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**Adopting a
retired racer:**

\$275 ...

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

From the President ...



Brenda's pack is enjoying ice cream on a hot day: **Maggie, Betsy, Hawkeye, and Harley.**

GAGC Families and Friends,

Our May 21 Spring Picnic was a HUGE success; we are guessing at least 150 families and probably 200 greyhounds attended, and everyone had a greyt day. This was our first event of the year celebrating 20 years finding greyt homes for these greyt retired racers! Let's do it again on Sept. 25!

Brenda

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On the cover: **Jayzee** is offering smooches!

Greyt health & safety

What to know about heat stroke in dogs

from [Fetch by WebMD](#)

By Martin Taylor

Reviewed by Amy Flowers, DVM on Dec. 5, 2021

Unlike humans, dogs aren't efficient at cooling off and dissipating body heat. Since dogs can only cool down by panting or blood vessel expansion, they have a higher risk of overheating. Heat stroke, or hyperthermia, can cause severe problems for your dog.

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What is heat stroke in dogs?

A dog's normal body temperature is higher than a human's. Their temperature can range between 100.2 to 103.8 degrees Fahrenheit. Anything over this temperature is considered hyperthermia. When your dog's internal body temperature reaches 105 degrees Fahrenheit, they may be suffering from heat stroke.

How much damage heat stroke causes to your pet is determined by how high their body temperature gets and for how long. That's why it's essential to notice the signs of heat stroke early.

Heat stroke, or heat exhaustion, in dogs can happen when they cannot get rid of accumulated heat from their body, such as when your dog is doing strenuous activity outside or in other hot conditions. When body temperature rises, your dog's central nervous system stops working correctly.

Risks for heat stroke in dogs include:

- High humidity, even with lower temperature
- Not enough play breaks to cool off
- Not enough access to water in warm weather
- Being left in a closed-up home with no ventilation or air conditioning on a hot day
- Being left in a car, even if it is not hot outside

What are the signs of heat stroke in dogs?

It's important to catch heat stroke signs early to reduce your dog's risk of serious

injury. Signs to look for include:

- Heavy panting
- Rapid breathing
- Excessive drooling
- Dry mucous membranes
- Bright red gums and tongue
- Hot-to-the-touch skin
- Increased heart rate
- Difficulty staying balanced

The longer your dog is exposed to excessive heat, the worse their condition will be. As they get worse, you might notice signs of shock, including:

- Pale mucous membranes with white or blue gums
- Rapid heart rate
- A drop in blood pressure
- Hyperventilation
- Dilated pupils
- Irregular pulse
- Muscle tremors
- Lethargy
- Uncontrolled urination or defecation
- Collapse or a comatose state

The heat stroke fatality rate is similar

to humans, at about 50%. This is because there is a lot of inflammatory and hemostatic damage that makes recovery challenging. When your dog's experiencing heat stroke, they're going through mental abnormalities like:

- Depression
- Disorientation
- Delirium
- Seizures
- Stupor
- Coma

How long do heat stroke symptoms last in dogs?

Some signs of heat stroke may be readily visible, but if you don't know what to look for, your dog may have heat stroke longer than you think. Dogs who are very young, very old, overweight, not used to a lot of exercise, or who have heart or respiratory disease, are more at risk of getting heat stroke. Breeds that have difficulty breathing in extreme heat include:

- Boxers
- Pugs
- Shih tzus
- Other dogs with short muzzles

It can take mere minutes for your dog to become overheated when playing or exercising. Unfortunately, your dog doesn't get the same sense that we do when we start to feel sick from dehydration and heat exhaustion. It's best to notice signs early, so your dog isn't experiencing prolonged heat stroke symptoms.

What is the treatment for heat stroke in dogs?

Heat stroke therapy requires immediate action to lower your dog's body temperature. As soon as you notice



signs of heat stroke in your dog, stop immediately and take them to a cool area with good air circulation. Getting your dog treatment quickly is the first step to helping them recover well.

After you notice signs of heat stroke, get your dog inside and check their temperature. If you have a rectal thermometer and your dog's temperature exceeds 105 degrees Fahrenheit, you should start sponging or hosing your dog's body with cool water. Don't give them an ice bath or use cold water. Keep a fan on them, as well, and keep checking their temperature. Another treatment involves rubbing alcohol on their paw pads. Once their body temperature reaches 103 degrees Fahrenheit, you can stop this process. Gradually cooling them down is key; you don't want their body temperature to lower to critical levels.

You should see improvement in your dog's body temperature within 10 minutes. If there's no improvement within

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this timeframe, you should take your pet to the vet immediately. The vet will give them intravenous fluids, blood pressure maintenance, and other medications.

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How often do you wash your dog's bowl? Probably not enough

Peter Urban, [AARP](#)

April 28, 2022

Although it seems second nature to wash your plate between meals, the same isn't true for that doggy dish, according to veterinary nutritionists at North Carolina State University.

More than 75 percent of dog owners aren't following three simple Food and Drug Administration safety guidelines to protect their pets against foodborne illness—washing their own hands before handling pet food, serving food in a clean bowl and using a clean food scoop, according to a study appearing in the journal *PLOS ONE*.

"Pet owners should know that pet food bowls can harbor bacteria and that recommendations exist for minimizing that risk," Emily Luisana, a veterinary nutritionist at Friendship Animal Hospital, said in a statement.

Luisana and her colleagues at NC State, where she completed her residency, decided to study how people handle and store their pet food after conversations revealed that their own approaches differed—and that there actually were FDA guidelines, although not as comprehensive as those for handling and storing human food. "We realized that, when it came to

our own pets, we all had different pet food storage and hygiene practices,” she said.

The study that resulted from these water cooler discussions included a survey of 417 dog owners, who were questioned about the hygiene practices they used in feeding their dogs. In response to questions about specific FDA-recommended safe handling and storage practices, the study found that:

- 50 percent of dog owners wash the pet food dish with soap and hot water after each use; 12 percent wash it at least once daily
- 13 percent wash the food scoop with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds after each use
- 91 percent don’t use the bowl as a scooping utensil
- 22 percent wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds prior to handling pet food
- 38 percent wash their hands after handling pet food
- 30 percent store pet food in the original bag

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- 81 percent tightly cover leftover dry pet food
- 57 percent tightly cover leftover canned pet food

The researchers also tested 68 household dog food dishes for bacterial contamination. The households were then divided into three groups with different instructions for implementing food handling guidelines. A week later, the dishes were tested again. Bacterial contamination was significantly reduced among those who instituted the FDA’s pet food handling guidelines, either alone or in combination with the FDA’s human food handling protocols.

Less than 5 percent of the dog owners were even aware of the FDA pet food handling guidelines. Most expected to find such information elsewhere, such as on the food label (41 percent), through their veterinarian (28 percent) or at the store where they got the food (11 percent).

“Our study shows that pet owners look to their veterinarian, pet food store and pet food manufacturers for information about pet food storage and hygiene guidelines. Including recommendations at these places and in multiple formats—on the label, on handouts and on their website, for example—would be a strong start,” Luisana said.

You can find the FDA’s pet food handling and storage recommendations online at [Tips for Safe Handling of Pet Food and Treats](#) and [Proper Storage of Pet Food & Treats](#).

Peter Urban is a contributing writer and editor who focuses on health news.

If you have a health emergency, what happens to your greyhounds?

Have you thought about it? Have you prepared? What if you suddenly must be hospitalized and you don't have family in the area? Do you have a plan in place? Here are some things you might do to prepare:

1. Leave a key with a trusted neighbor or friend and be sure others know who has the key.
2. Post in a prominent place a contact list of names, phone numbers, emails of those who should be contacted about your health situation and your dogs.
3. Also post (perhaps taped to the front of a kitchen cabinet) a list of your dogs' names and descriptions, how much they eat at each meal, how you prepare it, if they receive medications or supplements, etc. Include details about where you keep the food and medications.

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.

4. Arrange in advance who will take your dogs (e.g., friend, family member, neighbor). Ideally, line up someone who knows the greyhound breed.

What if the worst-case scenario occurs and you never make it home? Whoever is temporarily caring for your dogs should contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* at GAGC so that we can find wonderful new homes for your greyhounds. Please plan ahead to keep your beloved greyhounds safe.

MY PET IS HOME ALONE
If I become Ill or Injured:
My name: _____
I have ____ dog(s). I have ____ cats(s).
Please contact to care for my pet:
Contact: _____ Ph: _____

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 misspickylene@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

Hawkeye is cleaning off every last taste of ice cream.



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.

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 calendar contest winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in the latest round of calendar photo voting. We appreciate all the time and hard work that *Angie* devotes to this project. The winning calendar name was "Greys of Our Lives" and the winning photos are:

- **Betsy, Crissy, Harley, and Maggie** (Brenda P.)
- **Nea** (Heather M.)
- **Gia** (John F.)
- **Fenella** (Shannon C.)
- **Tess and Maisy** (Kris P.)
- **Mickey** (Tom G.)
- **SweetPea** (Anne C.)
- **Winnie** (Philena S.)
- **Spot** (Alyssa P.)
- **Couper** (Jessica and Eric B.)
- **River** (Leah C.)
- **Floogal** (Lori S.)
- **Ace, Lily, and Odin** (Mel R.)
- **Gemma** (Michelle P.)
- **Chief** (Tom & Bobbi M.)
- **Tera** (Kathy E.)
- **Bluebell** (Mary S.)
- **Colton** (Sharon S.)
- **Kaloni** (Terri N. and Cindy H.)
- **Robin Hood** (Chrissy G.)
- **Frosty** (Jane Y.)
- **Scout** (Kaila B.)
- **Birdie** (Kalyann K.)
- **Zula** (Meredith A.)
- **Maddie, Slider, Stevie, and Nicki** (Alisha K.)
- **Nike and Freya** (Amy R.)
- **Remi** (Erin W.)
- **Righty** (Jenna D.)
- **Tori** (Jo M.)
- **Star and Dillon** (Nate B.)
- **Louis Armstrong** (Stacy K.)
- **Sergio** (Susan L.)

Tess and Maisy strike synchronized poses in their striped jammies.



20th Anniversary Family Picnic

Our event on May 21 was a HUGE success. It takes lots of people to make it a fun day! Thanks to those of you who attended and made it a financially successful day. Let's start with our star of the picnic: *Brenda* coordinated the entire event and stuffed all the goody bags and the day wouldn't have happened without her many hours of hard work, so thank you, *Brenda*!

The picnic day started at 9:15 a.m. when *Greg* met *Ron* at the storage unit and filled up his truck, taking it to the event. *Ron's* car was packed with tubs. *Mary* purchased the extra nice goody bags and had her car full of them for transporting to the event. Meeting us there were *Jane*,

Karen, Darren, Laura, Jami, Debbie, Susan, James, Peggy, Anita, Debbie, Anne, and Doug. And they all stayed to help us pack it up right before the rain started!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our picnic, but a special shout out to *Marianne* and *James* for providing the delicious lunch; *Mel* and *Jon* for doing an amazing job with the raffle/silent auction (thanks to those who donated items for the raffle/silent auction); and *Angie* for heading up the calendar photo contest! Our board members provided the soft drinks; *Peggy* and *Jason* provided the water; *Jami* made the frosty paws which were a huge hit; *Kathy* ordered and filled her car with 12 dozen cupcakes for dessert; *Karen* picked up the ice which was really needed on such a hot day and also worked with the t-shirts sales, plus setting up and breaking down the tents.

Gretchen made the senior dog presentation special. Thanks to our foster families *Stephanie, Chrissy, Breanna* and *Keith, Jo* and *David, Jessica*, and *Gretchen* (who was in the x-pen most of the day)

We didn't get the whole crowd in the group photo at the picnic, but it's nice to see so many 20th anniversary t-shirts.



who talked to families about their foster dogs. *Mary Jo* and *Vincent* adopted their foster!

And we had more helpers doing more jobs: *Mel* headed up the 20-year celebration t-shirts; thanks to *Karen* for selling and handing out these t-shirts; *Jami, Debbie*, and *Mary* sold lots of our combo leads, coats and miscellaneous items; *Brenda* and *Kathy* spent much of their time connecting with our adopters; and *Brenda* did two adoptions the day of the picnic.

Thanks to *Tom*, our photographer, who did a greyt job. Take a look in the [Dropbox](#) folder with the day's pictures. They are large enough to print up to an 8x12 with good resolution. People are free to download and crop/print or whatever they see fit.

Thanks to our vendors who attended and donated a portion of their sales. Thanks to *Alan* and *Leslie* with Nature's Select who had a booth and donated 250 bags of sweet potato treats for our goody bags. Thanks to *Maria* for doing nail trims and providing nice shirts and collars. Thanks to *Heather* for coming with your cool t-shirts, and to *Patrick* and *Heather* for representing The Pines. Thanks to *Cindy* and *Terri* for letting people know what their hounds are thinking! And thanks to *Elaine* for giving massages to our greyhounds. *Brenda* said her boy definitely benefited from *Elaine's* gentle touch.

The following senior dogs (10 and older) were recognized at or after the 20th anniversary picnic:

- **Sheriff** (Colyer)
- **Manny** (Peasley)

- **Boston** (*Fischer*)
- **Rummy** (*Turner*)
- **Angie** (*Grau*)
- **Deco** (*Lohman*)
- **Amy** (*Corrigan*)
- **Nufi** (*Harris*)
- **Gorilla** (*Bixler*)
- **Quita** (*Schrager*)
- **Lucky** (*Evans*)
- **Sully** (*Evans*)
- **Pearl** (*Densmore*)
- **Nati** (*Shelton*)
- **Anubis** (*Elgas*)
- **Cara** (*Elgas*)
- **Higgy** (*Minerich*)
- **Jenny** (*Marshall*)
- **Riverdance Odin** (*Stoudt*)
- **Chloe** (*Weber-Watkins*)
- **Finn** (*Weber-Watkins*)
- **Hardy** (*Varwig*)
- **Kylie** (*Jakab*)

- **Luloe** (*Jakab*)
- **Bonnie** (*Eiding*)
- **Ace** (*Knellinger*)
- **Ferris** (*Schwartz*)

Thank you

We're so grateful to our Nature's Select distributor *Alan Schrager* for his latest donations. He gave us several cases of his canned dog food for a foster dog recovering from a jaw injury. Thank you, *Alan*!

Webmaster

Webmaster *Mike K.* continues to maintain an excellent and very professional looking website for GAGC. Thank you, *Mike*!

You can tell by all the tongues hanging out that it was a hot day for the senior dogs recognized at the picnic.



Recent Events & Outreach

Sharon Woods walks

From *Brenda*:

When we decided to have a greyhound walk in Sharon Woods on May 1, the weather was yucky, but as soon as we pulled into the park, the clouds parted, and the sun came out! I am guessing, but I think around 40 greyhounds and their humans showed up. The dogs were thrilled to visit with their racing friends, and of course their humans enjoyed visiting with other GAGC families. I invited three applicants to join us and meet the foster dogs and meet our other families. *Kelly* walked **Able** and decided to adopt him on Wednesday. After the walk, the pups were exhausted, so they drank some water and laid in the shade while some of us chatted a bit longer. *Jane* suggested we have a walk Sunday morning once a month. We will start planning for that soon.

Sue and her sweet senior girl **Brie** enjoyed the shade and perfect temperature at the Young's Jersey Dairy Meet & Greet.

Our second walk on June 5 was also a success. *Jane* headed this walk and about 20 greyhounds and their humans walked. Our

next walk is July 3. Hope to see you there.

Young's Jersey Dairy M&G

The weather on June 19 could not have been more perfect! Over 30 people and 25 dogs hung out in the shade of some huge trees at the dairy in Yellow Springs. We had a good number of visitors stop to pet the dogs and ask about the breed. We weren't far from the barns; the pups could see some goats and cattle in their outside enclosures. We also weren't far from the dairy store which has some of the best ice cream around. Thanks to the following folks and their dogs for representing GAGC: *Kathy* with **Tera**; *Jessica* and *Eric* with **Couper**; *Tony* with **Jayzee** and **Loko**; *Chrissy*, *Cora*, and *Lea* with **Little John**; *Diane* with **Sierra**; *Jeannie* and *Mike*; *Kay* with **Landry**; *Theresa* with **Watson** and **Lily**; *Sue* and *Warren* with **Brie** and **Ester**; *Karin* with **Gigi**; *Dana* with **Beaker**; *Michelle* with **Rosie**; *Cindy* and *John* with **Gia**; *Chris* and *Dan* with **Rally**; *Luke* with **Bella**; *Tim* and *Alex* with **Khan**, **Freda**, and **Achilles**; *Shameka* with **Ava**; *Lori* and *Darren* with **Floogal** and **Gamer**; and *Rhyan* with **Lapis**. Sorry if we missed recognizing anyone but thank you all for joining us!



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

On May 1, both *Marianne* and *Ron* drove to Jackson, Ohio, to meet our W.V. dog source and brought back four new boys: **JS Good Buddy**, **JS Goloko**, **Paul Laroo**, and **KB's Tracer**. From *Marianne*:

Ron loaded up **Paul Laroo** and **KB's Tracer**, both brindles that *Barb* had a hard time letting go. **Paul** in particular was a kennel favorite, apparently a real social butterfly. I took **Loco** and **Buddy**, two handsome black pups. **Loco** soon sprawled in the middle of the vehicle and the two boys had to work out the spacing issue. It's amazing how loud greyhound barking is when enclosed in a small SUV! That solved, the rest of the ride was uneventful.

JS Goloko (Loco) and **JS Good Buddy (Buddy)** agreed to share space in *Marianne's* vehicle on the last leg of their journey from West Virginia.



Three new W.V. females came to GAGC on May 8: **Karen Carpenter (Lexa)**, **VJ Tiana**, and **Crooked Smile (Sheeba)**. *Brenda* made the trip to Jackson and wrote the

following:

I loved spending Mother's Day doing what I love best; picking up new retired racers. It was a gorgeous day for a four-and-a-half-hour drive. All the girls did fine riding together, occasionally looking out the window wondering where they were going. I told them this is the start of their new way of life.

On June 19, both *Brenda* and *Marianne* drove to Jackson to get five new W.V. dogs, who all happened to be either red or brindle. We got two girls: **Janice Rule (Dolly)** and **Ash's Annieoakley (Annie)**; and three boys: **JS Big Showoff (Swagger)**, **SNL Pegasus**, and **Orneryoldscudder (Scudder)**. Here's *Brenda's* report:

What a gorgeous day for a dog run! *Marianne* and I spent Father's Day picking up five retired racers. I brought the boys back and *Marianne* transported the girls. The dogs slowly laid down after enjoying the view out the back windows. I always wonder what they are thinking looking back at their old life. I tell them they are starting a new chapter of their life. Thanks to the foster families who met us when we returned: *Jami*, *Megan* and *Josh*, *Cathy*, and *Breanna* and *Keith*. The dogs were so excited to get out of the car and start their next adventure.

From *Marianne*:

The female part of the June 19 dog run is a tale of two tails. **Annieoakley**

(Annie) showed her happiness in gentle tail sweeps and her five years of experience had her lying down in the car almost immediately. On the other hand, **Janice Rule's (Dolly)** whole body wriggled and her tail was a whirling blur. She checked out every inch of the cargo area and watched out the windows for a time before settling in. It's not difficult to see why **Dolly** is an early retiree; according to *Barb*, she wanted to play with the other dogs, not race against them.

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? **We particularly need short term fosters to fill in while our regular foster families are traveling this summer.**

It was a hot day at the GAGC picnic; these two pups look like they're headed for some shade and a drink of water.



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:

May

Food winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to **KL's Millie**

Gift card winner: *Debbie B.*, foster parent to **Kells Iceland**

Gift card winner: *Breanna and Keith C.*: foster parents to **KB's Tracer, VJ Tiana**

Gift card winner: *Jami B.*, foster parent to **Paul Laroo, Crooked Smile**

June

Food winner: *Cathy F.*, foster parent to **Ash's Annieoakley**

Gift card winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to **KL's Millie, SNL Pegasus**

Gift card winner: *Breanna and Keith C.*, foster parents to **VJ Tiana, Janice Rule**

Gift card winner: *Debbie B.*, foster parent to **Kells Iceland**

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:

Anne C.: **JS Good Buddy**

Breanna and Keith C.: **KB's Tracer, VJ Tiana, Janice Rule (Dolly)**

Cathy F.: **Ash's Annieoakley (Annie)**

Chrissy G.: **KL's Millie, SNL Pegasus (Herman)**

Debbie B.: **Kells Iceland (Icy)**
 Gretchen D.: **Riva Swale, Crooked Smile (Sheeba)**
 Jami B.: **Paul Laroo, Crooked Smile, Orneryoldscudder (Scudder)**
 Jessica and Eric B.: **JS Go Loko**
 Jo and Dave M.: **VJ Tiana**
 Mary Jo M. and Vincent T.: **Karen Carpenter (Lexa)**
 Megan and Josh S.: **JS Big Showoff (Swagger)**
 Ronda and Deron R.: **JS Big Showoff (Swagger)**
 Stephanie S.: **JS Good Buddy**

Janice Rule (Dolly): Oct. 14, 2019; 2-year-old red female
JS Big Showoff (Swagger): June 1, 2019; 3-year-old red brindle male
SNL Pegasus (Herman): July 10, 2017; 4-year-old red male
Orneryoldscudder (Scudder): March 10, 2018; 4-year-old red 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.

Current foster dogs

Recently adopted **KL's Millie** (top) has obviously bonded with new housemate **Breck**.

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



Recent adoptions

- **Riva Swale (Dasher)**: May 4 to *Kelley P.* of Ft. Thomas, Ky.
- **KB's Tracer (Chewie)**: May 14 to *Mel and Jon R.* of Mason
- **Ultimate Misty (Holly)**: May 19 to *Robin C.* of Springdale
- **Karen Carpenter (Lou Lou)**: May 21 to *Mary Jo M. and Vincent T.* of Cincinnati
- **Paul Laroo (Paul)**: May 21 to *Elizabeth M. and Alex A.* of Covington, Ky.
- **Crooked Smile (Sheeba)**: May 24 to *Sarah and Doug T.* of West Chester
- **PR Blackjack (Jack)**: May 30 to *Mary S.* and her mom *Joyce J.*
- **KL's Millie (Millie)**: June 4 to *Brittany and Kevin F.* of Kettering
- **VJ Tiana (TiTi)**: June 10 to *Amber and Bowen S.* of Mason
- **JS Go Loko (Loko)**: June 11 to *Tony B.* of Sugarcreek Township
- **JS Good Buddy (Buddy)**: June 24 to *Reggie M.* of Florence, Ky.
- **Kells Iceland (Kelly)**: June 25 to *Theresa and John F.* of Huber Heights
- **Ash's Annieoakley (Oakley)**: June 28 to *Jill and Tim D.* of Cincinnati

Our Condolences



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Jack



Sally

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.

We were very sorry to hear that GAGC member *Sandy Kimbrell* died May 5 while in hospice care following an extended illness. Our sincere condolences go to her family.

On May 4, *Malia and Michael B.* had to have their **Jack** euthanized. We send them our sincere condolences. From *Michael*: He wasn't ready to go but his poor body was. He was calm but still a fighter till the end. I'm glad for him; he's now running which he hasn't been able to do for two years.

Our condolences go to *Cindy H. and Terri N.* who said goodbye to their basset hound **Beau** on May 11. From *Cindy*: "Saying goodbye is absolutely the hardest thing to do. He is a dear soul." We send them our sympathy.

We got the sad news that *Theresa and John F.* had to euthanize their nearly 14-year-old **Sally** on May 11. **Sally's** legs gave out and she had internal bleeding, so her old age finally caught up with her. We are so sorry to hear of their loss.

Leslie and Alan S. lost their 11-year-old girl **Meera** very unexpectedly on May 20 from a probable stroke or aneurism. **Meera** had no function in her legs and no awareness of her surroundings. While awaiting euthanasia to end her suffering, **Meera** passed away on her own. We send *Leslie and Alan* our heartfelt condolences.

We were notified on May 24 that *Megan and Josh's* boy **Sirius** passed that morning following a very short-lived fight with osteosarcoma. Our sincere sympathy goes to *Megan and Josh* on their loss of handsome **Sirius**.

Karen K. recently lost both **Slim** and **Zelda**. We send her our condolences during this difficult time.

We got the sad news from long time members *Cindy and Brad C.* that they said goodbye to their greyhound **Ellen** on June 16. She was dealing with old age issues in her rear end and back legs. **Ellen** was their last greyhound. We send them our heartfelt sympathy.



Meera



Sirius



Dexter

Amber H. shared the horrible news that on June 17, her **Dexter** died while at a boarding facility. It's believed he died from a heart attack due to the stress of being away from his family. We are so sorry to hear of this tragedy.

After losing **Jack** in early May, *Malia* and *Michael B.* faced a second and mostly unexpected loss when they said goodbye to their boy **Karma** on June 20. He had been dealing with some health issues, but kidney failure caused him to finally lose his battle. We are so sorry to hear of both these deaths and send our sympathy.

We were very sorry to hear that *Jill* and *Tim D.* had to say goodbye to **Bailey** on June 24. She unfortunately broke her leg due to osteosarcoma. From *Tim*: "The best dog in the world ran her last race Friday. The best 11-and-a-half years of my life." We send them our condolences on **Bailey's** loss.



Tributes from our readers

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

Dan (M's Free Dan)

My husband always wanted greyhounds. He thought they were beautiful. I always preferred Boston terriers, French bulldogs, pugs—breeds with smooched-in faces. I thought they were beautiful.



We went to a Meet-and-Greet and met our angel, *Kathy*, and saw several greys. Shortly after, we were blessed with **Dan**.

A beautiful black boy, but with a snout, not smooched-in at all. He would run back inside after doing zoomies in the back yard. (What on earth is he doing?) He'd trot to me, ears back, and panting. "Goodness, he looks creepy!"

Roaching ... the first time I saw **Dan** roaching I thought he was having a seizure. I panicked and my shouts woke him up from an obviously enjoyable nap. It also took me weeks to stop checking to see if he was breathing, as he lay motionless on his bed for hours.

I learned to love the breed, and especially **Danny Boy**. Such beauty. Such gentleness. Such dignity. With the addition of two greyt brothers, may I say he was my favorite: my heart dog. And he preferred me! What a joy!

Free Dan's life: Four years racing. A frequent winner. He's even on YouTube! Almost eight years in an adoring home.

Three years as a gentle service dog at Bethany Lutheran Village. A good life. A gift to us.

Rest easy, dear one. Now you truly are free.

—Camille and Don A.

EF Sallyblizzard (Sally “boo”)

June 15, 2008—May 11, 2022

Sally chose me. Eleven years ago today, we lost our sweet **Gracie** to heart failure. **Apollo** was an only dog and not adapting well. We decided to get a greyhound. **Kathy**, the Dayton rep for GAGC, picked out a dog she thought would be a good fit. **Sally** was perfect. **Apollo** loved running with her in the yard. We added more greyhounds and had some pass, but **Sally** was by my side. Everywhere. She would tell me about her day or protest for her dinner with a spunk. Unfortunately, her legs gave out and she stopped eating. She had internal bleeding. It was time to let her go. She was my heart dog and I doubt I’ll find another dog who was so bonded to me. I love you, Boo.

—Theresa and John F.



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How can YOU support GAGC?

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



Handsome boy **Scion** is signaling with his expressive ears to mom *Becky* and dad *Andy*.

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 \$1,230.57. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!

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, Connie, and Nati:
JS Goloko, Paul Laroo, SNL Pegasus, JS Big Showoff
Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly, and Ace: **JS Good Buddy, VJ Tiana, SNL Pegasus**
Christa, Kim, Leo, Annabelle, Shadow, and Marley: **Crooked Smile, Orneryoldscudder**
Melissa, Deco, and Bianca: **Kells Iceland**



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.

Christa and Kim S.

Suzanne B.

Melissa L.

Lori W.

Angie B.

Cora F.

Linda F.

Donald and Jacqueline S.

Joyce and Walter Y.

*Debbie's boy **Chris** couldn't be happier, surrounded by his red toys.*



Scott M.

Camille and Don A.

Jill and Tim D.

Network for Good

Wooftrax

Amazon Smile

Gifts in memory of Sandy Kimbrall

Co-workers of Sandy's daughter, Kara

Seither, a teacher at Mother Teresa

Catholic Elementary School

Lori W.

Gifts in memory of Zelda

Joyce and Walter Y.

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Janet H.* donated a wire crate
- *Cora F.* donated several bottles of wine for the GAGC picnic wine toss
- *Doug T.* donated several coats and an assortment of other greyhound items
- *Deb S.'s* daughter *Bonnie* made some beautiful wreaths and donated them for our next raffle/auction
- *Teresa S.* donated a variety of toys and other greyhound items as well as a manicure/pedicure basket for September's picnic
- *Kevin and Brittany F.* donated two framed prints
- *Julie M.* donated a variety of greyhound items
- *Theresa and John F.* donated several greyhound items
- *Chrissy G.* donated the bag of Nature's Select that she won for fostering
- *Tom R.* donated a new wire crate
- *Rachael, Andor, and Oskar K.* donated an elevated food stand, a coat, and a nearly new large dog bed
- *Theresa F.* donated a variety of crocheted items for our September raffle

Mark your calendars

Local events

Ongoing **Walk in Sharon Woods**

Sunday, July 3, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14, 9 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.

September **GAGC Family Picnic**

Keehner Park, West Chester

Sunday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

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!



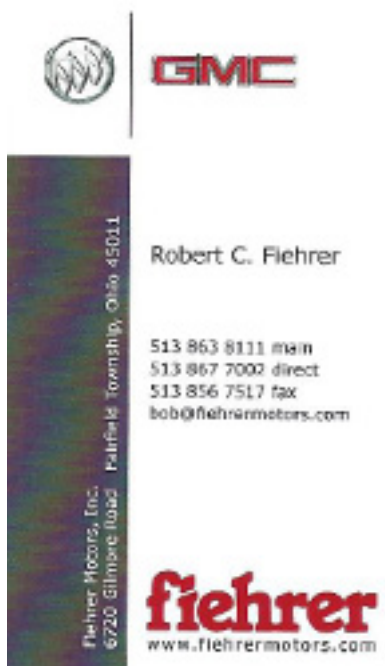
Tater looks like he's asking: "Aren't you supposed to be petting me right now?"

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.



Support our supporters!



'Bye for now!

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

Ahhh roo roo roo!