
- *Brenda P.*
- *Sarah S. and Chris D.*
- *Rob and Julie J.*

### **Gift in memory of sweet Basia**

- *Rob and Julie J.*

### **Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)**

- Foster parents *Deb and Tim R.* donated their winning gift card back to GAGC
- *Carri W. and Darren M.* donated a collar



# Mark your calendars

## Local Events

### January **Bern's Dog Days of Winter**

*Saturday, Jan. 25 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

This is a nice indoor event for our hounds to get out and socialize. The address is 825 Greentree Road, Middletown. Join us!

### March **Heart Mini Expo**

*Saturday, March 21 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

### May **GAGC Family Picnic**


*Saturday, May 16 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

**Rico** is ready for any weather in his new outdoor gear.

Littermates, and now housemates, **Goose** and **Maverick** have decided they're happy to share a family and a bed.



# Support our supporters!



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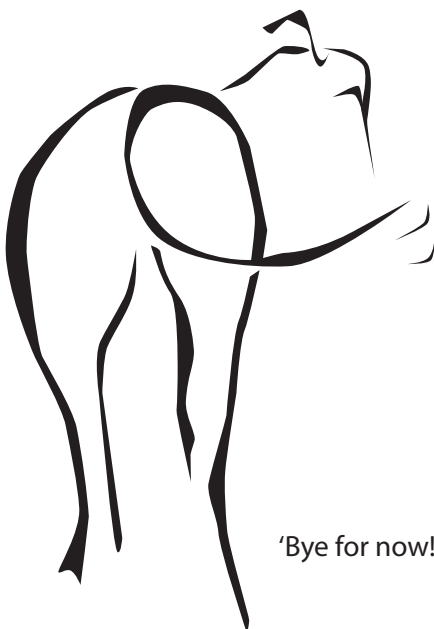
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