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**Adopting a
retired racer:**

\$275 ...

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

From the President ...



Brenda was super busy at the September picnic and was loving every minute of it!

GAGC Families and Friends,

I hope you and your hounds have enjoyed this gorgeous fall weather. The trees are beautiful, and our Sharon Woods walks have been fun for the greyhounds and their humans. The dog runs have been enjoyable looking at the trees on the drive and, of course, picking up newly-retired racers. I'm still like a kid in the candy store when I get to meet the new retired hounds. On the way back I tell them they are starting a new chapter in their lives. This is why I continue helping to find greyt homes for these greyt dogs. This is a mission that needs all of the GAGC families' support. So far in 2022, 71 retired racers have found homes. We are so blessed to have such a greyt group of people making GAGC a greyt organization!

Brenda

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On the cover: Senior girl **Peaches** is adored by her humans *Felecia* and *Dave*.

Greyt health & safety

Homemade pumpkin dog treat recipe

Dr. Sam Gilbert for [Zoetis Pet Care](#)

Autumn means crisp air, golden leaves, and all things pumpkin. Pumpkin isn't just for humans—it's also great for dogs! Pumpkin is a great source of fiber, which can help with maintaining intestinal health and normal stools. It also contains vitamins A, C, and E, as well as important minerals including potassium, iron, zinc, and beta-carotene.

Bring fall straight to your kitchen and get your pup's tail wagging with this easy three-ingredient recipe.

Ingredients

- 2 cups whole wheat flour (regular white flour will work as well)
- 1 cup canned pureed pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling—it includes additional sugars, fats, and spices that are dangerous to your dog)
- 1/2 cup peanut butter (make sure it

doesn't contain artificial sweeteners like xylitol)

Directions

- Preheat your oven to 375°F
- Add the pumpkin and peanut butter to a large mixing bowl and stir to combine.
- Stir in the flour until the mixture creates a dough.
- Roll out the dough about ½ inch thick on a lightly floured surface.
- Cut out fall shapes using a small cookie cutter or knife. Bonus points if you use a fall-themed cookie cutter in a pumpkin shape.
- Place the treats about half an inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake for 12 minutes.
- Let cool completely before giving to your dog to enjoy.

Bone-appetit!

Recipe inspired by the American Kennel Club. This article contains recipe information that is considered suitable for pets. However, it is important to consult with your veterinarian before offering your pet any of the ingredients in this recipe.

The right way to pet a dog, according to veterinarians

Yes, that German shepherd is adorable, but there's a specific protocol you should follow when approaching dogs you haven't met before.

By Emily Petsko for [Mental Floss](#)

After reading that above headline, you may have thought to yourself, "There's no right or wrong way to pet a dog. I've had



dogs my whole life!" It's true that canines tend to be less persnickety than cats when it comes to human affection, but veterinarians stress that there's still some etiquette you should follow when petting a dog. This is especially true if it's a dog you don't know.

Much like humans, dogs are complex creatures with a wide range of personalities, so it helps to know the basics of dog psychology and body language before approaching that adorable golden retriever in the park. The best way to initiate contact with a dog (after getting the owner's permission, of course) is to reach out and let the dog sniff your hand.

"Dogs live through their olfactory sense much more than their visual one," Dr. Uri Burstyn, a veterinarian from Vancouver who also educates pet owners on YouTube, tells Mental Floss. Be sure to keep your hands curled, as if you were chopping vegetables, just in case the dog feels threatened and lunges to bite your fingers.

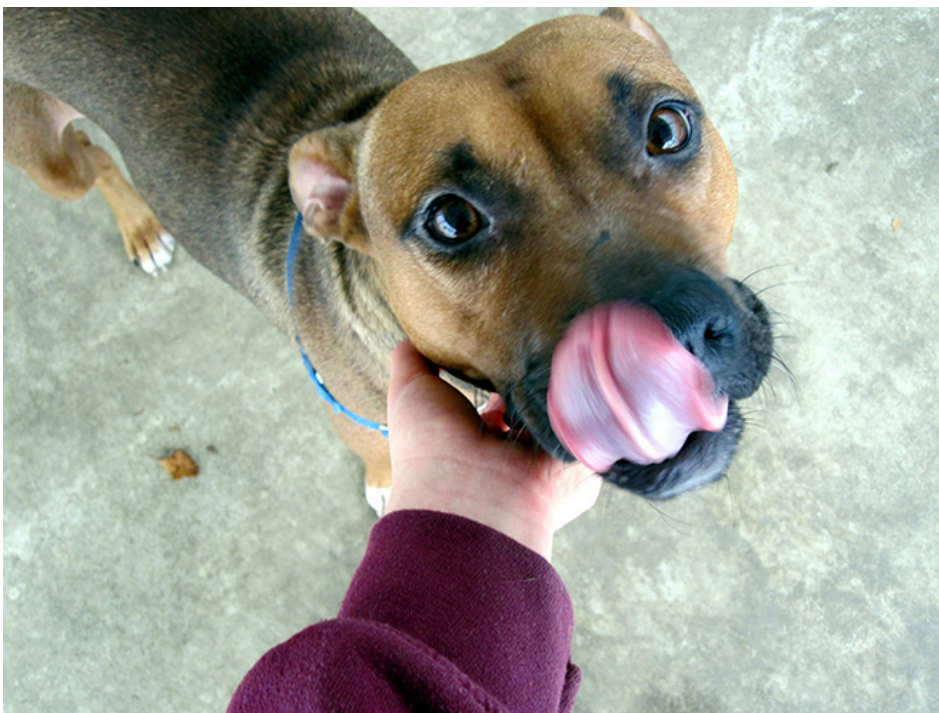
If the dog seems pretty comfortable and doesn't recoil from your hand, the best place to pet a dog is under the chin. The one thing you should never do is immediately start patting the dog's head. This can be seen as a dominant, aggressive gesture because dogs generally keep their nose to the ground. If a dog feels something touching the top of his head, he might think it's a bigger dog attacking him and react in a defensive manner. "There's an old joke that dogs can't look up," Dr. Burstyn says. "They can, but hardly ever do."

Ohio-based veterinary behaviorist Meghan Herron also cautions against touching a strange dog's belly because it's such a vulnerable area. In some cases, a dog might reveal his tummy to show that he's feeling intimidated, and to convey that he's not a threat. People tend to think this means the dog wants his belly scratched, but that isn't always the case.

Of course, many dogs are comfortable with these types of interactions—even with strangers—because they're used to being around people. However, Herron suggests erring on the side of caution. "What I recommend is just to assume they're not [socialized] and pet them in a way that's as least threatening as possible," Herron tells Mental Floss. "Let it be the dog's choice."

Aside from these precautions, Burstyn and Herron recommend avoiding sensitive areas, like a dog's paws or rump. Once you're on good terms with a dog, try petting areas that are generally considered "good spots," like the lower back and chest. This will vary depending on the dog, so pay attention to the

"Stella likes under the chin scratches" by bullcitydogs is licensed under CC BY-NC 2.0. To view a copy of this license, visit <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/2.0/?ref=openverse>.



subtle body cues they're sending you. A wagging tail just means a dog is ready to interact, which could mean that the dog is ready to bite. Instead, look for a dog with a wildly waving "helicopter tail" whose body is wiggly and loose, rather than stiff and rigid, Herron says. These are signs that a dog is happy and comfortable.

Emily Petsko is a former staff writer at Mental Floss. Her writing has appeared in Lonely Planet, The Guardian, and several lifestyle publications in Asia.

RECALL

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.

Leg injury sock covering

For those who have a dog with a leg injury that you need to keep them from licking, here's an idea *John F.* came across in his newsfeed. You put the loop around

the neck/shoulder and the tube part goes down the leg.



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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 for your hound.

Irene M. makes custom fleece jackets for greyhounds. You can reach her at misspickyune@yahoo.com for details about placing an order.

Collars and belly bands

We really appreciate all of you who have returned your unwanted black combo leads and 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* 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.

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
or Brenda at gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com.

Find GAGC on Facebook



Have you visited the [GAGC Facebook](#) page?

Visit our website at 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.

Note from *Brenda*: Thank you for posting on our Facebook member's page. Please be aware that some posts with questions and comments are NOT GAGC members or GAGC-related.

GAGC on Instagram



Our [Instagram](#) manager *Melissa L.* would like your photos! Send them to

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.

GAGC News

2023 calendars

The 2023 GAGC calendars continue to be available for sale: \$5 each or three for \$10. Please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* to purchase some. They are also available at *Dr. Moore's* office.

Thank you

Joslyn C. is a co-leader for Project Paws at Ursuline Academy. They are doing a service project that involves making dog toys and treats for local shelters and adoption groups. *Joslyn* contacted her tennis coach, *Coach Knelly* (GAGC's wonderful webmaster *Mike K.*), about the opportunity of working with Greyhound Adoption of Greater Cincinnati to provide

us with some square knot tug toys. She reached out to *Brenda* asking if we would be interested in having any toys, and she gladly accepted the offer. Thanks to *Joslyn*, *Mike K.*, and Project Paws.

Nature's Select

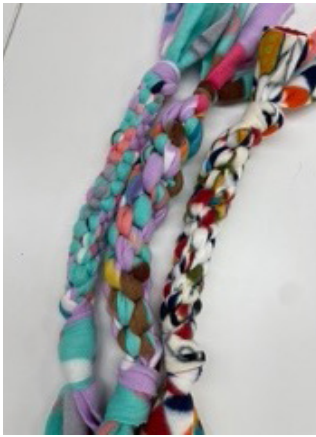
Have we said recently how much we appreciate *Alan Schrager* of Nature's Select? He is so good to us, providing food for our foster dogs at a discount. Thanks, *Alan*!

Congratulations

We send our congratulations to *Maddie B.* and *Nathan B.* who were married on Sept. 24. Greyhounds **Dillon** and **Star** approve!

This tail has a happy ending

Tim C. and his family have three wonderful greyhounds—**Achilles**, **Khan**, and **Freedee Dee**—who go on frequent walks. During one of those walks, *Tim's* boy **Achilles** was attacked by a large dog and his tail was badly mauled and shredded. Following a visit to the emergency vet and many trips to *Dr. Moore* for laser treatments, **Achilles'** tail was saved and healed well. *Tim* filed an insurance claim against the homeowner of the dog and was happy to report that adjuster *Chris Rank* of Auto-Owner's Insurance honored the claim and went over and above the call of duty to make things right. In gratitude for this successful claim, *Tim* (and **Achilles**) made a generous donation to GAGC. Thank you!



It took several months, but handsome **Achilles** is healthy again.



Recent Events & Outreach

2022 Fall GAGC Picnic

Our big fall event on Sept. 25 in Keehner Park was very successful! Here's *Brenda's* account of the day:

The GAGC Fall Picnic started off with some sprinkles right before we left home to set up the event. When we got to Keehner Park the sun came out and it was a gorgeous day. *Kathy* and I stayed busy doing adoptions. Six foster dogs were adopted and one pending adoption until Oct. 2. Never have we adopted *all* of our foster dogs at an event before! Yay! The best adoption was our two senior boys, **Snowy** and **Drive**, that needed a home together. Thanks to *Angela* and *Greg* for opening up their hearts and home for these guys.

I know I am forgetting to mention people who helped with the event, I apologize for that. Thanks to the foster families who brought their foster dogs and talked to families about them. *Kathy*, *Parker*, and *Jane* hung around the x-pen to help with the dogs.

Many of the attendees at the fall picnic proudly wore their 20th anniversary t-shirts for the group photo.



Thanks to *Greg* for hauling all the storage unit supplies to the event. *Ron* packed our cars full. *Greg*, *Peggy*, *Jane*, *Karen*, our son *Keith*, *Debbie*, *Jami* and her son *Parker* helped with setting up six tents, x-pens, sellables, and more.

Bobbi helped pass out goody bags with my hubby *Ron* at the welcome table. *Judy* helped *Marianne* and her family serve a delicious lunch!

Mel and her friend worked the raffle/silent auction, *Jon* helped with set up. What fun families had bidding and winning the items! *Angie* sold the calendars, and *Jami*, *Karen*, and *Debbie* sold stuff!

After a very successful day we started packing it up; *Deron*, *Greg*, *Peggy*, *Karen*, *Jane*, *Jami*, and *Debbie* helped with breaking everything down. Then *Mel*, *Ron*, *Karen*, and *Greg* hauled everything back to the storage unit and our house.

Huge thanks to the vendors who attended. The Care Center said they signed up several new blood donor dogs and were thankful for the invitation to attend. *Maria* sold her nice shirts/sweatshirts, her handmade collars, and trimmed lots of dog nails during the day. Thanks to *Alan* who talked to people about his Nature's Select food. *Elaine* is a canine massage therapist and I saw her working on several dogs throughout the day. She always gives GAGC all of the donations she receives. (See the article below about *Elaine's* canine massage.)

Brenda's son *Keith* took over 350 photos; he sent this link with all the pictures

he took. Click and drag them to your device: <https://cincygreyhoundadoption.shutterfly.com>

Canine massage

From *Brenda*:

We had the opportunity to invite *Elaine Kerly* to my home on Sept. 10 for a training session on canine massage techniques. She is a certified healing touch practitioner and a certified massage therapist for both canines and equines. She suggested we invite some

Fabulous morning for a group greyhound walk with **Frosty** and **Ella** leading the way.



of our foster families to help the newly-retired racers learn to relax. Eight ladies attended. *Leslie's* 14-year-old female **Quita** and my boy **Hawkeye** were the subjects *Elaine* used to demonstrate massages. Both dogs loved the massages and every one of the foster moms learned several techniques for relaxing our hounds. *Elaine* has been coming to our events for several years supporting our mission. If you would like to contact her for a private session on your dogs or horses, she is amazing. Call 513-227-3051 or email elaine.kerly@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

Kenwood nursing home visit

Irene and *Brenda* visited the residents at a nursing home in Kenwood on Oct. 13. The residents were sitting in a circle and **Millie**, **Betsy**, and **Maggie** went up to each person as if to say "Hi," were petted, and moved to the next person. As a new person entered the room, all three girls approached them too. They know their job very well. After a short time, **Millie** decided to take her break and lay in the middle of the floor. She was all decorated for Halloween with pumpkins on her collar. *Irene* and I know the residents enjoyed their visit and it gave us pleasure to do something for them.

Sharon Woods walk

What a gorgeous day for a walk in Sharon Woods on Oct. 16. We probably had 20 greyhounds show up with their humans. Everyone enjoyed the morning, and we plan to continue our walks every month, weather permitting.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

Both *Marianne* and *Brenda* drove to Jackson on Sept. 18 to get four new WV dogs: males **Braveheart Ron**, **PB Staroftheshow (Patrick)** and **CG's Streamer**; and female **JA's Quaves**. From *Brenda*:

What a beautiful day it was to pick up newly-retired racers. *Barb* is always so good to us, finding terrific dogs so we can place them in greyt homes. *Marianne* brought back **Quaves** and **Streamer** and I brought **Ron** and **Patrick**. All four dogs laid right down and rode nicely the two hours back to my house. *Debbie* and *Ron* helped potty the pups and helped with

Foster boy **Reel World** was just adopted on October 30 by *Raziya* and *Dan*. His new name is **Pluto**.



getting photos while the foster families decided who they would be fostering. *Sarah* and *Alex* were picking the one they hoped to adopt at the event. Thanks to *Jami*, *Robin*, *Breanna* and *Keith*, and *Sarah* and *Alex* for fostering.

Here's *Marianne's* report:

Barb arrived right on the dot of noon and, after a brief walk, we loaded up the four pups. **Quaves**, a petite, sleek black girl and **Streamer**, a brindle boy, traveled together in my car. From time to time, I caught a glimpse of **Quaves'** raised head and straight-up ears in the rearview mirror, but they were very chill for the entire two-hour ride. Both are going to be lovely additions to the lives of their adopters.

On Oct. 9, *Brenda* made the trip to Jackson, Ohio, to meet our WV dog source and brought back three retired racers: female **JA's Harper (Harper)**, and males **RS Quick Kick (Quick)** and **Reel World (Pop)**. From *Brenda*:

The leaves are changing making the dog run drive very pleasant. I picked up **JA's Harper**, **RS Quick Kick**, and **Reel World** from *Barb* on Sunday, Oct. 9. While chatting, *Barb* said she was thrilled to see that all six of our available dogs were adopted on or a little after our event on Sept. 25. She was very disappointed she couldn't make it and hopes to attend next year. She loves her dogs and loves knowing we find their forever homes and couches to enjoy retirement. Thanks to *Becky* and *Matt*, *Jo* and *David*, and

Melina and Scotty who are fostering these three newbies. Thanks to Dr. Moore for vetting them the following day after they arrived. Teamwork is the key to making our organization so successful.

*Brenda and Ron and Leslie and Alan drove to West Virginia for an overnight stay and brought back four new boys on Oct. 30: **CG's Galaxy**, **DD Going All In**, **JA's Kohl's**, and **JA's Target**. From Brenda:*

Leslie and Alan and Ron and I drove to West Virginia to spend the night at the racetrack, celebrating our 53rd wedding anniversary. We had a nice dinner and watched 10 greyhound races! Yahoo! That was so much fun.

Cow dog **JA's Target** is one of two look-alike littermates who arrived from WV on Oct. 30.



*Leslie and I greeted each dog with sweet kind words, and their tails were wagging when they left the track. They love to run and enjoyed our attention. **Leslie** and **Alan** brought back **Phillip** and **Galaxy**; both rode just fine, occasionally getting up to see the scenery. **Ron** and I brought back **Kohls** and **Target**. **Target** whined and would occasionally bark at something unfamiliar to him. As soon as we got home, he pooped. I'm sure that's why he was uncomfortable during the 3½-hour drive back.*

Foster homes needed

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

Foster a greyhound, get in the monthly 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 eligible to win either the bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Recent winners are:

September

Food winner: *Kathy E.*, foster parent to **Earthquake Drive**, **Snowblind**

Gift card winner: *Jo and David M.*, foster parents to **Caldiero**

Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to

CG's Streamer

Gift card winner: *Breanna and Keith C.*, foster parents to **Lego Travis, PB Staroftheshow**

October

Food winner: *Becky and Matt S.*, foster parents to **JA's Harper**

Gift card winner: *Melina H. and Scotty H.*: foster parents to **Reel World (Pop)**

Gift card winner: *Jo and David M.*, foster parents to **RS Quick Kick**

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:

Handsome boy **Oakey** needed a friend while he mourns the recent loss of beautiful **Nea**.



Andrea and Nate S.: **Atascocita Nexus**

Becky and Matt S.: **JA's Harper (Harper)**

Breanna and Keith C.: **Lego Travis, PB Staroftheshow**

Dana P.: **SNL Pegasus (Herman)**

Debbie B.: **DD Going All In**

Jami B.: **CG's Streamer, CG's Galaxy**

Jo and David M.: **Caldiero, RS Quick Kick (Quick)**

Kathy E.: **Earthquake Drive, Snowblind**

Melina H. and Scotty H.: **Reel World (Pop)**

Michele C.: **JA's Target**

Patti B. and Craig O.: **JA's Kohl's**

Robin C.: **Speedy Taco, Braveheart Ron**

Sarah U. and Alex T.: **JA's Quaves**

Current foster dogs

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

JA's Harper (Harper): Nov. 21, 2019; 2-year-old black female

CG's Galaxy: Aug. 16, 2018; 4-year-old brindle male

DD Going All In: Nov. 18, 2020; almost 2-year-old red male

JA's Kohl's: Sept. 14, 2018; 4-year-old white and black male

JA's Target: Sept. 14, 2018; 4-year-old white and black male

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

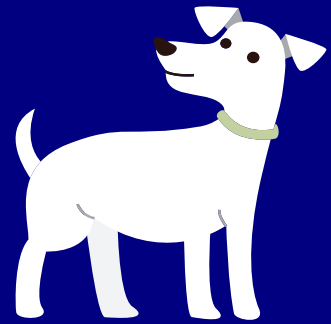
Recent adoptions

- **SNL Pegasus (Jasper)**: Sept. 6 to *Jonathan B.* of Covington, Ky.

- **Caldiero (Cal):** Sept. 6 to *Rachael* and *Andor K.* of Oxford
- **Atascocita Nexus (Nexus):** Sept. 10 to *Andrea* and *Nate S.* of Villa Hills, Ky.
- **Lego Travis (Chase):** Sept. 13 to *Tony W.* of Norwood
- **Speedy Taco (Oakey):** Sept. 17 to *Heather* and *Patrick M.* of Carlisle
- **Peepshow (Peeps):** Sept. 25 to *Ashley H.* and *Mitch C.* of Anderson
- **JA's Quaves (Oriana):** Sept. 25 to *Sarah U.* and *Alex T.* of Dayton
- **CG's Streamer (Neville):** Sept. 25 to *Jayme* and *Matt H.* of West Chester
- **Earthquake Drive (Drive):** Sept. 25 to *Angela* and *Greg C.* of Cold Spring, Ky.
- **Snowblind (Snowy):** Sept. 25 to *Angela* and *Greg C.* of Cold Spring, Ky.
- **Braveheart Ron (Ron):** Sept. 25 to *Kara* and *Stephen S.* of Glendale
- **PB Staroftheshow (Flynn):** Oct. 2 to *Christal* and *Ryan R.* of Liberty Township
- **RS Quick Kick (Winston):** Oct. 28 to *Julie* and *John S.* of Harrison
- **Reel World (Pluto):** Oct. 30 to *Raziya R.* and *Dan E.* of Kettering

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 and are always looking for more willing folks, both for the Dayton and the Cincinnati areas. Let *Brenda* or *Kathy* know if you're interested in being added to the list, or if you'd like to see who is available in your area to pet sit your greyhounds.



Our Condolences



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Kati



Moby

Editor's Note: When we lose one of our greyhounds, GAGC makes a donation in that dog's memory to 4 Legs 4 Hounds which is a nonprofit program located at Ohio State University that helps greyhounds recover from racing injuries or health issues after they retire.

Madison L. shared the sad news that her sweet **Kati** was diagnosed with osteosarcoma and Angel Paws came on Sept. 1 to lay her to rest. From Madison: I am comforted knowing she is no longer in any pain. I wanted to thank you for giving my family and me the opportunity to be able to love and be loved by such a wonderful dog these past 10 plus years.

We send our sincere condolences to Dr. Nicole Moore, her husband Josh, and their children on the loss on Sept. 5 of their female greyhound **Peyton**. Like way too many other greyhounds, **Peyton** fell

victim to bone cancer. We are very sorry to hear of this loss.

Our sympathy goes to Barb and Bill S. who lost their **Moby** in early September due to old age issues. **Moby** was 13 years old.

We send our condolences to Debbie B. who had to say goodbye to her boy **Axel** on Sept. 17.

We were sorry to hear that Jennifer H. and Robert S. had to let their **Big Al** go on Sept. 19. **Al** was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in his shoulder several months ago. From Jennifer and Robert: He was such a wonderful boy, and we're so grateful that GAGC brought him into our lives.

Debbie and Steve B. notified us that they had to say goodbye to their 14-year-old **Katy** on Sept. 30. Sweet **Katy** had to be euthanized following a series of massive seizures. We send them our heartfelt sympathy.

We received the sad news that Lee Ann, Joe, Jacob, and Nathan M. had to say goodbye to their girl **Liddy (Braska Lydia)** on Oct. 2. **Liddy** faced some significant health issues starting in 2021 and it was finally time to let her go.

We were very sorry to hear that Michelle and Kevin N. lost their boy **Easi Hurricane** on Oct. 4. They shared that **Easi** had a neurological disorder and lost the ability to feel his front leg and parts of his body. We send them our sympathy.

We send our heartfelt condolences to



Liddy

Heather and Patrick M. They had to say goodbye to their beautiful **Nea** on Oct. 21. **Nea** had been diagnosed with bone cancer several weeks earlier and it was time to let her go. We are very sorry about this loss.

Brittany F. shared the sad news that **Braska Boston** crossed the rainbow bridge on Oct. 22. She wrote: "We made the decision after some drastic weight

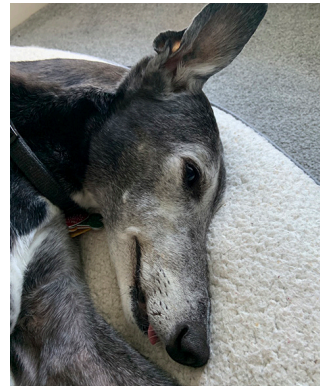
loss and our final signal was his legs showing signs of giving out. We let him leave the world in peace before his symptoms could get any worse. Thank you for pairing him with me, he was the most wonderful dog. It was a great almost three years since he was rehomed to me." We send her our heartfelt sympathy.



Easi



Nea



Braska Boston



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 and your memorial statement to us and we'll enter it in an upcoming newsletter. High-resolution photos are best.



Moby (Crazy Legs Moe)

Moby was the star of our full-time RV life. Campers would always stop and say how gorgeous he was. He certainly was a star in any campground. He traveled so well in the truck, and he saw states that most hounds haven't experienced. We took him to the mountains in the Southwest and he enjoyed it as much as we did.

Greyhounds are simply the best. I explained to visitors how greyhounds are the best dogs to rescue. Most RVers have small dogs but he was a champ in this life of ours. His foster family did a great job in introducing **Moby** to the life of Riley. Thank you for all your help in the adoption of all three of our hounds ... **Phoebe, Lana, and Moby**. *Brenda*, you are simply the best. ❤️ I wish you and the greyhound group the very best in the future for rescuing these wonderful creatures.

—Barb and Bill S.



Easi Hurricane

2009-2022

Easi stole our hearts. He won the race in our eyes. **Easi** came into our life back in 2009 when we felt **Annie** needed a buddy. My son and daughter went with us to the greyhound picnic and said, "we want this one." Goofy, clumsy, lazy, and so loving. He filled a hole in our heart. Thank you, Greyhound Adoption of Greater Cincinnati for letting us love **Easi**!

—Michelle and Kevin N.

Braska Lydia (Liddy)

June 16, 2013-Oct. 2, 2022



Liddy was a re-home, having only been in her first “forever” home for a week or so before the owner returned her. She showed up with her front paw bandaged and we knew immediately she might be a handful, but we also knew that sometimes dogs just need to be shown love and stability before their true personalities shine. We often referred to her as our “cat,” since she rarely sought out attention (though she certainly didn’t turn it away if we were offering!). Eventually she settled in, and although she preferred to keep her distance from visitors to our house, she became very attached to her pack—myself, my husband, and our two boys. Over the years, her luck was often lousy. Arriving bandaged with stitches seemed to foreshadow what was to come—stitches for her ear, her side, her shoulder, and another paw. But despite the freak accidents that always seemed to find her, she was a loyal companion. She loved roaching when she slept, sleeping sprawled across the air vents, bites of steak, peanut butter, and rotisserie chicken, and she was always up for rooing. In April 2021, **Liddy** had a massive stroke.

It was an emotional time, as we struggled with what was best for her. Ultimately, we decided to give her a chance at a full recovery which involved re-learning to stand, get up, walk, and eat regular dog food. After a long, difficult road, we got her back to about 75-80% of her old self. Despite partial blindness and right-sided weakness, we knew our **Liddy**’s personality was untouched. If anything, she became more loving to us as I believe she learned how much she really needed us, and her trust and love for us deepened. In August 2022, **Liddy** came up lame on her right, back leg, already her weak side from the stroke. A vet visit revealed no obvious cause for the pain. Pain medication had her feeling better, but the pains kept returning and eventually it became obvious that she was struggling. Surrounded by her family who loved her the most, we made the excruciating decision to let her go. Our hearts are broken. Seven years with her was not enough, but I am comforted knowing that she was placed with the family she needed, and we were blessed with the dog we needed.

—Lee Ann, Joe, Jacob, and Nathan M.

Nea

We lost our sweetheart **Nea** to osteosarcoma six weeks after diagnosis. Every day we had with her was a blessing. She had lots of extra visits and love from family members and friends in the last few weeks. **Nea** was the sweetest, most beautiful soul and was loved by everyone who met her. We will forever be thankful to *Kathy* at GAGC for bringing her into our lives four years ago. We were blessed to be able to bring her to work every day with us at The Pines Pet Cemetery and it was her favorite thing to do. She took her job very seriously, holding down the beds and roaching in the middle of the office floor. She brought so much joy to not only us but also to our clients who were grieving the loss of their fur babies. After her last visit with *Dr. Moore* where she was euthanized with love, we took her on her last trip to work to be cremated at her favorite place. She was surrounded by people that she loved so much. **Nea** will forever be missed and loved by everyone who knew her.

—Heather and Patrick M.



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Good-looking **Piper** is all legs and odd angles.



Kroger Reward Program

Please 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 our hounds and doesn't affect your fuel points! www.krogercommunityrewards.com

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, and Nati: JS Mood Swings, JS Doggun Lucky, Earthquake Drive, Snowblind, JA's Harper, Reel World
Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, Ace, and Chewie: SNL Pegasus, Reel World
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Sue, Warren, Brie, and Ester: JA's Harper

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General Gifts to GAGC

Marianne and James S.

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Gosia K.

Barbara S.

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Kroger

Velvet is enjoying cushions
and a sunbeam.

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Gifts in support of senior rehomes

Snowy and Drive

Malgorzata K.

Holly G.

Gloria and Randy P.

Suzanne B.

Gosia K.

Gift in honor of the Oct. 28 birthday of my sister, Lynne Rentschler, who adopted Piper on 3/21/2021

Kathleen C.

Gift in honor Steve and Lisa Ledwin and their love of adopting greyhounds. They take such care of our doodle for us and it's our favorite way to honor them when they won't accept money!

Mike R.

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Debbie B.* donated two coats
- *Tony B.* donated a large bolster dog bed
- *Anne C.* donated two crates



Mark your calendars

Local events

Ongoing **Walk in Sharon Woods**

Sunday, Nov. 6, 11 a.m.

You can walk the entire route or turn around anytime. Hope to see you there. The walk will be CANCELLED IF IT IS RAINING! Enter the park 11450 Lebanon Rd., go past the guard shack and turn left at the first road, there is a parking lot on the right. If you want to attend and walk, that's greyt. No need to confirm, just show up and enjoy walking with other greyhounds and their humans.

January **Dog Days of Winter**

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

After a two-year hiatus because of COVID, the Dog Days of Winter event is back at Bern's Garden Center, 825 Greentree Rd, Middletown. We hope you will be able to join us for this inside event.

May **GAGC Family Picnic**

Keehner Park, West Chester

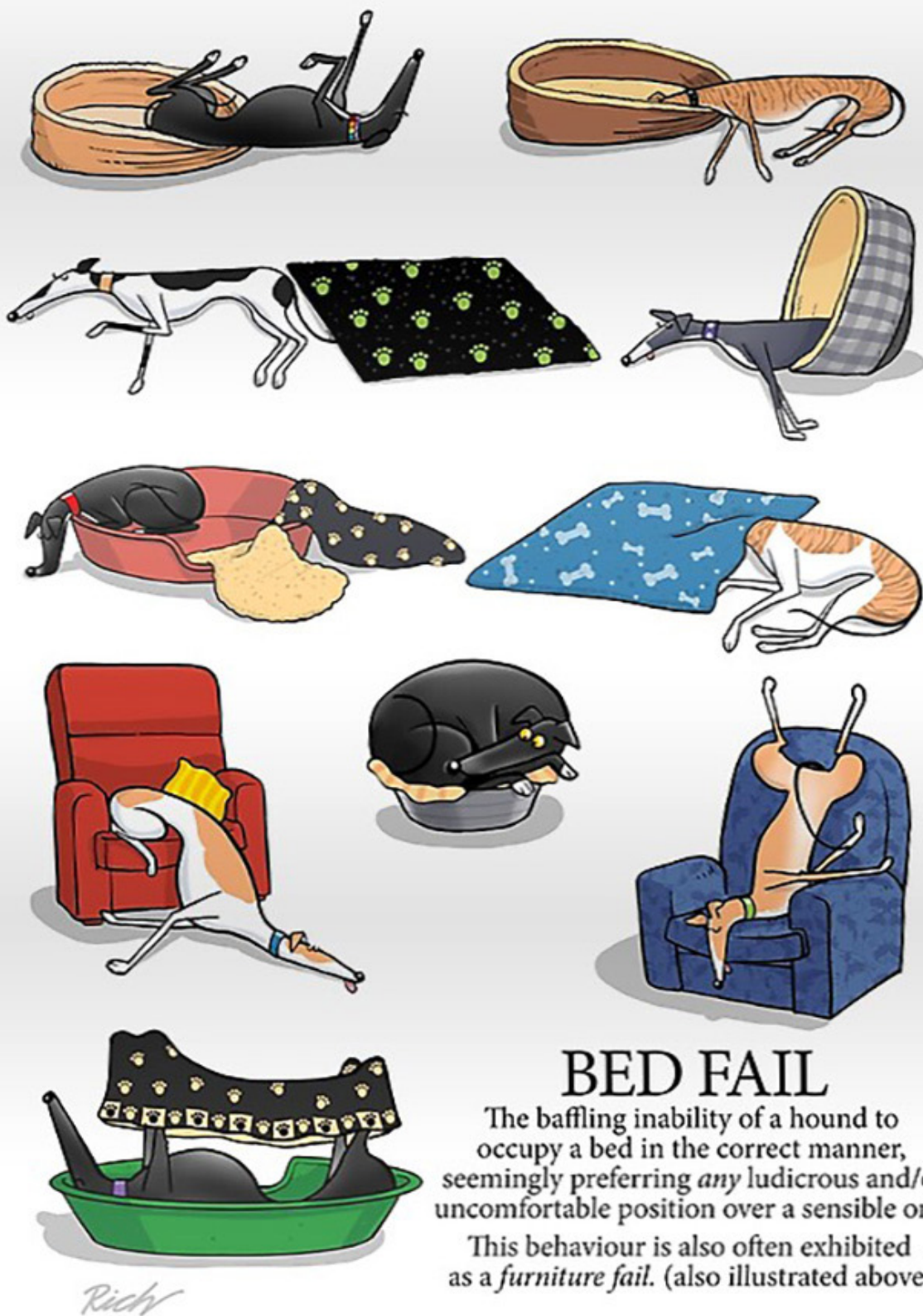
Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

We're celebrating 20 years of finding greyt homes for these greyt dogs! We welcome GAGC members plus any friend you have with a greyhound. We recommend NO little dogs attend our greyhound events, since not all greyhounds are friendly with little dogs. We'll have food, vendors, raffle/silent auction and much more!



*Brenda and Ron's boy **Hawkeye** prefers a soft chair to the hard floor.*



Bed Fail by Rich Skipworth

For more of his greyhound art, visit his [Redbubble shop](#) or his [website](#).

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'Bye for now!

Look for the next **NeedleNoseNews** in December 2022!

Ahhh roo roo roo!