



GREYZETTE

2022 Recap & Looking Ahead in 2023



A note from Robyn Stone, board president



Robyn & Busy

Happy New Year! 2022 could be characterized as a year where things were getting “back to normal,” though maybe a new normal. Regular meet and greets made a comeback, fundraisers such as the City of Overland Park Recycling Extravaganza were back in full swing and many pups got to enjoy group walks and play dates. We also enjoyed a terrific afternoon of hanging out with the pups and peeps at Limitless Brewery in Lenexa when KCREGAP was the chosen charity to receive donations as a part of their “Sunday with a Pourpose.” I think it’s safe to say that we would love to enjoy a second round of that event!

2022 saw 32 pups find their forever homes. This would not have been possible without the amazing volunteers who help with transporting the pups to KC, spend time walking and socializing pups when they’re at the kennel, volunteering for meet and greets, processing adoption applications and helping with home visits. A very special thank you to all of our amazing foster families who open their homes to foster a pup until a forever home is found. We are always in need of more foster homes — the number of pups we can take in is limited by the number of homes available. If you’ve ever thought about fostering, now is the time. It very well may be the most rewarding thing you do this year! And a thank you to our foster committee — Ruth Amos, Sharen Miller, Julie Morrison and Cher Oliver Mroz — who coordinate foster homes and veterinary care. Volunteers are, without a doubt, the heart of KCREGAP!

As with anything, change is inevitable. We have seen the closure of dog tracks and dwindling of the racing industry over the past few years, which is certainly worth celebrating! Because of that, we’ve seen more dogs coming in from other sources, including more lurchers, which are greyhound mixes. While they may not be “pure greyhounds,” every single one of the pups that come to KCREGAP are special and equally deserving of a second chance in life. I know that many of us have fallen in love with some of the fuzzy-faced muppets who have come through our group over the past year.

It’s also a time of change for some of us in volunteer roles where we are ready to take a step back, myself included, to allow for some fresh ideas and new leadership, and to allow those who are wanting to take a bigger volunteer role to do just that. If you are looking for a chance to step up and expand your role as a volunteer with KCREGAP, please reach out! KCREGAP has always been a 100 percent volunteer organization. Our volunteers give 100 percent of their hearts and souls to giving these deserving dogs a second chance. And while that means that no volunteer receives any monetary compensation, the heartwarming rewards of helping these pups are tenfold. Thank you to all of the volunteers, whatever role it is that you have within the organization!

2022 by the numbers

- 120** Total applications (76 in 2021; 135 in 2020)
- 32** Total adoptions (45 in 2021; 63 in 2020)
- 20** New families (19 in 2021; 40 in 2020)
- 6** Return adopters (10 in 2021; 10 in 2020)
- 6** Foster fails (16 in 2021; 13 in 2020)





Why We Foster

Editor's Note: Ted Zoellner and Jennie and Shawn Coulthards' unwavering devotion to fostering have made them such wonderful assets to KCREGAP. From all the greys you have loved, their furever families and from your fellow volunteers, we thank you for your dedication!

TED'S STORY

I discovered KCREGAP in 2007 after researching greyhounds, when I decided it was time to adopt a new dog. I'd been fascinated by greyhounds but had never met one before. I went to a few clinics (meet and greets) and was quickly hooked. I adopted Montego in July 2007 and it was one of the best decisions of my life. I started volunteering with REGAP shortly thereafter at meet and greets.

In March 2008, Cher Oliver Mroz called and asked if I would consider fostering Rue, who came to us with a broken hock (back leg). My house was ideal as I live in a single-story ranch with only a couple of individual steps, which are easily manageable. I've always been a dog person and have never had a cat. So, my house became home for many foster greys that were not cat safe. I eagerly agreed to foster Rue and my foster dad journey began.

After Rue came Ami, also with a broken hock. Ami was with me for 11 and a half months until she was adopted. In 2010 I fostered Nina, a sweet black female, who won over Tracey Allen-Ehrhart at a meet and greet and got her hooked on greyhounds! She's been a tremendous asset to REGAP.

I thought Ami was a long time foster until Bhric came along, he was with me for 13 and a half months. People teased me that I would have to adopt him since I'd had him so long, but I held firm. But when I married Heather Pedersen, she ended up adopting Bhric and Keegan at the same time. She helped me with more than half of my foster dogs during the six years we were together and deserves a lot of the credit, too. Later, I fostered Lady for 18 months and now I have Baxter, who has been with me for 23 months. Including Baxter, I've had 33 foster greyhounds and *technically* have not foster failed.

I foster because I love greyhounds and love helping them. I've always liked having a foster around to keep my greyhound company, although they were fine on their own. I find it very

rewarding to give back to the breed that has given so much to me. REGAP has also been a good social outlet for me and I've made many friends.

I encourage others to consider fostering because the hounds need you and need your love. It is wonderful to help a dog adjust to a new life, perhaps living in a home for the first time, showing them the ropes and how to be a wonderful companion. Then seeing their new family meet them and excitedly welcoming them into their home and into their family, just like you did for a short period of time. Many years ago, I started keeping a list of my foster dogs so that I would remember them and the time they spent with me and who adopted them. It also helps me keep track of their pictures.

It doesn't take any special skills to foster, just a love for the dogs and some patience and maybe some cleaning supplies. They'll find their way with your help and help you along the way. Dogs brighten my every day! I'd be very lonely without them in my life.

—Ted Zoellner



When Fox 4 highlighted KCREGAP on its morning show last April, Ted Zoellner was interviewed by Reporter Kathy Quinn about what it's like to foster greyhounds.



Stepping Up for the Pups

by Tracey Allen-Ehrhart, board member

My first encounter with REGAP was 13 years ago at a meet and greet. A beautiful, sleek, black greyhound leaned against my leg and stole my heart. Making Nina a part of our family was so wonderful that we decided to contribute to the effort and volunteered to foster. We wanted to make sure other families could experience the joy of having a greyhound in their lives. REGAP doesn't have any paid staff; we rely 100 percent on the efforts of volunteers. I'm hoping that if a greyhound has touched your life and your heart you'll raise your hand to give some of your time to help more hounds and families.

With long-time volunteers stepping back, a combined effort is needed to step up to fill their roles to continue to help more dogs. We need your help now. Please email clubgreyhound@gmail.com to find out more about how you can help more greyhounds find their forever families:

- Receiving applications and responding to adoption inquiries.
- Adoption home visits.
- Calling references.
- Handling all the details of adoptions and follow up with adopting families.
- Paperwork, licenses.
- Financials.
- Event planning and marketing.
- Website updates and maintenance.
- Transporting dogs.
- And, of course, fostering dogs. Since REGAP is a home-based rescue, foster homes are critical to how many dogs can be saved.

Thank you for considering donating your time and talent to helping more pups find their forever homes!

Why We Foster *(continued)*

THE COULTHARD FAMILY'S STORY

I have always wanted a greyhound, so when Shawn and I got our house in 2008, we adopted Roust. He was a 4-year-old red brindle male with an Irish band (this is a unique patch of white fur on the back of a dog's neck). He was an amazing dog! He was 14 when he passed.

I wasn't sure about getting another greyhound just yet. We wanted to get involved and help. So we have been involved with REGAP since June 2019. But you know how that goes... our first foster was Aspen and we foster failed on her.

We have fostered 16 dogs — Aspen, Butch, Harley, Zeke, Teddy, Maddie, Haven, Snickers, Tucker, Ellie, Sage, Winston, Ash, Angel, Kismet, Nick! We foster failed on Sage and Ash and these are the two we have now.

Shawn and I have three kids: Ezra, 11; River, 9; and Sorren, 5.

We really do love fostering. It's such a great and amazing experience! It helps us to teach our kids how to help and be volunteers; it's such a rewarding experience all around. Sure, you fall in love with every dog. How can you not? But it's so special to help a greyhound that most of the time has never been in a home. As you know... it's helping them learn things about a home and gives them a loving family that they need before they find their forever home!

— Jennie Coulthard



Sorren, 5, Ezra, 11, and River, 9, cuddle with Nick, one of the Coulthard family's recent foster dogs.

Amazon recently announced that it would end its AmazonSmile program on Feb. 20. Thanks to everyone who supported KCREGAP using this program over the years.

You are still be able to support REGAP by **making a donation online.**

One year later: How's Remi doing?

Remember Remi? The brindle and white greyhound who had been running stray in Enterprise, Kan., at the end of 2021 was featured in last year's newsletter not long after she was transported to GALT (Greyhound Adoption League of Texas). Her owner, who had left town, had been charged with animal cruelty due to abuse and abandonment.

GALT volunteers helped show Remi what being a pet really is and not surprisingly, she was a foster fail. She has two canine siblings — a greyhound and greyhound mix — and officially joined the family in March 2022.

"She's the biggest of the three, but takes her cues from them," her foster and now forever mom said. "She seems happy to be a follower!"

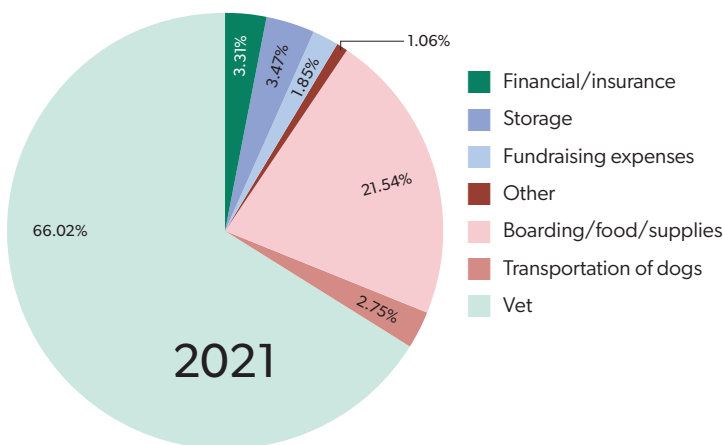
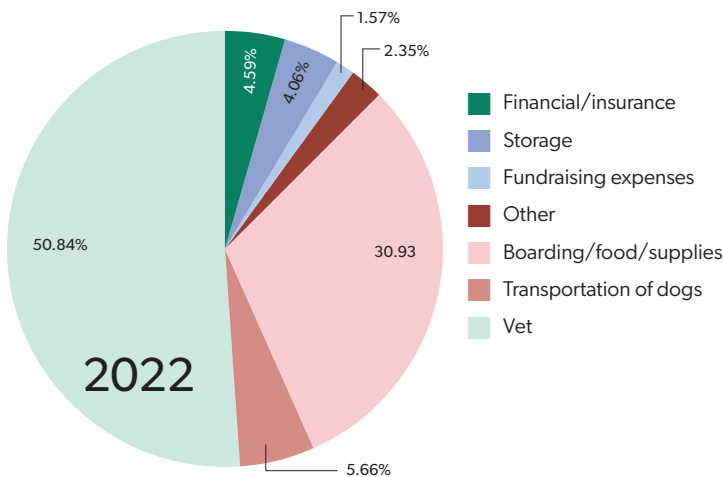
When she's not roaming the yard looking for things to bark at, Remi also has shown she likes to snuggle.

"She is a very affectionate girl and comes around often for kisses and cuddles."

"Fortunately, she doesn't bark long. She seems to prefer being inside where her human is. She is a joy and I'm so happy she found me!"



2022 Expenses



Direct care expenses by year and per adopted dog

	2022	2021
Boarding/food/supplies	\$15,713	\$11,621
Transportation of dogs	\$2,875	\$1,483
Vet	\$25,824	\$35,619
Total direct care expenses	\$44,412	\$48,723
Dogs adopted	32	45
Expense per dog	\$1,387.88	\$1,082.73



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