



Roos & News

Arizona Greyhound Rescue
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Ready, Set...Foster

Have you ever considered fostering a greyhound? Fostering is often the key to successful adoptions. A greyhound fresh off the race track who has only lived in our kennel faces a whole new world in a home. With training and patience -- you can help a dog master housebreaking or stairs or understand that tile can be walked on, but swimming pools cannot; that counters are not for surfing and that a kitty has claws and deserves respect.

While some people foster with the intent to adopt, though admirable and necessary, it's an end in itself. Arizona Greyhound Rescue (AGR) is looking for more foster homes that will happily send the newly trained hound to his forever home. The fostering experience is a good match for: an active retiree who loves dogs, but wants more freedom than a permanent adoption provides; a responsible graduate student with limited funds; or a military person who may be transferred to parts unknown. Fostering may be your solution: You get a doggy fix and a greyhound gets out of the kennel and socialized.

As a foster home, you provide food, guidance, and the willingness to get the dog to our meet-and-greets for exposure and allow prospective adopters to visit your home. We provide any needed medical care as well as support with issues that may arise. If you are new to fostering, a home check is required. Don't let the foster dog on your furniture or bed as that may not be the future adopter's plan. Do spoil that dog with as much love and attention as you can, so he knows people and home life is a good thing.

The more dogs that get into foster homes, the more retired racers can leave the racing industry. AGR is seeking grants to cover foster education and promotion, crates, beds, and feeding stands.

Warning! First-time foster dogs may be the hardest to give up. However, it gets easier the more often you foster. It's so rewarding to see a greyhound blossom while learning about home life. Foster stints may be a few days (like post surgery or medical needs), a few weeks, or a few months.

You will beam as your foster protégé goes to her forever home and who knows...you just might become best friends with the adopters.

Please contact foster@azgreyhoundrescue.org or call 886-7411 to join our foster team. (Contributed by Mary Freeman)



Chester is currently in foster care and loving it. Foster mom Linda Goucher said, "Chester gives kisses if he really likes you. He is learning to play with the other dogs. If no one will play, he tosses the toys in the air and catches them. He's a leaner and likes to be touching his human."

Mission Statement:

Arizona Greyhound Rescue is a non-profit all volunteer 501(c)(3) corporation committed to the belief that every greyhound deserves a loving, permanent, and responsible home.

Roos & News is independently published for the purpose of offering continued support to retired racing greyhounds and their owners. This publication is provided free of charge.

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Bill

Bill is a dog who loves too much; he gets very attached to his humans and doesn't want them to leave. In foster care he's working through these issues and getting it together for his forever home.



Laverne

Laverne is an active 2-year-old. She's curious about everything and wants to explore it now. If you want a greyhound always on-the-go, Laverne is your girl.



Quint

Quint could be called a long-haired greyhound, if there was such a thing. He's got a beautiful coat, which shouldn't shed any more than normal. In foster care, he's getting along nicely with the other dogs.



Mamie

Another active female, Mamie is 4-years-old but hasn't slowed down much yet. With her high prey drive, she won't do well with cats and probably not small dogs, but will do just fine with another greyhound.



Arnold

Our gentle giant is still with us. He can be as playful as a pup and a big old couch potato. Arnold loves his people and children and will be grateful to the family who gives him a permanent home

Adoptions – Since June 13, 2006

- Fancy – Jamie & Colin McAlister
- Ra & Sky – Jim Summers
- Magic – Barbara Foor
- Sophia – Jim & Linda Maxey
- Prudence (Nani) – Judy Sharkey
- Monica – Danuta Jakubowski
- Hudson (Oberon) – Colin Dawson
- Mickey – Sharon Hartung & Michael Nervik
- Dorothy – Cindy Phillips
- Moses (Mosely) – Cheryl Bennett
- Tanya (Flash) – Kerri Brown
- Belle Star (Fiona) – Jim Hoy & Dale Peters
- Blanche (Marie) – Debbie Merritt
- Eli – Curtis Cornelius & Liana Ramirez
- Nana (Machu Pichu) – Cecile McKee
- Matt Dillon (Cody) – Laura Langer
- Samson (Winston) – Blake Murray & Colleen Hartwell
- Delilah – Daniel Estrada
- Arizona – Heriberto & Bridget Perez
- QT (Katie) – Ann Anderson
- Shirley (Ginny) – Julia Summers
- Wes – Julia Summers
- Trixie – Kimberly Bowie
- Thelma (Dora) – Deborah Brightstar
- Tess (Spectre) – Aaron & Jennifer Evers
- Archie (Ronan) – Jason Cuny

Hounds Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

- Sabrina – Beloved 9-year-old hound of Lorie Anderson & Mike Caballero
- Doc – Beloved 11-year-old hound of Anne & Rudy Lopez
- Barry – Beloved 2-year-old foster hound of Laura Hulse
- Onyx – Beloved 4-year-old hound of Nancy McKay-Hills
- Mattie – Beloved 4-year-old-hound of Cheri LaRochelle
- Amos – Beloved 11 ½-year-old hound of the LaPeruta family
- Jackie – Beloved 10-year-old hound of Jeanne & Phil Oholendt
- Paco – Beloved 8-year-old-hound of John & Lori Ito Hardenbergh
- Domino – Beloved 10-year-old hound of Diana Hansen & Mary Freeman
- Gracie – Beloved 9-year-old hound of Terry & Suzan Baker
- Strick – Beloved 14-year-old hound of Cristiana Marinescu



Adoption Scoop

The adoption team deserves kudos for working so hard. Adoptions have improved during the summer months.

Intakes - 66 Adoptions - 59 so far this year Rebounds - 7

A young, pregnant female came to us from Kansas. Trina delivered three healthy pups -- Manny, Moe, and Jack—a.k.a. the Pep Boys. Since it was an undocumented mating, the boys will never be racers. The pups are spoken for as three families have come forward to adopt a super energized greyhound puppy. Two-year-old Trina has been a wonderful mother and will soon need a home of her own, too. Special thanks to Judy Sharkey and family for taking in Trina and her pups. Please check out our available dogs online;

www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/avail-hounds.htm

Our hearts go out to the 100-200 missing greyhounds from the Tucson Greyhound Park, the 10,000 greyhounds found shot to death over a period of 15 years in England, and the 35 greyhounds who died in a kennel fire in Portland, Ore. In October, a Pima County judge will determine if Wayne Dean should stand trial or be declared mentally incompetent. Dean is accused of physically and sexually abusing Otis/a greyhound mix who had to be euthanized from his wounds.

Reality Check: Fostering Experiences

Fostering is another way of supporting AGR, and is entertaining, enlightening, and a good way to add some exercise to my day. All Greyhounds may look alike, but all are certainly different. They add a real challenge to my life. (Carol Ray)



Over the years I have found the fostering experience very rewarding, watching each dog figure out life as a house dog. Nothing is funnier than the first time a hound sees himself in a mirror. Or the look the first time they sneak on the couch and think they're really getting away with something. Seeing them figure out they can have as many chewies as they want... (Laura Hulse)

Let's face facts, it's not all peaches and cream, but when you get them in a permanent home with great people, then it's time to shed your tears for a job well done. Don't forget to seek help when you need it. AGR has many talented people to help you. We love to foster. (Chuck & Peggy Heath)

I highly recommend fostering a greyhound, whether you have pets or not, whether you are experienced with greyhounds or new to the breed. It is a rewarding experience knowing that you are helping to house-train and socialize a

beautiful dog so that they are more prepared to adapt to their new home. The love and affection you are shown in return is just the icing on the cake! (Anne Marie King)

Home Checkers

If you have some greyhound experience and like to meet new people, consider getting involved with home checks which help us determine the suitability of a prospective adopter, foster parent, and home environment. There are training materials and a checklist to help you. We recommend that you accompany an experienced home checker before you go on your own. There are two teams, east/central and northwest. We occasionally have calls for communities surrounding Tucson. It would be especially helpful to get volunteers from Green Valley/Sahuarita involved too.

Why I.D. Tags Are So Important

I'm writing you with a cautionary tale that frankly I never thought I'd be writing. While I was getting ready to go to work I got a call from Mary Freeman who said that she had my hound, Canelo. I thought that he was sleeping in the bedroom with Sophie the pig! We are very careful -- he is never off-leash when he's out of the yard. Everyone at the store knows to check his whereabouts when somebody comes in or out. He has always been very much a mamma's boy. All this goes to show that if someone who spends about 24 hours a day with her hound can lose him, anybody can. Thank God that he wasn't hurt or lost. I also realize that I need to get him a third tag with my phone number on it. (Chris Acevedo)



ECAP for Greyhounds

Are you an employee of the City of Tucson or Pima County? Do you know any City or County employees? If you're an employee, please pledge and encourage your co-workers to pledge to Arizona Greyhound Rescue through the ECAP program. ECAP (Employee Combined Appeal Program) is a wonderful opportunity for City and County employees to contribute funds to non-profit agencies including animal rescue groups. Rest assured, 100 percent of pledges go directly to the agency designated, no middle person or administrative fees.

The ECAP campaign will run from September 6 through November 3, 2006. City and County employees can make a one-time contribution by check or cash, or enroll for payroll deductions that begin the first pay period of 2007. Make it happen!

Forever Home Notes

Tillman is great. He has completely adjusted to our busy lives and loves to be a part of everything we do. He adjusted to our sons' rowdy friends and all of our teen hangouts. He still prefers girls to boys and always looks for a girl to give him a back rub or an ear massage. Jedi has accepted Tillman as a permanent part of her life. They share our bed together and I think they look out for each other when the family is away. Every morning Tillman runs down the hallway to Jedi's room to be the first one to say good morning to her.

We've had a few time-outs for Tillman when he emptied the flour bag in the living room and took avocados from the counter. He seems to have a liking for guacamole. He does have the worst gas ever and can clear a room in two seconds with one fart. We are thrilled to have him in our lives and I cannot imagine a day without him. (Annette Coley)



We continue to fall in love with **Fiona**. She and Xan, the Springer, are like litter mates, often sleeping intertwined with Xan washing Fiona's face. Since my surgery I nap a lot and the two of them, sometimes all three lay on the bed snuggled surrounding me in healing love. (Jim Hoy & Dale Peters)

Well, never thought I'd say it...but my dog **Willie** is now officially a big couch potato. How can I say no to this? (Kathleen Newman)



Holidays and Your Hound

The last few months of the year are filled with activities and special events -- Halloween, Thanksgiving, and various December festivities. Visitors, relatives, and houseguests may come and go and fancy decorations adorn the house. Besides the obvious advice to keep your dog safe from the tree ornaments and poisonous plants and to keep the turkey safe from him -- keep a watchful eye on his mental health as well.

No matter how well behaved and adjusted your dog is, all this excitement is bound to take a toll. Be sure your dog has a safe place to go when the parties and visitors get to be too much for him. Whether it's a crate or his bed in a corner of the room, make sure everyone respects his space when he needs to get away from it all.

Stress may manifest itself in other ways, too. Dogs that have been housetrained for years may have accidents. They may chew something that has never interested them in the past. Whatever you may think, dogs are not doing this to get back at you. Dogs simply don't have the mental capability for planning revenge tactics -- that's why we love them!

In the midst of all the celebrations that come with year end, spend some quality time with your hound. Take extra long walks to burn off energy and calories, spend some time training to keep his mind stimulated, and give extra rubs. Be sure to tell him how thankful you are that he is sharing your life.



United Way

Employees can donate to Arizona Greyhound Rescue through the United Way. Please use the fund number 138642 which is good nationwide.



Order Flowers

Use our affiliate to send bountiful holiday bouquets and AGR receives 10 to 20 percent commission. Feedback is that the flowers are gorgeous and last a long time. < <http://flowers.azgreyhoundrescue.org/default.asp?id=46361>>



Bashas Market – Thanks a Million Campaign

From September 2006 through March 2007, tell the checkout cashier the code 24363 and 1 percent of your purchase goes to AGR. Shop and support the hounds.



Visa and MasterCard

We now accept credit cards for merchandise purchases and donations. Please see the enclosed insert for how you can support AGR through automatic credit card donations.

You Make It All Possible

We thank you for your generosity and kindness from the bottom of our hearts and paws.

\$1 - \$50

- Audrey Kowalchuk
- Mary Lou and David Sandrock
- Kathleen Friedman
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- Judith Cornell in honor of Diana Hansen
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- Barbara Abrahams
- Anonymous
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- Scott and Jill Devereaux
- PETsMART Charities
- Michelle Dominguez
- Jacqueline Hale in honor of Eddie and Scotland
- Compass Bank Employees
- Judy James and Jesus Marquez
- Cathy Zelzer

Greyhound Angel

- Drew and Jane Newton
- \$101 - \$200**
- James Gordon
- \$201 - \$300**
- Pima County ECAP
- Jessica Young - wedding favors
- LTC Dwight DuQuesnay

\$301 - \$400

- United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

\$401 - \$500

- PETCO Foundation Spring-a-Pet 2006
- Greyhounds of Fairhaven

\$501 - \$600

- Carolyn Masters

Domino's Memorial Fund - Total \$790

- Mary Freeman
- Diana Hansen
- John, Susan, and Gus Glenn
- Charles and Delores Zimmerman
- Don and Dixie Skidmore
- Marjorie Hagen
- Karyn Zoldan
- Elizabeth O'Leary
- Kitty and Bob Prokop



Getting Webby

The Web site has been reengineered to be more useful with new sections, pages, and photos. A blog will be added as well as articles and more resources. Please bookmark and explore at < www.azgreyhoundrescue.org >.

Embracing Web Sponsors

Thank you to Global Coaching LLC and Distinctive Dog Training LLC for sponsoring AGR Web site maintenance. Managers looking to transform your business and your life through focused attention and masterful guidance should contact GlobalCoaching.com. Serving northwest Tucson and Marana, DistinctiveDogTraining.com provides positive solutions and personalized training for people and their pets. We're still looking for a few more Web sponsors. Let's put our marketing ideas to work for you while helping the hounds! Please contact PRandSales@azgreyhoundrescue.org for how your business can benefit.



Manny



Trina

Tale of Miracles

On September 4, around midnight Arnold was discovered missing from his foster home in Armory Park. A massive search ensued by dedicated volunteers who looked tirelessly and networked around the clock. As luck would have it, a missing dog flyer faxed to nearby veterinarians caught the eye of Dr. Callahan and vet techs Laurie & Sue at Mission Pet Clinic around the time that Arnold was walking past the clinic on Ajo Way and Mission Road on September 7. His rescue was profoundly dramatic. Volunteer and adopter Anne Marie King sent the clinic a generous reward, flower bouquet, and cookies for saving Arnold's life. How he got there unharmed through traffic and running washes is indeed a miracle.



Moe

The Pep Boys

Judy Sharkey and family graciously volunteered to allow 2-year-old mama Trina to give birth at her home. Resident hounds Homer and Nani are curious but respectful. The pups are already spoken for. Judy volunteered because her father used to raise greyhounds for racing and she remembers caring for the pups as a young girl. For her brood, she says that Trina is housebroken, cat safe, and affectionate; Manny loves belly rubs; Moe is laid back; and Jack is the active chowhound.

Volunteer in Your Neighborhood

We need: home checkers for new adoptive and foster families, based on location, you will be trained; lost and found coordinator in the northwest; and mentors who are paired with new adopters by geographic region or special experience. Visit < www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/html/volunteer.htm > to get involved.



Jack

AGR HAPPENINGS and

CALENDAR

As the AGR Turns...

As usual there was never a dull moment...We held two successful dog washes where volunteers of all ages (including Girl Scout Troop #1041) came together to wash dirty dogs. In June, Pantano Animal Clinic hosted us and the line seemed endless. Karyn Zoldan donated \$25 gift cards to Pei Wei Diner and PETsMART for the fundraising raffle. In August, Veterinary Specialty Center hosted and Holistic Animal Care Shops donated a gift basket worth over \$100 for the fundraising raffle. Chris Coduto, *Arizona Daily Star* photographer snapped away and the dog wash was splashed across the newspaper twice.

Our grants committee led by Glenda Taylor bagged a generous PETCO grant so we can test retired racers for Valley Fever from May 2006 to 2007. Kudos for everyone's hard work!

Blueberry Hound, the first certified greyhound service dog in the country was featured on television. Tune in here <http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=5274208>

Once again we participated in the Jewish Community Center's early childhood pet safety program. Four hounds and their humans met a few hundred kids who learned about greyhound love.

Thank you to Cristiana Marinescu, the Animal Lover's Realtor, for adding the hounds to her Harmon Homes ads and for sponsoring the printing of 2,500 AGR brochures; to Intuit, through the efforts of Chris Dougherty, donated QuickBooks for Non-Profits software; to Michelle Dominguez for asking us to help name her new business (Greyt Escapes) and donating a 1-night stay to the winner (Donna Haywood); to Hound Maid for making six dog beds; to Marla Motove for donating a portion of her jewelry sales; and to Tamyra and Russ Althof of the Desert Sharks Parrot Head Club for hosting a Mark Mulligan tropical rock house concert and donating a portion of the proceeds.



Leaders Wanted

AGR needs a few additional board members to help carry out our mission and create future vision. This is not a figurehead position but rather to oversee or coordinate existing responsibilities. We especially need a fundraising director to find employee-matching programs and develop passive income streams. Help support the current hard-working board. Call 886-7411 to volunteer

Got AGR Crate?

If you borrowed a crate, we need it back so new dogs can adjust to their homes. Please help us avoid the expense of purchasing new crates! To arrange pickup, call us.

Change of Address, Phone Number, or Moving

Are you planning to move? Has your phone number changed? Let's stay in touch so we can keep you updated or if your hound gets lost and found -- we can contact you.

How to Contact Us

Call us at 886-7411. You may request to speak to a specific board member or ask a general question. To receive occasional e-news and volunteer opportunities, send your email address to karynzoldan@gmail.com. If calling from outside Tucson, the area code is 520.

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Bookmark for updates - <http://www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/calendar.htm>

October 1-31 - Philanthropy with Phlavor

Dine at Pastiche Modern Eatery, 3025 N. Campbell Ave., during the month of October and designate 5 percent of your check to AZ Greyhound Rescue.

Saturday, October 7 - Days of Caring

Volunteers from Texas Instruments will come to the kennel for Greyhound Spa Day.

Sunday, October 8 - One-to-One Talk Show

(6:30 a.m.)

Tune in channel 4 (KVOA) with Jennifer Reardon plus three human AGR volunteers and one four-legged volunteer as we talk about everything greyhound.

Saturday, October 21 - Year of the Dog

Reunion at Reid Park

Save the date! The reunion committee has been busy (see inserts) planning festivities. We need lots of volunteers. We have cool raffle prizes, hot grand prizes, unique vendors, trendy merchandise, games, senior salute, adopt-a-dog weekend special, clicker training demo, goodie bags, \$10 micro-chipping, nail trimming, snacks and beverages, fun, fun, fun at Ramada 1 from noon to 3 p.m. Now accepting Visa and MasterCard. (Sight hounds only; no small dogs). Entry is \$2 per family.

Saturday, December 2 - Rein Dog Parade

Dress up your dogs in festive costumed attire and bring them to the rein dog parade where for the first time for four very special hours (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.), dogs will be allowed in Tucson Botanical Gardens. Celebrity judges will award prizes.

December - Santa Photos at PETsMART and Borders Gift Wrapping

Get your pets' photo taken with Santa. Ho Ho. We need lots of volunteers to don Santa suits, take photographs, or assist. And for those who like to get creative and think within the box, AGR will wrap it up for donations at Borders - Oracle/across from Tucson Mall and Park Place Mall this holiday season.

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AGR Wish List

- Foster homes
- Tents for events
- Sponsor bulk mailing expenses
- 4-foot tables for meet-and-greet venues
- For kennel: bleach, tall kitchen trash bags, laundry soap, large Nylabones, antibacterial hand soap, dog biscuits
- X-pens
- Discounted copying services / prepaid copy cards
- Postage, stamps by mail
- Martingale collars and six-foot leashes
- Diamond brand beef and rice dog food (dry)
- Medicines that have not expired

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_____ \$275 Greyhound Saint – Sponsors a new greyhound from track to adoption

_____ \$200 Greyhound Guardian – Covers spay/neuter and routine blood work

_____ \$100 Greyhound Angel – Provides medicines and vaccinations

_____ \$ 60 Hounds Best Friend – Feeds 15 dogs for one week

_____ I'd like to contribute \$_____ in memory of _____

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Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Phone: (____) _____ email (confirmation only): _____

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