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

From the president ...



GAGC Families and Friends,

I want to welcome so many new members and thank you for becoming part of our GAGC organization. We pride ourselves in finding good homes for the greyhounds that retire from racing. We are so happy to be part of their future lives. Some handle this change better than others, still missing their handlers and kennel workers who love them and take greyt care of them during their racing careers. But after a short while they learn to enjoy the life of retirement with new humans. So far this year, 21 retired racers have found their forever families!

Brenda

Brenda with foster **Tread Lightly**, whippet **Harley**, visitor **Maisy**, and Brenda's greys **Crissy**, **Hawkeye** and **Betsy**.

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On the cover: Newly adopted **Red** is clearly enjoying the comforters and beds provided by his mom **Lisa**.

Greyt Health & Safety

Is that houseplant safe for your pets?

ASPCA, Feb. 27, 2019

Did you know that houseplants, in addition to being aesthetically pleasing, can also provide health benefits for you and your pet? Houseplants have been noted to keep carbon dioxide levels down, remove certain pollutants, improve moisture levels and keep airborne dust down in homes. But unfortunately, some of those green-leafed beauties may be troublesome for our four-legged friends, and it's important to be mindful when

Severely toxic: Sago palm
(*Cycas revoluta*)



bringing something potentially toxic into your home.

The [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) (APCC) has put together a short list of common houseplants that could be problematic to your pets so that you can stay informed on how to keep your furry friends safe, happy and healthy.

MILDLY TOXIC PLANTS

Fiddle leaf fig (*Ficus lyrate*) and [spider plant](#) (*Chlorophytum comosum*)

Both the fiddle leaf fig and spider plant are mildly toxic to dogs and cats. With small ingestions of the plant material, there is a risk for mild gastrointestinal irritation. The most common signs observed are vomiting and diarrhea. Sap from the fiddle leaf fig could also cause skin irritation.

Pothos or [devil's ivy](#) (*Epipremnum aureum*), [dumbcane](#) (*Dieffenbachia spp.*), [peace lily](#) (*Spathiphyllum spp.*), [philodendron](#), [calla lily](#) (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) and [Chinese evergreen](#) (*Aglaonema*)

These six plants contain insoluble calcium oxalates. The stem, leaf stalk and leaves contain tiny crystals that can result in irritation to the mouth and GI tract when chewed on or ingested. Symptoms typically include nausea, drooling, retching, vomiting and diarrhea. In rare cases irritation may become severe and result in swelling of the tongue and back of the throat, resulting in trouble breathing and trouble swallowing. Exposures to these plants are not considered to be life-threatening, but pets who show more severe gastrointestinal distress or have difficulty breathing may require veterinary intervention.

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 Melissa-Lohman7@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.

MODERATELY TOXIC PLANTS

[Corn plant](#), [dragon tree](#) and [ribbon plant](#) (*Dracaena spp*)

Dracaena are categorized as moderately toxic plants. In dogs and cats, small exposures usually cause mild vomiting or diarrhea. However, larger exposures can lead to depression, weakness and lack of coordination. Cats may also develop large pupils, rapid breathing, an elevated heart rate, drooling and abdominal discomfort. If your pet ingests a large amount of these plants, it is best to contact your veterinarian or APCC.

[Jade plant](#) (*Crassula ovata*)

Most exposures to Jade plants in cats and dogs cause mild gastrointestinal irritation in the form of vomiting and diarrhea. In some pets, lethargy, ataxia, muscle tremors and an elevated heart rate can occur. Although cats seem to be more sensitive to this plant than dogs, more severe symptoms are rare.

SEVERELY TOXIC PLANTS

[Sago palm](#) (*Cycas revoluta*)

Sago palms are one of the most dangerous ornamental plants to both cats and dogs. All parts of the plant are toxic. However, the seeds contain the highest concentration of toxins. The main concern with an exposure to this plant is liver failure. Vomiting is very common after exposures and can develop within minutes of ingestion. Other signs may include severe vomiting and diarrhea with blood, lethargy, anorexia and seizures. Liver failure can develop within three days. It is important to contact your veterinarian as soon as possible if your pet ingested part of this plant.

[Easter lily](#) (*Lilium longiflorum*)

Easter lilies are highly toxic to cats. Very

small exposures to any part of the plant, including the pollen, can result in kidney injury and death. Without veterinary intervention, exposures can be life threatening. Kidney failure can develop within 48 to 72 hours. Vomiting is common after exposures and is typically seen within the first 24 hours. Further signs include depression, lethargy and anorexia. Cats are the only known species to develop kidney injury as a result of exposure. Dogs who ingest this plant may experience mild vomiting or diarrhea, but serious problems have not been seen.

If you believe your pet has ingested a potentially toxic plant and you are concerned, you should contact either your local veterinarian or APCC at (888) 426-4435. And if you have a plant in your home that's not on this list, you can also download the APCC mobile app for information on many other plants.

Dangers lurking in every room of your home: An in-depth look

ASPCA, March 13, 2019

Attic

While the attic is not necessarily a common place for our pets to go, it's a place that's often overlooked when it comes to pet dangers. Mothballs, rodenticides and insecticides may be used in attics to ward off pests, but can be problematic for your furry friends. Make sure your pet steers clear of the attic and doesn't follow you up.

Bathroom

A surprising number of bathroom items could prove to be toxic or harmful to your pets. Many people store common household cleaners in their bathrooms, which could be extremely dangerous if ingested, inhaled or come into contact with your

pet's skin. Other dangers include soaps and oral hygiene products such as toothpaste or mouthwash, which can contain the dangerous sugar substitute, xylitol. Items such as dental floss, cotton balls and other inedible products can also cause obstructions if consumed by your pets. You should always keep personal products and items in a medicine cabinet or up high enough so that your pet cannot reach them.

Bedrooms

Bedrooms are a great place to spend quality time snuggling with our best fur-friends. While less problematic than other rooms in the house, medications are a big concern in this room. Due to either the low nature or easy accessibility of many tables or nightstands in bedrooms, these are not safe places to store medications. And if you have kids (the human kind), help them to remember to pick up bags in their rooms that may contain gum, food or candy that your pets can easily sniff out.

Kitchen

The kitchen is one of the main rooms in the house where pets get themselves into trouble. Like us, our furry friends associate the kitchen with pleasant scents and tastes, so they often are on the lookout for yummy things to eat. Besides food, medications, cleaning products and trash bins are other sources of danger in the kitchen. Keeping food in the fridge and cabinets and keeping lids on trash bins, putting medications out of reach and keeping your pets out of the room when using cleaning products can help keep them safe.

Living room

While less tempting than the kitchen, dangers in the living room are a great example of the fact that something doesn't have to taste good for our pets ingest it. Batteries, plants and fragrance products are the primary dangers found in this room. If your furry friend thinks everything is a chew toy, make sure to watch out for these common dangers and keep them up and out of paws' reach.

Laundry room

Laundry rooms are where our pets tend to exhibit their sillier sides. Knocking down detergent bottles or grabbing old dryer sheets and running away are two common scenarios seen. But it's not all fun and games: laundry detergent pods are a quick gulp away from some nasty vomiting and possible aspiration. Keeping laundry products in a cabinet and picking up any dropped dryer sheets or pods is always a good idea.

Garage

Unfortunately garages can be a very dangerous room for our furry friends. Many people store a variety of chemi-



cals in their garage which can be serious concerns for pets. Common use of rodenticides in the garage poses an added danger. Make sure to keep your pet out of your garage while using any chemicals, and when done, securely close any chemicals and put them up and out of reach.

Yard

As warmer weather approaches, APCC sees an increase in calls about dangers in the yard. Keeping an eye out for dangerous plants and mushrooms is always advised. While it's nice to have company while working in the yard, be aware of what your pet is doing. They may be following you around, eating that fertilizer you are placing, or find that it's a good time to dig up an ants' nest. When using any chemicals on your yard, it's best to keep your four-legged friends away until it is dry or watered in. Also, remember if you do a lot of grilling, lighter fluid and charcoal briquettes are two common outdoor dangers.

If you believe your pet has ingested something potentially toxic, contact your local veterinarian or APCC at (888) 426-4435 immediately.

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.

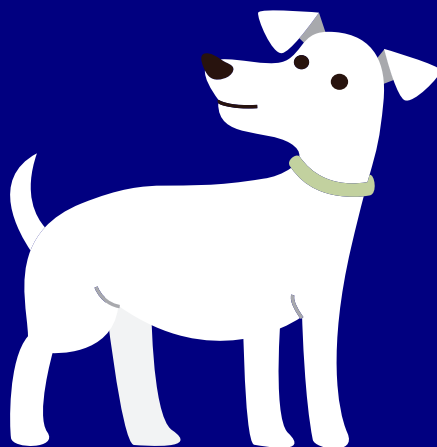
Hill's Pet Nutrition voluntarily recalls select canned dog food for excessive vitamin D

Hill's Pet Nutrition is voluntarily recalling select canned dog food products due to potentially elevated levels of vitamin D. While vitamin D is an essential nutrient for dogs, ingestion of elevated levels can lead to potential health issues depending on the level of vitamin D and the length of exposure, and dogs may exhibit symptoms such as vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, increased urination, excessive drooling, and weight loss. Vitamin D, when consumed at very high levels, can lead to serious health issues in dogs including renal dysfunction. Pet parents with dogs who have consumed any of the products listed and are exhibiting any of these signs should contact their veterinarian. In most cases, complete recovery is expected after discontinuation of feeding.

In the United States, the affected canned dog foods were distributed through retail pet stores and veterinary clinics nationwide. No dry foods, cat foods, or treats are affected.

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.



Greyt goods & services

Items for sale

GAGC board members have 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 we'll have them available at several events this year along with the rest of our inventory (magnets, decals, snoods, a couple coats left, human shirts, etc.). We will continue to carry muzzles in assorted colors, and "stool covers" if your greyhound likes to graze when he's outside. We will also continue to have belly bands available for male greyhounds. Contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* about the availability of any of these items.

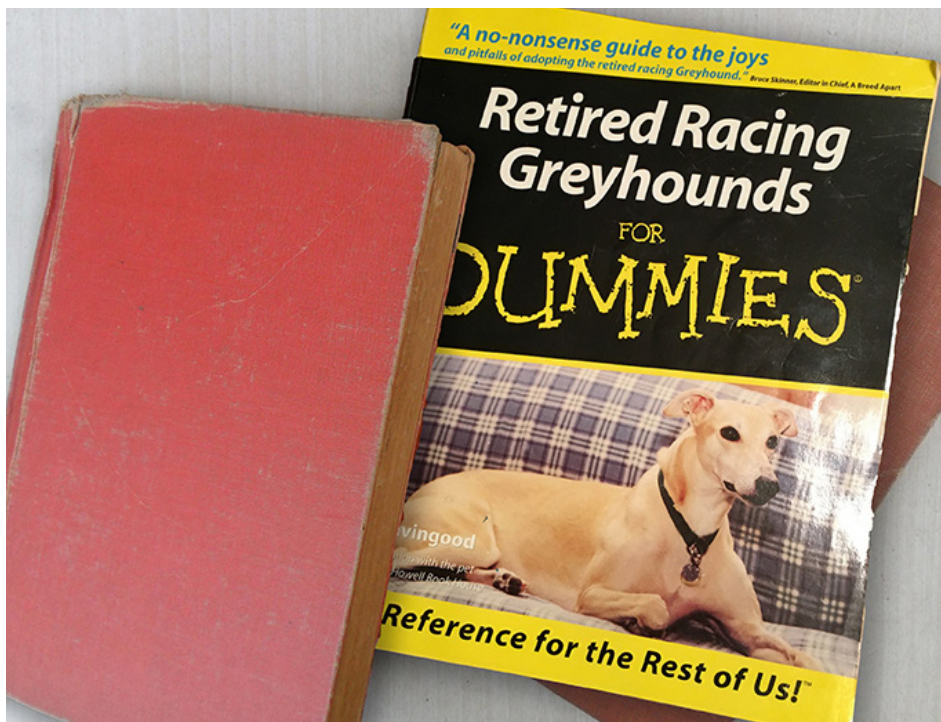
Collars, belly bands, crates and books

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!

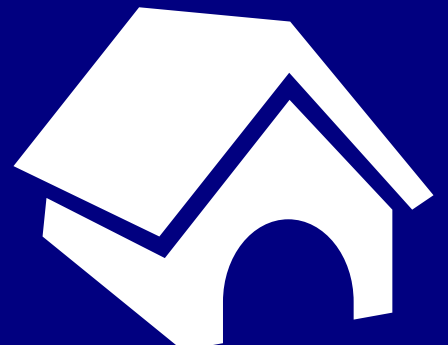
If you have purchased a fold up crate and your hound is no longer using it, feel free to donate it to GAGC and we will write you a tax donation letter for the crate's value.



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

Updating our records

From *Brenda*: We hope your greyhounds are all doing well. We need your help. If you have any changes in your life since you adopted your greyhound, please let us know. Perhaps you have a new address or a different email. Also please let us know if your greyhound is no longer with you. We have more than 600 files and purging is hard for me to do, but necessary.

Lost – and found – greyhound!

Well, we had 3 inches of snow and frigid weather on Feb. 1 when *Brenda* received a call that **Sally** got out a gate that was frozen slightly open. A neighbor did not shut it all the way. *John* frantically called *Brenda* and she immediately contacted several of our families in the Loveland area: *Mike, Melissa, Jason* and *Jon* who jumped in their cars and headed that way. *Brenda* sent an email to our families, and at least six families emailed saying they were spreading the word; several were going to look as well. About 45 minutes later, *Brenda* got the call that

Sally was found! She wanted to share this because accidents do happen and we are thankful this was a happy ending. We have an amazing group of people!

Pennix Greyhound Wall of Fame

from Brenda Pennix, GAGC President

A little history of me and my hounds! Did you know that we have been owned by 10 greyhounds?! We have fostered many, many dogs waiting for their forever homes and the dogs pictured have helped numerous dogs adjust off the track. All of our dogs have been ambassadors for GAGC and our families. The pictured Pennix hounds starting at the top left are: **Elroy, Tobee, Ellie Mae, Crissy, Betsy, Fave, Bernie, Mimi, Bella** and **Hawkeye**, not in any adoption order. In 1998, *Ron* and I adopted **Elroy** from another group and fell in love with the breed. We wanted to help more dogs find forever homes that retired from their racing career, so several of us decided to start our own group. I was elected president when we started this organization in 2002. My dogs' adoption order



is: **Elroy** (big, alpha boy); then **Ellie Mae** (shy, timid girl); **Mimi** (blue, lots of personality); **Fave** (very timid, little girl who lived 16 years; she was elected Queen at Mountain Hounds in Gatlinburg); **Bernie** (perfect boy); **Tobee** (he was 8 when he was returned and we adopted him; always made me laugh); **Crissy** (Ron's dog; she loves her rubs and represents GAGC well); **Bella** (gorgeous, quiet girl, but she loved **Harley**, died way too young at only 5 years old); **Betsy** (littlest greyhound I've ever seen, very sweet; we adopted her at 1½); and latest Pennix family member, **Hawkeye** (3 years old, quiet and a real love bug). Of course not pictured is whip-pet **Harley**, who thinks he's a greyhound. He came to us three years ago from a track in Alabama. Someone found him and took him to the kennel manager thinking he was a greyhound puppy! They could not find his owner so she sent him to me to find a good home. Haha ... he stayed here! With the help of lots of people, our organization has grown from adopting out one dog a month to 131 adoptions last year. I am so proud of what we have done and hopefully will continue to do for this greyt breed of dog!

Year of the sighthound ... now taking submissions for the 2020 GAGC calendar

Submit your favorite candid shots of your greyhound family members no later than May 10. The pictures will be voted on at the annual GAGC picnic in May. After the votes have been tallied, the photos go to the printer and the calendars will be ready for pick up at the fall picnic. We usually start taking orders over the summer.

Again this year, we are taking submissions for the name of the calendar. Huggable Hounds, 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. 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 2018 through May 2019.

Need to know information:

1. Picture size is important. We can do some size adjustment of pictures; however, if the picture is quite small or quite large, it may be difficult to get a good quality resolution. Please set your camera on the highest resolution possible when snapping shots of your greyhounds.
2. Pictures that are in landscape form (instead of portrait) are more likely to make the month photos (as opposed to the collages) in the calendar design. Don't worry – portrait photos can be submitted.



3. Candid, everyday shots are preferred. We avoid professional pictures for two reasons —we don't want to get into any problems with copyright or artistic infringement, and we want an even playing field for the pooches. Here are some suggestions that have done well:

- Holidays: Any holiday (Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Valentine's, Birthday, etc.)
- Seasonal: If you have a great shot of the beach, the snow, autumn leaves, throw it in.
- Quirky shots: Cockroaching, weird expressions, funny ears, etc.
- Cuteness: Big eyes, cuddling, etc.



Annalise Rose, new sister to **Sid** and **Righty**.

4. Picture formats: Electronic formats (.jpg or other similar format) are great and definitely preferred. However, we will gladly take print submissions:
- if the quality of the photo is good (because we will have to scan in later), and
 - the print is a copy, not an original. (In the case of print submissions, we will endeavor to get them back to you.)
5. Based upon popular demand, we have upped the limit on the photo submissions. **Please send up to five per household.** If you have more and you want *Angie* to choose, just indicate it in your email.
6. If you submitted pictures last year and one was selected for the calendar, please do not resubmit it. If you submitted pictures which did not make the calendar, you may resubmit those pictures for voting.

7. 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. Please contact *Angie* at the address above or (513) 292-3367 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you

We appreciate *Teresa S.* who recently made some belly bands for our male greyhounds.

Congratulations

We send our heartfelt congratulations to *Heather* and *Stephen* on their engagement in late February.

Congratulations to *Jenna* and *Chris T.* who welcomed new daughter *Annalise Rose* (7 pounds, 5 ounces) on March 12. Mom *Jenna* is doing great, both parents are sleep deprived, and greyhounds **Sid** and **Righty** are behaving very well around the baby.

We also send congratulations to *Miranda* and *Jacob* who got engaged on March 23.

Webmaster

We are so grateful to *Mike K.* who maintains our excellent website. He responds quickly to our requests for changes and updates, and does his behind-the-scenes magic to ensure our site is among the best. Thank you, *Mike*!

Recent events & outreach

Half Price Books Meet & Greet

Thanks to *Mel* and *Jon* for taking the lead on the Half Price Books M&G in Kenwood. From *Mel*, "The bookstore manager and employees were thrilled we were there on Feb. 2. It was cold and rainy, but there were plenty of customers in and out to love all over the pups. Aside from our three doggos, *Peggy* brought **Dora**, and *Ken* came with **Ella**. We got a lot of great questions and the manager said they'd love to have us back sometime!"

Bern's Dog Days of Winter

Bern's Nursery Dog Days of Winter was a lot of fun. Not as many vendors attended this year but it was a greyt day to get our hounds out of the house. Thanks to *Mel*

Our sponsors of the Fiehrer GMC Motors Valentine's event: *Bob* and *Cora* with their big girl **Ruby Sue**.



and *Jon* who set up, and *Kyle* who broke down our display area. **Odin, Lily, Ace, Dusty, Vegas, Reno, Aggie, Gwynny, Kyro, Hazel, Louie, Sedona, Diva, Edna, Johnson, Lenny, Gretel, Ella, Millie, Red, Hawkeye, Betsy, Lucky, Tera, Ella, Maisie, Luna, Asherton, Jemma** and **Skye** were definitely the center of attention! Oh, yeah — the greyhounds brought their humans too. At least 17 families came to socialize their hounds. *Ken* brought his little IG **Wyatt** who thinks he is a greyhound now too!

Fierher Motors Valentine M&G

The Valentine event on Feb. 9 was a huge success. We must have had at least 50 dogs in attendance on and off during the day. It was good to see so many new families and some we haven't seen in a while. Thanks to *Cora* and *Bob* for hosting and for providing the pizza, Valentine booth and several bottles of wine for a raffle. Thanks to *Mel* for creating several nice raffle items and the silent auction item that went for \$80. Thanks to *Alan* for coming with his Nature's Select food display and goodies, and thanks to *Heather* for selling stuff. Special thanks to *Dr. Moore* who did toenails and donated the proceeds back to GAGC!

Heart Mini Health & Fitness Expo

From *Brenda*: "We appreciated being invited to the March 9 Heart Mini Health & Fitness Expo again this year. I believe we have attended 15 years now and all the volunteers, vendors, runners and their families really enjoy meeting our greyhounds. Thanks to the following who brought their greyhounds: *Heidi* and *Patrick*, *Deb* and *Rich*, *Steven* and

Dawn, Tom, James and Marianne, Laura and Tom, Michael and Andy, Laura and Darren, Angie and Susan, Roseanne, Dan, Dianne, Debbie and Jami, Robin, Angie, Linda and Chip, Suzanne and Chris, Jon and Mel, Breanna and Keith and ME. We had 42 greyhounds throughout the day representing GAGC! Special thanks to Mike who came and helped me set up and walked my dogs around the entire time I was there. Mel and Jon packed up. The people who petted and loved on our dogs were very generous in giving us donations, so a good day!"

We had lots of visitors and got lots of donations at the Heart Mini Health & Fitness Expo.

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**](mailto:koe50gh@gmail.com) or **Brenda** at [**gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com**](mailto:gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com).



Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog Runs

Jan. 23

We had one day notice about the Florida dog run on Jan. 23. *Irene M.* had originally planned to go but *Ron P.* ended up doing the run and picked up two females: **Oaks Jolee** and **RPG DevilIndisgize**. Here's input from *Irene*: "Rain, fog and delays. A surprise dog run and I was ready. ETA 2 p.m. Depart Monroe at 10:45 and await the hauler. Not! ETA has been changed to 5 p.m. Well, call me a baby, call me old, I am not confident driving long distances at night and possible rainy weather. And here comes the knight in shining armor to the rescue, *Ron Pennix*. He will drive the long distance and bring back two sweet Florida girls. Unfortunately, *Sir Ron* had to wait an extra two hours for the hauler due to accidents caused by fog and bad weather. As usual, the pups jumped off the hauler, did their business and loaded into a lovely white limo. They promptly laid down to rest until arriving at the *Pennix* home. A new life journey has begun. Happy forever homes. Thank you, *Sir Ron*, for your assistance."

Feb. 10

Early in the morning on Feb. 10, *Phil*

Many helpers were needed when six dogs arrived from Florida on Feb. 10.



brought us six Florida dogs; four girls: **Hi Noon Grace**, **Sweet Brenda Lee**, **JJ's Quick Videl** and **JJ's Onyx Olga**; and two boys: **Craigie Jonah** and **Rough Jag**. Here's *Brenda's* account of the day: "Wow ... we were thrilled to be able to get six dogs from Florida. We didn't know who was coming or what time until Saturday night. Thankfully the dog hauler arrived when it was daylight and brought us six greyt dogs! Special thanks to a new applicant *Dan* who joined *Kelly*, *Gretchen*, *Irene*, and *Kyle* get the dogs off the hauler. *Cindy* and *Brad* were in town from Toledo for a wedding and they also came to help get the dogs off the hauler. We pottied them, timing **Jag** for over five minutes to pee, then we fed them and gave them water. Huge help from all of these friends! All six dogs are resting in my dining room until *Mel* and *Jon* will help me take them to *Dr. Moore's* office at 5 p.m. where *Maria* will welcome them there. Team work!

Feb. 28

Five more Florida dogs arrived on Feb. 28, and *Brenda* and *Irene* each made the drive to Senecaville/Lore City, Ohio, to meet the hauler. *Brenda* brought back the three boys: **WW Eyes Open**, **Reds Lets Do It**, and **Blackjack Tom**; and *Irene* had the two girls: **Whynot Diana** and **RSpeeka-boostreet**. Even though *Brenda* had three dogs compared to *Irene's* two, she had the easier deal because the boys settled right down for the ride. Here's what *Irene* experienced: "Feb. 28: Five great dogs arrived from Florida at 10:50 in Lore City and *Brenda* and I were waiting. The usual routine accomplished, pups loaded into cars and off we were, next stop the *Pennix* home for a short rest stop. **Peekaboo** and **Diana** were my passengers. They went

to every window to see what was happening. **Diana's** excitement was short lived (about 15 minutes) and napping she was. **Peekaboo**, however, discovered the big window in the front of the car and she needed to touch it with her nose to experience the world in front of her. We came to a meeting of the minds and she nestled her nose into my left ear. I caressed her and told her about all the sights and wonderful life ahead of her. We safely arrived at the Pennix rest stop, got a quick lunch and awaited the next step, foster families. Best wishes, sweet girls, for your forever homes." Here's *Brenda's* input: "Thanks to *Kathy* who met *Irene* and me at my house to get the dogs out of our cars, pottied them, fed and watered them, and pottied them again. Between *Irene*, *Kathy*, *Ron* and me, we had no problem getting their photos and moving them into my dining room where crates were set up, thanks to *Kyle* who set them up Tuesday evening. Special thanks to the foster families who came to pick up their foster dogs and house them until Sunday when they went to *Dr. Moore's* office to be spayed/neutered Monday

RSpeakaboostreet was adopted on March 4 and is now called **Alexis**.



March 2019

and Tuesday. Thanks to *Mel* and *Jon* who helped transport the dogs to the vet's office. Team work!

March 15

On March 15, *Brenda* and *Irene* each drove to Wheeling to pick up our latest group of Florida dogs who had been dropped at the WV track's kennel the night before. This time we got two boys: **Turbo Perez** and **MW's Jonah Hex**, and three girls: **Tread Lightly**, **Charlize T** and **Mad At Factors**. Here's *Brenda's* report: "The dog run coming from Florida was to arrive around noon on Thursday at our drop off location three hours away. Because of the bad weather, the driver postponed his arrival until 7 p.m. Neither *Irene* nor I were comfortable driving in rain and in the dark, so I asked the dog hauler if he could drop them off at the adoption kennel in Wheeling which worked out for all of us. *Irene* and I got up early Friday and drove almost 3½ hours to Wheeling, W.V., and picked up five really nice dogs. The three girls rode with me and the two boys rode to *Dr. Moore's* office with *Irene*. They were greeted there by *Kathy*, *Ally*, *Katie* and *Carrie*. *Ally* fed them and showed them their new rooms for a short visit there until we get them after their vetting and have foster families pick them up." From *Irene*: "On the road again ... but this experience and ride was all new. *Brenda* and I drove to the Wheeling, W.V., race track. Further than we normally travel, but the traffic was light and the sunrise beautiful. At 10:30, we arrived at Wheeling Island Casino and Racetrack where we met the staff and the five pups waiting for us to provide the next part of their journey. The boys jumped into my car and the girls into *Brenda's* and off we were to *Dr. Moore's* office where *Kathy* and the staff of young women were waiting to

assist. All my best wishes to **Hex, Perez, Charlize, Debbie, and Amlieah** as *Brenda* and *Kathy* find them forever homes. My bucket list holds a desire to travel the country in a "big rig." Well, it appears my little 4-cylinder rig is sufficient, especially when we travel with good friends and precious passengers. Thank you to *Brenda*, GAGC and all the wonderful pups that have entered my life. Retirement life is good."

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?

Sunny (formerly **Whynot Diana**) has a lot of Reds games in her future. She was getting a walk from new dad *Rich* before the opening pitch.



March 2019

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 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:

January

- Food winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Ponda's Hot Rod**
- Gift card winner: *Jane Y.*, foster parent to **RP Dream Sweeter**
- Gift card winner: *Brenda* and *Ron P.*, foster parents to **BL Cher**
- Gift card winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **Letter to Me**

February

- Food winner: *Erin* and *Dennis K.*, foster parents to **JJ's Quick Videl**
- Gift card winner: *Chris* and *Tom P.*, foster parents to **Sweet Brenda Lee**
- Gift card winner: *Kelly J.*, foster parent to **Craigie Jonah**
- Gift card winner: *Laura* and *Tom S.*, foster parents to **RPG DevilIndisgize**

March

- Food winner: *Megan* and *Josh S.*, foster parents to **MW's Jonah Hex**
- Gift card winner: *Tracy M.*, foster parent to **Reds Lets Do It**
- Gift card winner: *Jane Y.*, foster parent to **Whynot Diana, Mad At Factors**
- Gift card winner: *Chris* and *Tom P.*, foster parents to **Tread Lightly**

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:

- *Chris and Tom P.*: **Sandia Episode (Sandy)**, **Sweet Brenda Lee**, **RSpeakaboostreet**, **Tread Lightly (Ameliah)**
- *Debbie K.*: **WW Eyes Open**
- *Gretchen D.*: **JJ's Onyx Olga**
- *Jane and Ethan Y.*: **RP Dream Sweeter**, **Whynot Diana**, **Mad At Factors (Debbie)**
- *Kathy E.*: **Rough Jag**, **Wicked Tuna (Toon)**, **JA's Lucky Gal (Sox)**
- *Kelly J.*: **Craigie Jonah**
- *Kyle M.*: **Bombay Sapphire (Bombay)**, **Oaks Jolee**, **Hi Noon Grace**
- *Laura and Tom S.*: **RPG DevilIndisgize**, **Charlize T**
- *Megan and Josh S.*: **MW's Jonah Hex**
- *Pam and Mike H.*: **Turbo Perez**
- *Robin C.*: **Blackjack Tom**
- *Tracy M.*: **Reds Let's Do It**

Current Foster Dogs

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

Hi Noon Grace: Feb. 22, 2014; 5-year-old fawn female

WW Eyes Open: Oct. 1, 2015; 3-year-old red and white male (broken leg)

Blackjack Tom: July 10, 2015; 3-year-old red male

MW's Jonah Hex: March 26, 2016;

3-year-old brindle male

Charlize T: May 5, 2015; 3-year-old brindle female

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

Recent Adoptions

- **Bombay Sapphire (Bombay)**: Jan. 27 to *Elizabeth*, *Kyle*, *Aiden*, *Jonathan*, *Llana*, *Lauren*, *Brendan*, *Ryan* and *Brighad M.* of Cincinnati
- **RP Dream Sweeter (Jenna)**: Jan. 28 to *Marquita* and *Tim A.* of Cheviot
- **Oaks Jolee (Jolee)**: Jan. 28 to *Sue L.* of Springboro
- **RPG DevilIndisgize (Jackie)**: Feb. 15 to *Dana G.* and *Dan B.* of Norwood
- **Rough Jag (Dobby)**: Feb. 17 to *Jayme S.* and *Matt H.* of West Chester
- **Craigie Jonah (Jonah)**: Feb. 22 to *Kelly J.* of South Lebanon
- **Sweet Brenda Lee (Winslow)**: Feb. 22 to *Diane M.* of Dayton
- **JJ's Quick Videl (Piper)**: Feb. 24 to *Erin* and *Dennis K.* of Beaver Creek
- **RSpeakaboostreet (Alexis)**: March 4 to *Michael S.* and *Ken* of Anderson
- **Whynot Diana (Sunny)**: March 7 to *Marcia* and *Rich B.* of Hamilton
- **Can't Buy Me Love (Blue)**: March 9 to *Chris W.* and *Jordan* of Covington
- **JJ's Onyx Olga (Luna)**: March 19 to *Rachel* and *Kyle G.* of Middletown
- **Reds Let's Do It (Red)**: March 22 to *Lisa U.* of Beaver Creek
- **Mad At Factors (Hallie)**: March 29 to *Edye L.* and *Dave* of Maineville
- **Turbo Perez (Finn)**: March 30 to *Julie* and *Tom P.* of Washington Courthouse
- **Tread Lightly (Tess)**: March 30 to *Josh*, *Bob* and *Kris P.* of Indian Hill

DevilIndisgize, now called **Jackie**, was already chilling out on her first day home!



Our Condolences



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Shay

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.

We were very sorry to get the news that Holly and Dennis P. had to put down their girl **Shay** on Jan. 26. She had several weeks of lethargy followed by weakness in her hind legs. X-rays finally revealed a tumor on her spine that had damaged her spinal nerve. "We feel blessed to have had **Shay** in our lives. It went way too fast, but she had a good life off the track and on to our couch. She will be sorely missed."

We lost a true greyhound lover on Jan. 28. *Debbie J.* had been fighting to recover from several brain aneurysms but did not survive the battle. One of her dreams was to fill her house with greyhounds, and she and her husband *Keith* were well on their way with four wonderful hounds. Our

heartfelt condolences go to *Keith* on this terrible loss.

Our sincere sympathy goes to *Karen* and *Jason B.* who had to say goodbye to their boy **Izzy** on Feb. 1. **Izzy** was almost 12 years old and had an intestinal tumor. He was their first greyhound of many.

Our heartfelt condolences go to *Annelise* and *Ron E.* who lost their girl **Rosie** on Feb. 7. She had been limping, and X-rays eventually revealed she had cancer.

We heard the sad news in early February that *Kris* and *Herb D.* lost their boy **Beethoven** last year. *Kris* said **Beethoven** died very quickly, probably from an aneurysm. "I truly miss him. He had a great personality and heart of gold."

We were so sorry to hear that *PJ M.* lost her boy **Hal** on Feb. 22. **Hal** apparently had a major lumbar stroke and likely threw multiple blood clots. Sadly, *PJ* had to let him go that same day.

We received word from *Chris P.* that she and husband *Tom* had to say goodbye to her senior dog **Sophie** on March 5 due to old age complications. We are very sorry for their loss.

We were very sorry to get the news that *Amy* and *Jason M.* lost their boy **Bobby J.** to osteosarcoma on March 26. **Bobby** had become very unsteady on stairs, and a visit to the vet revealed his leg was full of cancer. Sadly, he was only 5 years old.

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.

Sampson

Oct. 12, 2006 – Dec. 21, 2018



Sam came to be part of our family Aug. 1, 2009. This was such an exciting day when *Brenda* and *Ron* brought him home. I still remember his excitement too, knowing he had arrived at his forever home with us! **Sam** was our first greyhound. I remember feeling so privileged to be the ones to adopt him. That feeling never left. **Sam** was a gentle sweetheart from the very start. We often called him “Mr. Rules.” Once he learned something it stuck with him! We taught him to slowly go down steps in the first few days ... this is the way he did steps from that day on. He loved meeting people during our neighborhood walks, vacations and Meet and Greets. **Sam** never minded trips to the vet because she he loved seeing *Dr. Wolf* and the staff of ladies that were always happy to see him. We also called him “blanket boy” because he couldn’t wait until a warm sunny day to lay in the backyard. He enjoyed his pool so much too!

Sam gave the best hugs, the body lean when standing and the head snuggles when we would be sitting. I always tried to have him snuggle on the couch and he never would. I think he felt he was too big. He preferred his comfy bed but always in the same room with us. The day we let him go to rest, I sat on the floor to comfort him. **Sam** laid his body in my lap to say goodbye. I believe it was his way of comforting me. He will be in our hearts forever.

— Alex and Cindy



Izzy

It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to **Izzy** on Feb. 1. He was our first greyhound and most unique. We welcomed him into our home almost eight years ago, watching him grow from a socially awkward and very shy pup to a member of the pack, happy to see everyone. He was overcome with a sudden illness and in great pain. We are comforted to know that he is now at peace and in no pain. We hope that when he crossed the Rainbow Bridge he was able to find **Dexter**, **Luna**, and **Jeanie** and be with part of his family once again.

— Karen and Jason

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 \$1,173.98. 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 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



A very popular PetSmart employee handing out treats at the Tri-County M&G.



home. Thanks to all of you! Our latest sponsors are:

- *Marianne, James, Connie, and Nati:* **Red Let's Do It, Blackjack Tom**
- *Mel, Jon, Odin, Lilly and Ace:* **Whynot Diana, Hi Noon Grace**
- *Melissa, Deco and Bianca:* **Tread Lightly**

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.*
- Network for Good — anonymous donations via Facebook
- Kroger
- Bark Box
- PetSmart
- Amazon Smile
- Dorothy Lane Market
- *Angie B.*

- *Dr. Nicole Moore*
- *Cindi and Jamal M.*
- *BD* — matching gift from *Edye L.*
- *Robin and Mike G.*
- *Catherine Z.*
- *John K.*
- *Marcia and Rich B.*
- Hale Pet Door National LLC (thanks to *David F.* who mentioned us for the reward program)
- *Edye L.*
- *Julie and Tom P.*

Gift in memory of Foxy Lady and Thanks for bringing Woody into our family

- *Cindi and Jamal M.*

Gift in memory of Speedy, Cleo & Taj

- *Angie B.*

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- *Melissa L.* donated two coats and a snood to the group
- *Robin C.* donated her gift card won for fostering back to GAGC
- *PJ M.* donated several greyhound-themed items for our next raffle/auction
- *Becky and Matt S.* also donated several greyhound-themed items



Housemates and good buddies
Nea and Marvin.

Mark your calendars

Local Events

April Fingleaf Brewing Company Meet & Greet

Saturday, April 6 | noon to 2 p.m.

Fingleaf is located at 3387 Cincinnati Dayton Road, Middletown

May GAGC Family Picnic, Keehner Park, West Chester

Saturday, May 18 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Planning has started; we'll have several vendors attending, free lunch and a greyt raffle/silent auction! Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this event!

June Great Global Greyhound Walk, Sharon Woods

Sunday, June 9 | 9 a.m.

Last year we had 75 hounds walking, it was nice to see friends from other groups attend also! Thanks *Melissa* for setting this up. 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.

This is a repeat of our May event. These two events help us raise monies to support our organization for the year!

October Iron's Fruit Farm, Lebanon

Sunday, Oct. 13 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.


This is a fun fall event, with lots of families visiting with our hounds. Come join us!



Perry clearly knows how to relax!



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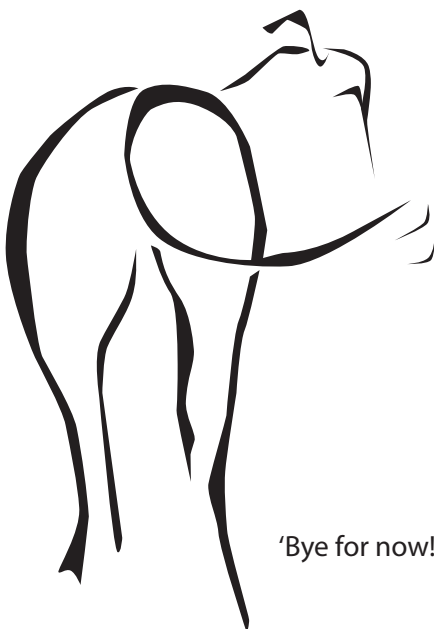
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