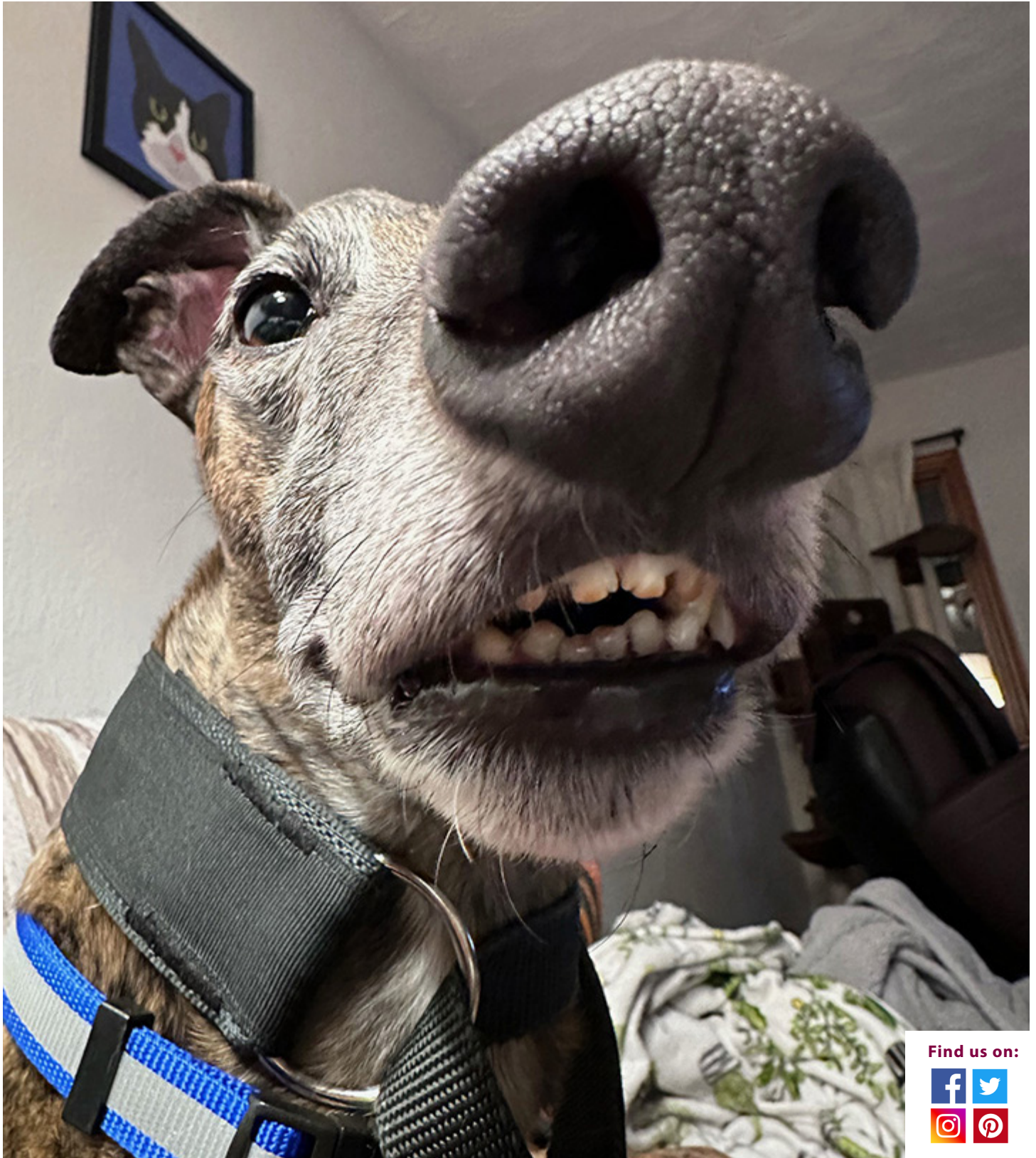


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# From the President ...



Brenda with her girls **Maggie** and **Betsy**.

GAGC Families and Friends,

Adoptions are off to a good start this year. Sixteen retired racers have come to us from the track, and we are thrilled we have been able to find 11 of them their forever homes so far. I can't thank our families enough for supporting GAGC in so many different ways. We can't do what we do without our greyt families. Special thanks to *Dr. Moore* and our wonderful foster families for preparing the newbies for retirement.

Spring is coming and the event season is approaching. Our two events have become something everyone looks forward to attending. Our greyhounds love socializing with their old racing buddies and their humans enjoy talking about their experiences with their greyhounds. Our picnic dates are May 18 and Sept. 21. We also plan on starting our

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Sharon Woods Walks again real soon. We all enjoy getting together!

Thanks again for making GAGC a greyt organization!

*Brenda*

**On the cover:** Recently-adopted **Larkin** was getting maybe a little too close to the camera.

# Greyt health & safety

## Dogs and skunks

*We included this article in our GAGC newsletter last February, but skunks have been seen out and about recently so you may find it useful.*

### 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,

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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.

### 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.***

## **Caring for a senior dog**

*from Zoetis Dr. Melody R. Conklin*

There's something special about caring for a senior dog. They've lived and learned a lot by this point. If they've been with you a while, you likely know each other well and have routines that bring you both comfort and joy. Aging also means your dog has changing needs.

With proper attention and preparation,

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you can help them move more easily through their senior years.

### **What age is a dog considered a senior?**

When to classify a dog as a senior depends on their size, breed, genetics, and environmental conditions. Large breed dogs age more quickly than small breeds and are typically considered to be senior at about 6 to 7 years old. Small breeds aren't considered a senior until they are 9 or 10 years old and medium breeds when they are 8 to 9 years old. When age-related issues start to set in, regardless of your pet's actual age, they are a senior.

### **Physical and behavioral changes in senior dogs**

As your dog enters their golden years, you may notice a few changes.

Appearance:

- Their facial fur will begin to turn gray
- They may lose weight or gain weight more readily

Behavior:

- You may see changes in the social relationships between your senior dog, the family, and other pets
- There may be changes in their eating and drinking habits
- Your once active dog may now be content to take it easy due to changes in mobility

### **Tips to help your senior dog around the home**

There are some simple ways to make your home more comfortable for your senior pup:

- Put down runners or mats on slippery floors to provide more traction and

prevent slipping

- Keep your dog's nails and fur around their paw pads trimmed. Proper nail length gives them more traction and grip as they walk and prevents discomfort from overly long nails
- Train your dog to use a ramp or small stairs to get onto and off of furniture so they don't jump up or off
- Make sure they have lots of comfy and easily accessible resting places. Many senior dogs appreciate orthopedic dog beds or mats to ease achy joints

### **Medical changes in senior dogs**

Besides the obvious physical and behavioral changes that occur from aging, there are also internal changes. Every organ system is affected by the aging process. Over time, organs begin to wear out and are susceptible to progressive damage. This is why your senior dog needs to have a check-up at least twice a year. The earlier issues are recognized and treated the more

Photo by Tima Miroshnichenko



successful treatment will be, giving your dog a better quality of life for longer.

The most common health issues tend to be:

- Hearing loss
- Vision loss
- Cognitive dysfunction/dementia
- Arthritis

### **Helping your senior dog through common medical issues**

Hearing loss

As dogs age, they can gradually lose their hearing due to degeneration of the nerves in the ear. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can stop the process or prevent your dog from becoming deaf.

Since hearing loss is often gradual, the signs can go unnoticed. Early indications of hearing loss include:

- Not responding to commands
- Startling more easily
- Not noticing when people enter the room
- Not waking until touched
- Not responding to sudden noises

Some things you can do to help your dog adapt include:

- Teaching commands using hand signals
- Creating vibrations, such as lightly stomping feet, when you enter a room
- Turning lights on and off when entering a room
- Staying in their line of sight as you exit a room so they are aware you left
- Training them to your smell with a specific perfume or cologne
- Desensitizing them so they are

comfortable with unexpected touching. For instance, immediately reward your dog with a treat when you touch them on the back gently

- Keeping them on a leash when on a walk
- Securing your yard since they can't hear potential danger approaching
- Always having ID on your dog that states they are deaf

#### Vision loss

Just as humans have vision loss as they age, so do dogs. It can occur gradually or suddenly. There are several causes of blindness in dogs.

- Cataracts (gradual)
- Glaucoma (usually gradual)
- Progressive retinal atrophy (gradual)
- Sudden acquired retinal degeneration (SARDS) (sudden)

If you notice any of the following signs, you should have your dog's sight evaluated by a veterinarian:

- Bumping into things
- Avoidance of stairs
- Anxiousness in or avoiding new places

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- Cloudy eyes
- Redness of the eye
- Redness and swelling of tissue surrounding the eye

Using their other senses, your dog can maneuver well through life. However, to make things easier for them, there are a few things you can do.

- Wear and have other pets wear tags or bells make noise so your dog knows where everyone is
- Keep pathways in the house wide and absent of any obstacles
- Create a walking routine for them to find their bed, food bowls, door, etc. Do not move furniture or other items once this is established
- Be aware of anything that could harm your dog at their level, such as table corners, and safety proof them
- Train voice cues to indicate when they're approaching some type of obstacle or hindrance. For example, say "step" when they're approaching stairs
- Consider using a special "bumper" type collar attachment to help prevent them from running into furniture or obstacles
- Be sure to keep them on a leash when outdoors
- Have proper ID tags that state your dog is blind

If your senior dog appears suddenly blind, this could be an emergency. Seek veterinary care immediately.

#### **Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CDS)/Dementia**

Dogs can lose their cognitive function as they age. This means they are unable to process information about their

environment or determine how to act. About 28% of dogs 11 to 12 years old have CDS, and this number increases to 68% for dogs 15 to 16 years old.

In the early stages, signs are subtle but with time become severe. Some common signs include:

- Disorientation
- Whining/barking for no reason
- Pacing
- Bathroom accidents
- Standing in corners
- Abnormal sleep habits
- Changes in family interactions

These may also be indicators of other health issues. Therefore, consulting with a veterinarian is important for a proper diagnosis.

CDS has no cure, but there are specialized diets, medications, and supplements that have been found to be beneficial.

### Arthritis

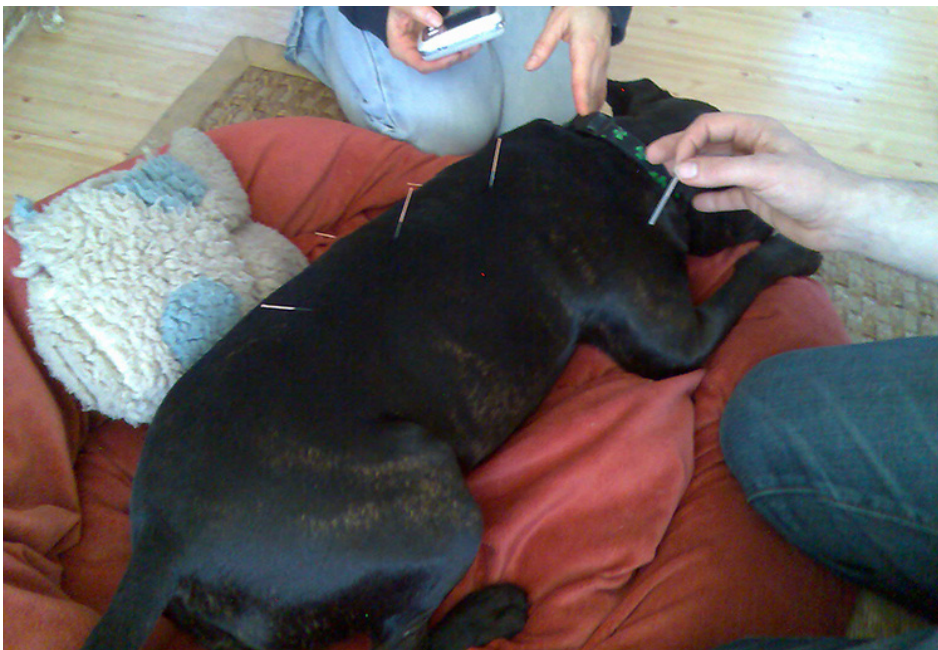
Arthritis is a slow and progressive disorder that can begin as early as one

year of age. While inflammation is one of the primary causes of arthritis, obesity is one of the more common causes of chronic inflammation and extra stress on the joints—particularly with senior dogs.

While there is no cure, there are several things you can do to help slow the progression of arthritis and improve your dog's quality of life.

- Maintain your dog at an ideal body weight
- Exercise them regularly
- Joint supplements
- Prescription diets for arthritis
- Cold laser therapy
- Acupuncture
- Pain medications
- Physical therapy

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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.

# 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.](#) (their price is lower than Birdwell's). 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

## Yahoo email issues

From *Brenda*: Those of you using Yahoo for their email may be having difficulty receiving the group emails. I've had several of you state they find my emails in their spam folders. Our webmaster *Mike* said it is a new block from Yahoo causing this issue. We cannot fix it on our end, so be sure to check your spam folders. I don't want you to miss anything important.

Here are examples of the kinds of great photos that could be submitted for the calendar contest.



## Photo submissions for 2025 calendars

We will be taking submissions for the 2025 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 2023 through May 2024.

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](mailto: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.

## Congratulations

*Becky* and *Andy S.* recently welcomed their first child. *Charlotte Grace* was born at 8:48 a.m. on Feb. 12. She weighed 6 pounds, 0.8 ounces. Congratulations to the new parents and to greyhound **Scion!**



## Nature's Select

Thank you to *Alan Schrager*, our Nature's Select distributor, who continues to support GAGC every month. *Alan* not only gives us a discount on our foster food, but he also donates a 30-pound bag of kibble every month in support of our fostering program. Thanks, *Alan!*

## Webmaster

*Mike K.*, our superb webmaster, not only maintains our excellent website, but is our go-to guy when we have computer related issues. Thank you, *Mike!*

# Recent Events & Outreach

## Bern's Dog Days of Winter

From *Brenda*: The Bern's Dog Days of

Winter event on Jan. 27 was a huge success for us. I think 90% of the visitors were our GAGC families and of course the most popular dogs there were our greyhounds! I'm guessing, but I think at least 30 greyhounds and their humans came to visit. The best part of the day was when *Jeannie* and *Mike* came asking about **Nina**; they met her and took her home! And while still at the event another GAGC family called me asking to adopt **Pearl**; she goes home tomorrow!

**Maggie** and **Betsy** are in fine form at the Bern's Dog Days of Winter event.



## 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.

# Dog runs, fosters & adoptions

## Dog runs

On Dec. 31, *Brenda* and *Leslie* rode together to Jackson to pick up five girls: **CET Gentle Jen, CET Panda, CET Black Pepper, Super C Dove, and Solomon Selika**, all packed into *Brenda's* car. Here's what *Leslie* wrote about the experience:

The dog run was so much fun! The five girls were pretty well behaved. When we were about 40 minutes away from *Brenda's*, **Dove** decided she wanted to ride shotgun in my lap. She wiggled her way through the gate and came up front. She's a very laid-back girl. She just wanted to be up front!

**Super C Dove** wanted to help navigate—from *Leslie's* lap—on the Dec. 31 dog run.



We had two vehicles make the trip to Jackson on a frigid Jan. 14 to pick up six new dogs. *Mel* and *Jon* brought back the four boys: **TNT Buckaroo, Kwik Mustang, Lee Savage, and BGR Jameson**; and *Brenda* brought back the two girls: **CET Pearl and Turbo Nina**. Here's what *Brenda* wrote about the trip:

Wow, what a cold dog run on Jan. 14! Thanks to *Mel* and *Jon* who drove their van bringing back four handsome males and I brought back two sweet black females. When we arrived at our pickup location, *Barb* had the hauler stuffed with straw and every dog had on a heavy winter coat. They were warmer than I was! We quickly pottied them and stuffed them into our warm vans. When we arrived back home, we were greeted by six greyt foster families: *Dawn* and *Jim*, *Melissa*, *Eszter* and *Keith*, *Stephanie*, *Debbie*, and *Jane*. We got the dogs' photos, passed out food, meds, coats, and belly bands and off they went to start their retirement.

And from *Jon* and *Mel*:

We picked up four boys on a very cold Sunday. All were excited and very handsome. We gave them a quick potty break and loaded them in the car. The drive back was uneventful although one of the boys definitely wanted to ride in the front seat. Upon arriving at *Ron* and *Brenda's*, the foster families came out to greet the pups. Everything went well, pictures were taken, and the pups entered a new stage in their lives.

On Feb. 11, *Brenda* and *Jane Y.* were in one

vehicle heading to the rendezvous and *Leslie S.* in another to pick up six new dogs from Jackson; three females and three males. On the way back, *Jane* rode with *Leslie* to keep their girls from climbing into the front seat while *Brenda* had the boys in her car. Here's *Jane's* report:

*Brenda* and *Leslie* each drove a car to Jackson to meet the dog hauler. I rode with *Brenda* to help. The dog hauler brought three girls and three boys. The girls were two beautiful brindles, **CET Lapis** and **CET Lithium**, and a sweet little red girl, **CET Juicy**. The boys were red-and-white **Sale Ticket**, red **RS's Big Jake**, and a handsome brindle **GLS Yanky Matt**. They were all beautiful dogs. After they all had a chance to potty, we loaded up the boys in *Brenda's* car and the girls into *Leslie's*. I rode back with *Leslie* and the girls. All

Foster dogs, foster families, and helpers were at *Brenda's* after the Feb. 11 dog haul. *Gretchen* is holding handsome male **Sale Ticket** in the foreground.



the dogs were perfect travel buddies. **Lapis** thought she might want to ride on my lap but after a brief discussion I convinced her to stay in the back! We had perfect weather for the trip. A nice mild day for February and even got the sun on the way home. We arrived at *Brenda's* at 1:30. The dogs and people were happy to get out and stretch their legs. All the foster families were waiting to meet their new hounds. A couple of families were there to meet the dogs for potential adoptions. I think we got a greyt bunch of dogs.

From *Leslie*:

*Jane* and I brought back three beautiful girls, and they were so good on the drive back to *Brenda's*. **Lapis** was curious about what was going on and watched out the windows most of the time. **Lithium** and **Juicy** slept most of the time. They were all so very well behaved.

From *Brenda*:

Pretty day for a trip to pick up six new retirees! *Leslie* loves doing dog runs and offered to go and bring back the three new females. I drove and brought back the boys. I asked *Jane* to ride along to be the enforcer if needed! We had a lovely visit on the way to get the dogs. The girls all seemed a little feisty, so I asked *Jane* to ride back with *Leslie* in case extra hands were needed. It was needed because the girls tried to climb over *Leslie's* gate to help her drive. We got back and the six foster families were waiting to help get the dogs out of the car. Thanks to *Gretchen*, *Robin*, *Stephanie*, *Eszter*, and *Keith*. *Jane* also fostered, besides helping with the dog run. Another amazing group of dogs!

Four more dogs will be coming on the March 3 dog run: females **DD Going For It** and **WW Magic Moments**, and males **Slatex Samson** and **CG's Shortcut**. *Jane* and *Brenda* will do the transporting. More details will be in the next newsletter.

### 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

Comfortable foster **Kwik Mustang** has been adopted and renamed **Max**.



bag of food or a \$50 gift card. Recent winners are:

### January

Food winner: *Eszter* and *Keith M.*, foster parents to **Turbo Nina**  
Gift card winner: *Jane Y.*, foster parent to **Kwik Mustang**  
Gift card winner: *Dawn* and *Jim B.*: foster parents to **BGR Jameson**  
Gift card winner: *Stephanie S.*, foster parent to **CET Gentle Jen, CET Pearl**

### February

Food winner: *Jane Y.*, foster parent to **RS's Big Jake**  
Gift card winner: *Melina* and *Scotty H.*, foster parents to **Solomon Selika**  
Gift card winner: *Robin C.*, foster parent to **CET Juicy**  
Gift card winner: *Dawn* and *Jim B.*, foster parents to **BGR Jameson**

### 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.*: **CET Lapis**  
*Dawn* and *Jim B.*: **BGR Jameson**  
*Debbie B.*: **TNT Buckaroo**  
*Eszter* and *Keith M.*: **Turbo Nina, CET Lithium**  
*Gretchen D.*: **CET Panda, Sale Ticket**  
*Jane Y.*: **Kwik Mustang, RS's Big Jake**  
*Jill* and *Keith K.*: **Super C Dove**  
*Kathy E.*: **CET Lapis**  
*Melina* and *Scotty H.*: **Solomon Selika**  
*Melissa L.*: **Lee Savage**  
*Michele C.*: **CET Dirty Ginger**  
*Robin C.*: **CET Juicy**  
*Stephanie S.*: **CET Gentle Jen, CET Pearl, GLS Yanky Matt**

## Current foster dogs

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

**TNT Buckaroo:** May 5, 2020; 3-year-old black male

**BGR Jameson:** Sept. 28, 2019; 4-year-old black-and-white male

**CET Juicy:** Aug. 5, 2022; 1.5-year-old red female

**CET Lapis:** Nov. 12, 2021; 2-year-old brindle female

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

### Coming on March 3:

**DD Going For It:** Nov. 18, 2020; 3-year-old fawn female

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

**CG's Shortcut:** Feb. 1, 2020; 4-year-old red male

**WW Magic Moments:** Sept. 11, 2021; 2-year-old red brindle 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

- **CET Gentle Jen (Jenna):** Jan. 7 to *Lee Ann* and *Joe M.* of South Lebanon
- **CET Panda (Olive):** Jan. 9 to *Kathy* and *Jason B.* of Cincinnati
- **Kwik Mustang (Max):** Jan. 20 to *Ann* and *Dennis M.* of Goshen
- **Lee Savage (Larkin):** Jan. 21 to *Courtney G.* and *Matt R.* of Dayton
- **Turbo Nina (Piper):** Jan. 27 to *Jeannie* and *Mike T.* of Blue Ash
- **CET Pearl (Pearl):** Jan. 28 to *Alyssa* and *David P.* of Burlington, Ky.
- **Super C Dove (Dove):** Feb. 3 to *Matt B.* of Mason
- **Solomon Selika (Cessna):** Feb. 11 to *Angie* and *Ron B.* of Frankfort, Ky.
- **GLS Yanky Matt (Henry):** Feb. 16 to *Anita* and *Chuck M.* of Liberty Township
- **RS's Big Jake (Jake):** Feb. 18 to *Brittany F.* of Cincinnati
- **CET Lithium (Lucy):** Feb. 25 to *Leslie* and *Alan S.* of Kettering



*Jami's* new brindle girl **Elly** would love to share **Chip's** huge bed.

# Our Condolences



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**Bolt**



**Tuc**

*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 recently received word that Dawn and Jim B. said goodbye to their **Ellie** on June 3, 2023. We send them our heartfelt sympathy. From Dawn: I'm so blessed to have had her in my life.

Our sincere condolences go to GAGC board member **Angie B.** and her husband **Ron** who let their boy **Bolt** go on Jan. 8. Bolt had been dealing with kidney disease for several years, but special food and medications stopped working well late last year. His kidneys were failing but he hung in there for a while longer. From **Angie**: He finally didn't want to eat

and drink, so we knew he was telling us he was ready. He was such a good boy through all of it. We were blessed to have him.

We were sorry to hear that **Lori W.** had to euthanize her girl **Kali** on Jan. 24. Recently **Kali** had been having changes in behavior. The vet thought she'd been having mini-strokes and likely had a significant stroke on Jan. 23 which made her unable to walk. We send **Lori** our condolences.

Our sympathy goes to **Dave** and **Alyssa P.** who said goodbye unexpectedly to their beloved **Tuc (WW Tuaca Gary)** on Jan. 26. **Tuc** stopped eating and developed a bloated belly, likely due to internal bleeding from a ruptured tumor. From **Dave** and **Alyssa**: We had the honor and greyt joy of spending four years with this magnificent doggo. Losing **Tuc** so abruptly is tragic for our family.

On Jan. 29, **Irene M.** had to say goodbye to her beloved **Millie**. Her girl had been struggling for a while and couldn't seem to get comfortable. Finally, it was confirmed that **Millie** had a mass in her abdomen. We send **Irene** our heartfelt condolences.

Our sincere sympathy goes to GAGC Secretary **Kathy E.** who said goodbye to her sweet **Sully** on Feb. 1. **Sully** had a massive stroke four years ago and had appeared to rebound significantly, but the damage finally caught up with him. He was 12½ years old.

Also on Feb. 1, **Matt** and **Clare H.** had to let





**Millie**



**Sully**

their boy **Flash** go when he made it clear to them that it was time. We're so sorry to hear of this loss. They wrote: Thank you very much for giving us the privilege of having him as part of our lives. We love him so much and he will be with us forever.

*Paula L.* notified us that she said goodbye to her **Karmie** on Feb. 3. **Karmie** sadly had developed bone cancer. We're very sorry to hear of this loss.

Our sincere condolences go to *Lynne R.* We received word from her in early February that her husband *Fred* had recently passed away.

We send *Leslie* and *Alan S.* our sympathy for the loss of their mixed breed **Bella** on Feb. 12. They had been taking care of **Bella** for their daughter and her husband who were deployed overseas.

We received word in late February that *Jeanne G.* recently said goodbye to her greyhound **Arthur**. We're sorry to hear of this loss.



# Tributes from our readers

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

## River

**River** lived up to her name. She was steady and calm. Throughout our time together, she was so easy. I never had to worry about her having accidents in the house, chewing things up, or being aggressive with people or other dogs. She was patient and could wait until I got home. She didn't really care for anything or anyone that wasn't me or food. She was so little but made such a big impact on everyone she met with her sweet and gentle nature.

She was with me through the hardest time of my life and was an anchor of normalcy. She came with me when I had to move back in with my parents at 27. No big deal for her; she fell into a new routine and got along great with my parents' rottie. When I moved into an apartment by myself, she learned how to go up and down stairs and to

walk on tile. When I met my now husband, I think she knew he was the one before I did. We welcomed our son *Luka* into the world, and she made room on the couch for him.

No matter how awful, unknown, or brand-new things were, she was there with her unwavering love. We coexisted. She was my heart dog.

Every now and then I have a lapse of memory and forget that she's gone. I step over where her bed used to be when I get up in the morning in anticipation of her being there. I'll ask my son if he's ready to leave the babysitter and "go home and see **River** and **Rex**." I'll call for her after **Rex** has come back inside before realizing she won't ever come trotting in after him again. **River** was such an important part of my life for nine years and so I welcome these moments, as gut wrenching as they can be. I never want a day to go by without remembering her love.

—Leah C.



## Millie

Amelia EARhart (because she was fast and her ears could fold in “wacky” ways), better known as **Millie**, left my side way too soon. She was 11+ years old, but you never would have known it. In our last snow, two weeks before, she ran like in a race for her life. Little did I know, she was. I wish I could have gotten to know her before I named her **Millie**, for Mary Poppins would have been a better fit. “She was practically perfect in every way.”

**Millie** and I met a few months after my move to Ohio, eight-and-a-half years ago. She and I discovered many adventures, and we were always side-by-side. I quickly discovered **Millie** loved wading in the water. Any time she found a small pool of water, she would make herself comfy. We purchased a kiddie pool for her so she could indulge anytime she pleased and occasionally experienced a bubble bath. Although her housemates would never consider that adventure, she provided them the security, confidence and safe harbor they needed. If **Millie** did it, it was ok and safe for them to follow. What will they do now, **Millie**?

Unashamedly, I will admit she was a beautiful girl inside and out. The only imperfection she had was a missing toe on her left foot, but she was never bothered by it. **Mille** and I went to school so she could become a canine companion. On a weekly basis we visited the residents at assisted living homes in the area, where **Millie**

received extra love and caressing. On other days we traveled to Ohio State University where she was a blood donor and where she was nicknamed “The Princess.” When **Millie** was welcomed, we shopped and shopped and shopped (one of my hobbies). Of course, we also attended GAGC Meet-and-Greets. **Millie** was in her element—“my social butterfly.”

I have lost my shadow, my companion, a wonderful friend, my heart. She opened doors for me I never thought I could walk through (and I probably couldn’t, wouldn’t, or will without her). I will miss her for a lifetime. I love you forever, **Millie**.

—Broken-hearted, **Millie**’s Mama (*Irene M.*)



## **Sully (Pat C Erwin)**

*July 18, 2011 – Feb. 1, 2024*

**Sully** was 8½ years old when he was surrendered to GAGC at the beginning of the pandemic. I was his foster mom. Several days after his arrival, during the last turnout of the night, my pack flushed a rabbit which darted under the gate. **Sully** didn't know the yard that well and slammed headfirst into the metal, knocking himself out. The impact led to brain swelling and a massive stroke, then five days at *Dr. Moore's* clinic while we waited to hear if he'd live or die. He definitely lived, eventually rebounding about 90% from the stroke. I adopted him and we worked together for the next several months doing rehab and getting him strong enough to walk on his own again.

**Sully**, aka **Sully Man**, was such a gentle soul, cuddling with my other greyhounds, welcoming all greyhound visitors with his sweet disposition. He never met a human he didn't like and was very connected to me. He was a master roacher, sleeping upside down most nights. He loved ear scrunchies which caused happy moans and groans.

Eventually the damage from the stroke caught up with him and his back end became very weak and extremely painful, despite daily medication. It took me a while to acknowledge that it was time to say goodbye, but now he's finally out of pain. I let him go on Feb. 1, four years after the stroke. He was a fighter and I loved him. Sadly, I still find myself looking for #5 at turnouts.

Goodbye, my sweet **Sully**.

—*Kathy E.* and **Lucky, Tera, Big Lou, and Suki**



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### 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.

**Breck** and **Ky** are more than just littermates; they're best buds.



### 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*: **TNT Buckaroo, Kwik Mustang, Lee Savage, BGR Jameson, CET Lapis, CET Lithium**  
*Mel, Jon, Ace, Chewie, and Ahsoka*: **JS Big Boom, Super C Dove, TNT Buckaroo**  
*Christa, Kim, Leo, Shadow, and Marley*: **CET Brazillia, Solomon Selika, Sale Ticket**  
*Leslie, Alan, and Ronnie*: **Snoop Laroo**

### 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.*  
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### Gifts in-memory of sweet Sully

Kathy E.  
Mary S.

### Gift in-memory of Magic Kelso

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Debbie's boy **Chris** loves his toys.



### Gift in-memory of Millie

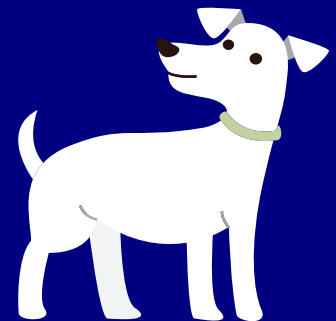
Linda and Chip F.

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

- *PJM.* donated several collars and leads
- *Kevin F.* donated two coats and a collar
- *Ed and Amy F.* donated two crates
- *Cameron* donated a bag of dog food for our foster dogs
- *Stephanie S.* donated five new 3.5-gallon buckets with lids that we use to dispense foster food
- *Robin C.* donated her winning gift card from the fostering drawing back to the group
- *Jeanne C.* donated two greyhound coats
- An anonymous donor left a big bag of new toys and coats on *Brenda's* porch

### 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.



# Mark your calendars

## Local events

**May** **GAGC Spring Picnic**  
*May 25, 2024 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*  
Keehner Park, West Chester

**September** **GAGC Fall Event**  
*Sept. 21, 2024 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*  
Keehner Park, West Chester

## Out-of-town events

**April** **Greyhounds in Gettysburg**  
*April 18-21, 2024*  
Gettysburg, Penn.  
[greyhoundsingettysburg.org](http://greyhoundsingettysburg.org)

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

**October** **Greyhounds Reach the Beach®**  
*Oct. 10-13, 2024*  
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