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# From the President ...



Brenda and her girls **Maggie** and **Betsy** taking advantage of a beautiful day.

GAGC Families and Friends,

Oh, my goodness, this weather has been crazy with it changing almost daily! Let's all start hoping for nice weather for our event on **May 18** at Keehner Park in West Chester, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please come and socialize with other GAGC families and their greyhounds. The dogs love getting together, and I love seeing all the happy dogs with their happy humans! If you have other friends with greyhounds, they are also welcome to attend.

Twenty adoptions so far this year. It has been a little slow, but these adoptions have all been greyt, and the dogs are in terrific homes and enjoying their retirement. Check out our website at [www.cincigreyhounds.org](http://www.cincigreyhounds.org).

Huge shout-out to our fabulous foster

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homes, since we cannot get these greyt dogs into forever homes without help from our foster families!

Hope to see you soon!

*Brenda*

**On the cover:** Handsome **Windsor** is stylin'!

# Greyt health & safety

## 6 most common dog health problems

from [Fetch at WebMD](#)

Medically Reviewed by Amy Flowers, DVM on November 08, 2022; Written by Wendy C. Fries

Our dogs are faithful companions, and they depend on us for good care. To help your canine friend live a healthy life, you should know some of the most common health problems dogs face, their signs, and what you can do about them.

### Dogs and ear infections

Ear infections are a common canine health problem, and they can be caused by allergies, yeast, ear mites, bacteria, hair growth deep in the ear canal, and more. Symptoms your dog may have with an ear infection include:

- Head shaking or head tilting
- Ear odor
- Vigorous scratching
- Lack of balance
- Unusual back-and-forth eye movements

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- Redness of the ear canal
- Swelling of the outer portion of the ear
- Brown, yellow, or bloody discharge

Always take your dog to the veterinarian if you think they have an ear infection. In most cases, cleaning and medicating the ear canal will quickly clear up an infection. However, surgery can be needed for chronic infections or if forceful head shaking results in the rupture of a vessel within the outer part of the ear. This is called a hematoma.

### Dogs and worms

Tapeworms, roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms are common internal parasites in dogs. And although any worm infestation can make your pooch uncomfortable, some, like hookworms, can be fatal in puppies. Signs your dog may have worms include:

- Diarrhea (may be bloody)
- Weight loss
- A change in appetite
- A rough, dry coat
- Scooting on their bottom
- Vomiting (with roundworms in particular)
- An overall poor appearance
- Small segments of tapeworm (resembling grains of rice) in his stool

The best way to diagnose a worm problem is with a visit to the vet. Treatment depends on which type of worm your dog has, but generally includes an oral medication and may require follow-up. Don't try treating worms yourself: A medication that kills

roundworms, for example, may not kill tapeworms.

### **When fleas find your dog**

It takes just three weeks for one flea to turn into an infestation of 1,000 biting bugs. A very common canine health problem, fleas are easy for your dog to pick up, but they're also easy to treat. Signs your dog may have fleas include:

- Excessive scratching, licking or biting at the skin
- Hair loss
- Hot spots
- Allergy dermatitis (allergic response caused by contact with flea saliva)
- Tapeworms (which are carried by fleas)
- Flea dirt (looks like small black dots) against your dog's skin

Untreated, fleas not only make your dog intensely uncomfortable, they can also cause allergic reactions, infections, and even lead to anemia from blood loss.

Talk to your vet about the right flea medicine for your dog, which may include

collars, oral medicine, shampoos, sprays, or topical liquids.

### **How to help hot spots in your dog**

They're commonly known as hot spots, but the medical term for those bare, inflamed, red areas you often see on dogs is acute moist dermatitis—a bacterial skin infection. Anything that irritates your dog's skin enough to make them scratch or chew can lead to the pain and itch of hot spots, which, if left untreated, can quickly grow larger.

A hot spot's location can help your vet diagnose its cause. Fleas, for example, may be the source of a hip hot spot, while a hot spot at the ear might point to ear problems.

Treating hot spots may involve shaving and cleaning the irritated area, using antibiotics, anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), steroids, allergy medications like cytopoint or Apoquel, or topical medications, depending on how bad the hot spots are, and how much pain your pooch is in.

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### **Vomiting**

Vomiting is a common dog health problem, with dozens of possible causes, from infection or intestinal parasites to pancreatitis, kidney failure, heatstroke, an obstruction in the stomach or intestine, or poisoning.

Symptoms are basic: abdominal heaving and drooling caused by nausea. If your dog also has diarrhea, blood in the vomit, seems lethargic, continues vomiting, or can't hold down liquids, contact your vet right away to prevent life-threatening dehydration.

Treatment depends on what's causing a dog's distress, and may include fluid therapy, drugs to control vomiting, surgery for obstructions, and homemade foods like well-cooked skinless chicken, boiled potatoes, and rice.

### **Doggy diarrhea**

Diarrhea in dogs, as with vomiting, can have lots of causes, including stress, infections like parvo virus, intestinal parasites, and food problems.

Diarrhea symptoms are pretty obvious—look for loose, watery, or liquid stool.

Because diarrhea can easily lead to dehydration, be sure your dog has plenty of clean water available, then take your pooch to the vet if the diarrhea persists for more than a day, or immediately if there's also fever, lethargy, vomiting, dark or bloody stools, or loss of appetite.

### **Household products that are poisonous for pets**

*from [Zoetis](#), Dr. Sam Gilbert*

If you've ever had a toddler in your home, you know that baby proofing the house is

a basic safety requirement. Think of your pets as permanent toddlers! Keeping your furry family members safe from exposure to household products and chemicals that can be toxic is important. Almost every family has products in their home that can cause problems in dogs and cats like gastrointestinal upset (vomiting and/or diarrhea). Other products—some that might surprise you—can even cause more serious problems like seizures, liver or kidney failure, and lead to death if not treated quickly once your pet has come into contact with or ingested them. But don't worry—it's easy to keep your pets safe with a bit of planning, careful reading of product labels, and attention to detail.

### **What kinds of household products can be poisonous to your pets?**

Almost any household product can be dangerous to your pet, even those labeled "safe" or "natural," including homemade products. While in many cases the product's ingredients are the dangerous component, your pet can also be at risk depending on the amount of the product they are exposed to or the way in which they're exposed. All of the following have the potential to cause harm and should be avoided or, if used in or around the home, stored with extreme care:

- Antifreeze, de-icer
- Bleach or bleach-based cleaners
- Carpet or rug cleaner/shampoo/deodorizer
- Essential oils
- Plant fertilizer
- Glue, other adhesives
- Laundry or dishwasher detergent
- Paint, solvents, spackle
- Rat/mouse/slug bait or other insecticides

6908 Cleaning utensils - this image by gratuit is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported License.



- Vinegar (plain or mixed with water)
- Window cleaner

### **Hazardous ingredients to avoid in household products**

Some ingredients are best avoided altogether. If you see these ingredients on the product label, it's safest not to use them around your pets:

- Chlorine bleach
- Phthalates—can be listed on the label simply as “fragrance”
- Ammonia
- Glycol Ethers (for example, ethylene glycol in antifreeze)
- Formaldehyde
- Benzalkonium Chloride (most commonly found in household disinfectants)

### **How pets come into contact with poisonous products in your home**

Pets can be exposed to toxic household products in several ways, all of which can lead to poisoning or toxicity:

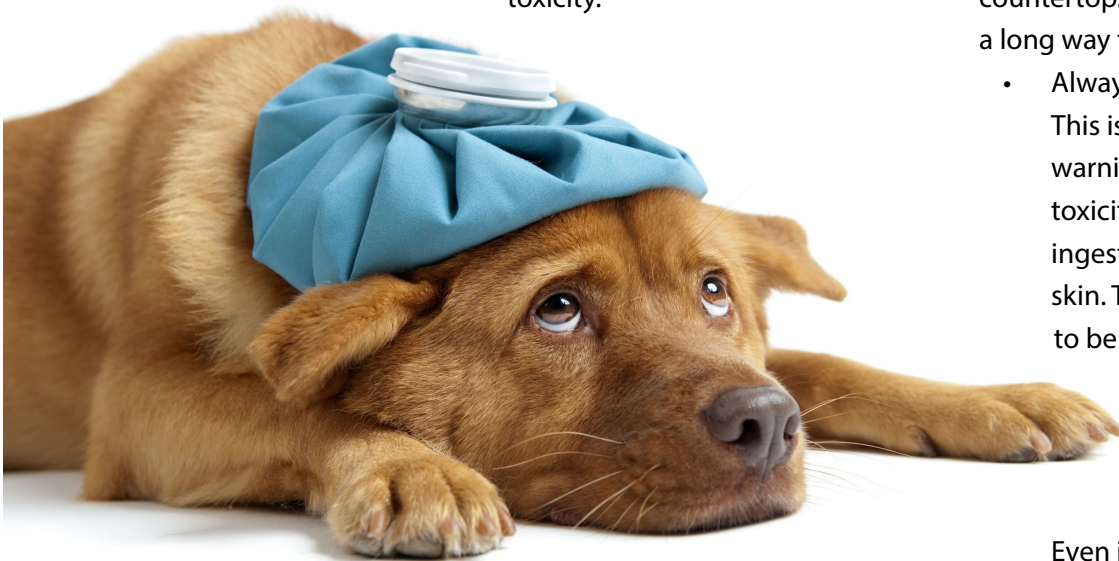
- Ingestion  
Dogs and cats have a tendency to eat first and ask questions later. Licking, chewing on, or swallowing the wrong product can result in toxicity.

- Direct contact  
Pets can absorb toxins through their skin even if they have a thick haircoat. In addition, if a pet gets something hazardous on their coat or paws and then licks it, they can ingest the poison.
- Inhalation  
Similar to humans, dogs and cats are at risk of irritation or damage to their respiratory system (from their nose all the way down to their lungs) if exposed to things like certain chemicals, essential oils and perfumes, paint, and gasoline fumes.
- Secondary ingestion  
If your pet finds a mouse or rat that has been poisoned by rodenticide (mouse/rat poison) and your pet eats that rodent, they can be exposed to the toxin and be at risk of being poisoned themselves.

### **Keeping pets safe from common household products that might be poisonous**

Even the most careful pet owner is often no match for a curious cat who can open cabinets or a dog who can reach the countertop. A little extra planning can go a long way to keeping your pet safe:

- Always check the product label  
This is where you'll find safety warnings about the product's toxicity and what to do if it is ingested or comes into contact with skin. These warnings don't need to be specific to animals—if it is dangerous to humans, it is likely dangerous to your pets.
- Natural doesn't mean safe  
Even if something is labeled natural,



it is best to consult a trusted resource or veterinary professional to confirm that the product is safe.

- Look for pet-safe products  
There are cleaners and disinfectants on the market that are designed to be safer for pets. Keep an eye out for “pet safe” on the label. But remember, not all products will state if they are safe for pets and even those that do might not be completely safe. Always consult a trusted veterinary resource prior to using one of these products.
- Keep household products stored securely  
Store products in cupboards or cabinets up high where pets cannot reach them and secure them with a lock whenever possible. Child safety locks are recommended, especially for storage locations within reach of your pet (like under the sink).
- Never leave your pet alone in the garage  
Many household toxins are stored in the garage, increasing the danger for your pet if they spend unsupervised time out

there. Consider storing potentially hazardous products in a locked cabinet even within the garage.

- Don't switch containers  
Never store a household product in a container other than the one it came in (like a food or beverage container instead of the original packaging). It's important to have the correct label to reference in case of an emergency and for proper storage and use in general.
- Avoid pet food/water or sleeping areas  
Do not store, spray, or use household cleaners, essential oils, or pesticides anywhere near your pet's food and water bowls or areas where they spend a lot of time resting or sleeping.
- Watch out for odor removers and scented products  
If a product makes broad claims about removing odors or is strongly fragranced, avoid using it around your pet. This usually means the product contains phthalates or other potentially dangerous chemical components.
- Let wet areas dry  
When cleaning the carpet or using hard surface floor cleaners, do not let your pet walk on or sleep in the space until the surface is totally dry and there is no product odor left.
- Keep your pets indoors  
When fertilizing outside, keep your pets inside and follow label instructions regarding use around pets.

In case of exposure, your first call should be to the ASPCA Poison Control or Pet Poison Helpline. Both hotlines are



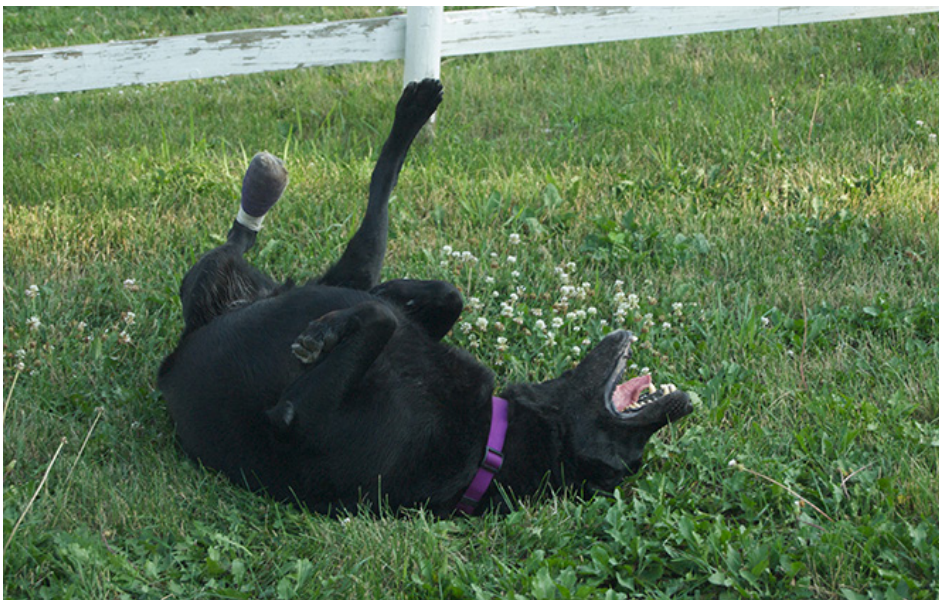
available 24/7 for poison-related help specific to your pets. If your pet collapses, loses consciousness, has a seizure, or has difficulty breathing, that is an emergency—please take them directly to the nearest veterinary hospital for immediate evaluation.

Even the household products we typically think of as safe and familiar can pose a risk to your pet if they are exposed. A bit of common sense and planning for how you use and store a product go a long way to prevent dangerous exposure for your dog or cat. When using cleaning products and other products in your home, it is always safest to keep your pet out of the room until you are finished. Before allowing your pet back in, ensure all surfaces are dry, and the air is free from the product's odor. When in doubt, err on the side of caution to keep your furry family members safe and healthy!

## Larger flea surge predicted this year; How to keep fleas out of your yard

[Dayton Daily News](#), by Jen Balduf  
March 19, 2024

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Higher temperatures than usual this winter means the surge of fleas is predicted to be larger this spring and summer.

However, with some proactive measures homeowners can make yards flea-free for pets. The Humane Society of Greater Dayton recommends the following steps to keep fleas at bay:

**Frequent mowing:** Fleas thrive in shaded areas, as they cannot withstand prolonged exposure to sunlight. By mowing your lawn regularly, you expose the soil to the sun, making it less hospitable for fleas to inhabit. Plus, a well-manicured lawn adds to the overall aesthetics of your yard!

**Control moisture levels:** Fleas love humid environments, so it's crucial to avoid over-watering your lawn. Keeping your yard dry and well-drained makes it less attractive to these persistent pests. Be mindful of any areas where water tends to accumulate, such as low-lying spots or areas with poor drainage.

**Use pet-safe insecticides:** Treat dog runs and other outdoor areas with pet-safe insecticides to deter fleas. These products can help create a barrier against fleas, making your yard a less desirable habitat for them to thrive. Always follow the instructions carefully when applying insecticides to ensure the safety of your pets and the environment.

**Thoroughly rake debris:** Regularly rake your yard to remove any debris, such as leaves, grass clippings, or fallen branches. This not only improves the overall appearance of your lawn but also



exposes fleas to potential insecticides and eliminates their hiding spots. Pay close attention to shaded areas under bushes or trees, as these are common flea breeding grounds.

**Rodent control:** Rodents like mice and opossums can carry fleas into your yard, creating a perfect storm for infestation. Take steps to keep rodents away from your home by storing food in sealed containers, removing outdoor clutter, and sealing up any entry points into your house.

**Limit contact with wild animals:** Wild and stray animals often harbor fleas, which can easily transfer to your pets. Keep stray animals at bay by securely storing pet food and minimizing your pet's interactions with wildlife. By reducing contact with potential flea carriers, you can lower the risk of infestation in your yard.

Consistency is key when it comes to flea control, so make these practices a regular yard maintenance routine.

For added security, protect pets from fleas and ticks with preventive care now from your local veterinarian, or by calling for an appointment at the Dayton Humane Veterinary Hospital at 937-965-4399.

For more information about the humane society at 1661 Nicholas Road in Dayton call 937-268-PETS (7387) or visit [www.hsd Dayton.org](http://www.hsd Dayton.org).

## Find GAGC on Facebook



Have you visited the [GAGC Facebook](#) page?

Visit our website at [cincigreyhounds.org](http://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](mailto: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.

## 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.

# Greyt goods & services

## Items for sale

*Kathy and Brenda* have a supply of belly bands available if you need any for your male greyhound.

## Muzzles!

Do you have gently used greyhound muzzles sitting around in the garage or the back of a closet? We frequently need to replace those on our newest dogs and would like to save money by collecting ones that are not being used. Please let *Brenda or Kathy* know if you can donate an unneeded muzzle. Thank you to those folks who have already donated some. In addition, in an effort to cut costs and reduce inventory, we are not currently ordering any new turnout muzzles.

*Brenda and Kathy* both 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 ours from Birdwell

Enterprises at [Birdwell Enterprises](#). You can also find Birdwell muzzles on Amazon, or you can go to [Greyhounds Only Inc.](#) Most females will wear a size medium, and most males will wear a size large.

## Greyhound jackets

*Irene M.* makes custom fleece jackets for greyhounds. You can reach her at [misspickyune@yahoo.com](mailto:misspickyune@yahoo.com) for details about placing an order.

## Combo leads and belly bands

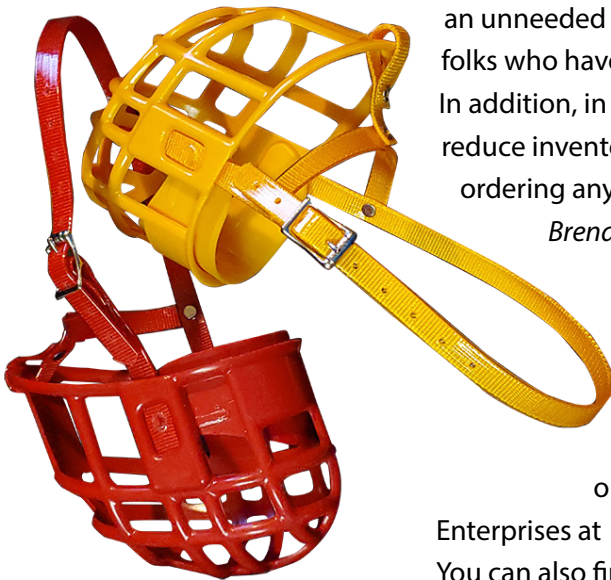
We appreciate all who have returned your unwanted black combo leads to GAGC to reuse for future adoptions. Recycling

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 run out quickly.

## Vet recommendations?

Do you have a vet in your area who 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!



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



# GAGC News

## Ella's journey to pet therapy

—from Sharon

**Ella**, at 1.5-years-old, joined our family in January 2020. She was a bundle of energy, but with the help of her big brother, **Colton**, learned how to be a retired house dog. She was so friendly and loving, I knew she would make a great therapy dog.

It had been several months since my first two pet therapy greyhounds passed, and I was ready to get started again. Unfortunately, that was delayed when the pandemic struck. As soon as we were able, I took **Ella** to obedience classes and socialized her at pet-friendly stores and events. When she passed her Canine Good Citizen test, I knew she was ready to move on to therapy work.

We passed the handlers test and she became an official Pet Partners Therapy Dog. She loves going to Ronald McDonald House, schools, rehab centers,

corporations, and especially loves to have kids read to her at the Tales to Tails program at the library.

If you are looking for something to do with your greyhound, please check out this rewarding work. Both you and your dog will get so much out of it. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

—Sharon and **Ella**

## Nature's Select

We are so grateful to *Alan Schrage*, our Nature's Select distributor, who supports GAGC every month by giving us a discount on foster food and donating a 30-pound bag of kibble in support of our fostering program. Thank you, *Alan!*

## Webmaster

We continue to get praise for our professional looking website, and that's all thanks to our excellent webmaster *Mike K.* Thank you, *Mike!*



Miss **Ella** is hard at work at the library doing her pet therapy job.

# Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

## Dog runs

On March 3, females **DD Going For It** and **WW Magic Moments**, and males **Slatex Samson** and **CG's Shortcut** made their way from West Virginia to Ohio. *Brenda* and *Jane* each drove; *Brenda* brought back the boys and *Jane* had the girls. From *Brenda*:

It was cloudy starting the dog run on March 3, but right before I got to Jackson the sun came out. *Jane* also drove and brought back the two girls, while I brought back the boys. While waiting for *Barb* to arrive at our meeting location, over 20 motorcycles pulled into the parking lot. *Jane* and I were terrified if the hauler got there when the bikes were getting ready to take off could be a catastrophe. Timing was in our favor, the hauler arrived right when the bikes started to pull out of the parking lot. Soooo loud ... the

dogs were howling. We waited for the last bike to leave before getting the dogs out of the hauler. All four dogs are super sweet and should have no problem going to any home.

On April 13, we picked up five new dogs when *Brenda*, *Jami*, and *Debbie* made the drive to Jackson. There were three females: **CET Regan**, **CET Mars**, and **GLS Rising Star**; and two males: **RS's Abraham** and **RF Cheerios**. From *Brenda*:

What a beautiful day it was picking up five gorgeous, retired racers. We met *Barb* and *Pam*, walked the newbies around, and put them in *Jami's* and my vans and headed back to my house. Five foster families were waiting to help get the dogs out of the car. The newbies socialized a bit before I got photos of them. Thanks to *Jill* and *Keith*, *Melina* and *Scotty*, *Karyn* and *John*, *Jane* and *Ethan*, and *Jami* and *Debbie* who took the dogs home helping them learn to be greyt pets!

From *Jami*:

We had the three girls in our van. The two black girls were pretty excited while the little red girl **Star** was a bit reserved, due to being overwhelmed, I'm sure. The ride back was smooth except for a few grumbles as they were trying to find a spot to lie down. Always fun to see *Barb* (and *Pam* from another kennel). They sure do love their dogs! It was a beautiful day, that was good!

On April 27, *Brenda* picked up three

**RF Cheerios** and **RS's Abraham** in *Brenda's* car on the April 13 dog run.



females at our rendezvous in Jackson: **WW Crystal Power, WW Adrenaline, and Agape Moo.** She reported:

What a beautiful day for a dog run, just two weeks after we picked up five other retired racers. It amazed me how green the landscape was in just two weeks. When I got the girls, our dog source said she is holding three more dogs for us that are special to her heart! Maybe she'll bring them to our event on May 18. On this dog run, the first two girls are littermates and I found it funny that both of them were able to get their muzzles off on the car ride back to my house. Thankfully no disagreements occurred. Thanks to their foster families *Stephanie, Kim, Nate, and Andrea* who will help these girls transition into a new life.

Super mellow dude **Cheerios** heading to his foster home.



## 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: *Eszter and Keith M.*, foster parents to **WW Magic Moments, Slatex Samson**

Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **BGR Jameson**

Gift card winner: *Melissa L.*, foster parent to **Slatex Samson**

Gift card winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **CET Juicy**

### April

Food winner: *Jill and Keith K.*, foster parents to **RF Cheerios**

Gift card winner: *Melina and Scotty H.*, foster parents to **CET Mars, GLS Rising Star**

Gift card winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Sale Ticket**

Gift card winner: *Anita and Chuck M.*, foster parents to **Slatex Samson**

## Foster families

We are so appreciative of our foster families. They give us the option of having multiple dogs readily available for new applicants to meet and adopt. Thanks to:

*Andrea and Nate S.:* **WW Crystal Power**

*Anita and Chuck M.:* **Slatex Samson**

*Chrissy G.:* **CET Lapis**

*Dawn and Jim B.:* **BGR Jameson**

*Debbie B.:* **TNT Buckaroo, Slatex Samson**

*Eszter and Keith M.:* **CET Lithium, WW**

**Magic Moments, Slatex Samson**

*Faye and George H. and Anne F.:* **CET Lapis**

*Gretchen D.:* **Sale Ticket**

*Jami B.:* **CET Regan**

*Jane Y.:* **CG's Shortcut, RS's Abraham**

*Jill and Keith K.:* **RF Cheerios**

*Karyn and John W.:* **GLS Rising Star**

*Kim M.:* **WW Adrenaline**

*Kris and Bob P.:* **DD Going For It**

*MaryLou and Jeff V.:* **WW Magic Moments**

*Melina and Scotty H.:* **CET Mars, GLS Rising Star**

*Melissa L.:* **Slatex Samson**

*Robin C.:* **CET Juicy**

*Stephanie S.:* **GLS Yanky Matt, BGR Jameson, Agape Moo**

**Sale Ticket:** Dec. 30, 2019; 4-year-old red-and-white male

**Slatex Samson:** May 22, 2020; 3-year-old red male

**GLS Rising Star:** July 8, 2022; almost 2-year-old red female

**RS's Abraham:** July 11, 2020; 3-year-old fawn male

**RF Cheerios:** March 2, 2019; 5-year-old white-and-red male

**WW Crystal Power:** May 19, 2021; almost 3-year-old red female

**WW Adrenaline:** May 19, 2021; almost 3-year-old brindle female

**Agape Moo:** June 28, 2020; 3-year-old black female

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

- **TNT Buckaroo (Buck):** March 10 to *Kate and Kevin F.* of Ft. Thomas, Ky.
- **WW Magic Moments (Winnie):** March 16 to *Jacqueline M.* of Loveland
- **CET Lapis (Lottie):** March 17 to *Faye and George H.* and daughter *Anne F.* of West Chester
- **CG's Shortcut (Hagar):** March 20 to *Cheri V.* of Batavia
- **DD Going For It (Colleen):** March 27 to *Lynne R.* of Franklin
- **CET Juicy (Ellie Mae):** April 6 to *Julie O.* of Burlington, Ky.
- **BGR Jameson (Derby):** April 9 to *Ashley and Austin D.* of Covington, Ky.
- **CET Mars (Hayden Mars):** April 19 to *Olivia, Karyn, and John W.* of Mason
- **CET Regan (Rachel):** April 20 to *Debbie K. and Jami B.* of Fairfield

## Current foster dogs

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

Recently adopted **Jameson** is thrilled with his new pack members **Sadie** and greyhound **Dollie**.



# Our Condolences



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Coach



Louie

*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 that *Camille* and *Don A.* had to have their wonderful boy **Bug** euthanized in late February. **Bug** had been struggling for a while; he likely had congestive heart failure. We send them our sincere condolences.

March 3 was a bad day for *Edye L.* and *Dave Z.* They had to say goodbye to their **Rocky** after his back-end gave out. **Rocky** was part of a much-loved pack of greyhounds and other breeds and had the best life with *Edye* and *Dave*. We send them our heartfelt sympathy.

Long-time members *Sue* and *Warren N.* had to let their girl **Brie** go on March 4. **Brie** had been dealing with neuropathy. From *Sue*: "She took a bad turn over the weekend, fell several times and started having mini seizures. We're broken-hearted; she was such a beautiful, gentle girl." We're so sorry to hear of this loss.

Our sympathy goes to *Miranda* and *Jacob G.* who said goodbye to their boy **Coach** on March 5. He apparently slipped a disc that paralyzed his back legs. From *Miranda*: He was 13 and it was his time to go. I'm devastated. He was my heart dog and the sweetest guy I could have ever asked for.

We were very sorry to get the news from *Megan H.* and *Andrew K.* that their **Jozy (Smilingjosy)** was put to sleep on March 10 after falling and breaking her femur. From *Andrew*: The surgical/recovery options were not in her best interest at her age (13). She was a great companion to our young kids and was incredibly tolerant of two energetic cats.

*Debbie K.* and *Jami B.*, who have been GAGC members for many years, said goodbye to **Louie** on March 18. He was not putting any weight on his front leg, and a trip to *Dr. Moore* confirmed it was osteosarcoma. We send them our heartfelt sympathy.

We heard the sad news from *Emily* and *Justin F.* that **Teedo** had to be put to sleep on March 22. From *Emily*: **Teedo's** seizures have accelerated in the last month. I wish we could do more, but it seems like we've exhausted every medication and



**Teedo**



**Lexie**



**Peaches**



**Bacchus**

treatment we can with his epilepsy.

We received the sad news that *Karyn* and *John W.* had to let **Frankie (SR Benedict)** go on April 4 after she lost her battle with osteosarcoma. From *John*: She was the best greyhound in the world. I always said, she was an Angel sent straight from God. Rest in Peace, "**Frankie Girl**."

Also on April 4, *Renee* and *Alan T.* lost their girl **Lexie** to a fast-growing sarcoma. She would have been 13 in late June. **Lexie** was a superb therapy dog, and we're very sorry to hear of this loss.

We were very sorry to hear that *Kaitlin S.* and *Kevin V.* had to put their **Reese** to

sleep on April 14. **Reese** lost her battle with osteosarcoma, so they had Angel Paws put her out of pain. From *Kaitlyn*: My heart is broken but I know it's the right thing for her to not suffer anymore.

We just received the sad news that *Felicia* and *Dave A.* had to put their **Peaches** down on April 23. From *Felicia*: "She would have turned 11 this weekend. She was the best and we miss her so much, but it was time." We're very sorry to hear of this loss.

Our sincere condolences go to *Gary* and *Christine W.* who said goodbye to their 11-year-old boy **Bacchus** on April 30; he had developed osteosarcoma.





# 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.*

## Coach

**Coach** and I loved each other from the moment we met. He was my very first dog and with that title came the title of being my "heart" dog. He was mine and I was his.

He gave the absolute best hugs and snuggles. I always said he was my 80-pound lap dog and he took that job very seriously. I'll miss his goofiness, his wet nose boops, the way he laid his head on my chest when I was sitting on the couch, but most of all the way he looked at me with all the love in the world.

The house feels empty now and my heart is shattered. He took a big piece of it with him when he left me.

**Coach**, I love you so, so much and I miss you so much it hurts. Give **Misty** a big kiss for me. So long for now, I'll see you and **Misty** at the Bridge.

—Miranda (and Jacob) G.



# 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 \$1,225.83. 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

**CG's Shortcut**, now called **Hagar**, is checking things out with queen of the house, **Rosie**.



register GAGC as their favorite charity. It is easy money for our hounds and doesn't affect your fuel points! [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://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 and Nati: **BGR Jameson, CG's Shortcut, WW Magic Moments, CET Mars, CET Regan Mel, Jon, Ace, Chewie, and Ahsoka: Super C Dove, RS's Abraham, Agape Moo***  
*Christa, Kim, Leo, Shadow, and Marley: **Sale Ticket, Slatex Samson, RF Cheerios***

### 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

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*Mary S.*

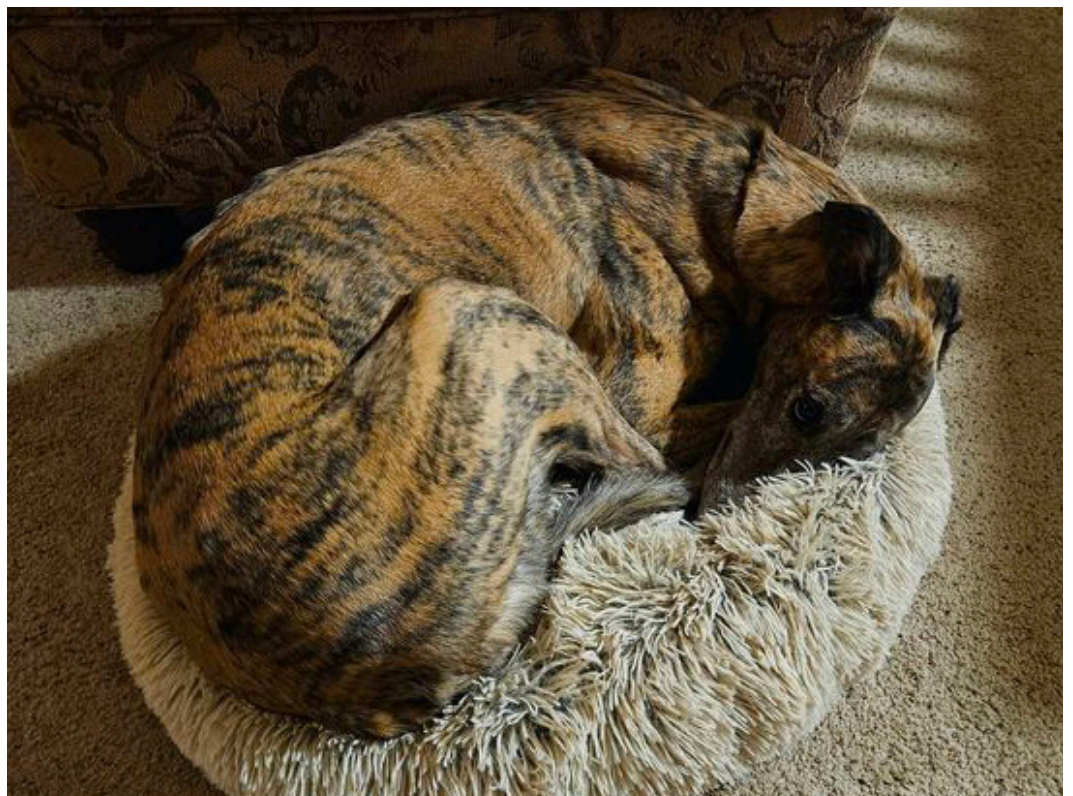
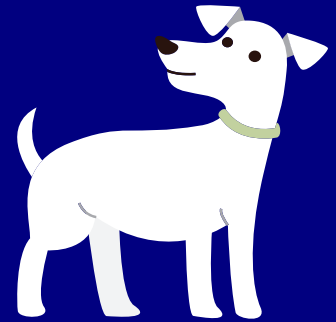
*Kathy E.*

### **Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)**

- *Sue and Warren N.* donated a crate, beds, leash sets, coats, food, treats, and more
- *Robin C.* donated her winning gift card for fostering back to GAGC
- *Felicia and Dave A.* donated bowls, leash, coat, and more after the loss of their girl **Peaches**

## **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.



**Gia** seems to think this little bed is a perfect fit.

# Mark your calendars

## Local events

### May **16 Lots Brewing Meet-and-Greet**

May 11, 2024 | 2 to 4 p.m.

753 Reading Rd.

Mason, Ohio 45040

### **GAGC Spring Picnic**

May 18, 2024 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keehner Park, West Chester

Here are the details:

- free lunch courtesy of *Marianne* and *James* and their family
- raffle/silent auction presented by *Mel* and *Jon*
- *Maria* will do dog nails for \$10 and will have her GH sweatshirts/t-shirts available for purchase
- *Tom* will take family photos, candid shots and our yearly group photo
- *Elaine* will do dog massages; she donates all donations back to GAGC
- *Heather* and *Patrick* will sell t-shirts and other items
- *Alan* will have his Nature's Select booth
- The Care Center will provide information about their blood donation program
- We have several items to sell and we'll have a free-item table set up
- *Angie* will have the calendar contest photos printed up so we can vote
- There will be a bucket full of pooh bags free for the taking by the Welcome tent
- *Barb*, the W.V. race track trainer, will be there and may bring a couple newly-retired racers with her
- AND of course, any available dogs we have at that time will be there for you to meet and take home!

### **Adesso Coffee Meet-and-Greet**

June June 1, 2024 | 10 a.m. to noon

125 E. Main Street

Mason, Ohio 45040

### **GAGC Fall Event**

September Sept. 21, 2024 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keehner Park, West Chester

## Out-of-town events

**May** **Mountain Hounds**  
*May 30-June 2, 2024*  
*Gatlinburg, Tenn.*  
[gfncmountainhounds.com](http://gfncmountainhounds.com)

**June** **Heart of America Greyhound Gathering**  
*June 20-22, 2024*  
*Abilene, Kan.*  
[puremichigangreyhound.org/gathering](http://puremichigangreyhound.org/gathering)

**October** **Greyhounds Reach the Beach®**  
*Oct. 10-13, 2024*  
*Rehoboth Beach, Del.*  
[grtb.org](http://grtb.org)



This is **Buckaroo**. I wish we knew what has him so fascinated.

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