

WAIT NO MORE...2015 GAGC Calendar is now taking submissions

Started in the spirit of having a creative way to raise money and public awareness of GAGC's endeavors, it's hard to believe that we are starting on our 7th year of calendars. We are doing better every year with our calendar sales and as always, we strive to return with an even better product for the upcoming year of 2016.

Here's where the GAGC family and friends come in. We are asking that if you have a favorite candid shot of your hound family members, we would like you to submit them by no later than May 15th. The pictures will then be voted on at the annual GAGC picnic in May. Once the picture votes have been tallied, we will provide them to the printers and the calendars should be ready by the annual fall Greyhound Gathering held at Sharon Woods. We usually start taking orders around June.

Again this year: We are also taking submissions for the name of the calendar. Shades of Grey, A Year of Greytness, and Greyt Expectations have been just a few. We will also vote on the name at the picnic. Please limit your calendar name submission to one suggestion per household.

We also have a Memory page for all of those greyt friends who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge and are waiting faithfully for us to join them. If you have a grey you would like to include, please send me their name and memorial date (and a picture if you like, just follow the submission guidelines below). This year, we will take submissions for those who crossed starting in June 2014 through May 2015.

Need to know information:

- 1) Picture size is important. We can do some shrinking or expanding of pictures; however, if the picture is quite small or quite large, it may be difficult to get a good quality resolution from the picture. Based upon printing experts recommendations, please set your camera on the HIGHEST resolution possible when snapping shots of your greyhounds.
- 2) Candid, everyday shots are preferred. We are avoiding professional pictures for two reasons – 1) we don't want to get into any problems with copyright or artistic infringement, and 2) we want an even playing field for the pooches. Besides, greys take 'greyt' pictures anyway. Below are some suggestions that have done well over the years.
 - a. Holidays – Any holiday (Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Valentine's, Birthday, etc.) are great for the calendar
 - i. The Christmas shots taken at PetSmart as part of our fundraiser are acceptable as they are not professionally taken.
 - b. Seasonal – If you have a great shot of the beach, the snow, autumn leaves, throw it in.
 - c. Quirky shots – Cockroaching, weird expressions, funny ears, etc.
 - d. Cuteness – so cute you can't stand it (big eyes, cuddling, the type of shots that made you adopt the dog(s) in the first place).
- 3) Picture formats: Electronic formats (.jpg or other similar format) are great and definitely preferred. However, we will gladly take print submissions
 - a. if the quality of the photo is good (because we will have to scan in later)
and
 - b. the print is a copy, not an original. (In the case of print submissions, we will endeavor to get them back to you. However, just to be safe, we would rather be responsible for only a copy.)
 - c. NEW THIS YEAR – Just a reminder: Landscape (wide) photos are more like to make a month page (bigger shot) based on the calendar design. If you can (especially if you are using a camera on a smart phone to take the picture as many of us do), please take the

shot from side to side, not up and down. We will certainly take up and down (portrait-style) pictures for the contest, but they are not as easy to place in the calendar design.

- 4) Please limit your photo submissions to five per household. Or if you have more and you would like Angie to choose, just indicate it in the email.
- 5) If you submitted pictures last year and your picture was selected for the calendar, please do not resubmit those pictures. If you submitted pictures which did not make the calendar, please feel free to resubmit those pictures for voting.
- 6) Submissions may be sent to:

Angie Blume
109 Hunters Trace
Frankfort, KY 40601
Email: gagccalendars@yahoo.com

Please note: Angie typically checks this email box once or twice a week and will send out a confirmation email once she has an opportunity to log in the pictures.

We will be sending out follow-up reminders to the email list; however, we wanted all of the members to be aware of what we think will be a great opportunity to show off our canine companions. Please contact Angie at the address above or (513) 292-3367 if you have any questions or suggestions.