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

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

From the President ...



Brenda is with **Maggie** and **Betsy** at the Bern's Nursery event.

GAGC Families and Friends,

We have started off slow with adoptions this year—only eight so far—but we all know more applications will be coming in when the weather improves. Several of our most recent adoptions are new families so we look forward to seeing them at our events this year. I want to give a shout-out to our amazing foster families! I don't think they really know how important they are for all of us to continue our mission of "Finding greyt homes for these greyt dogs!"

Brenda

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On the cover: **Kash** and recently adopted **Winnie** are like two peas in a pod.

Greyt health & safety

Dogs and skunks

Signs and symptoms

If your dog has been sprayed by a skunk, the first thing you notice will likely be the smell. However, there are several other symptoms or problems your pet may exhibit if sprayed by a skunk:

- Drooling
- Vomiting
- Red and/or swollen eyes
- Rolling
- Face rubbing
- Sneezing
- Temporary blindness

These signs are typically seen immediately or within a couple of hours of your pet being sprayed. Symptoms like lethargy, weakness, change in urine color, and pale or brown gums may take up to a few hours or even days to appear. These symptoms are rarer, but if they appear, you should take your pet to a veterinarian right away. The compounds in skunk spray are irritating and, in some cases, can result in damage to a dog's red blood cells, potentially leading to anemia.

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Steps to take

What should you do if your pet has been sprayed by a skunk? The first order of business should be a bath—but regular shampoo is not going to cut it! Create a mixture out of the following ingredients:

- 1 quart (4 cups) of 3% fresh hydrogen peroxide
- ¼ cup baking soda
- 1-2 teaspoons of liquid soap (dishwashing detergent)

Lather your pet in this mixture and wait five minutes, then rinse with copious amounts of water. Repeat if necessary. It is possible this may bleach your pet's hair, but it is not toxic to their skin. Note that this mixture doesn't store well, so you will need to make a fresh batch if your pet gets sprayed again.

If your pet's eyes seem to be affected, rinsing them with copious amounts of tepid water for 20 minutes may relieve some discomfort.

Prevention is key

No one wants their pet to be sprayed by a skunk. Fortunately, there are many things you can do to discourage skunks from coming near your home:

- Make sure there is no easy access to pet food or bird seed. Use well-sealed containers and latched lids when necessary.
- Remove or prevent access to wood piles and areas underneath decks and houses, where skunks like to den.
- Invest in motion-activated lights or sprinklers, as skunks do not like light or noise.

- Sprinkle kitty litter in front of a suspected den or hole, or stuff paper, leaves or straw into the hole to let the skunks know that it is not a good place for them.

In the United States, skunks can be carriers of rabies. If you suspect your pet has been bitten by a skunk, it is best to contact a veterinarian right away.

Nestlé Purina Petcare Company voluntarily recalls 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 voluntarily recalling select lots of Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EL Elemental (PPVD EL) prescription dry dog food due to potentially elevated levels of vitamin D. Vitamin D is an essential nutrient for dogs; however, ingestion of elevated levels can lead to health issues depending on the level of vitamin D and the length of exposure. Vitamin D toxicity may include vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, increased urination, and excessive drooling to renal (kidney) dysfunction.

Purina is taking this action after receiving two contacts about two separate confirmed cases of a dog exhibiting signs of vitamin D toxicity after consuming the diet, to date. Once taken off the diet, each of these dogs recovered.

The affected dry dog food was distributed throughout the United States by prescription only through veterinary clinics, Purina Vet Direct, Purina for Professionals, and other select retailers with the ability to validate a prescription.

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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.

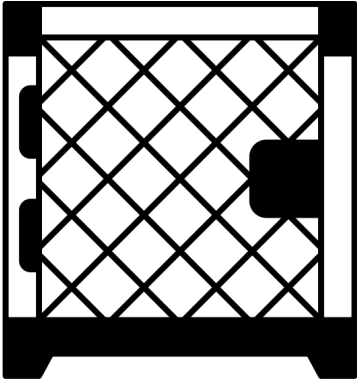
Newsletter photos or articles needed

If you have good photos of your hounds, send them in as we might use them for the newsletter.

Send to Kathy at koe50gh@gmail.com or Brenda at gagcgreyhounds@gmail.com.



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, 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 misspickyune@yahoo.com for details about placing an order.

Combo leads and belly bands

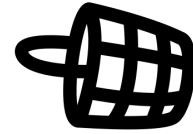
We appreciate all who have returned your unwanted black combo leads to GAGC to reuse for future adoptions. Recycling these collar sets helps GAGC save money. If you no longer need yours, please return it to *Brenda* or *Kathy*.

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.

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 an unneeded muzzle. Thank you to those folks who have already donated unused muzzles.



New turnout muzzles

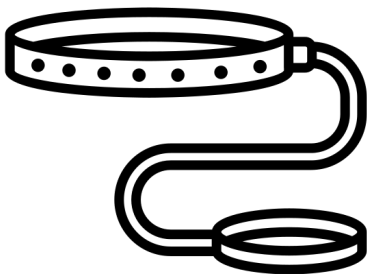
In an effort to cut costs and reduce inventory, we are not currently ordering any new turnout muzzles. *Brenda* and *Kathy* have a very limited supply of new and gently-used muzzles available for purchase, but you can also order online. For years, we've ordered our muzzles from [Birdwell Enterprises](#).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

2023 Calendars

The 2023 GAGC calendars continue to be available for sale: \$5 each or three for \$10. Please contact *Brenda* or *Kathy* to purchase some. They are also available at *Dr. Moore's* office.

Vet recommendations?

We are frequently asked to share recommendations of vets who know the greyhound breed. Do you have a vet that you know and trust to treat your pup? Please 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 particular vet, we would be interested in knowing that too!



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:

[How to speak greyhound](#), Greyhound Greetings

Kelly and **Natalie** were previous calendar photo winners.



Photo submissions for 2024 calendars

We will be taking submissions for the 2024 GAGC calendar from March 1 through April 30.

If you have a favorite candid shot of your hound family members, submit up to three photos by no later than April 30; the pictures will then be voted on in May. Once the picture votes have been tallied, we will provide them to the printers and the calendars should be ready by the annual fall event. We usually start taking orders over the summer.

Also, we are taking submissions for the name of the calendar. Previous names were Huggable Hounds, A Year of Greytness,

and Greyt Expectations. We will vote on the new name at the May picnic.

In addition, the calendar will 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 *Angie* 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 2022 through May 2023.

Need to know information:

1. Picture size is important. We can do some resizing of pictures; however, if the picture is quite small or quite large, it may be difficult to get good quality resolution. Based upon printing experts' recommendations, please set your camera on the HIGHEST resolution possible when snapping shots of your greyhounds.
2. Pictures 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: 1. We don't want to get into any problems with copyright or artistic infringement, and 2. We want an even playing field for the pooches. Below are some suggestions that have done well over the years.
 - Holidays: Any holiday (Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Valentine's, Birthday, Cinco de Mayo, etc.) are great for the calendar.

- 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: so cute you can't stand it (big eyes, cuddling, the type of shots that made you adopt the dog(s) in the first place).
4. Picture formats: Electronic formats (.jpg or other similar format) are preferred. However, we will also 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. However, just to be safe, we would rather be responsible for only a copy.)
 5. Please limit your photo submissions to three (3) per household. If you have more and you would like *Angie* to choose, just indicate it in the email.
 6. If you submitted pictures last year and your picture was selected for the calendar, please do not resubmit those pictures. If you submitted pictures that did not make the calendar, feel free to resubmit those pictures for voting.
 7. Please provide your hound(s)' names and, if more than one in the picture, indicate which name goes with which hound. This is very important as the dog(s) names appear in the calendar with their pictures.
 8. Send submissions to:

Angie Blume
109 Hunters Trace
Frankfort, KY 40601

Email: gagccalendars@yahoo.com
Please note: *Angie* typically checks this email box about once a week and will send a confirmation email to each submitter once she has an opportunity to log in the pictures.

We will send 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.

Skin & Paw Releaf

Alan, our Nature's Select distributor and GAGC member, gave *Brenda* a new product to try on her **Hawkeye's** corns called Skin & Paw Releaf, a topical made by Pet Releaf.

From *Brenda*: Most of you know my poor **Hawkeye** has several corns on each foot. I'm able to remove them every couple of weeks giving him a little pain relief. I have been applying this product from *Alan* once daily for about three or four weeks now and he started showing signs of improved walking after a couple weeks. The last couple weeks he has been running in the yard, up and down the steps and trying to play in the house (he's kind of a bully, and I think my other dogs preferred him just watching them play). Anyway, I can tell he is in way less pain now and honestly, I think the corns are getting smaller and easier to remove. If your greyhound has dry cracked pads or corns you might want to give this product a try. Thank you, *Alan* (www.nsd Dayton.com).

Webmaster

Our sincere thanks go to our expert webmaster *Mike K*. He not only keeps our website looking top-notch, but he also comes to our rescue concerning



group computer and Gmail issues. We appreciate all your terrific support!

Congratulations

Breanna and Keith C. shared the wonderful news about the birth of their baby girl *Carolyn (Cici for short)*. *Cici* was born Feb. 16, weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20.6 inches long. Congratulations to the new parents!



Find GAGC on Facebook



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

Visit our website at cincigreyhounds.org and

click at the top. Foster families add cute photos and comments about their fosters, proving fostering can be rewarding and fun! If you have cute stories about your hounds, please share them. Thanks to *Melissa, Heather, and Mike* for monitoring posts. We do monitor comments before posting and will not include negative or inappropriate items.

Note from *Brenda*: Thank you for posting on our Facebook member's page. Please be aware that some posts with questions and comments are NOT GAGC members or GAGC-related.

GAGC on Instagram



Our [Instagram](#) manager *Melissa L.* would like your photos! Send them to

MelissaLohman7@gmail.com. Foster families are encouraged to send pictures of their fosters settling into home life, but anyone is welcome to send good photos of their greyhounds.

Recent Events & Outreach

Bern's Dog Days of Winter

From *Brenda*:

Jan. 28 was a gorgeous day to get together. Bern's Nursery "Dog Days of Winter" was a huge success. Several rescue groups attended with lots of really cute pups up for adoption. We sold almost \$200 worth of goodies. The highlight was when most of the greyhounds started rooing. I think other people were surprised and it put a smile on everyone's face. It was so nice seeing so many of our families, and especially their greyhounds. I think off and on all day we had 40 hounds show up. Even a couple of our foster dogs came and they enjoyed the attention too. The pizza was good, and the donations collected were divided among the organizations at the event. The organizers at Bern's notified me that our portion was \$20 so I asked if they could donate that to a smaller organization to help support them.

Rosie is toasty in her turquoise coat at Bern's.



Care Center Blood Donation program

Brenda shared this information about this excellent program: **Betsy** and **Maggie** have donated blood at the Care Center in Sharonville four times now, for a total of a half gallon of blood each. *Jennifer*, the head of the "Blood Donation Program" took photos of our girls. They love going because of all the treats and attention they receive. We're so proud of them!

The Care Center will attend our two events this year, signing up greyhounds for their program. Talk to them and see if it is something your hound would want to do. For more information, go to carecenterbloodbank.com/donor-qualifications/.



Betsy is proud of herself for donating blood at the Care Center in Sharonville.

Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

Dog runs

Jan. 22 was a snowy day with messy roads when both *Brenda* and *Mel* and *Jon* met our W.V. contact in Jackson to get five new dogs. They picked up three boys: **Stevy Octane**, **Atascocita Nemo**, and **Crocket**; and two girls: **Hi's Ali** and **JS Dustinthewind (Kansas)**. Here's *Brenda's* account:

When I start preparing for a dog run, besides getting available foster homes, file folders, paperwork, combo leads and tag collars ready, food, coats, meds, etc. and special treats for our dog source and sometimes treats for her kennel dogs; I also watch the weather forecast daily. Well, the

On his adoption day, **Nemo** was already settled in and comfortable on a new bed.



weatherman let me down this time. Listening to them and watching the radar, the snowstorm was supposed to go northeast around Columbus and was to be maybe an inch of snow. WRONG! *Mel* and *Jon* and I ventured out when it first started snowing hoping it would stop. This became the worst road conditions I've ever driven in! When we got to Jackson, fortunately it was only rain. We picked up five gorgeous retired racers; the boys peed, but the girls had no interest, so we started our trip back home. *Jon* and *Mel* took the three boys, and I took the two little girls. Well, **Kansas** thought she should be in my lap to help me drive. She climbed through the dog gate not once but three times, making my drive even more difficult. I honestly think she was either hungry or had to pee. In more than 20 years of dog hauls, I've never had a dog go through the gate before. Our greyt foster families were waiting for us when we returned; they all grabbed a dog, meds, coat and food, starting the dog on its new chapter of life!

Jon reported the following:

With the heavy snow, the dog run on Sunday was nerve-racking and longer than usual. I-71 was quite a mess. Fortunately, things began to change about 45 minutes after exiting onto 32 East. The snow turned to rain which was not ideal, but better than snow and ice. The pups were very excited once out of the hauler and had to be held tightly. We walked them around a little then loaded them into the van.

The smell of three wet dogs fresh from the track was quite pungent for the longer-than-usual drive back to *Ron* and *Brenda's*. All the pups were pretty relaxed and either looked out the windows or plopped on the floor. The roads were a bit sketchy, but *Mel* had no issues driving. The foster families were all ready and waiting for when we arrived. All three boys are very handsome and should be wonderful additions to new homes.

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?

After **Stevey's** surgery, he tried to hide at *Dr. Moore's* office. He wasn't as successful as he had hoped.



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:

January

Food winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Crocket**
Gift card winner: *Karen K.*, foster parent to **CG's Insight**
Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **CG's Opal**
Gift card winner: *Peg C.* and *Jason P.*, foster parents to **JS Dustinthewind**

February

Food winner: *Peggy C.* and *Jason P.*, foster parents to **JS Dustinthewind**
Gift card winner: *Karen K.*: foster parent to **CG's Insight**
Gift card winner: *Gretchen D.*, foster parent to **Loyal Chris M**
Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **CG's Opal**

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:

Chrissy G.: **SE Top Gun, Atascocita Nemo**

Debbie B.: **PJK Leslie**

Gretchen D.: **Crocket, Loyal Chris M.**

Jami B.: **SE Top Gun, HL's Ali**

Jo and David M.: **Stevey Octane**

Karen K.: **CG's Insight**

Peg C. and Jason P.: **FGF Wind Me Up (Windy), JS Dustinthewind**

Robin C.: **WW By All Means (Bam)**

Stephanie S.: **CG's Opal**

Current foster dogs

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

CG's Insight (Cupcake): May 29, 2020; 2-year-old brindle female

CG's Opal: May 19, 2020; 2-year-old brindle female

Stevey Octane (Stevey): July 1, 2019; 3-year-old white and red male

PJK Leslie: Aug. 20, 2018; 4-year-old black female

Foster **Loyal Chris M (Maynard)** was adopted on Feb. 26, just days after this photo was taken. His new name is **Gus**.



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.

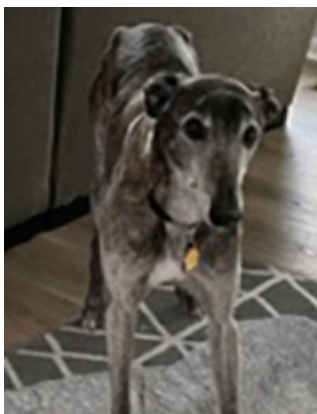
Recent adoptions

- **FGF Wind Me Up (Winnie):** Jan. 14 to *Nicole, Seth, and Josh K.* of Miamisburg
- **SE Top Gun (Elvis):** Jan. 14 to *Christine and Bill M.* of Trenton
- **Crocket:** Feb. 1 to *Cole K.* of Fort Wright, Ky.
- **Atascocita Nemo (Nemo):** Feb. 4 to *Elizabeth and Sam P.* of Xenia
- **WW By All Means (Bam):** Feb. 6 to *Linda and Joe G.* of Harveysburg
- **HL's Ali (Ali):** Feb. 20 to *Amanda B.* of Cincinnati
- **JS Dustinthewind (Eloise):** Feb. 23 to *Jess and Chris C.* of Dayton
- **Loyal Chris M (Gus):** Feb. 26 to *Corey S.* of Dayton

Our Condolences



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



Max

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.

Our sincere condolences go to *Kim and Nate A.* who said goodbye to their **Max** on Jan. 7. **Max** lost his battle with liver and kidney failure.

Key GAGC member *Melissa L.* lost her sweet **Deco** on Jan. 13. She said that between his existing strictly-managed anxiety and newly-identified dementia, poor **Deco** was terrified all night, despite meds and *Melissa's* presence. Nothing was helping him, so they made the decision to end his suffering. We are so sorry about this sad news. From *Melissa*: **Bianca** and I miss him desperately. All he cared about



Deco

was loving and being loved. He was a boy of pure love.

We saw a Facebook entry on Jan. 26 that said *Eszter and Keith M.* recently lost **Kylie**, their first greyhound. **Kylie** was 14 years old so she had a good long life with them. We send *Eszter and Keith* our heartfelt sympathy.

We received the very sad news that *John Tilton* passed away on Feb. 5 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. *John* loved his greyhounds—first **Rowdy** and then **Apollo**. Our sincere condolences go to his wife *Pam* who fortunately has sweet **Apollo** to help her through this tragic loss.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to *Jenna and Chris T.* who had to say goodbye to sweet **Sid** on Feb. 8. **Sid** had a fast-growing lump which turned out to be cancer and they had to let him go soon after surgery. He was nearly 13 years old.

We heard from *Debbie B.* on Feb. 14 that her nearly 10-year-old female **Grinner** had a severe stroke and could not be saved. **Grinner** also had major heart issues, so *Debbie* opted to say goodbye. We send her our condolences.

Amy G. and her mom *Kathy* had to let their boy **Heusie** go on Feb. 18 due to intestinal cancer. He was only 9.5 years old. From *Amy*: several days after **Heusie's** death, I walked my first walk without him and prayed to God that he would be in heaven to greet me someday. At the end of my walk, I looked up at the sky and saw the most amazing answer from God Himself. You will be amazed! See photo on page 14.



Kylie



John and **Rowdy**



Heusie



Miles

Jennifer and Dave H. made the very difficult decision to let their boy **Kenyon** go on Feb. 20. Twelve-year-old **Kenny** had been diagnosed with bone cancer. We are very sorry to hear this sad news.

We send our condolences to *Larry N.* and *Linda S.* who lost their boy **Odin** on Feb. 20. From *Linda*: It's been a difficult few days for us and his Boston sister **Stella**.

On Feb. 23, we received the heartbreaking news from *Robin and Mike G.* that dearest **Miles** had to be euthanized due to kidney failure. **Miles** started as a shy boy but blossomed and became confident and outgoing in the care of *Robin and Mike*. Our sincere sympathy goes out to them.

Long-time GAGC members *Vanessa and Dave G.* had to put their **Taylor Swift** down on Feb. 25. She recently started showing signs of slowing down and stopped eating. Although her bloodwork and X-rays appeared normal, as they waited for internal test results to come

back, she went downhill quickly. She was in a lot of pain and unable to use her rear legs so they made the difficult decision to let her go. We are so sorry they have gone through this loss. From *Vanessa*: We had almost eight years with her. **Taylor** was so shy in the beginning, but once she felt comfortable, it was definitely her home. The best walker ever with such a great personality. We are definitely sad and missing her. She taught my boys a lot of good lessons about how to treat animals, even at the end. It never gets easier.



Taylor Swift



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.



Deco Early Lite (Deco)

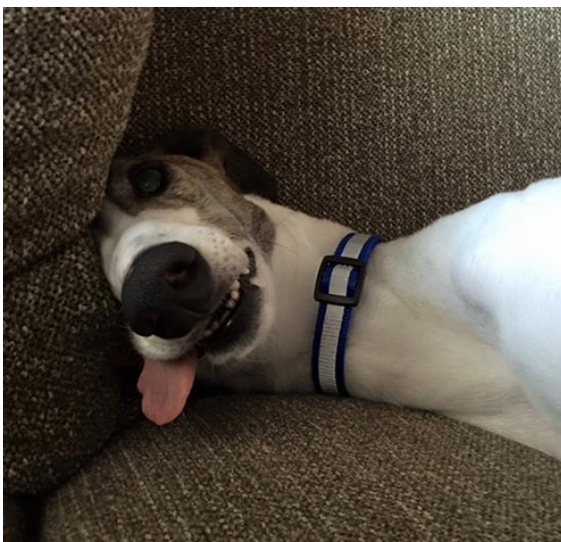
March 16, 2012–Jan. 13, 2023

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When you bring a pet (a living being) into your life, it's a lifetime, no matter what type of commitment. **Deco** and I have had more than our share of "no matter what" moments. Moments when I questioned our arrangement, questioned whether he was the right dog for me or whether someone else would be better suited for him. But "no matter what" means "no matter what." It means I had to love him enough to adjust. Each time, we stuck it out together fighting through whatever it was. The reward? The most pure love and intense devotion I have ever experienced. It didn't matter where, when, or how, all he wanted was to be next to me. He was pure love with every fiber of his being. On day one, I promised **Deco** he would never live in pain because I wasn't strong enough to let him go. So, how could I not fight through this last "no matter what" with him? I was there, by his side, right where he always wanted me to be, when he took his final breath. No amount of time with him would ever be enough, but each moment was a gift. I will stand back up and move forward. The massive crater in my heart will eventually be filled with another who can benefit from what he taught me. No Matter What.

—Melissa L.

Anheuser (Heusie)



We had to let our **Heusie Boo** go yesterday. We are so very sad. He was only 9.5. He had cancer in his intestines. We fed him anything he would eat the last two weeks. We don't think he suffered at all. Yesterday early morning he started drooling and couldn't get comfortable. This was the sign we needed to let him go. Thank goodness Doc was there for him. We took him to the Pines to get cremated. I cannot believe I will have to pee by myself now and that he won't stick his nose up my butt when I come home. I won't see him at the door waiting for me. And I won't see his butt trotting to the yard to go to the bathroom. I'll never hear his groans when I rub his ears. I won't feel his soft fur. He won't be on the couch in his normal spot. My mom and I are heartbroken. But we are so thankful we had him for seven short years. We loved him dearly.

—Amy and Kathy 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 \$1,208.73. Please take a moment to link your Plus card to GAGC as shown below. Thanks!



Good buddies **Jackie** and **Wilson** are soaking up some sun together.



Kroger Reward Program

Please enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Our Code Number is **#EP079**. Ask your family and friends to register GAGC as their favorite charity. It is easy money for our hounds and doesn't affect your fuel points! www.krogercommunityrewards.com



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 wooftrax.com 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 Opal, By All Means, CG's Insight***
*Mel, Jon, Ace, and Chewie: **CG's Opal, HL's Ali***
*Christa, Kim, Leo, Annabelle, Shadow, and Marley: **SE Top Gun***

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.
Sara R.

Holly and Bam are best friends!



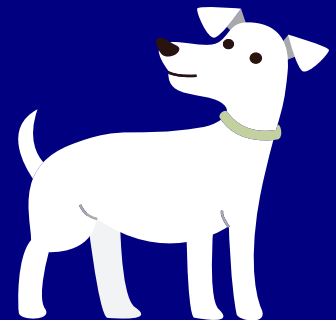
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Gift in memory of John Tilton

Heather H.
Kathy E.

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.



Anne H.
John T.
Michelle S.
Ann Marie B.
Heather S.
Marilyn and Ken B.
Carolyn A.

Gift in memory of Larry Schmidt who loved the greyhounds

Lisa S.

Gifts in honor of the amazing Deco!

Mary S.
Amy B. and the BDSG

Gift in memory of sweet Sid

Kathy E.

Gift in memory of Odin

Linda S.

Gift in memory of wonderful Miles

Kathy E.

Gifts in honor of Leslie Schragar from her co-workers at Kettering Physician

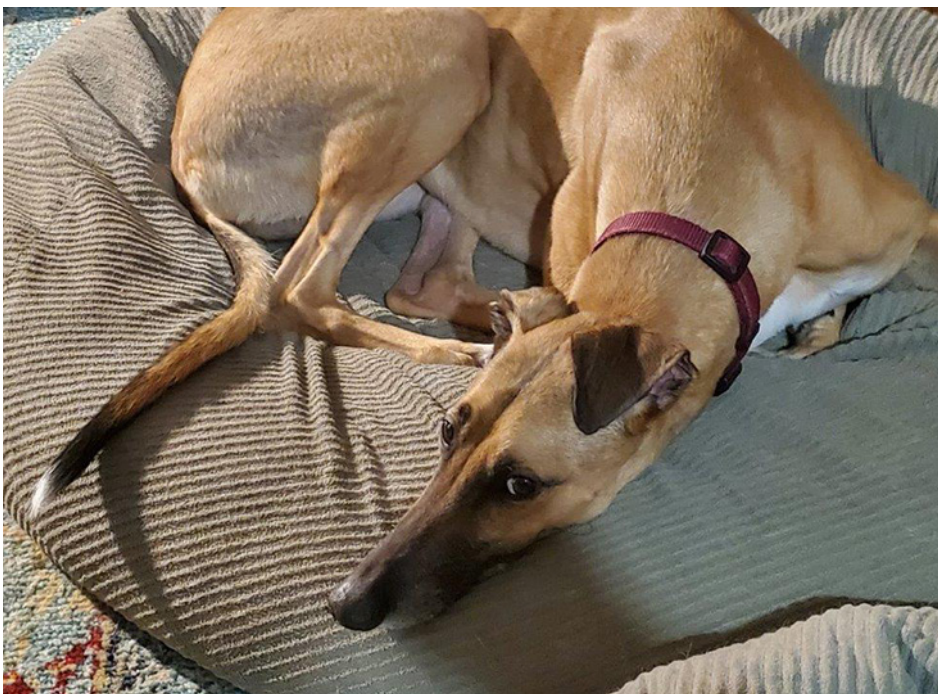
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Toni T.-F.
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Troy D.
Desiree M.

Gifts in-kind (not \$\$)

- Julia and Brian P. donated a gift card to the group.
- Jill and Keith K. donated a bag of Nature's Select to GAGC.
- Denise N. gave the group a variety of items (some from Pat B. and Lauren) including coats, collars, muzzles, etc., plus two foam covered blocks used behind her front seats so dogs wouldn't fall off the back seat onto the floor when riding in a sedan.
- Kim A. donated several coats and leashes.
- Dave R. donated muzzles, belly bands and pads.
- Linda S. gave GAGC a raised feeder, crate and four coats.
- Robin and Mike G. donated two muzzles, two large coats, two large collapsible kennels, two large beds, one elevated food/water stand w/ bowls, one elevated water dish w/ bowl, and two leads with martingale collars.

Photogenic Miss **Suki** poses for a glamor shot.



Mark your calendars

Local events

May **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 greyhound events, since not all greyhounds are friendly with little dogs.

The following vendors will be in attendance: Mandy's Dog-O-Mat; Dr. Moore's tech Maria will do toenails and sell shirts; Cindy and Terri, the Animal Communicators; of course Alan's Nature's Select; the CARE CENTER blood donations group; and photographer Tom Gore will take photos.

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

Sunday 24th September 2023
Theme is 'National Flags'

In 2022,
10,620 Sighthounds
walked 'together'
in 432 walks
across 29 Countries!

**All Sighthounds
welcome and
counted!**



Great Global Greyhound Walk

September **Great Global Greyhound Walk**

Sharon Woods

Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.

Out-of-town events

April Greyhounds in Gettysburg (GIG)

April 20–23

nittanygreys.org/gig-home

Enjoy a long weekend with more than 500 hounds in attendance!

Lauren Hill Dog Park celebration

April 22

Lawrenceburg, Ind.

My name is Brent Hill, I am [Lauren Hill](#)'s father and we opened a [dog park](#) in her name last year. We became a greyhound family about 10 years ago and our grey is on our logo for the park along with the other three dogs that Lauren grew up with. On April 22 we plan to have a dog groomer and hopefully a few other items to celebrate Lauren and a great first year for the park. Come join us!



June Mountain Hounds in Gatlinburg

June 1–4

gfncmountainhounds.com

Small fun, long weekend with around 300 greyhounds and their humans!



According to **Langley**'s new mom, he has been the perfect addition to her life.

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Ahhh roo roo roo!