

My name is Laura Santurri, and first and foremost, I am a proud parent of two retired greyhounds, Ben and Sara. They are amazing dogs, and more importantly, my family. As I am gearing up to attempt my first 100 mile ultra race (in Albion, Indiana, at Chain O'Lakes State Park on October 12th-13th, 2019), I wanted to fundraise for Victory Lap Greyhound Transport. Whenever I run a big race, I like to raise money for a good cause, and I've been following VLAP, along with the Prison Greyhounds group here in Indy, for a while. If possible, I'd like to make it a goal to at least raise enough money to support 10 greyhounds (\$1,000 through A Ticket Home) coming to their new homes.

I became an ultra runner about two years ago with my first 50K race (31.1 miles). Since that time, I've run two 40 mile races and one 50 mile race. To challenge myself, I've decided to attempt a 100 mile race this October.

Fundraising while running races began for me about six years ago, when my husband was diagnosed with chronic leukemia, and I joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. I've found that raising funds for a good cause while running races makes everything more meaningful for me. Dog rescue is a cause near and dear to my heart. I have a pack of dogs for a family (six rescues, two of whom are retired greyhounds), and while I don't have room to adopt any more at the moment, I'd love to do my part to help other greyhounds find and get to a good home. And that makes me love what Victory Lap does.

It helps that I work at University of Indianapolis, where the greyhound is our mascot. 😊 :) They recently starred in a U Indy promotional video (the two black greyhounds), along with some greyhounds from Prison Greyhounds.