



GREY Tales

2021 Recap & Looking Ahead in 2022

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A note from Robyn Stone, board president



Robyn & Busy

To say the last few years have been challenging is an understatement. One bright spot in that time is the closure of the Florida greyhound tracks, which moves us one step closer to the end of greyhound racing in the US. KCREGAP expected, and were prepared, for an influx of pups in need of homes after the closure of the tracks. However, because of KCREGAP's unwavering support of track closures and the end of greyhound racing, those in the industry essentially blacklisted our group.

Thankfully, KCREGAP has been able to pivot yet still remain true to our mission: To find for as many greyhounds as possible — without consideration for their

age, health, disabilities or circumstances — their forever homes, while maintaining a high quality of care, safe and superior housing and appropriate adoption standards.

The dogs who've come to us over the past year were from "backyard breeders," owner relinquish, animal shelters or other rescue groups. Some of these pups are lurchers, which is a greyhound mixed with another breed. While their backgrounds may differ from the greyhounds coming from the racing industry, these sweet pups are equally deserving of a loving, forever home.

KCREGAP has some amazing volunteers who are willing to do whatever is needed to give these pups a second chance in life. Thank you to everyone who cares enough to make a difference in these dogs' lives, whether you've adopted, fostered, transported or donated, you've made a difference! KCREGAP is looking forward to a happy and healthy 2022 for all of our four-legged and two-legged friends — Happy New Year!



Forty-five greyhounds or greyhound mixes were adopted from KCREGAP in 2021. These are just some of the happy families.

2021

by the numbers

76	Total applications (135 in 2020; 59 in 2019)
45	Total adoptions (63 in 2020; 39 in 2019)
19	New families
16	Foster fails
10	Returning KCREGAP families

Meet the volunteers of the KCREGAP board

The KCREGAP board works behind the scenes on everything from dogs being relinquished to promotions to foster family recruitment to fundraising. To learn about the all-volunteer board, please read on.



ROBYN STONE,
board president

Robyn Stone, and her husband, Pete Maharry, adopted their first grey in 2006 — Hitchcock — and started volunteering shortly after that. They promptly foster failed on their first foster, Maggie.

Robyn became a board member in 2009 and president in late 2010. Robyn and Pete have had seven greyhounds: Hitchcock, Maggie, India, Pandora, Happy, Moose and Busy.

“I think it’s all of their quirks and eccentricities that make them special, I don’t know that I could pick just one,” Robyn said. “They are the most gentle, sweet and loving breed, and their resiliency given their difficult beginnings in life never ceases to amaze me!”



JIM TWIGG

Jim has been involved with KCREGAP for 24 years and has been a board member since 2010. He and his wife Monica McNamara, have been “owned” by 13 greyhounds and countless fosters.

They currently are pawrents to Kai and Bailey.

“Their spinning around in the yard always makes me laugh,” Jim said.



TRACEY ALLEN-EHRHART

Tracey has been involved with REGAP since she and her husband, Dave Ehrhart, and

their son, Trevan, adopted their first greyhound in 2010.

She became a board member in 2018 and helps manage KCREGAP’s social media presence. She and her family have had four greys plus one “honorary greyhound” (a whippet): Nina, Clooney (whippet), Rhyia, Calvin, Yeoljin and “so many fosters that I’ve lost count!”

Tracey’s favorite greyhound quirk is the “lean.”

“I love greyhound leans,” Tracey said. “My life changed the moment Nina, our first greyhound, leaned against me at a meet and greet.

“I fell in love with Nina at that moment. Little could we have known that day how much adopting Nina would change our lives or how many greyhounds and lurchers we would share our home with over the years to follow.”



RUTH AMOS

Ruth and her husband, Cliff, moved to the Kansas City area in February 2010 and started volunteering shortly thereafter.

Ruth has served on the board as secretary since 2021 and is also a member of the foster home committee. Ruth and Cliff have had three greyhounds and fostered around 25. They recently moved to South Carolina and she is still able to help KCREGAP virtually by doing virtual home visits, virtual foster classes, maintaining the list of foster home families and foster dogs. Prior to her move, she also helped coordinate meet and greets. Her favorite quirk/favorite thing about greyhounds? “(You mean I have to choose?!)... I think maybe roaching, thinking of my little senior ‘Queen of Roaching,’ Carly!

“And then on a wider scale, it’s such a breakthrough when a new foster, and especially a timid one, roaches for the first time. A very special beginning to their personality starting to blossom, I love it.”



SHAREN MILLER

Sharen became a KCREGAP volunteer in the spring of 2017. She has served on the board since 2021 and has coordinated meet and greets since 2017.

Hank, Landon, Zoey and Gordon are the first greyhounds Sharen and her husband, Larry, have had. They have also fostered 33 greyhounds or greyhound mixes.

“The thing about greyhounds, which never ceases to amaze me, is how they can be so mistreated and abused at times and yet are able to forgive so quickly and are eager to love and be loved again,” Sharen said. “Their eyes say so much.”



LISA HORN

Lisa has been a REGAP volunteer since 2017, shortly after she and her husband, Aaron Bailey, adopted their first greyhound, Ash, in 2016. She helps manage social media and was the coordinator of the fundraising calendar in years past. In 2020, they foster failed on Bree and in 2021, Lisa joined the board.

Her favorite greyhound quirk is their love “air bites” and teeth chattering.

“When I came home from work and Ash chattered at me for the first time, she captured my heart,” Lisa said. “They are so gentle and are remarkable dogs in so many ways.”

Greyhounds, lurchers and staghounds — oh, my!

When we say “Greyhound” almost everyone immediately thinks of a racing greyhound registered with the National Greyhound Association (NGA). That makes sense as the majority of hounds moving through many adoption groups in the last 20 years have been greyhounds bred for racing. Sometimes, when we talk about other kinds of hounds though, we get a lot of questions.

For instance, **AKC** (American Kennel Club) **greyhounds** are the same breed as **NGA Greyhounds**, but come from different bloodlines. AKC greyhounds are bred to match the AKC breed standard rather than exclusively for speed. They tend to have longer necks, longer legs, deeper chests, more arched backs and thinner bodies than NGA greyhounds.

Lurchers are sighthound crosses, typically a mix of greyhound and another kind of dog, such as terrier or herding dog. Because the mix can vary, lurchers can be small or large, smooth or rough coated, and of differing temperaments. They are often used in rural areas as hunting dogs. Although we do not have DNA test results, KCREGAP’s Rip is likely a lurcher.

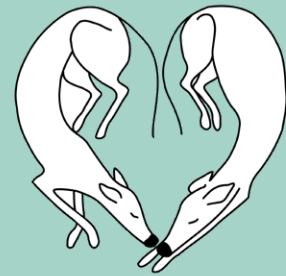
Staghounds, on the other hand, are a cross between two breeds of sighthounds, often greyhound and deerhound or wolfhound. To add confusion, some refer to staghounds as “American Lurchers.” And much like lurchers, staghounds can come with smooth or rough coats and in varying sizes depending on their particular mix of breeds. Like lurchers, staghounds are often used in rural areas as hunting dogs. KCREGAP’s Oscar is most likely a staghound.

“**Greyluki**” is a nickname for a Saluki and greyhound mix. Sometimes, the mix is one Saluki parent and one greyhound parent, but some Greyluki are mixed going back a few generations. Greylukis are also commonly used as hunting dogs.

No matter what variety of hound, lovability is a common theme consistent across all of the breeds and mixes!

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A GOOD READ



“The Future Of Greyhound Advocacy and Adoption”

If an adopter in, say, Los Angeles, takes in an ex-racer imported from Australia, is that a tacit endorsement of Australian racing and its many well-documented animal welfare problems? What are the ethics of global “rescue” efforts that circulate dogs from the regions of the globe where they are born to places where there are people willing to take them in and bear the financial burden of their care? What are the welfare implications for dogs asked to travel long distances in this global traffic? As greyhound adoption has become globalized, these are questions that greyhound people will need to contend with. Read more [here](#).



Rescuing Remi:

Patience, persistence and partnerships pay off

With her past life of abuse and neglect in the rearview mirror, Remi's new life is bright and full of hope. In November, the beautiful brindle and white greyhound had been running stray for several weeks in Enterprise, Kan., and was living in a ditch. Her owner, who had since left town, had been charged with animal cruelty due to abuse and abandonment. A woman named Macey lived near the area Remi had fled to. When Macey and her dog, Oakley, were on their daily walks, Remi became a regular sight. Eventually, she began spending time in Macey's yard with Oakley.

A woman in town offered to do a trial adoption of Remi. Macey caught Remi and she and the sheriff took her to the new home. But within an hour, Remi had chewed through a leash and jumped fences to return to the familiarity of Macey, Oakley and their yard. Macey, whose yard is unfenced, knew more help was needed to save Remi, so she called KCREGAP. The plan was to safely capture and transport her to GALT (Greyhound Adoption League of Texas) who could best care for and provide the rehabilitation she needed to help Remi learn to be a pet again.

"Because of Macey's special bond with Remi, we were able to capture her," Sharen Miller, KCREGAP volunteer, said. "She is scared and not trusting of people, except Macey. She will have to learn to trust and love again."

A mild sedative helped and the transport from Kansas to Texas was a go. Sharen and Charlene Osborn transported Remi to Oklahoma, where a GALT volunteer met them to take Remi to GALT's kennel in Dallas.

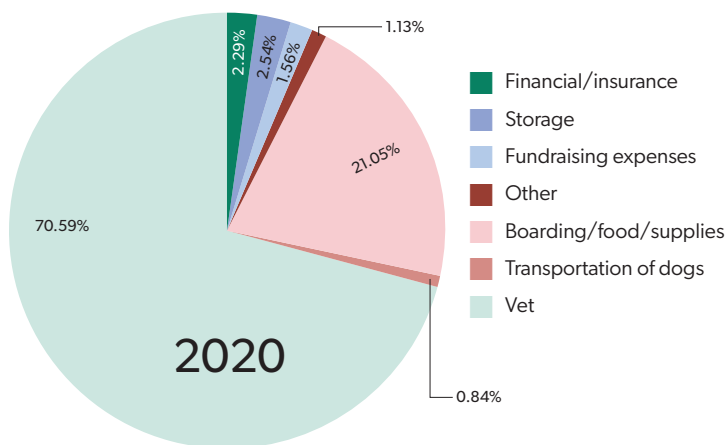
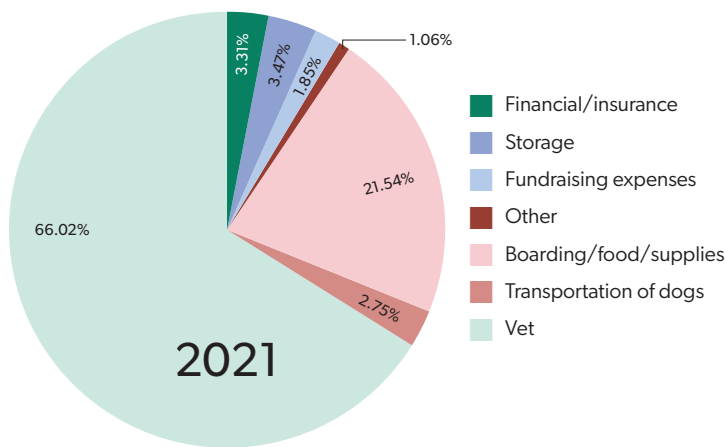
When Remi first arrived to GALT, she seemed scared and timid. She has done so well in the last few weeks, that she is available for adoption. The best part of Remi's story is now just beginning — thanks to a team effort of patience, persistence and partnerships.

Watch this slide show of Remi to see more photos of her journey to her forever home.



After suffering abuse and neglect, Remi enjoys the comfort of a real bed at GALT.

2021 Expenses



Direct care expenses by year and per adopted dog

	2021	2020
Boarding/food/supplies	\$11,621	\$13,321
Transportation of dogs	\$1,483	\$530
Vet	\$35,619	\$44,673
Total direct care expenses	\$48,723	\$58,524
Dogs adopted	45	63
Expense per dog	\$1,127.64	\$961.02



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