

FLIGHTS 2025 Year in Review



Happy Tails Begin Here

2025 has been an exceptionally busy and successful adoption year for the FLIGHTS team. Our reputation continues to grow internationally, and we are honoured that organizations around the world recognize our commitment to helping retired greyhounds find safe, loving forever homes.

Building on the momentum of previous years, the FLIGHTS team has worked extensively throughout 2025 with our international partners in Ireland, Australia, and the UK, ensuring that retiring greyhounds have every opportunity to enjoy a happy and comfortable life here in Canada. Our partnerships have strengthened significantly, and we are proud to say that greyhounds from each of these regions are now finding their way to new homes across Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec.

After forming a new partnership with a UK greyhound group in 2024, this year marked the exciting beginning of welcoming UK greyhounds into Canada for retirement. Their arrival has been a wonderful milestone and a testament to the trust our international partners place in us.

FLIGHTS remains the first group in Canada to have formal agreements and now has three active international initiatives dedicated to rehoming retired greyhounds. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work, passion, and dedication of the entire FLIGHTS team.

What an incredible year — and an extraordinary accomplishment — for everyone involved! Let's keep the momentum going in 2026!



2025 Tally!

27 Arrivals
25 Adoptions
2 in Foster Care
14 Irish Hounds
9 Aussie Hounds
4 UK Hounds
Approximately
74,203 kilometers
flown by
greyhounds

3,037 pounds of
kibble
65 pounds of wet
food
54 doses of flea &
tick meds

Countless hours of
cuddles and
zoomies

love

♥ New Canadians ♥



New Additions to the FLIGHTS Team

As we wrap up an incredible year, we're thrilled to celebrate the amazing humans who keep our mission thriving!

Roshni will be teaming up with Rachel to supercharge our medical-related educational materials, bringing even more clarity and care to our community.

In the Toronto area, two of our long-time adopters and hardcore foster pros, Alex and Will, are stepping up to support Rachel and Paul with local home visits — because when it comes to teamwork, these two are unstoppable.

Over in Ottawa, Carolina is becoming Rufino's right hand, offering powerhouse support with home visits while also streamlining our growing stack of applications with strategic flair. Kerry and Kaitlyn will also be joining the team to assist with home visits.

Behind the scenes, our crate storage dream team — Sarah, Jared, and Aussie Tim — keep everything organized and running smoothly, and our transport champions, Larry and Mark, continue to haul, lift, and save the day whenever needed.

Cheers to this incredible crew for making every part of our work stronger, smoother, and a whole lot more fun!



FLIGHTS Team Member Spotlight: TINA!

As 2025 draws to a close, it's the perfect moment to reflect on the remarkable journey of Tina, President and Founder of FLIGHTS – Finding Loving International Greyhounds Homes Together & Salukis, whose work has transformed the lives of sighthounds and their families across Canada and beyond.

Founded in 2015 under the umbrella of Greyhound Trust & Alliance (GT&A), FLIGHTS quickly became a beacon for retired Irish greyhounds seeking loving homes. With GT&A's deep roots in southwestern Ontario and decades of volunteer experience, the organization built a robust network dedicated to the welfare of these extraordinary dogs. Tina's vision and leadership have been instrumental in FLIGHTS' growth. In 2021, the mission expanded to include salukis and saluki-crosses from the Middle East, marking the transition to FLIGHTS – Finding Loving Irish Greyhounds Homes Together and Salukis. This broadened scope brought new partnerships and nearly doubled placements year over year, thanks to the tireless support of volunteers and partner groups.

FLIGHTS' impact reached new heights in 2019, when collaboration with Greyhound Pets of America – National (GPA National) enabled thousands of retired Irish greyhounds to find homes in the United States. The organization's commitment to promoting sighthounds as loving companions has never wavered, and its work with partners in Doha has helped Middle Eastern salukis find their forever families in Ontario.

A major milestone arrived in 2023, as FLIGHTS began welcoming retired Australian greyhounds to Canada — becoming the first group in the country to establish strong foundations with both Ireland and Australia for international adoptions. This year, FLIGHTS celebrated another first: the arrival of British Racing greyhounds retiring in Canada.

Beyond FLIGHTS, Tina's commitment to sighthounds extends to running Happy Houndz Sighthound Boarding, a specialized sitting service that offers a warm, home-like environment for sighthounds whose owners are away. Understanding the unique needs of retired racers, Tina ensures every dog receives the care and comfort they deserve. As we look back on a decade of progress, it's clear that Tina and FLIGHTS have set new standards for sighthound advocacy and adoption. Their unwavering dedication continues to inspire, bringing hope and happiness to countless dogs and families.





Thank you to
FLIGHTS
Supporters!

Dogerel Apparel

Linda James has been a long-standing supporter and donator to the FLIGHTS program. Linda is now an official adopter!

If you are in need of Customized Coats, Collars Sweaters, etc. Linda is your lady!

Check her out with the below link. - [Dogerel Apparel](#) | [Facebook](#)

HUGS FOR HOUNDS 2025!!

Saturday, August 9, 2025
10 am - 5 pm

NEW LOCATION!!!!

Optimist Recreation Center
23 Brock Rd S, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0



No more weather worries!

Supporting our Hound Community that Supports Us

Every year the one event you can count on seeing FLIGHTS at is Hugs For Hounds. We love attending this event, many of our adopters show up and we get to see all the lovely hounds we helped find forever homes.

Hugs for Hounds is set for **August 8, 2026**. We hope to see you there!

[Hugs for Hounds - Home \(hugsforhounds2.ca\)](https://hugsforhounds2.ca)

Great Global Greyhound Walk

Interested in spreading the word about Greyhounds & FLIGHTS? Why not think about organizing a greyhound walk in your area. The Great Global Greyhound Walks happen in September every year. It is easy - you simply choose where you want to walk, let FLIGHTS know and we will register it online and you can start promoting the event in your area!

Next Walk Date: Sunday, September 27th, 2026



Advancing Veterinary Diagnostics

FLIGHTS is currently supporting an exciting project with VitalBio aimed at advancing veterinary diagnostic testing. Recognizing the unique characteristics of greyhound blood, the team is ensuring these samples are included to improve test accuracy and relevance.

As an initial step, the project will review a small set of greyhound blood samples, which is processed within 24 hours of collection to maintain testing integrity. VitalBio is based in Oakville, Ontario, and will work with partners operating across the GTA.

Looking ahead, this collaboration is expected to expand, with additional greyhound samples likely needed as the work progresses. FLIGHTS is enthusiastic about the potential to establish an ongoing partnership with both VitalBio and the Canadian Animal Blood Bank to support future innovation in veterinary diagnostics.

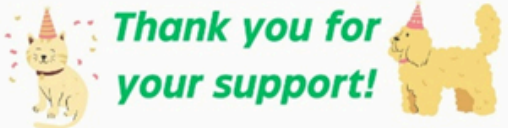
About VitalBio

VitalBio is building a new era of diagnostics to make care radically accessible.





VitalBio is transforming how we think about health. We are on a mission to prevent disease, to reduce inequality of wellbeing, to redistribute control to patients, and empower healthcare providers in creating better outcomes. Every breakthrough we develop opens up a new world, and sets the stage for our next innovation. We're in it for the long haul — our initial products will change how we deliver care to our most vulnerable, then will evolve to preventative health for all.

The Power of Community

Community Pantry in High Park

 **Thank you for
your support!**

In the year since the pantry has been up,
you've helped us:

-  Raise \$423.22 for FLIGHTS, helping meet the needs of 25 dogs they homed
-  Bring joy to all the neighbourhood pets who frequent our location
-  Provide food and supplies for numerous people and pets
-  Keep useful products out of the landfill by donating!



FLIGHTS
**Here's to another
paw-some year!**



Caring for our Extended Community



A handful of times each year we gather up all the gently used donations, Light Coats, Leashes and Collars and package them up and send them to our international friends to help off set some of the costs of running a kennel, those kennels that provide us wonderful, retired greyhounds.



Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

Do you ever wonder what happens to the wooden crates our greyhounds come over in?

FLIGHTS can vouch with certainty that ZERO goes to waste, zero goes to a landfill. Founder and President's husband Eric is a recreational wood worker, who also comes from a German family of well know cabinet makers. In Eric's spare time he comes up with new ideas to change those crates that carry our greyhounds to their new forever homes into pieces for sale, with the donations going to FLIGHTS. Additionally, we have donated crates to National Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation (NWRP).



ADOPTION INQUIRIES



Looking Toward 2026: Reflections & New Beginnings

As we round out the year, our team is taking a well-deserved moment to reflect, recharge, and celebrate the incredible work made possible by our adopters, volunteers, and supporters. Your dedication has helped countless greyhounds find safe landings and loving homes.

And while the year may be ending, the excitement is just beginning — we're already planning our first flight of 2026! Greyhounds must travel as cargo, and flights are most efficient when the dogs come over in groups of four. We are gathering interest now to help finalize our travel plans for early 2026.

If you've been thinking about adopting — or know someone who might be — now is the perfect time to submit an application. Starting the process early ensures we can complete all steps well before those first arrivals touch down. You could welcome your new international greyhound in just a few short months. Let's make 2026 another incredible year for bringing these wonderful dogs home!

For adoption information, contact greyhoundtrustalliance@gmail.com



FLIGHTS Fosters & Forever's

Want to know what is happening with all the
FLIGHTS Fosters & Forever's?

To follow along with the updates and lives of
all our pups, please visit our Facebook – FLIGHTS
Fosters & Forever's page.

(Please note this page is only for Approved
Fosters & Adopters).

FOSTER SUPERHEROS NEEDED!!!

Interested in becoming a
superhero and fostering for
FLIGHTS?



**GREYHOUND
FOSTER HOMES
NEEDED**

FLIGHTS is looking for foster
homes in the Greater Ottawa
and surrounding areas!

Foster homes are an essential part of the
FLIGHTS process and provide a safe
space for hounds to decompress and
start adapting to their new lives in
Canada.

If you are interested in becoming a foster
or would like to learn more information
about becoming a foster, please contact
us at
greyhoundtrustalliance@gmail.com

The poster features a circular inset image of a greyhound dog standing on a grassy area with a city skyline in the background. A small logo for 'FLIGHTS' is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster.

FOSTER SUPERHERO



FLIGHTS Heads to the UK

A member of FLIGHTS was on vacation in Europe in July and dropped in to Coral Romford Greyhound Stadium where our British greyhounds came from.





Canadian Animal Blood Bank

We Save Dogs' Lives

info@canadiananimalbloodbank.ca

Each blood donation can make a difference in the lives of three other dogs across Canada. Does your pet have what it takes to be a hero? Join the Pack!

Why You Should Donate

Just like humans, dogs need blood too! The Canadian Animal Blood Bank collects blood from healthy donors to transfuse into critically ill animals across Canada. Each day, ill and injured animals rely on transfusion therapy. From cancer therapy support to surgery and times of trauma, each donation can make a difference in the lives of three other dogs.

If you are interested in helping to save dogs' lives, please visit our registration page. There you will find our Donor Registration Form as well as the regions we operate in.

Benefits of Donating

Dogs like to help. It's in their blood! You will be proud that your participation in this unique activity will support other dogs' recovery of illness or injury, as well as your dog receives:

- One complimentary blood product for each unit of blood donated, should the need ever arise.
- Free microchip identification
- Bandana & blood donor tag
- Milestone dog tags every 5 donations
- Complimentary testing for blood-borne diseases and heartworm

Dogs have blood types?

Just like people, dogs have different blood types too! We type for the Dog Erythrocyte Antigen (DEA) 1 Negative and Positive. Only 40% of all dogs have the blood type DEA 1 Negative and they should ONLY receive Negative blood if they are in need.

Demand for the DEA 1 Negative blood type is very high. In an emergency, this blood type can be given to any dog which is why they are considered to be a universal donor. This means our supply of DEA 1 Negative is often low. We are looking for more dogs to join the pack, especially those that are more likely to have a negative blood type.

Whether your dog is DEA 1 Positive or DEA 1 Negative, every donation matters and helps to save the lives of dogs across Canada.

Some dog breeds that are more likely to be DEA 1 Negative include: Airedale Terrier, American Bulldog, Cane Corso, Doberman, Dogue de Bordeaux, English Bull Terrier, German Shorthaired Pointer, Greyhound, German Shepherd Dog, Irish Wolfhound, Lurcher, Newfoundland, Old English Sheepdog, Pit Bull, Great Pyrenees, Siberian Husky, Standard Poodle, Weimaraner



What are blood products used for?

Blood Products are primarily used to support dogs with conditions like:

- Cancer therapy support
- Rat Poison Toxicity
- Immune-Mediated Diseases
- Surgery and Times of Trauma
- Anemia, Parvovirus, and more!

Why do we Microchip?



All Greyhounds in Ireland, Australia & Great Britain have a mandatory chip implanted at a young age. This means that all FLIGHTS greyhounds will come chipped, but many will not be officially registered by the owners.

The chips have been tested and can be read in both Canada and the USA. Adopters are encouraged to register their pets so that their contact information is on record if their pet is ever lost or stolen.

A microchip, together with PetLink gives your pet a silent voice and gives owners peace of mind that your beloved pet will always find its way home.

Adopters may sign in and register all the chips here at Petlinks -

<https://www.petlink.net/>.

Pet Chip Registry is dedicated to the well-being and safe return of your pet if lost!

PetLink is the cornerstone of Datamars' 24/7/365 pet registry and pet recovery service. Microchipping is the only unique, unalterable, tamper-proof, permanent form of identification that owners can provide for pets.

Please ensure both your Veterinarian and City By-law have your pet's microchip information on file.



Emergency Greyhound Care Plan

Having a care plan in place for your greyhound(s) is crucial, especially in the event of a human emergency. It is recommended to print and complete the emergency greyhound care form. Display it in a visible location in your home so that it can be easily found when needed.

The form should include details on who will take care of your greyhounds and any other pets you may have. It's also a good idea to have a conversation with family, friends, and neighbors to make sure they are willing and able to take care of your greyhound if an emergency arises. Additionally, consider placing a poster in your front window to inform people that pets are inside, ensuring that your greyhound will be cared for if you are unable to do so.

While we all hope that the worst never happens, it's important to think ahead about what you would like to happen with your greyhounds if you were to become ill, hospitalized, or pass away.

In case emergency care becomes permanent, we encourage caregivers to reach out to FLIGHTS so that our team can support the family and possibly return the greyhounds into our care.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and prepare for the safety of your greyhounds. Your proactive steps can make a significant difference in the well-being of your beloved pets.

Please reach out to us at greyhoundtrustalliance@gmail.com to obtain full copies of both forms.




Display in your front window



**IN AN
EMERGENCY**

**THERE ARE
GREYHOUNDS
INSIDE**



Display on your fridge



If I cannot care for my greyhounds, the person below has offered to help:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Number of greyhounds:

Greyhound Name(s):

Temperament (Likes & Dislikes):

Any urgent care needs (e.g., medications & how many times per day):

Which vet practice is the greyhound registered at?

Food, medicine, and accessories are kept:

Additional comments:

FLIGHTS - Finding Living International Greyhounds
Homes Together & Safe





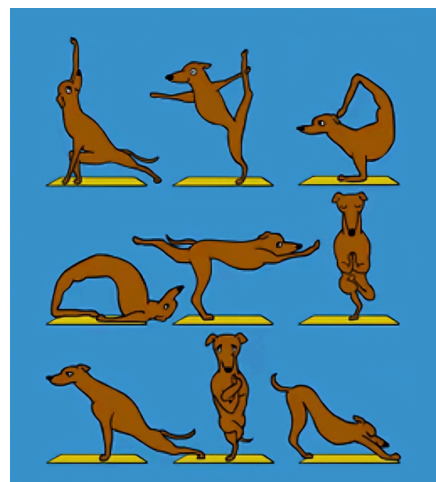
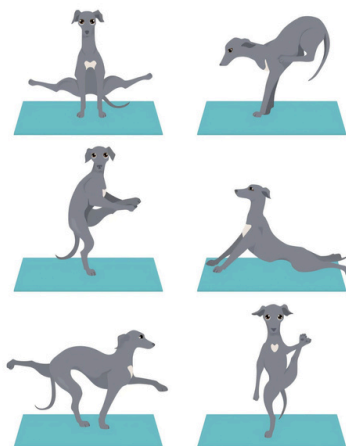
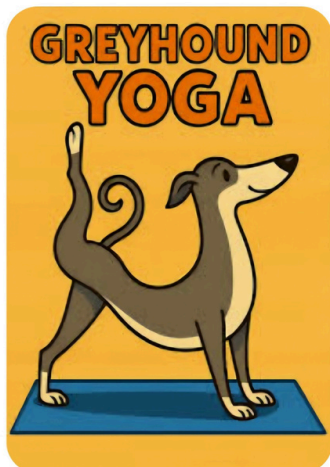
This checklist will help you be prepared in the event of an emergency or natural disaster in your area.

EMERGENCY PLANNING CHECKLIST

Pets are part of our household. During an emergency situation, it is important to know how to keep our

- Prepare an emergency plan that covers the major disasters which have the potential to impact your family, including your greyhounds.
 - My plan covers fire, flood and:
- Ensure grass is kept mowed low around kennel blocks, yards, exercise runs and other areas where your greyhounds are kept on your property.
- Regularly remove rubbish and other garden waste from around your property to reduce fire hazards.
- Ensure your greyhounds always have a water supply that will last them several days, even if you expect to be home that evening. Water containers must be unspillable.
- Choose a trusted neighbor, family member, or friend and give them a key to your house/kennel block in case they need to access your greyhounds.
- Prepare a list of preferred boarding kennels, animal shelters, or friends that would be prepared to temporarily house and care for your greyhounds in case of an emergency.
- Check with your local council for a list of evacuation or relief centers.

Cold Noses, Cozy Poses: Greyhound Yoga This Winter





Public Service Announcement

A friendly reminder to ensure that your FLIGHTS greyhound alumni always have their FLIGHTS **"Identification Tag"** securely attached to their collars at all times. This requirement is part of your signed adoption contract and is crucial for the safety and well-being of your furry friends.

We understand that sometimes things get misplaced - if you have misplaced your FLIGHTS ID tag, please do not hesitate to contact us for a replacement. We will be more than happy to assist you.

Additionally, if you are not a FLIGHTS alumni adopter but are part of our larger FLIGHTS friends and family, and you would like to add this level of contact to your pup, please reach out to us. We are happy to send out a tag and add your pups to our list (and hopefully, we will never have to use it!).

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.
Your commitment helps ensure the safety and security of all our beloved pets.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

Last but certainly not least, our heartfelt thanks go out to the incredible community that makes FLIGHTS possible.

To our foster homes, transportation team, and many other volunteers—your dedication is the backbone of everything we do.

We extend special gratitude to:

Liz from The House of Earl for generously providing leashes, collars, slip leads, and ID collars.

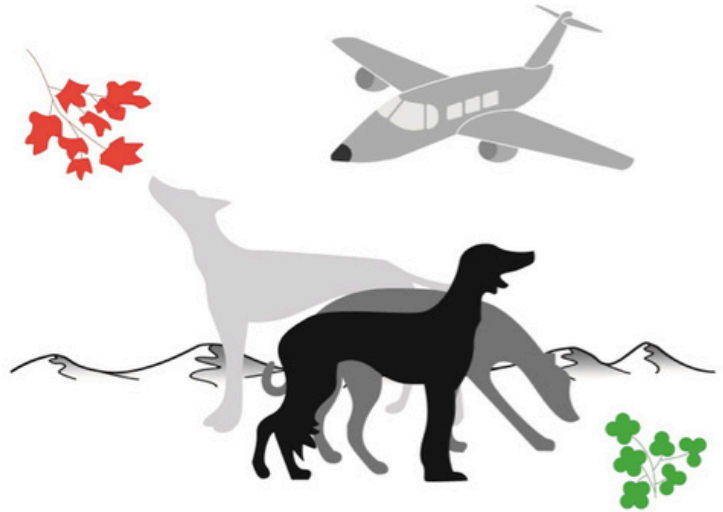
Miss Dixie's Foundation for supplying food, shampoo, and conditioner for our dogs' care.
FashionRoo for outfitting our boys with belly bands.

White Dogs for creating our ID tags.

Worldwide Animal Transport, whose expertise helps us navigate the ever-changing government regulations for bringing animals into Canada for retirement.

A sincere thank-you as well to IRGT, ICC, Brigid Frank, Timaru Kennels, R2R, GRV, and Kevin Stow. Without your partnership and commitment, these wonderful animals would not be making their journey to loving retirement homes in Canada.

Thank you—all of you—for being an essential part of this mission.



FLIGHTS