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Formed in 2002, our mission is to strive for the best quality placements. We focus on being small and doing things right. We recognize that we cannot offer homes to an unlimited number of greyhounds, but we can make a difference to the ones we touch. That is why our focus is on quality of placements, not quantity of placements.

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

From the president ...



Brenda and Ron at Mountain Hounds with Hawkeye, Harley, Betsy, and Crissy.

GAGC Families and Friends,

We started 2020 off very slowly with adoptions but oh my goodness, adoptions have definitely picked up! Sixty retired racers have gone home so far this year! Most of the adoptions have been to new families, so welcome to GAGC! Last year, we had 11 adoptions in May and this year, we found 16 greyhounds their forever homes. We are very hopeful that we can hold our GAGC Fall Family Event on Sept. 27 at Keehner Park in West Chester.

We had five dog hauls in June, the first time ever we made so many trips in a month picking up dogs. Thanks to the foster families and those who drove picking up the new retired racers.

Stay safe and hopefully we'll see you in September.

Brenda

In this issue ...

On the cover: Sweet Reggie snuggling with his huge new toy.

Greyt Health & Safety

How to ease your dog's separation anxiety

from Fetch by WebMD

Does your dog get nervous when he sees you getting ready to leave the house? Does he go bonkers with joy when you come home? Did he destroy your shoes, claw the door, or chew the corner off an end table while you were gone?

Your dog could have separation anxiety.

What is it?

Separation anxiety happens when a dog that's hyper-attached to his owner gets super-stressed when left alone. It's more than a little whining when you leave or



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a bit of mischief while you're out. It's a serious condition and one of the main reasons owners get frustrated with their dogs and give them up. But there are plenty of things you can do to help.

First, understand what causes your dog to act this way:

- Being left alone for the first time or when he's used to being with people
- Change of ownership
- Moving from a shelter to a home
- Change in family routine or schedule
- Loss of a family member

Signs of separation anxiety

A dog who has it shows a lot of stress when he's alone. He might:

- Howl, bark, or whine to excess
- Have indoor "accidents" even though he's housebroken
- Chew things up, dig holes, scratch at windows and doors
- Drool, pant, or salivate way more than usual
- Pace, often in an obsessive pattern
- Try to escape

He likely won't do any of these things to an extreme while you're around. A normal dog might do some of these things once in a while, but one with separation anxiety will do them almost all the time.

How to treat it

First, talk to your vet to rule out any medical problems. Sometimes dogs have accidents in the house because of infections or hormone problems or other health conditions. It also could be due to incomplete housebreaking. And some medications can cause accidents. If your dog takes any drugs, ask your vet if they are to blame.

If the problem is mild ...

- Give your dog a special treat each time you leave (like a puzzle toy stuffed with peanut butter). Only give him this treat when you're gone, and take it away when you get home.
- Make your comings and goings lowkey without a lot of greeting. Ignore your pup for the first few minutes after you get home.
- Leave some recently worn clothes out that smell like you.
- Consider giving your pet over-thecounter natural calming supplements.

If the problem is more serious ...

A dog with severe anxiety won't be distracted by even the tastiest treats. You'll need to slowly get him used to your absence.

He may start to get nervous when he sees signs you're about to leave, like putting on your shoes or picking up your keys. So do those things, but then don't leave. Put on your shoes and then sit down at the table. Pick up your keys and watch TV. Do this over and over many times a day.

When your dog starts to feel less anxious about that, you can slowly start to disappear. First just go on the other side of the door. Ask your dog to stay, then close an inside door between you. Reappear after a few seconds. Slowly increase the amount of time you're gone. Put on your shoes and pick up your keys. Ask your dog to stay while you go into another room.

As he gets more used to the "stay game," increase the amount of time you're gone. Then use an outside door, but not the same one you go out every day. Make sure your dog is relaxed before you leave.

Only you can tell if your dog is ready to be left alone for longer periods. Don't rush things. Give him a stuffed treat when you've built up to 10 seconds or so apart. Always act calm when you leave and when you return.

Gradually build up the time until you can leave the house for a few minutes. Then stay away for longer and longer periods.

For all dogs

Make sure your pet gets lots of exercise every day. A tired, happy dog will be less stressed when you leave. It's also key that you challenge your pet's mind. Play training games and fetch. Use interactive puzzles. Work his mind as well as his body. That will keep him busy, happy, and too tired to be anxious while you're gone.



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 <u>FDA website</u> 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 picnic in September. Assorted sell-ables are in Brenda's garage; if you have a need for a new martingale, etc., come shop at Brenda's!

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.

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.



June 2020

GAGC News Calendar contest winners

The results are in! Here are the winners from the calendar contest (in order by the owner's name). The calendar name winner was **After the Race** and the overall winner was **Maraschino**.

Marachino Adam & Megan T.
Spot Alyssa & David P.
Rory Ashley J.
Winona, Hazel, & HollyBecky S.
Crissy, Harley & Betsy Brenda P.
Rookie
Gretel & Lenny Cindy & Alex B.
Holly Constance P.
Mo, Magic, & Rymer Dan R.
Louie
Josie
Loki
Nuffy Harve & Jan H.
Nea Heather M.
Dobby Jayme S.
HoratioJessica M.
Doc & Norma <i>Lily B</i> .
Flicker <i>Lisa B</i> .
Gamer

Calendar photo winner **Remus Hex** is cooling off in a beautiful Ohio lake near Cincinnati.



Belle & Schmush Marianne M.
Remus Hex Megan GS.
Dottie Megan L.
Odin Mel & Jon R.
Deco & Bianca
Thyssen Melissa M.
Wilma & Nala Patricia B.
Piper
Colton Sharon S.
Juliet
Tory <i>Tara M</i> .



WoofTrax

As a user of WoofTrax, you can help:

- 1. Share with friends and neighbors. The more walkers using WoofTrax, the more sponsor dollars they can funnel to animal charities. So I am asking you to please introduce WoofTrax to at least one new user this week. If you have already done so—thank you.
- Walk your dog with WoofTrax. Once a day, twice a day — it doesn't matter. Get outside to enjoy some summer weather, and start walking. It's healthy for both you and your pup(s) and the perfect way to enjoy a walk with your furry friend, while you practice safe social distancing from your non-furry friends.

Thank you

We'd like to send special thanks to *Mel* for creating the virtual silent auctions, and thanks to those who kept bidding, helping GAGC financially.

We send our thanks to *Leslie S*. (part of our Nature's Select team) who designated

GAGC as a recipient of proceeds from a recent Pampered Chef party. We certainly appreciate you!

And speaking of Nature's Select, *Alan* S., president of our Nature's Select distributorship, is continuing his donation of food for our foster dogs through August. Hopefully we can hold our picnic in September and recover financially from the cancellation of our May fundraiser. Thank you, *Alan*!

We'd like to send a big thank you to *Michelle P.* who is the talented GAGC newsletter graphics designer and is responsible for giving our Needlenose News its very professional appearance. *Michelle* moved out of our area several years ago but continues to support our organization remotely.

We are very grateful to Sue B., representing the <u>Handmade4Hounds</u> Etsy team. GAGC was chosen as their featured group for fundraising in their Etsy shop for the month of May 2020, and we received over \$400! They are a nonprofit group of greyhound owners and admirers with two primary goals: raising money to support greyhound adoption and promoting the support of independent artists. Handmade4Hounds is a team of creative energy on a mission to invite people to open up their hearts and homes to this special breed of dog. They have raised over \$48,000 for greyhound rescue and adoption since they first started H4H in May 2008.

Webmaster

We really appreciate our webmaster *Mike K*. who is responsible for our top-notch GAGC website. *Mike* also has a very fast turnaround time when he gets input from *Brenda* and *Kathy* for the site. Thanks for your good work, *Mike*!

Find GAGC on Facebook

Have you visited the <u>GAGC</u> <u>Facebook</u> page? Visit our home page at <u>www.cinci-</u> <u>greyhounds.org</u> 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 <u>Melis-</u> <u>saLohman7@gmail.</u> 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.

Congratulations

Robin Hood and mom *Chrissy* recently earned their Manners 101 certificate from Big Times Kennel. Way to go!

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.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

Jon and Mel did the first dog run in May to pick up three new Florida boys for GAGC: Dabbs Greer, LR Timmy, and HL's Hano. Here's Jon's account: "On May 2, Mel and I made the trip to Lore, Ohio, to pick up three males. It was a beautiful day. After the hauler arrived, we let the dogs stretch their legs and potty and then loaded them up for the trip to Brenda's. Soon into the drive one of the boys relieved himself in the car. We quickly pulled over to deal with it as the smell was overwhelming. *Mel* was fantastic as I was holding the dogs on the side of the highway trying not to retch. After that adventure the rest of the drive went fine. Upon arriving at Brenda's we got the boys out and handed them over to the fosters and hurried home for much needed showers."

Kathy and *Chris* hit the road way too early on May 9 headed for West Virginia. It was a cold day but at that hour of the morning—5:30 a.m.—there was almost no traffic and they soon had a beautiful sunrise. In W.V., they met with the Florida

hauler who had three new girls for us: littermates NB's Goodbygirl (Maddie) and NB's Playitagain (Cali), and NB's Stormy Sea (Miya). The girls took a while to potty, probably because they were trying to adjust to the 37-degree weather. It didn't feel like Florida anymore! All the girls are 5 years old but acted more like excited puppies on their road trip to Ohio, although they eventually stretched out and napped part of the way. Because Dr. Moore's schedule was booked solid until the following week, Kathy and Chris drove to Brenda's house where the foster families were waiting to take home their assigned foster dog until their vetting in a few days. All three dogs were very affectionate and totally adorable.

On May 23, *Marianne*, *Mel*, and *Jon* met the Florida dog hauler in Lore, Ohio. He had six dogs for us; three girls: **Java Freya**, **LR Toy**, and **Barts Justified** (**Nicky**); and three boys: **VJ Chewbarka** (**Wade**), **JMJ Wilson** (**Ghost**), and **WW Tokyo Ghoul**. *Marianne* transported the girls and wrote this about her trip:



Florida girls NB's Stormy Sea (Miya) and NB's Playitagain (Cali)

heading to Ohio on the final

leg of their long journey.

Jon, Mel, and I met up at the GoMart in Lore, Ohio, at 7:50. The hauler arrived at 10 and the six dogs promised to GAGC were unloaded. Somehow Mel ended up holding all three males and was at first being stretched in three directions, and then became rather thoroughly wrapped in leads as they were excited to be out of the hauler kennels. After a brief potty break and leg-stretch, the three girls hopped up into my car and the boys went with Mel and Jon. At first, all three girls were looking out the windows, but soon Nicky and LR Toy settled down for the ride. Java Freya was a bit tentative and stood for the entire time, but that meant she got some neck scritches and ear rubs

JMJ Wilson (Ghost) enjoying a much needed bath following the May 23 Florida dog run.



over my shoulder as I drove. We arrived at *Brenda* and *Ron*'s home where other volunteers took over. My last sight of the pups was all six of them exploring the yard, tails wagging. What a great day, and it became even better when *Brenda* let me know **LR Toy** is already adopted, and **Nicky**'s foster mom posted pictures of **Nicky** settling into retirement and playing with toys.

Jon and Mel transported the boys. Jon gave this report: On the 23rd, Mel, Marianne, and I made the run to Lore to pick up six dogs. The weather was pleasant, but the hauler was two hours late. After getting the dogs off and letting them potty, we loaded up to head to Brenda's. The drive was uneventful, and the foster families were waiting when we arrived. It was quite the greyhound party. Hopefully, they will all find homes soon.

And from *Brenda*: What an exciting day! Thanks to Marianne, Jon, and Mel for driving and meeting the dog hauler from Florida, bringing back six nice hounds. They arrived back at my house with a nice welcoming group of friends. Volunteers grabbed leashes and let the pups go potty. We took photos, fed and watered them and then bathed them in the warm sun. I had two new applicants come to meet the newbies and **LR Toy** went home within an hour. Kathy and the foster families helped with the day's activity. Thanks to Nancy, Steve, Breanna, Robin, Laura, and Tom who took them home to foster and start their new life.

Three West Virginia boys came to town on Monday, June 1: **CET Darth**, **Dutch Tyler**, and **CET Levi**. *Ron P*. drove to W.V. to meet the trainer and pick up the boys and bring them back to Ohio. He said it was a mostly uneventful ride except for one little dust up. Someone probably stepped on someone else who took issue with it. The three new guys went to *Dr. Moore* for vetting and two of them will head to their foster homes; **CET Darth** already has a new home lined up!

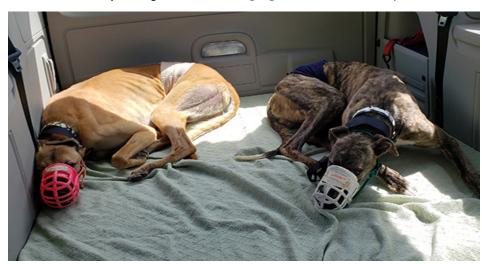
On June 9, Marianne met two representatives from the West Virginia kennel in Jackson, Ohio, with two females for us: CET Creepin Cris and O Ya Vixen. Here's her report: "Today's dog run was smooth sailing. Barb and Stephanie were right on time and delivered two lovely girls. Cris, a spirited dark brindle, pranced around a bit and then settled. Vixen, a red, was calm and had me from the first time she looked at me with her big, beautiful eyes. Once we were on the road, both girls guickly laid down and rested or slept. It was a very quiet ride to Brenda's." At Brenda's house, Marianne was met by Kathy, Brenda and Ron. The girls got bathed, had their photos taken for the website, and had a nice meal and cold water to help them deal with the hot, humid day. Next stop for them is a foster family, then to Dr. Moore's for vetting later in the week. Since we have applicants waiting for dogs, they probably won't be in foster care for long.

Marianne and James went to Lore, Ohio,

on June 13 to meet up with the hauler

bringing us three Florida boys: Mom's

WW Tokyo Ghoul and VJ Chewbarka (Wade) catching some rays during their ride.



Golden Boy and Mom's Bad Boy who are littermates, and **BL Gun Fire**. From Marianne: James, and I met the hauler in Lore at around 10. Three happy boys jumped down and immediately read all the pee-mail in the nearby patch of grass. They left extensive replies. Brothers Brian (Mom's Bad Boy) and Theron (Mom's Golden Boy), and Fire (BL Gun Fire) were happy to stretch their legs, and Fire kept trying to give James kisses. Once lifted into the SUV, each picked a spot. Fire lay in the far back and slept the whole way. Theron chose the middle and was partially under Brian who stood behind the front seats accepting all the ear scratches James could give him. When he eventually tired of standing, Brian joined the other two boys for a nice nap, which is what retired greyhounds do best.

Marianne and Irene each drove to Lore, Ohio, on June 19 to pick up three Florida dogs: female **Soft Whisper** and boys Dedham and Santa's Zonker. Here's Irene's account: "After a long hiatus, I drove to Lore to meet Marianne, the hauler and the newbies. Marianne and I chatted while we waited a very short time for the arrival of our three passengers. Four pups bounced out of the hauler. The extra one just needed to meet us, see the scenery and then went back in the hauler for another ride. After giving them sometime to stretch their legs, we loaded Soft Whisper into my car, Zonker and Dedham into Marianne's car, and off we went to our new destination; the Pennix home. Soft Whisper, a very sweet, gentle girl dozed, observed the scenery and even chatted with me in my ear. Perhaps that's where she got the name "Whisper." As always, Brenda awaited our arrival with all the fixings ready including the makings of a bubble bath for each

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and lunch. Another greyt experience for me! Be well, my four-legged friends. I look forward to meeting your forever families." *Marianne* mentioned that the two boys had a moment or two figuring out the sleeping spaces, but that was about it. They mostly slept. Next comes vetting and new homes.

On June 26, *Marianne* and *Irene* headed back to Lore to meet the Florida hauler to get one female: **FE's Aretha F** and three males: **WW's Rexley**, **Minotaur**, and **Duramax**. From *Irene*: Friday, June 26 was a beautiful day for a drive through farm country with the destination of Lore City. *Marianne* and I had time to chat, but we were on our toes with the arrival of the hauler. Four pups bounded out. They all quickly stretched their legs and we were off to the Pennix home for food and bubble baths. *Aretha* had the entire back of my car to rest by herself and feel like a princess. She loved looking

Foster **Underground** (**Clark**) found that Frosty Paws is delicious!



at the scenery. The three boys were with *Marianne* who remarked that she feared for her windows because of the constant wagging of tails. It's always a good day to meet the hauler and bring back pups waiting for forever homes. Happy forever families to each pup.

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 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 in contention to win the bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Here are our recent winners:

May

- Food winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Underground**
- Gift card winner: *Faye* and *George H.*, foster parents to **Coach Yodel**
- Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.,* foster parent to **HL's Hano**
- Gift card winner: *Pam* and *Mike H.*, foster parents to **NB's Goodbygirl**June

Food winner: *Pam* and *Mike H.,* foster parents to **BL Gun Fire**, **Dedham**

Gift card winner: *Stacy* and *Tom K.*, foster parents to **Mom's Bad Boy**

- Gift card winner: *Jim P.*, foster parent to **Mom's Golden Boy**, **WW's Rexley**
- Gift card winner: *Breanna A*. and *Keith C.*, foster parents to **Santa's Zonker**

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:

- Andrea and Nate S.: CET Darth, CET Creepin Cris, Duramax
- Breanna A. and Keith C.: Flying
 Patricia, NB's Stormy Sea (Miya), VJ
 Chewbarka, Santa's Zonker
- Faye and George H.: Coach Yodel
- Gretchen D.: Underground, VJ
 Chewbarka (Wade), O Ya Vixen,
 Minotaur
- Jane and Ethan Y.: NB's Playitagain (Cali)
 - Jim P.: Braxton, Dutch Tyler, Mom's Golden Boy, WW's Rexley
- Recently adopted **Robin Hood** is helping *Lea* read her book.



- Kathy E.: O Ya Vixen
- Laura and Tom S.: Barts Justified
- Nancy H.: JMJ Wilson (Ghost)
- Pam and Mike H.: CET Brit Brat, NB's
 Goodbygirl (Maddie), BL Gun Fire,
 Dedham
- Robin C.: Java Freya, FE's Aretha F
- Robin and Chris H.: Misty Rosa
- Stacy and Tom K.: Dabbs Greer, Mom's Bad Boy
- Stephan F.: WW Tokyo Ghoul
- Stephanie S.: HL's Hano, CET Levi, Soft Whisper
- Valerie V.: LR Timmy

Current foster dogs

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

- FE's Aretha F: Dec. 17, 2017; 2-yearold black female
- **WW's Rexley**: July 1, 2016; almost-4-year-old white-and-brindle male
- **Minotaur**: June 24, 2018; 2-year-old brindle male
- **Duramax**: Aug. 6, 2018; almost-2year-old brindle 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

- **CET Brit Brat (Savannah**): April 27 to *Miriam C*. of Cincinnati
- **Bizzy Beeker** (**Rex**): May 1 to *Leah* and *Braxston C*. of New Lebanon
- Flying Patricia (Pepper): May 1 to Jerome B. and Kristen S. of Newport, Ky.
- **Coach Yodel**: May 6 to *Faye* and *George H.* of West Chester
- LR Timmy (Kai): May 6 to Valerie V. of Blue Ash
- Misty Rosa (Rosie): May 7 to Ashleigh

S. and Joe F. of Hebron, Ky.

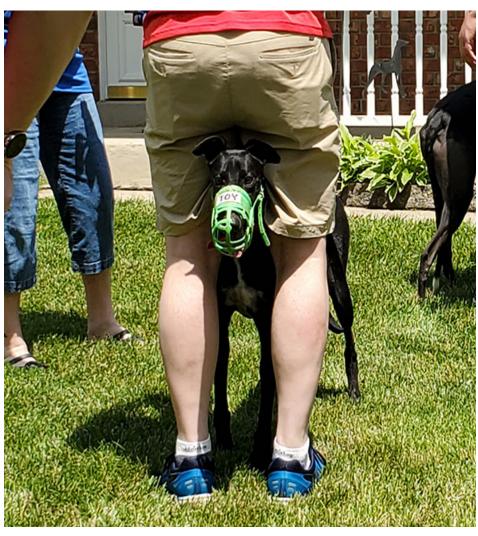
- HL's Hano (Robin Hood): May 8 to Chrissy, Cora, and Lea G. of Englewood
- Underground (Dexter): May 10 to Amber R. of Cincinnati
- Dabbs Greer (Greer): May 13 to Nancy S. and Dave R. of Beavercreek
- NB's Playitagain (Kali): May 15 to Lori W. and *Ross S*. of Dayton
- NB's Stormy Sea (Miya): May 21 to Jean G. of Cincinnati
- NB's Goodbygirl (Lapis): May 22 to Rhyan H., Monty M., and Katie M. of Middletown
- LR Toy (Tori): May 23 to *Joanne* and *David M.* of Cincinnati
- JMJ Wilson (Ghost): May 26 to NancyH. of Monroe
 - **WW Tokyo Ghoul** (**Akela**): May 26 to *Stephen F.* of Cincinnati

- Slatex Jack (Jack): May 28 to Michael Y. of Huber Heights
- JJ's Quick Videl (Piper): May 28 to *Michael Y.* of Huber Heights
- **CET Darth** (**Finnigan**): June 2 to *Carol* and *Paul B*. of Cincinnati
- VJ Chewbarka (Chewie): June 3 to Pam and Ron H. of Hamilton
- Barts Justified (Nicky): June 3 to Anthony W. and Joshua I. of Mason
- Java Freya (Freya): June 9 to Amy and Diego R. of Cincinnati
- **Dutch Tyler** (**Jasper**): June 12 to *Tricia* and *Samuel L*. of Cincinnati
- **CET Creepin Cris** (**Rona-Tina**): June 12 to *Beth* and *Mark J*. of Lebanon
- **BL Gun Fire** (**Fire**): June 15 to *Slawa* and *Ken B*. of Dayton
- **CET Levi** (Levi): June 16 to *Dani L*. and *Tim D*. of Goshen
- Mom's Golden Boy (Lubner): June 18 to *Tina C*. of Colerain
- DKC Lay With It (Layla): June 19 to *Althea* and *Rob K*. of Cincinnati
- Mom's Bad Boy (Brian): June 21 to Laura and Joe B. of Liberty Township
- **O Ya Vixen** (**Rosie**): June 23 to *Michele M*. of Kettering
- **Soft Whisper** (**Ethel**): June 24 to *Sharon* and *John O*. of Eaton
- Santa's Zonker (Euchre): June 24 to *Karen* and *Mary D*. of Mariemont

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.





Our Condolences



Illustration courtesy of Elspeth Rose / www.barkerandpaws.com.



Mystic



Dash

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.

April 27 was a sad day for long time GAGC member *Edye L*. Her girl **Mystic** had cancer under her rib; not only was it painful but it actually caused a rib to break. *Edye* called Angel Paws and they put **Mystic** out of her pain. We are so sorry to hear of this loss.

We send our condolences to *Kimberly* and *Ron T.* who notified us that their **Mollie** passed over the Rainbow Bridge to be with their **Brody** on May 5. From *Ron*: "She was a wonderful family member and is greytly missed."

Also on May 5, *Slawa* and *Ken B*. said goodbye to their labradoodle **Summer**.

She was an old girl and let her family know when it was time to go. From *Ken*: *"Slawa* took her to Kettering Animal Hospital and they let her go in for **Summer**'s final vet visit." We send them our heartfelt sympathy.

We saw on Facebook that *Tracy N*. lost her boy **Dash** on May 19 after having him more than 10 years. We send her our sincere condolences.



We were so sorry to hear that *Rebecca F.* and *Virgil S.* lost their sweet **Zelda** on June 5 at the age of 13. From *Rebecca*: "She had

intestinal lymphoma, advanced enough that she was very uncomfortable. At her age, we couldn't put her through cancer treatment. She was such a sweet, smart, comical, affectionate girl. We already miss her. **Barney** will miss her, too."



On June 9, Althea and Rob K. had to put down their beloved **Viola**. She had recently been diagnosed with cancer and medicine was no longer

controlling her pain. From *Althea*: "This hit hard and fast, and our whole family is devastated. She had 13 wonderful years and we are so grateful to GAGC for bringing her to us."

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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.

Dash

Dash crossed over the Rainbow Bridge this morning. I know he's in a better place but my heart aches and I will miss him deeply. I fell in love with him as soon as I saw his picture 10+ years ago and he quickly became an important member of my family.

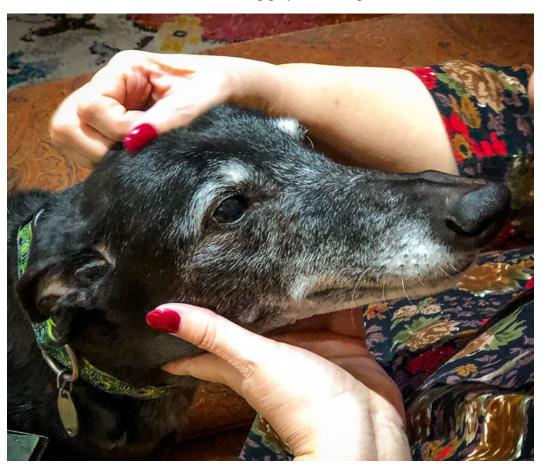
Rest in peace **Dashel Aloysius** (a big name for a big pup)!

—Tracy N.

Zelda

Zelda was a glorious 13-year-old, and we'd had her with us for more than 11 years. She came to us a sleek black 2-year-old, fast as a whip, but a lousy racer. We were delighted that she opted for "early retirement."

She's been our smart, comical, loving girl all this time, and we miss her sorely. She was the "rules" girl. She knew them all, and she was confident that they applied to other greyhounds, even more than they applied to her. She was happy to rat out any misbehaving grey with a single bark. **Zelda** was with us through a number of other grey-



hounds. We always trusted her to show a newcomer the way.

Of course we loved her as she aged to have a beautiful "frosted" face. Even on her last days, she wagged her tail and put her head into our hands for ear pets.

We'll love her forever.

—Rebecca F. and Virgil S.

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 was \$1,193.29. 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

Pearl has a new friend; it's hard to tell which is which!



GAGC as their favorite charity. It is easy money for our hounds and doesn't affect your fuel points! <u>www.</u> <u>krogercommunityrewards.com</u>

Do a Meet & Greet



All M&Gs are cancelled for the month of July due to COVID-19 concerns. We will advise you when we make a

decision about August.

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:
 Dabbs Greer, FE's Aretha F



- *Mel, Jon*, Odin, Lilly, and Ace: Coach Yodel, Minotaur
- *Melissa*, Deco, and Bianca: Chris Rock, Duramax
- Peg, Jason, Furby, Dora, Amy, and Kyro: Misty Rosa, Dutch Tyler
- Megan, John, and Dottie: Coach Yodel
- Stephanie G.: Misty Rosa
- Valerie L.: Dabbs Greer
- Dennis M.: Dabbs Greer

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.

Lyle is modeling his fine new jammies.



- Stephanie G.
- Megan L. and John L.
- Pam and John T.
- Eric N.
- Kroger
- Cora and Bob F.
- Robin C.
- Network for Good anonymous donations via Facebook
- Pampered Chef
- Amazon Smile
- Peggy C. and Jason P.
- Laura F.
- Kelly J.
- Suzanne B.
- Dennis M.
- Valerie L.
- Walter R.
- Edye L.
- Handmade4hounds

Gift in memory of Mystic

• Edye L.

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Faye H.* donated her winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC
- *Robin C.* also donated her winning gift card for fostering back to the group

Mark your calendars



Local Events

Look for GAGC at the following events, unless they are cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions:

- August
- **Madtree Brewery Market Place**

Saturday, Aug. 8 | 1 p.m. This is a place to gather in the summer months for a nice social visit with our greyhounds. The Market Place, which has local vendors, will be set up between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 3301 Madison Road.

September

GAGC Family Picnic Sunday, Sept. 27 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October Great Global Greyhound Walk, Sharon Woods Sunday, Oct. 4 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Iron's Fruit Farm, Lebanon

Sunday, Oct. 11 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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:



Miya is scoping out the staircase.

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Support our supporters!



'Bye for now! Look for the next NeedleNoseNews in August 2020! Ahhh roo roo roo!