



The Grey Gazette

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Foster Homes Needed

Article by: Mary Palagonia

“I would love to adopt but...fill in the blank.” I hear this time and time again and I get it; we all get it. Adopting a pet is a huge commitment financially, emotionally and timewise. But there’s another way that you can help – fostering! Unless a rescue group has a dedicated building to house their adoptable pets, fostering is the foundation for any rescue. Without foster families these animals can’t be removed from whatever circumstance they’re currently in.

Fostering a retired racing greyhound is very different from fostering another breed. Not only are you are the first step to their new life but you are their first step in a home! A racing greyhound spends their whole life at the track living in kennels. When you foster a greyhound off the track it will be their first time living in a home as a pet. They are like adult puppies! You will need to teach them how to navigate stairs, show them that a glass door/window is solid...and a pool isn’t! They will need to get used to regular household noises like the sound of a television, a vacuum cleaner, kids playing, etc. House training is usually much easier with a greyhound because on the track they have a strict schedule which includes “potty” breaks. Once they get used to your schedule there should be no more accidents.

When you foster (and adopt) with Music City Greyhound Adoption you will have a wealth of information at your fingertips. Everyone at MCGA is happy to answer any questions you may have as well as offer ideas, suggestions and solutions. MCGA will also supply you with everything you will need for your new foster dog; food, leash, collar, bowls, crate, dog bed, flea and tick treatment and medication (ie: heartworm, antibiotics, etc.). All you need to do is give your new foster greyhound the love, patience and guidance he or she needs to blossom into the couch potato they deserve to become.





Puddles... “I know Nothing”

Puddles

Racing Name: I Know Nothing

Birthdate: 7/10/13

Puddles is small for a greyhound, yet still weighs in at 54lbs because she has a stocky build. During her racing career, she ran 67 races with 7 wins. She is currently living with cats and would most likely be small dog safe as well. She crates well and handles stairs like a pro! Thunderstorms doesn't seem to concern her.

While not a shy dog, Puddles does have some insecurity issues. Therefore, she would probably do best in a home where someone is home most of the time. She would also dearly love a doggie love connection! Her foster sisters are of the “ouh, don't touch me” variety, but she keeps trying to cuddle none the less.

Puddles loves her stuffies, but she is also a hard chewer (Chew items won't last long with her), and will rip open stuffies, so you will need to keep an eye on her (and the stuffie's legs, arms, ears). One of her favorite things to do when she is playing is to roll around on her back, tossing her stuffie to this side and that! Speaking of lying on her back, she is a champion roacher!

Puddles is also very vocal and she will talk to you – like when the alarm goes off and you don't get out of bed fast enough, or it's dinner time and you're planted on the couch.

A sweet dog with personality plus – Puddles is looking for her forever home.



Fostered by:

Eva Ribman

Keeping Your Greyhound Safe & Secure

Submitted by: Liz Trapp

Unfortunately, all too often, lost dog stories end differently. Please take a minute to read the following tips about how to keep your dogs from escaping so that we never have to share an unhappy ending:



- Regularly inspect your fence and make any needed repairs promptly. Always check the condition of your fence after a windstorm too, *before* letting your hounds out!
- On lawn service days or other days when you have workers at your house, leave a note where you will see it on your way in with a reminder to check your gate! Don't count on workers to remember to secure it for you.
- Keep your hounds indoors and the dog door closed during fireworks and thunderstorms so that your hound does not run off in fear.
- Install a screen on your front door so that you can talk to visitors without allowing an escape opportunity.
- Put "Beware of Dog" signs up on your gate or fence to reduce the possibility of unauthorized persons entering the yard and leaving the gate ajar.
- Teach children to be careful with open doors and gates and to always make sure they close behind them.
- Use self closing devices on your gates to reduce the chance that the gate will be left open or blow open in the wind. But don't rely entirely on them. You still need to check your gate to make sure it is closed securely after use.



We understand that, even with care, sometimes things happen. So, be sure to have tags with current contact information on your hound at all times and update the contact information associated with your dog's microchip every time you move or get a new phone number. Accessible current contact information plays an important role in getting lost hounds home! And if your MCGA hound does get loose, please make MCGA your first phone call so we can help.



***Congratulations on your adoption.
Welcome to the MCGA family!***

WW's Genesis (Omar) adopted 3/19/17
by Jen Nash and Dan Vanluvender

AMF Virginia Slim (Slim) adopted 3/19/17
by Jen Nash and Dan Vanluvender

Church Grimm (Church) adopted 3/26/17
by Joann Magusson

Good Help (Goodie) adopted 3/26/17
by Shank Kothare

GLS Anchoraway (Anchor) adopted 4/2/17
by Jennifer & Larry Hunter

Bob's Precise (Precise) adopted 4/7/17
by Barbara Troxter

Kiowa Image Me (MEME) adopted 4/7/17
by Barbara Troxter

Killer Oxford (Oxford) adopted 4/8/17
by Eric & Shannon Rone



*Forever Loved,
Never Forgotten*

**Written Stone (Mr. Wilson) 2/23/04 - 1/1/17
Loved by Elaine Gower**

**Black Oak Radio (Radio) 6/16/11 - 1/3/17
Loved by The Philman Family**

**Cry Eddie (Eddie) 11/27/05 - 1/5/17
Loved by Jamie Byrd**

**L's Nate Dawg (Nate) 4/26/09 - 1/6/17
Loved by Linda De Baum**

**Dobson 2/21/17
Loved by Bob & Elaine Stone**

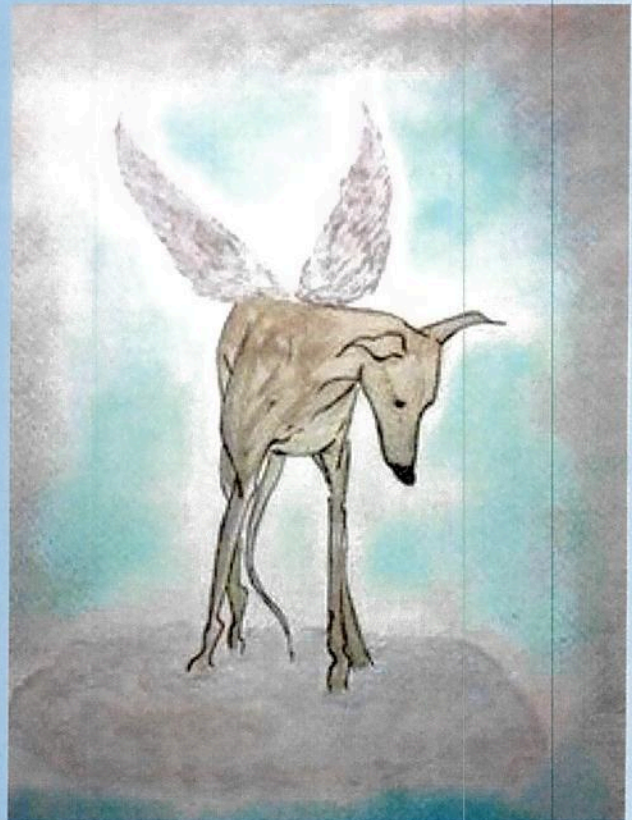
**Geneva Gold (GiGi) 2/16/04 - 2/21/17
Loved by Al & Amy Schmidt**

**Tombstone (Stone) 11/23/09 - 4/3/17
Loved by Marlene Corlew**

**Jazz Miss (Jazz Cami) 6/8/08 - 4/3/17
Loved by Gabe & Diane Lamog**

**Solitary Great (Gracie) 12/06/04 - 4/8/17
Loved by Mark & Becky Orman**

**Loco John (Twiggy) 1/8/06 - 4/11/17
Loved by Jim & Sandra Sims**



**Mystical Maiden (Maiden) 12/28/04 - 4/13/17
Loved by Rob Holmes**

**Pal's Pickle Racer (Pickle) 12/12/06 - 4/18/17
Loved by Kaye Tschop**

**Catche 3/31/02 - 4/19/17
Loved by Mark & Becky Orman**



Mountain Hounds
June 1st – June 4th
Gatlinburg, TN

RC Cola & Moon Pie Festival
Saturday, June 17th 9am – 5pm
Bell Buckle, TN
* Volunteers Needed *

Southland Reunion
October, 14th
West Memphis, AR

Bell Buckle Main Street Festival
October 21st - 22nd 9am – 5pm
Bell Buckle, TN
* Volunteers Needed *

Kiwanis Christmas Parade
December 2nd 2pm – 2:30pm
Franklin, TN
* Volunteers Needed *



*What's the scoop? Have pictures, a story or
an*

announcement to share?

We want to know!

Send your submissions to:

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