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***Adopting a
retired racer:
\$275 ...
Having a
friend for life:
Priceless!***

From the president ...



GAGC Families and Friends,

Last year was an amazing year for adoptions: 131 greyhounds found their forever homes and all are doing greyt! Let's see what this new year brings. I am looking forward to 2019 being another greyt year. As you know, with the tracks closing in Florida, we aren't sure how many available dogs we'll have the honor of helping. We have several people waiting for a new family member now and I'm concerned it is going to get more difficult to get dogs in the future. So hug your hounds and we'll hope for the best!

Brenda

Brenda with Hawkeye, Betsy and Crissy.

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On the cover: **Raider** is on guard watching for marauding squirrels.

Greyt Health & Safety

From the Blood Bank: Metzger Animal Hospital and the uses of fresh frozen plasma

From Greyhound Health Initiative newsletter, Issue 009, December 2018

By Amanda "Nellie" Nelson RVT

The Greyhound Health Initiative Blood Bank supplies veterinary clinics and hospitals with blood products to help them respond to emergency cases. The proceeds from the sale of these products help to pay the administrative costs associated with running the blood bank.

Metzger Animal Hospital, located in Pennsylvania, is one of the veterinary hospitals that orders blood products from GHI Blood Bank. Metzger Animal Hospi-

tal is committed to veterinary care that helps people by helping pets, embracing technology to advance veterinary medicine, and giving back to their community. Metzger Animal Hospital is committed to following specific guidelines provided by Dr. Guillermo Couto who is an expert in greyhound and sighthound medicine by educating clients on their special needs and clinical differences from other breeds.

While most people think of packed red blood cells when they think of the blood bank, Fresh Frozen Plasma is another product that the blood bank produces that helps save lives. Plasma is the liquid component of blood, in which the red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets are suspended. It makes up a large portion of the blood's volume and consists mostly of water that contains electrolytes and proteins, with the major protein being albumin.

After blood has been collected from our donors it is spun in a refrigerated centrifuge and the red blood cells are separated from the plasma. The red blood cells are sold as packed red blood cells and the plasma is then frozen. Plasma that is frozen is considered Fresh Frozen Plasma good for up to a year if it remains frozen. Often the blood bank has a larger quantity of plasma available since it has a longer shelf life. When we have a large quantity, we often will run a buy-one-get-one sale on Fresh Frozen Plasma. This can help clients and rescues that have financial concerns by having the plasma on site at the hospitals that stock it.

Canine Fresh Frozen Plasma

Dr. Kosho is one of the doctors working at



Metzger Animal Hospital and frequently performs lifesaving plasma transfusions. "I started out as a veterinary assistant at Metzger Animal Hospital in 1995 with the dream of becoming a veterinarian in the future. After graduating vet school, I returned to Metzger's as an associate veterinarian. I enjoy soft tissue surgeries, endocrinology and oncology."

Dr. Kosho performs plasma transfusions three to five times per month with the lifesaving result approximately 70% successful. Some of the cases that he has been using this live-saving plasma for are clotting deficiencies, hypoalbuminemia, and pancreatitis.

"After defrosted, we treat it as any blood product transfusion. The patients' vital signs; temperature, pulse, respiration, mucous membrane color, capillary refill time and blood pressure, are monitored throughout the transfusion. It usually

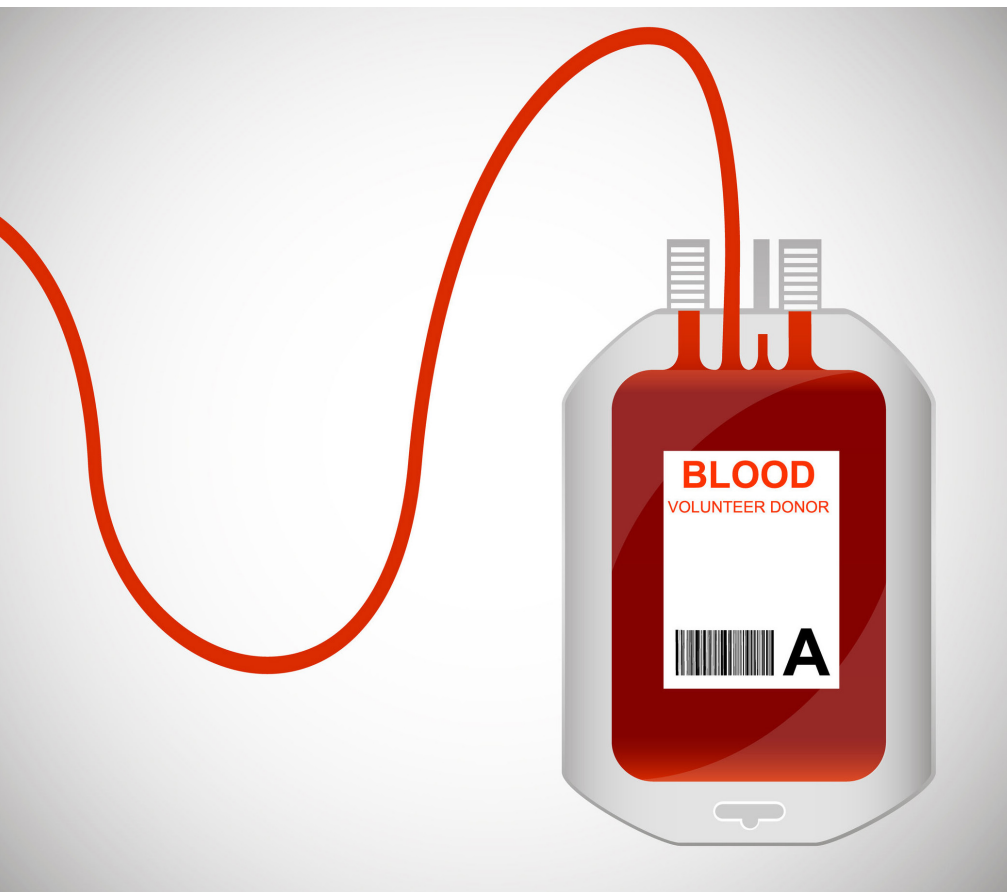
takes up to four hours per transfusion." Monitoring the patients' vital signs closely can identify changes that may indicate reactions that the patient may be having to the transfusion. "Most transfusion patients do very well post transfusion. The recovery is mostly dependent on disease that necessitates the plasma."

Some common clotting factor disorders are Hemophilia A, which is an inherited blood clotting disorder found in dogs. It is the result of a spontaneous mutation of the specific gene that causes a deficiency of blood clotting Factor VIII. Factor VIII is important for normal blood clot formation and is found in plasma. Von Willebrand disease, also called vWD, is another common inherited blood clotting disorder in dogs. It's the result of an insufficient amount of von Willebrand factor (vWF), which is a plasma protein that helps blood to clot. vWD can result in excessive, serious bleeding from even a minor skin wound.

Hypoalbuminemia in dogs can be seen in dogs with liver failure, kidney damage and may indicate chronic malnutrition or protein losing enteropathy. A protein formed in the liver and carried into the blood, albumin binds to many hormones drugs and molecules and is responsible for regulating blood volume by controlling oncotic pressure (pressure in the blood compartment).

Pancreatitis is a condition where the pancreas becomes inflamed. That's an organ near the stomach that helps digest food and control blood sugar. Pancreatitis patients may have a low albumin level (hypoalbuminemia) and a loss of electrolytes by vomiting and diarrhea.

As transfusion medicine continues to



advance, it is important to be aware of the latest information to keep up with this ever-changing field and how blood products are used in day to day clinical practice. It is rewarding to see animals donate blood to help save lives. Veterinary blood donor programs help keep blood products available and continue to save lives every day.

Amanda Nelson is a Registered Veterinary Technician and has been working with The Greyhound Health Initiative Blood Bank for the past year. She currently lives with her two cats; Bela and Sashimi, her dog Tila and her bearded dragon named Falcor.

Find GAGC on Facebook



Have you visited the [GAGC Facebook](#) page? Visit our home page at 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 *Heather, Melissa 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. 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.

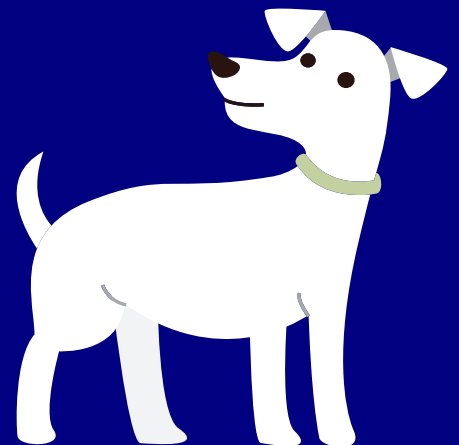
RECALL

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.

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. We've recently added several new names to the list. 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.



Greyt goods & services

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 *Brenda* or *Kathy* and make arrangements to return it. Thanks!

If you have purchased a fold-up crate and are 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.

Items for sale

The GAGC board has decided to limit our inventory of greyhound items to sell in the future. As you may know, the coat vendor we used is no longer in business, and the martingale collar lady has retired as well. We still have a variety of nice martingales for sale and they will be available at several events this year along with the rest of our inventory (magnets, decals, snoods, a couple coats, human shirts, etc.). We will continue to carry muzzles in assorted colors, and "stool covers" if your greyhound likes to graze when outside. We will also continue to have belly bands available for male greyhounds. Contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* about any of these items.

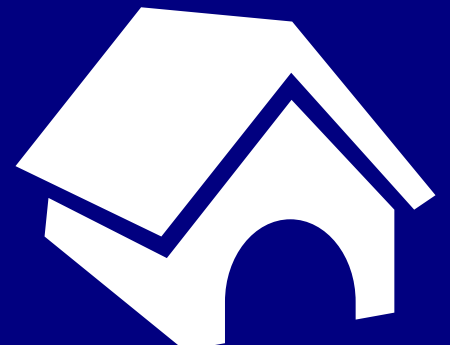
Superior Sonata and **CET Yo Mama**
heading to Ohio from West Virginia.



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.



GAGC News

Nala and Simba: The rest of the story ...



Simba

Many of you followed the story of **Nala** and **Simba** over the last year. This bonded pair was returned in January 2018 due to a significant change in their family situation. After a lengthy campaign to find a home where they could continue to stay together, they were adopted in February 2018. Unfortunately, in late November, they were returned again because **Simba** was apparently having peeing issues. Interestingly, those issues completely disappeared while he was in foster care. However, other underlying health issues arose with him, so *Dr. Moore* did extensive testing and diagnostics and we began treating him for several ailments. In the meantime, we had a family lined up to adopt both **Nala** and **Simba**. As days passed, **Simba** struggled and was unable to keep down any food or water and sadly, he was diagnosed with megaesophagus. The condition progressed very quickly, his health deteriorated, and on Dec. 18, we made the horrible decision to end his suffering and let him go. At the end, he was surrounded by people who cared about him, including his foster mom *Kathy*, *Brenda*, and *Dr. Moore*. Knowing **Nala** needed a companion, we placed her and **Wilma (JS Dog Gone Wild)** with *Patti* and *Craig* shortly before Christmas. The two girls have settled in nicely in their new home. Those of us closest to **Simba** will never forget that sweet boy.

Changes coming

We are changing our newsletter schedule from every two months to every three months, but we will still be shar-

ing breaking news and event reminders through regular emails from *Brenda*.

GAGC board of directors has decided to increase the adoption fee for new applicants from \$250 to \$275. This will help defer both our increased medical costs and our additional travel expenses for Florida and West Virginia dog runs. For the time being, the adoption fees for current GAGC members adding any greyhounds after the first one will hold at \$150.

Thank you

Thanks to *Carolyn S.* who made us some belly bands for our new male foster dogs.

Webmaster

Our webmaster *Mike* had a challenging year, keeping up with the posting of the most adoptions we've ever had, adding all the newly arrived dogs and showing the family photos of all our adoptions. Thank you, *Mike*, for all you do for GAGC.

Newsletter photos or articles needed

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



Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog Runs

Oct. 25

From *Irene*: We're on the road again, but this time my partner is my daughter, *Tara*. Her first time ever on a dog run. We excitedly prepared our own pups for a few hours without us and off we went to Senecaville to meet the hauler. The day was rainy and cold, but the sun seemed to appear as *Phil* and all the pups arrived and two handsome laid-back boys from Florida came out of the hauler. **Strike It Famous** and **Cobi's Windstorm** slept all the way to *Dr. Moore's* office where we were welcomed by the vet staff and *Brenda*. Photos taken, weights recorded and off the boys went to awaiting dinners and dreams of forever homes.

Nov. 7

Brenda and *Irene* made the trip back to Senecaville to pick two females: **Bobbie Girl** and **GS Danika**. Here's *Irene's* account: "Two Florida girls are waiting for forever homes. *Brenda* and I jumped

into the car and drove to meet the hauler. *Phil* came through again. He found two terrific, sweet black hounds wanting to come north for forever homes. The girls slept most of the way until we quickly made a stop at a drive-through for lunch. They hung their heads out the windows and enjoyed smelling the delicious food being made at Wendy's while we inhaled our lunch and yes, tidbits were saved for treats. **Bobbie Girl** loved hers and **Danika's**. *Danika* wanted nothing but to get moving along to her new adventure with a loving family. Soon we arrived at *Brenda* and *Ron's* for a sleepover. Be well, sweetie-pies and enjoy your new lives."

Nov. 26

Brenda and *Irene* and *Kathy* and *Chris* made the drive to West Virginia to get six dogs from the adoption kennel there. The kennel manager was already holding two boys and a girl for us but we picked three more when we got there. We got four boys: **CET Dirty Doug**, **Whiskey Gentry**, **Saturn's Titan** and **Killer Orion**; and two girls: **CET Yo Mama** and **Superior Sonata**. From *Irene*: "Rain, gusty winds, snow and road construction will not deter the white GAGC transporter from getting greys to their forever homes. We arrived at the track about 10 a.m. Most of the males were in the turnout, but then we went inside to see the rest of the males and the females. Wow! There were many more to meet. Quickly the decision was made on the girls, but the boys were a problem. All the available males were turned out for us one by one so we could meet them and observe their personalities. Finally, four were chosen and we were on our way to *Dr. Moore's*. **Titan** needed sweet nothings whispered in his ear, so much of my ride

Florida girls **Bobbie Girl** and **GS Danika** checking out their new surroundings.



home was backward so we could bond. Please don't tell **Titan**, but I love **Gentry**, **Doug** and **Orion**, too." In the other vehicle, *Kathy* and *Chris* drove the girls back to Ohio and they barely made a peep the whole time, although **Mama** insisted on getting petted and kept *Chris* busy for much of the ride.

Dec. 3

For the Florida dog run, *Irene M.* and *Doug T.* each made the drive to Senecaville to meet the hauler to get three boys: **KB's Agent P (Perry)**, **WW Real Racin (Rotate)**, and **KB's Zippo (Zippo)**; and two girls: **MM's Dacia** and **KB's Floogal**. From *Irene*: "It is such a pleasure to accompany these pups to the next leg of their journey to forever homes. This time I got to meet not only five beauties, but I met a fellow member of GAGC, *Doug T.* *Doug* fell into the routine quickly and with all the dogs loaded safely in our vehicles we were off to *Dr. Moore's* office. **Darcia** and **Floogal** rode with me; they were pros at traveling. The minute they hopped into my car, they were resting comfortably. If you ever have an opportunity to volunteer for a dog

CET Yo Mama roaching in her crate at the WV adoption kennel.



run, please do. It is a pleasure getting to meet these excited pups awaiting forever homes. Good luck kids, I know your new families will fall in love with you too."

From *Doug*: "*Irene* and I decided it was easier to just meet at the meet-up place instead of trying to "caravan" there. I arrived about 11 a.m. and saw *Irene's* car (she described it as a "bright blue Honda Fit" and I saw one of those with a bunch of greyhound stickers, so I knew ...). After I gassed up the car, we waited, and *Phil* was early! He arrived around 11:15 a.m. and started getting the pups off the hauler one by one. *Irene* and I put the leashes on them and took them to potty. Man, those dogs pee for a looonnnng time when they get out of the hauler! We loaded them into our vehicles — the girls with *Irene* and the boys with me. There was a bit of grumbling initially but nothing seemed too serious. However, soon one of the boys got really agitated and snarled at the other two boys, so I pulled over to the shoulder. After a few minutes things calmed down, we merged back onto the highway, and things were quiet for the rest of the trip (almost two hours without so much as a peep!). We made it to *Dr. Moore's* and you pretty much know the rest of the story from there."

Dec. 11

Irene went back to Senecaville for two Florida girls — **Ponda's Hot Rod** and **Phantom Dana**. The adorable girls headed to *Dr. Moore's* next to be fully vetted, then they'll move to foster care. We are placing dogs so fast, they likely won't be around soon. From *Irene*: "On a beautiful sunny, warm winter morning, two girls were traveling to their forever homes. Their travel from Florida was delayed because of a snow and ice storm in the south. *Phil* drove cautiously and arrived

safely at the rendezvous point. The girls jumped out of the transporter, collars and leashes exchanged, pottied, then back into a vehicle. The little blue greyhound limo was in gear and in a few hours we were at *Dr. Moore's* office. Graciously, she waited almost an hour after hours for us to arrive. *Brenda* and *Kyle* met the two beautiful girls and tucked them into bed to dream about their forever families and homes."

Dec. 17

Brenda and *Irene* made a dog run to get some more girls. Here's *Irene's* description: "On the road again, this time to West Virginia. The ride is fast and easy with good weather (only a little fog) and good company. *Brenda* and I are like kids in a candy shop; we wish we could take them all, but were reminded that other groups were also coming for dogs and we need to share the wealth. Quickly, the girls, **Craigie Nola** and **JS Dog Gone Wild (Wilma)** were ready to leave so off

we went. The girls were very observant and curious, wanting to look out of every window in the car, but soon settled in for their naps. As we approached points of interest, we informed them of all the fast food restaurants (with descriptions of the menus). And of course, The Outlets: Girls love to shop. Mid-afternoon we arrived at *Dr. Moore's* office. Her staff was welcoming and efficient and before long the girls were getting ready for their new adventures. Best wishes for happy forever homes."

Dec. 31

Brenda, *Irene* and *Kyle* drove through the rain to Senecaville to meet the Florida hauler. *Phil* had five dogs for us — two females: **Sandia Episode (Sandy)** and **BL Cher (Emma)** and three males: **AMF Bestbespeedy (Sergio)**, **Letter to Me (Mighty)** and **Bombay Sapphire (Bombay)**. Here's *Brenda's* account first: "Last day of 2018 was spent on the road heading to an hour east of Columbus to meet the dog hauler from Florida. He was running a little late because of the heavy rain. *Irene* and I both drove and *Kyle* rode with *Irene* going and me coming back to my house. It was probably the most stressful drive ever especially carrying such precious cargo. The boys were in my car and *Irene* brought back the girls. Everyone of these dogs were very sweet and I always get excited meeting the newbies and telling them they will soon be in a greyt home!" And here's *Irene's*: "New Year's Eve Day brought torrential rain and five greyt Florida pups to GAGC. I guess I'm a sucker for a pretty/handsome face, but I could have taken all the pups home. I keep reminding myself, "There is no room at this inn." The girls rode with me in the little blue limo. They were very curious about the surrounding sights and where they had been, so they stared out the back

Florida boy **Bombay Sapphire** with *Kyle*, watching the rain on the drive home



window until something moved across. Was it something to catch? They tried, but the wiper remained intact. Losing interest in something they could not catch, **Sandia** and **Emma** slept for the ride home. Happy New Year, pups, and here's a toast to you and your forever families and homes. Be well."

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

Foster **Sandy** watching her foster mom cook dinner.



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: *Kim M.*, foster parent to **Cobi's Windstorm**
- Gift card winner: *Chris and Tom P.*, foster parents to **Coach Hershey**
- Gift card winner: *Tina and Richard K.*, foster parents to **Clyde Drexler**
- Gift card winner: *Kathy E.*, foster parent to **Clyde Drexler**

December

- Food winner: *Kathy E.*, foster parent to **WV Alma (Nala)**, **Big Boy and Grac (Simba)**, **JS Dog Gone Wild (Wilma)**, **Phantom Dana**
- Gift card winner: *Michele C.*, foster parent to **Dirty Doug**
- Gift card winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **Phantom Dana**

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:

Brenda and Ron P.: **RP Dream Sweeter (Jenna)**, **KB's Zippo**, **BL Cher**

Chris and Tom P.: **Coach Hershey**, **CET Yo Mama**, **KB's Floogal**, **Sandia Episode (Sandy)**

David R.: **GS Danika**

Gretchen D.: **Ponda's Hot Rod**

Jane and Ethan Y.: **Fly Cocoa Puffs**, **Superior Sonata**, **RP Dream Sweeter**

Kathy E.: **Clyde Drexler**, **WV Alma (Nala)**, **Big Boy and Grac (Simba)**, **JS Dog Gone Wild (Wilma)**, **Phantom Dana**

Kim M.: **Cobi's Windstorm (Stormy)**

Kyle M.: **Strike It Famous (Striker)**

Whiskey Gentry, Saturn's Titan, KB's Agent P (Perry), Bombay Sapphire (Bombay)

Laura and Tom S.: Craigie Nola

Megan and Josh S.: Hooptee, KB's Zippo (Zippo)

Michele C.: CET Dirty Doug

Pam and Mike H.: Killer Orion, AMF Bestbespeedy (Sergio)

Robin C.: Phantom Dana, Letter to Me (Mighty)

Robin H.: WW Real Racin (Rotate)

Tina and Rich K.: Clyde Drexler, MM's Dacia

Gretchen D.: Ponda's Hot Rod

Robin C.: Phantom Dana

Current Foster Dogs

Happy boy **Clyde Drexler** and his new dad *Richard*.

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



Sandia Episode (Sandy): Oct. 1, 2015; 3-year-old black and white female

Bombay Sapphire (Bombay): June 12, 2014; 4-year-old black male

RP Dream Sweeter: Sept. 16, 2013; 5-year-old black female

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

- **Hooptee (Bazooka):** Nov. 2 to *Ben P.* of Glendale
- **Fly Cocoa Puffs (Cocoa):** Nov. 8 to *Dottie C.* of Troy
- **Strike It Famous (Striker):** Nov. 10 to *Jim P.* of Hamilton
- **Bobbie Girl (Rue):** Nov. 11 to *Kelly, Shea, Annanisa, Henry and Brooks C.* of Pleasant Plain
- **Clyde Drexler (Clyde):** Nov. 18 to *Tina and Richard K.* of Dillsboro, Ind.
- **GS Danika (Dani):** Nov. 18 to *Amber B.* of Kettering
- **Coach Hershey:** Nov. 18 to *Annette D.* of Lebanon
- **Cobi's Windstorm (Cobi):** Nov. 24 to *Meaghan and Eric* of Oakley
- **Whiskey Gentry (Whiskey):** Dec. 1 to *Angie and Ron B.* of Frankfort, Ky.
- **Saturn's Titan:** Dec. 2 to *Krista P.* and *Todd P.* of Urbana
- **Killer Orion:** Dec. 2 to *Annelise, Ron and Ronnie E.* of Hamilton
- **CET Yo Mama (Yana):** Dec. 4 to *Shelly, Addy, Will, and Owen P.* of Liberty Township
- **Superior Sonata (Luna):** Dec. 7 to *Griselda A. and Jonathan H.* of Dayton
- **CET Dirty Doug (Doug):** Dec. 8 to

Maura, Shane, Tanner, Hunter, Savannah and Jared P. of Fairfield

- **MM's Dacia (Bonny Lass):** Dec. 11 to *Tina and Richard K. of Dillsboro, Ind.*
- **WW Real Racin (Tate):** Dec. 14 to *Shelby and Paul S. of Miamisburg*
- **KB's Agent P (Perry):** Dec. 15 to *Tony S-L. of Oakley*
- **KB's Floogal (Flo):** Dec. 15 to *Darren, Lori, Emily and Christopher S. of Pisgah*
- **KB's Zippo (George):** Dec. 20 to *Andy*

P. and Michael L. of Cincinnati

- **WV's Alma (Nala):** Dec. 21 to *Patti B. and Craig O. of Centerville*
- **JS Dog Gone Wild (Wilma):** Dec. 21 to *Patti B. and Craig O. of Centerville*
- **Phantom Dana (Sedona):** Dec. 22 to *Diane M. of Dayton*
- **Craigie Nola (Nola):** Dec. 28 to *Kyle, Elizabeth, Jonny, Ilana, Lauren, Brendan, Aidan, Ryan and Brigid of Oakley*
- **Ponda's Hot Rod (Gretel):** Jan. 6 to *Cindy and Alex B. of West Chester*
- **Letter to Me (Lenny):** Jan. 11 to *Cindy and Alex B. of West Chester*
- **BL Cher (Jade):** Jan. 11 to *Lindsey S. of Fairfield*
- **AMF Bestbespeedy (Sergio):** Jan. 12 to *Susan L. of Louisville, Ky.*



Titan enjoying Christmas in his new home (left).

Roaching **Sedona** is loving retirement (below)!



Our Condolences

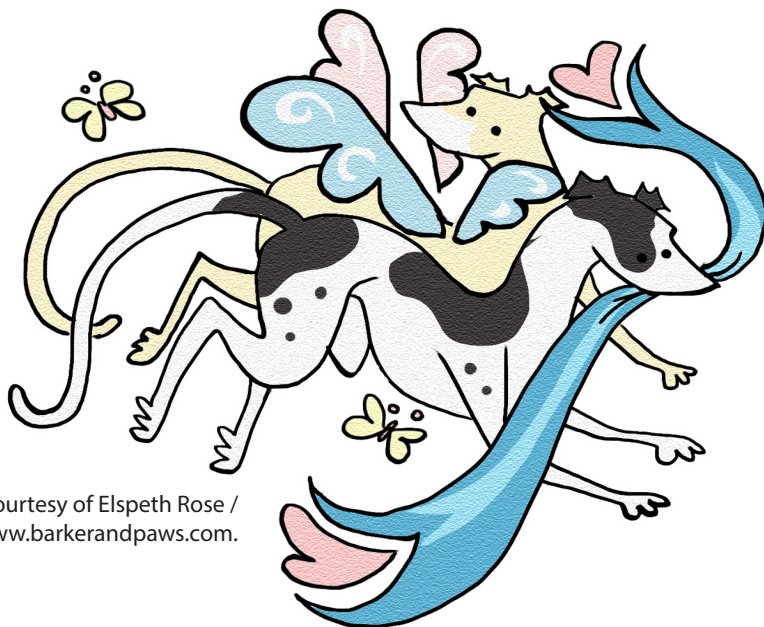


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Editor's Note: When we lose one of our greyhounds, GAGC makes a donation in that dog's name to the Greyhound Health Initiative, an organization supporting greyhound health and genetic research.



Tommy



Molly

We were very sorry to hear that *Annette D.*'s father passed away at the end of October, and send her our condolences.

We send our sympathy to *Susie and Barry P.* who lost their 17-year-old dog **Sandy** on Oct. 26. What an amazing lifespan **Sandy** had! Her family misses her greatly.

Our deepest sympathy goes to GAGC Treasurer *Mary S.* who lost her boy **Taj** to cancer on Nov. 5. **Taj** had been limping for several weeks and an X-ray showed his shoulder was riddled with bone cancer. We are so sorry *Mary* has to go through this loss.

Also on Nov. 5, GAGC board member *Angie B.* and her husband *Ron* tragically lost their 5-year-old boy **Speedy** to a heart attack. **Speedy** was running in the yard and suddenly fell over and died. Our sincere condolences go to *Angie and Ron.*

We were sorry to hear that *Pam H.* lost her

mother on Nov. 5. We send *Pam* and her family our heartfelt sympathy.

The recently adopted **Jeanie** of the senior duo **Jeanie and Allie** lost her battle with cancer on Nov. 10. *Karen and Jason B.* who adopted the girls, knew going in that **Jeanie** likely didn't have much time. We are so sorry to hear of this loss and send them our sympathy.

Our condolences go to *Amber B.* who lost her girl **Lilly** to osteosarcoma on Nov. 13. **Lilly** had started limping badly and a second vet visit confirmed the cancer. Unfortunately, **Lilly's** leg fractured and *Amber* had to let her go.

Shelby and Paul S. lost their boy **Tommy** way too suddenly and at far too young an age. He was only 4 when he collapsed and died on Nov. 25 after running. Their vet said it was probably a heart attack. We are so sorry for their loss. From *Shelby*: "All I can say about him is that he turned me from dog-phobic into a dog person, and this house into a home. We were honored to have his goofy, sweet, reassuring presence in our lives for two years ... and even knowing what we know now, we would do it all over again."

Our sincere condolences go to *Michael S.* who said goodbye to his girl **Kaleigh** on Nov. 26. **Kaleigh** had health issues for a while and was losing weight and finally lost the fight with her illness.

Susie and Barry P. lost their wonderful **Mickey** very unexpectedly at home on Nov. 28. We are very sorry to hear of this tragic loss.

We were so sorry to hear that *Debbie K.* and *Jami B.* said goodbye to **Molly** on Dec. 1. Sweet **Molly** was 14½ years old and had lived a wonderful life, but lost



Foxy Lady



Gibson



Tessa



Cameo

the battle with issues from advanced age. We lost another greyhound to osteosarcoma on Dec. 1 when *Cindi* and *Jamal M.* let their girl **Foxy Lady** go. **Foxy** had fractured a humerus and, despite casting the leg and using pain control, she was clearly in discomfort so they made the tough decision to end her suffering. We send them our sincere sympathy.

We were very sorry to hear that *Shasta, Jason* and *Clay C.* lost their boy **Gibson** on Dec. 4. **Gibson** had been losing weight and the vet found he had protein-losing enteropathy. Exploratory surgery showed **Gibson** had abscesses in his intestines. Despite medications and a special diet, he stopped eating and passed away at home.

We send our condolences to *Andrew P.* and *Michael L.* who said goodbye to their girl **Sookie** on Dec. 14. **Sookie** had been fighting osteosarcoma but when the cancer moved to her lungs, they knew it was time to let her go.

Our deepest sympathy goes to *Alex* and *Cindy B.* who had to say goodbye to 12-year-old **Samson** on Dec. 21. **Samson** was dealing with old age issues, was not able to get up or down and was struggling to walk. He was in obvious pain, so they knew it was time to let him go and had Angel Paws come to the house. From *Cindy*: "We loved our boy so much. We will always be grateful that you brought him into our lives."

Just three weeks after losing **Molly**, *Debbie K.* and *Jami B.* had to let their girl **Tessa** go on Dec. 21. **Tessa** was in renal failure and was not eating. *Debbie* and *Jami* tried various medications, IV fluids for four days, and syringe feeding, but sadly, nothing helped. We are so very sorry about this terrible loss.

In yet another end-of-year loss, *Susan L.* said goodbye to her girl **Cleo** on Dec. 29. **Cleo** had survived a tricky surgery earlier in the year and was doing well, running in the yard with the other dogs, so her sudden downturn was very unexpected. A specialist found that her lungs were filled with fluid. From *Susan*: "**Cleo** was a special grey who kept my life hopping a lot of the time. I will miss her a lot." We send *Susan* our sincere sympathy.

Our sympathy goes to *Honeylyn, Loy,* and *Owen* who had to make the difficult decision to let their female **Cameo** go on Friday, Jan. 4. She was diagnosed with bone cancer in her shoulder on Dec. 17. From *Honeylyn*: "We want to thank you for giving us **Cameo** to be a part of our family. We were so blessed with her love. She was an amazing dog and we will never forget her."

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.



Bowie

With heavy hearts, the Erskine family had to let sweet **Bowie** go over the rainbow bridge on June 6, 2018. **Bowie** had been on medication for epilepsy, but on the morning of June 6, he had a grand mal seizure and then several subsequent seizures after and he never fully recovered. So we had lots of cuddles and snuggles, **Bowie** got to have a giant hamburger and some ice cream and surrounded by his skin family, he quietly walked to the other side where there are no more seizures and he can run free. His absence is felt by all the Erskines, but for those of you that have been blessed to have a "Heart Dog" you know the pain *Annelise* is feeling. **Bowie** was her Velcro dog, her emotional support companion and snuggler extraordinaire.



Jeanie

Jeanie went over the rainbow bridge yesterday (Nov. 10). She was a sweet pup who lost her original owner and was fighting a tumor. We only had her for two weeks but made sure she knew she was loved as much as the rest of our pack. We are comforted that she is at peace and in no pain.

— Karen and Jason B.



Foxy Lady

Foxy Lady came into our lives nearly nine years ago. We were going to 'foster' to see how you did with our male **Morgan**. He clearly needed a friend and you stepped right in. What we didn't realize is that while you became his companion, you taught us so much about how to be patient. Sadly, you were a little less trusting at first. You would slowly retreat away from people and wanted to be alone, but over time morphed into a sweet girl who loved kisses on the nose and spent time with a crowd.

Foxy, The Fox, we will miss your inquisitive reactions at sounds, your love of any cheesy snack and your excitement for a walk until the end. Your youthful look and spirit will always live on in our memories. As you cross the rainbow bridge, we will miss you every day, but know you are enjoying a long walk with **Morgan**.

— Cindi and Jamal

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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 was \$1,205.83. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

Holly all bundled up for a walk in the snow.



Kroger Reward Program

Please re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program today. Our code number is **#EP079**. *This is a new GAGC number.* 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.krogerscommunityrewards.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, and Nati:*
Cobi's Windstorm, Strike It Famous,

**KB's Agent P, MM's Dacia, BL Cher,
AMF Bestbespeedy**

- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly and Ace: Clyde Drexler*
- *Sandy K.: Clyde Drexler*
- *Melissa, Deco and Bianca: Saturn's Titan, CET Yo Mama, Killer Orion*

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.*
- *Tracy M. and matching grant from Johnson & Johnson*
- *Brenda and Ron P.*
- *Shawn B.*
- *Network for Good: anonymous dona-*

George knows he's found
his forever home.



tions via Facebook

- *Kenneth and Teresa R.*
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Gift in honor of Kelly Conly's birthday

- Leah S.

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Gift in memory of Suzanne Baldwin and her love of greyhounds

- Angela R.
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- Mary S.

Gift in memory of beautiful Tessa K.

- Mary S.

Gift in memory of Speedy

- Mary S.
- Melissa L.

Gift in memory of Simba

- Mary S.
- Kathy E.

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- Tina and Richard K. donated their gift card won for fostering back to GAGC
- Chelsea R. donated two new greyhound sweaters
- Susie and Barry P. donated several holiday martingale collars and a coat after the loss of their greyhound **Mickey**
- Robin C. donated her gift card won for fostering back to GAGC



Best buds **Marvin** the Doberman and **Nea** the greyhound

Mark your calendars

Local Events

January **Bern's Nursery, Middletown Dog Days of Winter**
Saturday, Jan. 26 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The nursery is located at 825 Greentree Road in Middletown.

February **Fiehrer Motors Valentine event**
Saturday, Feb. 9 | noon to 3 p.m.
Bob and Cora are once again hosting this fun annual event which gives our pups a chance to socialize in the winter. The dealership is located at 6720 Gilmore Road in Hamilton.

March **Heart Mini-Marathon Expo, Duke Energy Center**
Saturday, March 9 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May **GAGC Family Picnic, Keehner Park, West Chester**
Saturday, May 18 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June **Great Global Greyhound Walk, Sharon Woods**
Sunday, June 9 | 9 a.m.
More details will follow as we get closer to this event date.


September **GAGC Family Picnic, Keehner Park, West Chester**
Sunday, Sept. 15 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October **Iron's Fruit Farm, Lebanon**
Sunday, Oct. 13 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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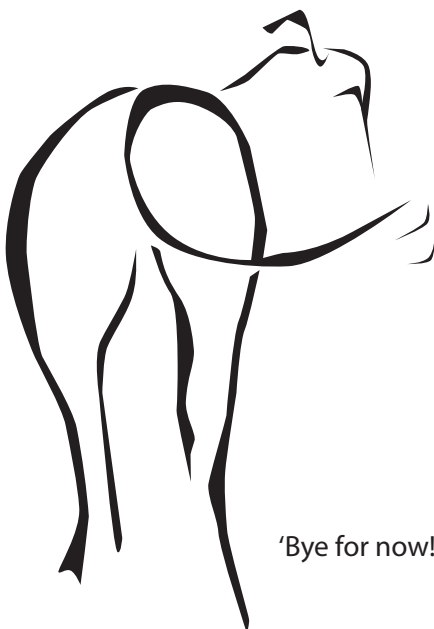
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