



Roos & News

Arizona Greyhound Rescue
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Ralph Wags His Tail

A true story about compassion and volunteering

Until recently, I didn't know anything about Greyhounds. I was involved in rescuing Golden Retrievers for the past nine years. In the fall of 2006, both my dogs died unexpectedly. Suddenly, my house felt sad and empty. I was hurting inside and not ready

to permanently adopt a new dog. So I volunteered to foster a Greyhound. Ralph had spent his entire life in a kennel. Now, for the first time, he was going to live in a home...with me.

I patiently started house-training Ralph. That's one of the challenges for the foster parent. (Ralph is probably 100 percent more likely to be adopted now that he is house-trained.) But it wasn't simple house-training for bodily functions; Ralph had NEVER been in a house! Televisions, carpets, mirrors, house plants -- everything was strange to him and sometimes frightening.

From the beginning, Ralph tried hard to please me. I was quickly impressed by his gentleness. I tested him with children and various situations, and his gentleness always shined through. But it took someone else to point out the big difference to me: Suddenly, after 22 days, Ralph began to wag his tail! I learned from the excellent network of support at Arizona Greyhound Rescue that sometimes, after

three weeks or so in a home, a hound will suddenly start to show his true personality.

I knew that sometimes people have an "inner child". I didn't know that Ralph had an "inner puppy". His puppy-hood had been eliminated by the harsh conditions of his racing life. Now, all of a sudden, he was acting playful. These days his tail is often wagging especially when he sees the leash.

I take joy and pride in helping Ralph to become more adoptable for his "forever home", and in helping him to learn what it means to be an ordinary dog and a happy pet. Being a foster parent is important. I have been able to give Ralph some healing and companionship during a special transition in his life. Yet, I have received far more than I gave. Ralph has given me healing and companionship at a very sorrowful time in my life.

Not everyone is suited to foster, but for those who are -- it gives more than it requires.

For information, contact <foster@azgreyhoundrescue.org>.

(Contributed by Reverend Stephen Springer)



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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Reggie

3-year-old, almost all white, outgoing male, loves the dog park. Reggie gets along well with other dogs, but not cats. This big puppy enjoys collecting rugs and pillows.



Kylee

5-year-old red girl enjoys relaxing at home and supervising her foster mom's gardening chores; affectionate and would enjoy being the only dog.



Josh

2-year-old brindle is really a clown and loves his belly rubbed. He has a beautiful sit and will shake a paw in exchange for a cookie.



Betty

3-year-old red girl seeks a home with other dogs and people who are home more than away.



Anson

4-year-old brindle gets along in foster with two other dogs, but he's really a mama's boy; very smart and became notorious at the kennel for opening all the gates.

Adoptions *(since September 30, 2006)*

Wynonna (Nonna) – Tamyra Althof
Tara (Marble) – Cheri LaRochelle
Arnold (Arnie) – Ubaldo Leon
Harry (Kimi) – Joanna Stevenson
Sheeba (Greyhound-Shepherd mix) – Liz Barene
Bear – James & Ellen Salkeld
Lola – Kip Phelps
Bess – Angela & Brian Seymour
Keely – Nancy McKay-Hills
Moe (Mose Allison) – Barshia Cohee
Manny (Cahill) – Mary Lisa & Tim Hostetler
Alice – Tara Luckau
Monica – Danuta Jakubowski
Jack (Yogi) – William & Joyce Fisher
Lorraine (Kabalah) – Johnna Fox
Sammie – Heather M. Thornton
Trina (Pippi) – Terry & Suzan Baker
Doc Holliday (Cody) – Gail Istler
Gordon – Jeff & Cindy Hall
Jenny – Jeff & Cindy Hall
Eve – Amy Stewart
Desdemona (Emma) – Chris Bondante
Felicia – Kevin & Dawn Hughes
Kim – Alex Ruthven
Pirate – JoAnne Kilner
Chester – JoAnne Kilner
Kristi (Christi Lynn) – Philip Cianciolo
Laverne – Anne Fasman & John Schow
Maxwell - Anne Fasman & John Schow
Jasmine – Debbie Schumaker
Ike (Tiger) – Alec Ruderman
Mamie – Cheryl Bennett
Jude – Jim & Nancy Garnett
Isabella – Dan Ice & Mary Kennedy-Ice
Mystique – Leah Meehan
Meri (Sparkle) – Lisa & Judah Rosenblatt
Quint (Chevy Chase) – BJ DeBruine

Hounds Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

Major – Beloved 6 ½-year-old hound of Bob & Kitty Prokop
Chloe – Beloved 5 ½-year-old hound of Cristina Jones & Joe Beals
Joni – Beloved 5-year-old hound of James & Ellen Salkeld
Max – Beloved 7-year-old hound of Holly Orloff
Skeem – Beloved hound of Liz Barene
Cate – Beloved 10-year-old hound of David Koest & Colleen Jogodka
Saxon – Beloved 10-year-old hound of Sylvia Lehner
Tika – Beloved 10-year-old hound of Loren Dawn
Secret – Beloved 12 ½-year-old hound of Diana Smith
Painter – Beloved 12 ½-year-old heart boy of Karyn Zoldan
Duncan – Beloved Scottie of Cheryl Bennett
Lucy – Beloved 13-year-old hound of Linda Goucher
Ava Gardner – Beloved hound of Dorothy Williamson
Princess Jasmine – Beloved 13 ½-year old hound of Nancy Riechers



Our hearts go out to the 185 missing and presumed dead greyhounds from the Tucson Greyhound Park, 23 greyhounds that were found dead at the Victory Land dog track in Alabama, and the 50 starving greyhounds in Queensland, Australia.

Adoption Scoop

We had 85 adoptions in 2006 compared to 112 in 2005. There were only 10 rebounds, the lowest total in six years of statistics. Mentoring and better screening have contributed to this. We did 85 intakes as well. Thank you to the adoption coordinators for a great job of interviewing and work with potential adopters and all who did home checks or meet-and-greets and got information to future adopters.

Trina's three puppies all found caring homes with experienced greyhound puppy adopters as did Trina (Pippi). Manny (Cahill) lives in Phoenix, Mo (Mose) in Tucson, and Jack (Yogi) in Rio Rancho, N.M. The pups are now six months old and doing well.

Ten adoptions happened in January 2007, so let's keep rolling.

Please visit available dogs online;

<www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/avail-hounds.htm>

Get Involved: Volunteer

Why? How? Volunteer Training

Besides fund-raising, volunteers are the most important asset to Arizona Greyhound Rescue, especially since we have no paid administrative personnel. Why volunteer? You will: 1) learn a lot about greyhounds; 2) meet other great people; and 3) feel good about being part of the process of getting greyhounds into their forever homes.

Some volunteer daily (board members, adoption coordinators, foster homes); some weekly (kennel turn-out); some monthly (meet-and-greets, transporting dogs to these venues) and others volunteer occasionally (special events, grant writing, medical transport, home checks, mentoring). Opportunities are numerous.

Do you like being one-to-one with the dogs? Then turnout, transport, and meet-and-greets might be for you. Are you a people person and like to educate others? Try meet-and-greets, special events, and speaking engagements. Our new community outreach coordinator, Julia Summers, will find speaking engagements and start a speakers' bureau.

Youths may participate in summer dog washes (June and August) and special kennel opportunities. If you have time and patience, foster parents are greatly needed. John Clark is developing a mentoring program. The board of directors still needs a savvy fund-raiser and event planner.

Our yearly volunteer training is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, at Bookmans (Wilmot/Speedway) from 1 to 4 p.m. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer wanting a refresher or a new volunteer eager to learn about greyhounds and our mission, this is your first step. AGR has a minimum age of 15 with a signed parental form before age 18 and an occasional need for volunteers under 15 (generally 11 or 12 and up who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

AGR has great volunteers; be a part of it. Whether you have a little time or a lot of time, there's a place for you. Call 886-7411 or email <maryagr@cox.net> to sign up for volunteer training. Fill out volunteer application online, <www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/html/volunteer.htm>.

(Contributed by Mary Freeman)

Volunteer Opportunity: Be a Mentor

What is mentoring? It is an attempt to ensure a successful and lasting adoption by providing support, resources, and information to new adopters in the first critical days and weeks of a new adoption. AGR has a small core of dedicated, knowledgeable volunteers who currently serve as mentors. Mentoring will be determined by geographic or situation-specific considerations. Mentors usually have hounds at home and are well versed in greyhound-isms. From fostering to mentoring, we aim to make the adoption process supportive.

Please consider joining the mentoring team. Come to the volunteer training on March 17, gather some resources, and get involved. Feel good by knowing that your feedback and caring helps a hound stay in his adoptive home. Contact John Clark at <jfclark@comcast.net>.

Saturday,
March 17th

Volunteer
Training

Bookmans
1 to 4 pm



Automatic Giving

AGR is a no-kill rescue. We do not turn dogs away based on their ailments. We take older hounds, accidental puppy litters that have never raced, and the majority in between. We fix broken legs, broken hocks, broken toes, and broken hearts. AGR is initiating a convenient way to donate through monthly automatic credit card charges. Just designate the amount that you would like authorized every month and your credit card will be appropriately charged. Check out <www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/html/automatic-donations.htm> for details, or call for information. With your sustained help we can rescue more dogs and transition them from crowded crates to soft beds. "We're a rescue group -- that's what we do -- rescue!"

Books and Hounds

Bookmans has been host to Arizona Greyhound Rescue meet-and-greets for more than 10 months.



They have given us star billing and prime real estate property to set up and show our greyhounds. Blueberry Hound (service dog), Gracie, Onyx, and the newest tabling star, Pippi, have been AGR's ambassadors. They have graciously allowed people to pet, admire, and accept donations on behalf of AGR hounds that still need forever homes. In return they have received a hands-on blessing from an elderly admirer, numerous treats,

and a gentle 4-year-old taught us how to make Onyx's ears go up. Terry, Maggie, Mary, and Suzan have been the voices educating people on what wonderful companions that greyhounds can be and the all important goal of finding homes for these retired racers. Please let Bookmans know that we value their support.

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside a dog, it is too dark to read." – Groucho Marx (printed on t-shirts at Bookmans)

United Way Days of Caring

On October 7, 2006, six adults from Texas Instruments and their children and grandchildren came



to the kennel to participate in Greyhound Spa Day. After a bagel breakfast, our guests exercised, brushed, washed, and pampered the hounds. There was a whole lot of mutual loving going on. They didn't want to leave so walked

the hounds more and helped clean up. There was a real connection and most have continued to volunteer. Texas Instruments also donated \$100 worth of kennel supplies.

Never Use a Retractable Leash

We left a retractable leash that we were meaning to get rid of and neglected to tell our house/dog sitter not to use it.



The dog sitter accidentally dropped the leash and Beetle got really scared from the piece of plastic chasing her and ran from it like the devil. She damaged all her paws and broke bones in both front legs. Beetle got lucky when not more than a few minutes after this ordeal she was picked up by a tech from Veterinary Specialty Center and rushed to emergency. She was splinted and on bed-rest for two months. I will never use a retractable leash again.

Something to ROO About



Come to the Spring ROOunion (Kennel Day) in Marana. See page 7 (calendar) for details.

Youthful Volunteerism

Late last year student groups from Temple Emmanuel-El and St. Gregory's Preparatory School came to the kennel to learn more about greyhounds. This year AGR is working in cooperation with the Youth Now! Collaboration sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona. Four groups of young volunteers will be visiting the kennel this spring tending to the dogs awaiting adoption. The lucky hounds will be exercised, brushed, bathed, and loved! If you are involved with a youth group and would like to find out about volunteer opportunities working with the hounds, please contact Nancy at [<agrnrven@gmail.com>](mailto:agrnrven@gmail.com).

You Make It All Possible

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

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Jerome & Inge Courtney
Debbie & Luis Noriega - Christmas for John & Susan Glenn
Karen Carson
Karyn Zoldan – memory of Painter

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Greyhound Angel

Warren & Deborah Smoot
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Joanna Gradillas



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PETsMART Charities
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United Way of Miami Dade
Myrna Helfenstein
Pedigree Adoption Drive
Elaine Seasley
Corinne McArdle

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Bonnie Kay - in honor of Painter
Nancy Riechers - memory of Princess Jasmine
Jana Kuzia
Cristiana Marinescu

Greyhound Saint

Alice Jordan

\$301 - \$400

Michelle & Brian Caillet (Greyt Escape) -
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Greyhounds of Fairhaven

\$401 - \$500

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Dale & Romayne Trudo - for Punkie
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Domino Fund

Terry & Carol Sampson
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Diana Hansen - memory of Major
Nancy Webster
Diana Hansen & Mary Freeman - memory of Painter
Catherine & Robert Prokop
Gail Istler



Monthly Credit Card Donations

Margaret DaCunha
Susan Glenn
Edward Onofrio
Carol Ray
Mary Staugaard
Nancy Ventura
Karyn Zoldan

The Year of the Dog Reunion

The Year of the (sight hound) Dog Reunion was held October 21, 2006 and what a special day it was. Humans and hounds played games, made new friends, and rekindled old friendships.



Our speakers educated the crowd about Integrative Veterinary Medicine (Janet Forrer, DVM, Sunrise Pet Clinic) and clicker training (Phyllis Allen, Handi-Dogs). The Humane Society micro-chipped dogs for \$10. Vendors included Alexandra Jump Animal Portraits, Dog Fancies, Four Paws Bakery, Greyt Escape, Laughing Dog Treats and Treasures, Lazy Grey Ranch, Neckcessories and Neckcessities, Stitch Queen beaded collars, and Shure Pets.

Grand prizes were donated by fabulous Tucson restaurants - Soleil, Acacia, Wild Oats, Dakota Café, Pei Wei Diner, Montana Avenue, Claim Jumper, Eclectic Café, Chili's, and Beyond Bread (\$380 worth of gift certificates); pine log bed from the Glenn family; handmade quilt created by Maggie Wallis; and Greyhound Bus memorabilia.

More donations by: Aqua Vita, Black Jack Pizza, Blue Dog Bakery, Brio Salon, CG Magazine, Coun-

try Dog Bakery, Cindy Victor, Cristiana Marinescu, Critter Connection, Dan Ice & Mary Kennedy Ice, Dan Tisher, Denise Dunnigan, Details Art, Diana Hansen & Mary Freeman, Diana Madaras, Drs Foster & Smith, Duds4Buds, Eclectic Pizza, Funtasticks, GameWorks, Golf n' Stuff, Greyhound Gang, Hills Foods, Hound Clocks, Hound Togs, Judith Weiser, Kitty Prokop, Magpies Pizza, Millennium Lawns, Naturally Nails by Joyce, OK Feed, Paws & Claws Boutique, PETCO, Pet Designs, REGAP-Texas, 17th Street Market, SitStay.com, Skate Country, Starbucks-Houghton, Tail Waggin Grooming, Trader Joe's, Tucson Ice, Vicky Lewis Thompson, Wiggles-Wags and Whiskers, Wild Birds Unlimited, Wild Horses Massage and Aromatherapy, Wild Things, Zukes, and our vendors.

Thank you to the reunion planning committee: John Clark, BJ De Bruine, Mary Freeman, Barb Gadola, Genie Galina & Steve Mehlman, Susan Glenn, Diana Hansen, Donna Haywood, Dan Ice and Mary Kennedy-Ice, Libby O'Leary, Kitty Prokop, Carol Ray, Jean Rettus, Glenda Taylor, Nancy Ventura, and Karyn Zoldan.

Thank you to the 40-plus volunteers who helped on reunion day; Sandy Braun and Judith Weiser for microphone equipment; Dan Downing for delivering rental tables and chairs; Diana Hansen for fabulous graphics; BJ DeBruine for new signage and staging first-aid tent; and Loren's Pooper Scooper Service.

What is Year of the Dog? If you're a dog owner, every year will be year of the dog. Greyhounds rule! Thanks for being a part of it.



Sponsor the Website

Thank you to GlobalCoaching.com and DistinctiveDogTraining.com for sponsoring the AGR website. A major marketing tool, the site is updated frequently with available dogs, articles and resources, calendar of events, and up to the minute news. To sponsor the site, contact Karyn at <karynzoldan@gmail.com>.

AGR HAPPENINGS and

CALENDAR

As the AGR Turns...

As usual, there was never a dull moment...AGR received grants from PETSMART and Charter Funding...way to go to Glenda Taylor, grants coordinator. AGR was in the movies at the Pura Inspiracion short film competition shown at the Fox Theatre. Filmmaker and adopter Melissa Banczak created a 10-minute film called, Drake and the Bedtime Story.

The Santa Photos fundraiser kept ten volunteer Santas, photographers, and their helpers busy at local PETSMARTs. People brought their kids, dogs, cats, ferrets, guinea pigs, birds, iguana, and one memorable Minipinihuahua to be photographed with Santas. The Tucson Botanical Garden invited us to set up a table during the Rein Dog Parade and we wrapped up our last year of Borders gift wrapping.

It was love at first sight for Mystique, a broken leg greyhound, and the vet tech from Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center, who adopted her. Punkie, who won her last race and then broke her leg, is still waiting to win your heart.

Thank you to the AZ State Auditor's Office for their kennel supplies donation; to Chris and Marcelino Acevedo for going to the kennel and being filmed for a 10-minute segment on Univision (Spanish TV), and to Ron Carr, for assisting at the kennel during the interview; to Deborah Haak who for her senior honors program is educating the public about greyhound adoption; to Dale Peters for taking Bill on Pet Connection; and to Cristiana Marinescu, the Animal Lover's Realtor, for adding the hounds to her Harmon Homes ads.



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YouTube

Thanks to Melissa Banczak, AGR is on You Tube. Check it out <www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/html/audio-video.htm>

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.

Lost and Found

Last year AGR had too many lost dogs. By some miracle they were all found including Lorraine who was lost for eight days. Thank you to the many people who spent tireless hours searching and getting the word out. Visit <www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/html/lost-and-found.html> and print out a lost-and-found resource for vital tips.

Bookmark for updates –

<www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/calendar.htm>

Saturday, March 17 – Training for Volunteers

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or recent addition, volunteer training is informative and a fun way to meet great people. Let's all get on the same page and be consistent about information especially what we provide to the public.

Find out about meet-and-greets, home checks, adoptions, fostering, community outreach, and mentoring at Bookmans (Wilmot & Speedway) from 1 to 4 p.m., refreshments served. RSVP to Mary Freeman at <maryagr@cox.net> or call 886-7411.

Saturday, March 31 – Spring ROUnion (Kennel Day)

Bring your hound/s and come to this intimate setting in Marana. Socialize with other greyhound adopters. Meet the kennel hounds. Bring a potluck dish to share. Toast to volunteer appreciation. Buy cool merchandise (Visa and Mastercard accepted). Win fabulous raffle prizes. Play tattoo poker. End on a high note with a group roo! (2 to 5 p.m.). Dogs must be on leash.

Saturday/Sunday April 14 and 15 – Oro Valley Art Festival

Once again AGR has been invited back to participate in this wonderful venue to showcase the hounds. AGR needs many volunteers to transport dogs as well as foster parents to bring dogs and help talk to the public and put our best paw forward; plus help with set-up on Saturday and take-down on Sunday.

Contact Nancy Ventura at <agrven@gmail.com> to get involved.



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- Foster homes
- Tents for events
- Sponsor website maintenance
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- Monthly credit card donations
- 4-foot tables for meet-greet-venues (\$40 each)
- For kennel: bleach, rubber gloves, tall kitchen trash bags, large Nylabones, antibacterial hand soap, dog biscuits, Martingale collars and six-foot leashes, Diamond brand beef and rice dog food (dry), medicines that have not expired.

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Because of special people like you, AGR is able to continue to place rescued hounds in new homes. As we take in more hounds, our costs for medical, shelter, food, and special needs have escalated. We are a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and our existence depends on your help and generosity. **Your donations are tax-deductible.** Please use the form below to indicate your level of support. Whatever you can send will be gratefully received. Thank you.

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