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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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GAGC Families and Friends,

It's hard to believe it is May already. So far, 19 retired racing greyhounds have gone to their new homes in 2023. I'm so excited for our Spring Picnic coming soon (May 20 at Keehner Park in West Chester, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.). This is a special day when we give back to our families who have supported us over the years. I'm hoping our new families will attend and meet many of the GAGC greyhounds and their humans! It is always a greyt day!

Rienda

On the cover: Handsome **Scion** is testing out his teeth after his dental.

Greyt health & safety

What are safe fruits for dogs to eat?

Fetch, by WebMD

Written by Dayva Segal; reviewed by Kathleen Claussen, DVM on Dec. 5, 2021

Dogs can eat certain fruits. Some are healthy and could be part of a balanced diet, while others are toxic and dangerous for them to consume. Others can be consumed but only in moderation or with special preparation.

Many dogs don't like tart or acidic fruits like oranges or cranberries, but most do enjoy some kinds of fruits. Dogs don't need fruits as part of their diet, but they can enjoy fruit as a treat or supplement to a balanced diet.

What fruits can dogs eat?

The following fruits are safe for your canine pal to consume:

- Apples
- Bananas
- Blueberries
- Cantaloupe

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- Cranberries
- Cucumbers
- Mango
- Oranges
- Peaches
- Pears
- Pineapple
- Raspberries
- Strawberries
- Watermelon

What fruits are healthy for dogs?

Just because your dog can safely eat something doesn't mean it is necessarily good for them in large quantities. Healthy fruits include:

- **Blueberries**. These berries have lots of antioxidants and fiber, so they are healthy for your dog's bowels.
- Cucumbers. This might be a great snack if your dog needs to lose a bit of weight. They have lots of vitamins and very few carbohydrates.
 - Watermelon. As long as you remove the rind and seeds, this fruit is good for your dog. It has lots of potassium, vitamin A, vitamin B-6, and vitamin C. Since it's mostly water, it's also a hydrating treat for hot summer days.

What's the best way to prepare fruits for dogs?

Other fruits are safe for dogs to eat, but require special preparation or should only be enjoyed in moderation:

- **Apples**. Remove the seeds and core as those could be harmful to your dog.
- **Bananas**. This fruit is high in sugar, so you should give it as a treat

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once in a while.

- Cantaloupe. This is another sweet treat that should be given in moderation.
- Cranberries. Some dogs don't like the tart flavor of this fruit. If your dog does like it, giving them too many cranberries can give them diarrhea.
- Mango. The pit of this fruit contains cyanide and is a choking hazard, so cut the mango up and remove the pit before giving it to your dog.
- **Oranges**. Peel oranges before giving them to your dog. The peel can give them an upset stomach.
- Peaches. Avoid canned peaches as the syrup contains too much sugar. When preparing fresh peaches, cut out the pit as it contains a small amount of cyanide.
- Pears. Pear seeds contain a low level of cyanide so be sure to remove them before feeding a pear to your dog.
- Raspberries. This fruit contains xylitol, a sugar alcohol that is toxic to dogs in large amounts.
 Give your dog less than 1 cup of raspberries per day.
- **Strawberries**. These also contain a lot of sugar, so they should only be





enjoyed in moderation.

What fruits are not good for dogs?

Some fruits are toxic to your dog so avoid feeding them:

- Avocado. This fruit contains persin, a toxin that makes dogs throw up and have diarrhea.
- Cherries. Cherry pits contain cyanide. It's not usually harmful if a human swallows one whole by accident, but chewing the seed releases the cyanide, which could harm your dog.
- Grapes. Grapes can cause sudden kidney failure in dogs. Remember, raisins are dried grapes and should also be avoided.
- Tomatoes. The green parts of the tomato plant have solanine, which is toxic to dogs.

What if my dog eats something toxic?

Dogs are curious creatures. They sometimes eat things that are bad for them when you're not looking. Even if you just suspect your dog has eaten something toxic, don't wait to see if symptoms develop. Contact your veterinarian right away. Some symptoms take a few days to show up. When you call your veterinarian, they will let you know whether to come in or whether you should watch for symptoms based on the situation.

If your veterinarian is not available, you can also contact the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) at (888) 426-4435. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including on holidays. They also have a mobile app to help educate you about other substances that might be toxic to your dog.

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Symptoms in dogs who have eaten something toxic may include:

- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy
- Standing with a hunched back
- Twitching
- Vomiting

Some treatments your vet may use include:

- Activated charcoal to soak up the toxins
- An injection to make your dog vomit
- An operation
- Medication to reduce the effects of the toxins
- X-rays or an ultrasound scan

Dogs who eat toxic foods have the best chance for a full recovery when you take them to the veterinarian right away.

Nestlé Purina Petcare company expands voluntary recall of Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets El Elemental Dry Dog Food in the U.S. due to potentially elevated Vitamin D

Nestlé Purina PetCare Company is expanding its voluntary recall of Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EL Elemental (PPVD EL) prescription dry dog food due to a supplier error resulting in potentially elevated levels of vitamin D in two additional product lots, which precede the production dates of the previously recalled lots. The original announcement was made on Feb. 8, 2023. No other Purina pet care products are affected.

The expansion comes following an

investigation prompted by Purina that uncovered new information about a production error from a U.S. supplier that was made only to this specific formula and resulted in potentially elevated levels of vitamin D.

Stratford Care USA, Inc recalls Omega-3 supplements for cats and dogs because of possible elevated levels of Vitamin A

Stratford Care USA, Inc of Odessa, Fla., is <u>recalling multiple brands of Omega-3</u> <u>Supplements for cats and dogs</u> due to potentially elevated levels of Vitamin A. Vitamin A is an essential nutrient for dogs; however, ingestion of elevated levels can lead to health issues depending on the level of Vitamin A and the length of exposure. Vitamin A toxicity may include general malaise, anorexia, nausea, peeling skin, weakness, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, and death.

Stratford Care USA, Inc is taking this action after receiving a single Serious Adverse Event from a sole consumer regarding their dogs' exhibiting signs of Vitamin A toxicity after consuming the supplement. This is the only Adverse Event to date. Currently Stratford Care USA, Inc is taking all necessary steps in collaboration with the FDA to remove all products with these lot numbers from the market.

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

Thinking of buying a crate?

We've recently had several donations of greyhound equipment, including some of the black wire collapsible crates, so we are selling some of our crates for \$50 each. If you are interested, please contact *Kathy* in the Dayton area or *Brenda* for those of you closer to Cincinnati.

Items for sale

Kathy and *Brenda* have a supply of belly bands, plus limited numbers of 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 <u>misspickyune@yahoo.com</u> for details about placing an order.

Combo leads and belly bands

We appreciate all who have returned your unwanted black combo leads 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*.

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

We need your unwanted muzzles!

Do you have gently used greyhound muzzles sitting around in the garage or the back of a closet? We frequently need to replace the muzzles on our newest dogs and would like to save money by collecting muzzles that are not being used. Please let *Brenda* or *Kathy* know if you can donate a muzzle. Thanks to those who have already donated muzzles.

New turnout muzzles

In an effort to cut costs and reduce inventory, we are not currently ordering any new turnout muzzles. *Brenda* and *Kathy* have a very limited supply of new and gently-used muzzles available for purchase, but you can also order online. For years, we've ordered our muzzles from <u>Birdwell Enterprises</u>. You can also find Birdwell muzzles on Amazon, or you can go to <u>Greyhounds Only Inc</u>. (their price is lower than Birdwell's). Most females will wear a size medium, and most males will wear a size large.

2023 calendar sale

We still have a few of the 2023 GAGC calendars available for sale: \$2 each or three for \$5. Contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* to purchase some.

Vet recommendations?

We are frequently asked to share recommendations for vets who know greyhounds. Do you have a vet that you know and trust to treat your pup? Share the details with *Brenda* or *Kathy* and we'll update our vet list. In addition, if you've had a bad experience with a vet, we would be interested in knowing that too!

run out quickly.

GAGC News

How to speak greyhound

Here is an excellent article about greyhounds and what their actions and postures mean. We highly recommend you take the time to read it:

<u>How to speak greyhound</u>, Greyhound Greetings

Nature's Select

Thanks to *Alan Schrager*, our Nature's Select distributor, for donating a 30-pound bag of kibble to GAGC month after month in support of our fostering program. We appreciate his generosity!

Webmaster

Mike K. is our wonderful webmaster who keeps our website looking professional and troubleshoots computer problems when they crop up. We're so grateful for his continuing support!

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 <u>koe50gh@gmail.com</u> or Brenda at <u>gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com</u>.



Find GAGC on Facebook

Have you visited the GAGC Facebook page? Visit our website at <u>cincigreyhounds.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.

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 GAGCrelated.

GAGC on Instagram



Our <u>Instagram</u> 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.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

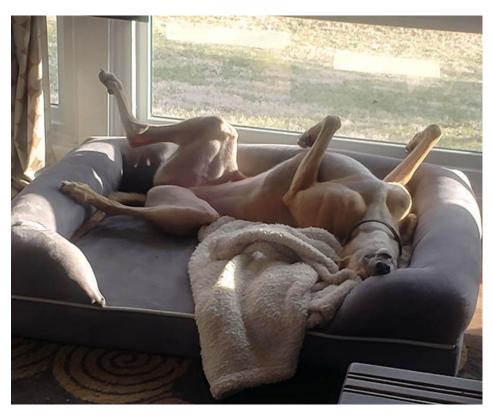
Dog runs

On March 5, *Brenda* and *Jill* picked up four new West Virginia dogs: females **DD Super Fine** and **KD's Gabby**, and males **Lee Sonny** and **FF Gangstr Gotti**. Here's *Brenda*'s report:

What a beautiful day for a dog run. Jill asked to ride along with me, and I was so thankful she did; she was a huge help. We usually take two cars to pick up males in one and females in the other, but I thought we would be alright this time. BIG mistake! The boys were HORN dogs and the girls kept flirting with them. Jill held the boys' leashes almost the entire time on the way back. Thankfully, all four are really nice dogs and the boys will be much nicer after they are neutered! Ha ha!

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?

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:

March

Food winner: *Michele C.*, foster parent to **DD Super Fine (Moxie**) Gift card winner: *Karen K.*, foster parent to **CG's Insight** Gift card winner: *Chrissy G.*, foster parent to **Lee Sonny** Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **CG's Opal**

April

Gift card winner: *Tim, Alex,* and *Madeline C.,* foster family to **Stevey Octane** Gift card winner: *Paula* and *Matthew O.,* foster parents to **Bart's Worthwhile** (**Irene**)

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:

Gabriella was adopted by Jill and Keith in March. She's really figured out this retirement thing. Chrissy G.: Lee Sonny Debbie B.: PJK Leslie, Braveheart Ron Gretchen D.: CG's Insight Jami B: FF Gangstr Gotti Jill and Keith K.: KD's Gabby, Calvary Raider (Potter) Jo and David M.: Stevey Octane Karen K.: CG's Insight Michele C.: DD Super Fine (Moxie) Paula and Matthew O.: Bart's Worthwhile (Irene) Patti B. and Craig O.: DD Super Fine (Moxie) Stephanie S.: CG's Opal Tim C.: Stevey Octane

Recently-adopted **Moxie** needed a nap after some play time.



Current foster dogs

Are you ready for another greyhound? We have the following dogs available: **Stevey Octane (Stevey)**: July 1, 2019; 3-year-old white and red male **Calvary Raider (Potter)**: Jan. 15, 2019; 4-year-old black male **Braveheart Ron (Max)**: Sept. 28, 2019; 3-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.

Recent adoptions

- **PJK Leslie** (Leslie): March 3 to *Debbie B*. of Cincinnati
- **KD's Gabby** (**Gabriella**): March 7 to *Jill* and *Keith K*. of Mechanicsburg
- **VJ Tiana** (**Tiana**): March 9 to *Sandie F.* of Fairfield
- **CG's Opal** (**Opal**): March 29 to *Hayden J*. of Dayton
- Gangstr Gotti (Loid): March 31 to
 Jameson and Nathan M. of Mason
- Lee Sonny (Murphy): April 2 to Julia and Daniel C. of Newport, Ky.
- DD Super Fine (Moxie): April 3 to *Patti B.* and *Craig O.* of Centerville
- **CG's Insight** (**Ahsoka**): April 5 to *Mel* and *Jon R*. of Mason
 - **CTW Did I Win** (**Winnie**): April 16 to *Brad* and *Cindy C*.
 - **Bart's Worthwhile** (Irene): April 29 to *Paula* and *Matt O*. of Loveland

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Our Condolences



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Walter



Forrest

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 learned in early March from Julia and David B. that their greyhound Lucy (Wild Becky) passed away Feb. 27. She died while coming out of anesthesia after a dental procedure. Our sympathy goes to them for their loss.

We send our condolences to *Meg S*. and *Tim G*. who had to let their 10-year-old boy **Parker** (aka **Uncle Penny Bags**) go on Feb. 27. He had several significant seizures and likely a spinal stroke. From *Meg*: He was sweet, goofy, and always our Velcro boy. We miss you, buddy! We were very sorry to hear that our Nature's Select distributors *Leslie* and *Alan Schrager* said goodbye to 14-yearold **Quita** on March 2. Her old age issues finally caught up with her, plus she likely had developed cancer in her shoulder.

Our sincere sympathy goes to *Pam C*. and *Don M*. for the loss of **Chloe** on March 16 due to old age issues.

We send our heartfelt condolences to *Michelle P.* and *Jon K.* who lost their Doberman **Walter** to bloat very suddenly on March 31. He would have been 10 in June. From *Michelle*: This boy! He broke our hearts when he had the sudden need to go to the Rainbow Bridge ASAP. *Jon* was with him when he made his trip. The house is unusually quiet now. **Walter**, you were a good boy!

Kris D. shared the unfortunate news that she and her daughter *Gretchen* said goodbye to their beloved **Pearl** on April 1. From *Gretchen*: "She was having problems walking and we discovered a large tumor on the inside of her thigh. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge peacefully." We send them our heartfelt condolences.

Christine and *Bill M.* said goodbye to **Shylo** on April 7. Their boy was only 8 when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. We're sorry to hear of their loss.

We received the sad news that on April 9, *JaCol* and *George D*. had to have their sweet **Forrest** euthanized following confirmation that he had osteosarcoma. After a slow decline for several months, an X-ray showed bone cancer. Lap of Love



Scarlet



Rocky



Bob



Glory

came to their house, and they were both glad that **Forrest** was able to go to sleep in the comfort of his home. From *JaCol*: We are saddened that this is the end of a 24-year era with our sweet greys. We both want to thank *Kathy* and GAGC from the bottom of our hearts for sending those sweet pups our way. We will forever cherish them all, and we know one day we will reunite with each of them.

We saw on Facebook that *Kristen B.* said goodbye to her greyhound **Rowie** on April 16, exactly 10 years from her adoption date. We're sorry for her loss.

We were sorry to hear that *Meghan* and *Kevin B*. had to let their **Scarlet** go on April 22 following years of a variety of medical problems. We send them our sincere condolences.

We send our condolences to *Shasta* and *Jason C*. who had to say goodbye to their boy **Rocky** on April 23. **Rocky** had been diagnosed with mega-esophagus about a week earlier and was no longer able to keep down food or water. From *Shasta*: "We had to make the hard decision as

what we were doing was not sustainable." **Rocky** was nearly 13 years old.

We saw on Facebook that *Katherine* and *Kevin F.* had to make the tough decision to let nearly 13-year-old **Bob** (**RS's Buddyrobert**) go on April 27. From *Katherine*: He had been having trouble walking and no longer wanted to get up. He had a big turkey breakfast before we took him. I still feel guilty but, in his eyes, I could tell he was ready. I miss him so much and feel so empty. Our kids ask where he is all the time. Miss you, **Bob**. Run free. Best first pet ever.

Our condolences go to *Jennifer H*. and *Robert S*. who recently lost their senior girl **Peeps** to bone cancer.

We were very sorry to hear that *Lee Ann, Joe, Jacob,* and *Nathan M.* said goodbye to their **Glory** due to probable osteosarcoma. From *Lee Ann*: X-ray was clear a few weeks ago, but her limp got progressively worse despite a cocktail of medications. We made the painful decision to let her go after discussions with *Dr. Moore*.



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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 and your memorial statement to us and we'll enter it in an upcoming newsletter. High-resolution photos are best.

Sid



In February, we said goodbye to our sweet boy, **Sid**. He was just about to turn 13. Our hearts are broken but we know that he is at peace. He was the most amazing dog, and we are so lucky to have shared the past eight years with him. We first met **Sid** at the GAGC Valentine's Day event. The immediate connection was undeniable, so much so that we went straight to *Kathy Evans*' house afterward to finalize the adoption papers (also adopting his goofy new sister, **Righty**, as well). And so began our journey with two amazing greyhounds.

Sid was truly one of a kind. In his younger years, his favorite activity was to chase and catch the frisbee mid-air. He also loved going on long hikes through woods, and meeting new people at the many meet and greets we attended. **Sid** was always so sweet and innocent. He just wanted to give and receive love. We want to thank GAGC and especially *Kathy Evans* for bringing him into our lives.

We will miss his joyful excitement every time we returned home and the soft snuggles we shared. We

will miss our long walks through nature, watching him enjoy life to the fullest. We will miss his beautiful eyes staring back at us as we gave him belly rubs and chest scratches. We will miss his cute little mohawk and that perfectly soft spot on his head for kisses. We will miss the way he warmed the hearts of everyone he met, gently coming to greet them, and requesting pets. There is so much we will miss, but we have many beautiful memories of him to reflect on. He will be in our hearts forever. We love you so much, buddy.

-Chris and Jenna T.



Kenny (Kenyon)

We lost our first greyhound (9-year-old **Droopy**) and four months later, **Kenny** (**Kenyon**) rescued us, on Superbowl Sunday of 2014. He was immediately at home and fit right into our family of four. About six weeks later we found out his littermate, **Joey**, was going blind due to PRA and needed to find his forever home as soon as possible before he fully lost his vision. What we didn't know was, when we adopted **Kenny**, that was the first time he and **Joey** had been separated. When *Brenda* brought **Joey** into our home, he and **Kenny** had the most amazing reunion! It bought all of us to tears! We let them outside and since **Joey**'s vision was failing, he almost walked right into our rose bush, but at the last second, **Kenny** ran up to him and redirected him. That was the first of many times **Kenny** acted as **Joey**'s eyes, always looking out for **Joey**, and protecting him. We were so fortunate to have **Kenny** in our lives for nearly nine years before cancer took him from us. He was the most loyal, sweetest, and loving pup for our family. **Joey** misses him tremendously, as do we.

Much love,

Scarlet



Meghan and I said, "see you later," not goodbye, to **Scarlet** on April 22 at *Dr. Moore*'s office. **Scarlet** has always been our special dog from her greyhound quirkiness to her extreme patience with her human siblings to, unfortunately, her myriad of medical issues. We tried tirelessly over the years to treat her ailments and keep her happy and healthy, but it became clear that all her troubles were most likely symptoms of a deeper issue. Treating the ever-increasing symptoms with countless medications and numerous surgeries simply became too much for her and us. We wish she could have told us in words how she was feeling, but we could just tell she was in constant pain or irritation and simply wasn't herself anymore.

Scarlet was the third greyhound to brighten our lives, and it never gets easier. We are taking solace in the thought that she is now running around pain free with her brother **Dozer**, and she is meeting her sister **Kona** for the first time. Her best buddy *Walter* misses her so much already and wants so badly to visit her up in the sky to play, give her treats, and hug her one more time.

Thank you for all that you do day in and day out, working

tirelessly for years to bring such special creatures into our lives. They may only stick around for a short time, but the memories and their impact on our lives are forever.

—Kevin and Meghan B.

—The Hezlep Family

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 \$1,208.73. 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! <u>www.</u> <u>krogercommunityrewards.com</u>



WoofTrax

Wooftrax is a way we can earn free money. Hopefully the weather will start improving and more of us will start walking again. Perhaps this is a good way to help GAGC, especially since AmazonSmile is no longer sending us donations. Sign up for the free WoofTrax app and use it every time you walk your dog to earn regular donations for GAGC.

For more information visit <u>wooftrax.com</u> then download the app and start walking!

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, and Nati: CG's Insight, Lee Sonny, DD Super Fine Mel, Jon, Ace, and Chewie: Stevey Octane, DD Super Fine Christa, Kim, Leo, Annabelle, Shadow, and Marley: FF Ganstr Gotti

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. Holly G. Geraldine G. Claire and Clyde P. Michael F. Craig O. and Patti B. Angie B. June K. Randy and Gloria P. Ann V. Paula and Matt O. Kroger AmazonSmile Dorothy Lane Market Network for Good

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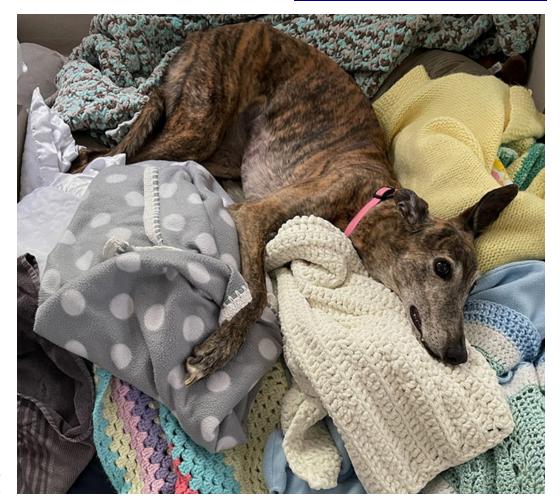
Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

Christina E. donated a crate to GAGC

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.





Miss **Piper** is carefully guarding a pile of toddler *Jack's* blankets.

Mark your calendars

May Sharon Woods Walk

Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m. (weather permitting)

The path we take at Sharon Woods is about a 45-minute walk. The dogs love socializing with their old racing buddies. You can walk as long or short as you want, just make it a fun time. We will gather at 10 a.m. and start walking at 10:15. Enter at 11450 Lebanon Rd., go past the guard shack, turn left at the first road and there's a huge parking lot on the right, you'll see us there.

GAGC Family Picnic

Keehner Park, West Chester Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. We're celebrating 21 years of finding greyt homes for these greyt dogs! We welcome GAGC members plus any friend you have with a greyhound. We recommend NO little

dogs attend our events, since not all greyhounds are friendly with little dogs.

The following vendors will be in attendance in May: Mandy's Dog-O-Mat; *Dr. Moore*'s tech *Maria* will do toenails and sell shirts; *Cindy* and *Terri*, the animal communicators; *Elaine*, the massage therapist; *Alan*'s Nature's Select will have a booth; *Heather* will sell her tie-dye t-shirts; the CARE CENTER blood donations group is thrilled to attend; and photographer *Tom Gore* will take photos.

If you are interested in helping with set-up and break-down, please let *Brenda* know. *Marianne* and *Mel* could use help with their areas. Let's start hoping for nice weather. This is the day all GAGC members get to vote on the photos for the 2024 calendar.

September

r Great Global Greyhound Walk

Sharon Woods Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.

Let's show the world that Sighthounds make fantastic pets!



Great Global Greyhound Walk

Out-of-town events

May Sandy Paws

May 18-21, 2023 Jeckyll Island, Ga.

Sandy Paws is a greyhound event put on every year by Greythound Guardians of Jacksonville, Florida. The event this year will be held at Villas by the Sea hotel on Jeckyll Island. You can get more information on activities at the <u>Sandy Paws website</u>.

June Mountain Hounds in Gatlinburg

June 1–4

Mountain Hounds is put on every June by Greyhound Friends of North Carolina. It is held at the Sydney James Mountain Retreat in the popular tourist town of Gatlinburg Tennessee, so there is lots to see and do, and the Great Smoky Mountains are beautiful. Get more information about <u>Mountain Hounds on their website</u>.

July The Grapehound Wine Tour®

July 20-23, 2023

Watkins Glen, NY

The Grapehound Wine Tour[®] is in its 18th year in the Finger Lakes. It is a unique event in that it is not managed by a greyhound adoption group but by a group of volunteers that focuses on raising funds for donation to greyhound adoption groups. It is a gathering of sighthound owners who come to the region to shop vendors, see the sights, and taste local wines, beers and distilled spirits at over 40 local businesses near Seneca Lake, NY. For more information, go to <u>www.Grapehounds.org</u>.

October Greyhounds Reach the Beach®

October 5-8

Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Managed by Greyhound Pet Adoptions of Delaware, Greyhounds Reach the Beach[®] is one of the oldest greyhound events, dating back to 1995. It is held inside the beautiful Rehoboth Beach Convention Center and features great speakers, vendors from all over the country and lots of beach-oriented activities. Get all the details about <u>GRtB on</u> <u>their website</u>.

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