

Greyt News

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You're Invited to a Party!

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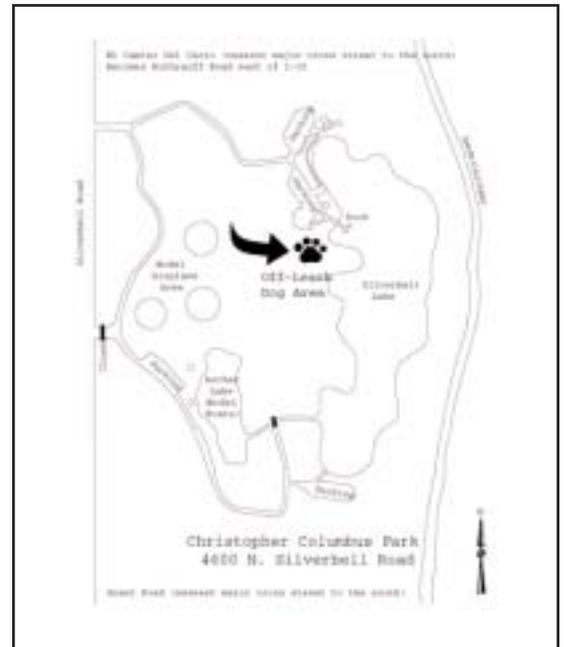
Arizona Greyhound Rescue is pleased to invite you to a birthday party. That's right. Delsey will be twelve years old! Who is Delsey, you ask? She's one of the many, many hounds that have been rescued and placed by Arizona Greyhound Rescue. And by celebrating her birthday, we're really inviting all of our adopters to come celebrate the lives of all the greyhounds that we love.

So, on October 13th, at Christopher Columbus Park from 1-4PM, please come, bring your hounds, and plan to have fun. We'll have cake and ice cream, drinks, games for the dogs, lots of cool greyhound stuff to buy, raffles, and contests. Columbus Park has a great fenced-in dog park, so there will be plenty of space for playing. This is our annual reunion, so we really hope to see as many of our adopted dogs as possible! We would like to extend a very special invitation to our golden greyhounds, those ten years old and over. We are planning a tribute to the senior hounds, to recognize the strength and tenacity of these very special dogs. It may be Delsey's birthday, but we want to make it a happy day for ALL of AGR's hounds!

Birthday parties usually mean gifts, but Delsey feels that, having found a forever home, with soft beds, good food and all the love she can handle, she has everything a greyhound could ever ask for. But she knows that not every greyhound is so lucky, so she

asks that, in her honor, you bring a donation for the hounds still waiting for that forever home. Food, collars, leashes, partly used medicines, old blankets or beds, that crate you never use, the spare change under your sofa cushions; whatever you can.

Columbus Park is located at 4600 N. Silverbell Rd., and AGR has reserved Ramada 3, the one closest to the dog park area. Christopher Columbus Park also features picnic tables and grills, a beautiful path around Silverbell Lake, and playgrounds. For more information, please check AGR's web site at www.azgreyhoundrescue.org.



Vital Statistics



TAG ALERT

One of the most important things a greyhound can have is a collar with a tag on it bearing his owners name and phone number.

These tags are for your greyhound's protection should they accidentally slip away. To give added protection, AGR is now selling a metal tag with our phone number on it and a number assigned to your hound. If your greyhound is lost, and we are notified, we can locate you through the assigned tag number.

The cost is \$1.50 per tag. Please send the following information to us along with a check or money order and we will mail a tag to you immediately: Name, Address, Phone Number(s) (home, work, cell, etc.), and the name of your dog.

THE UNITED WAY

Now you can contribute all year long to AGR through your payroll deductions. Arizona Greyhound Rescue qualifies for directed donations through United Way due to our 510(c)3 tax status. Just designate on your United Way form that you want your contribution to go to:

Arizona Greyhound & Animal Rescue Fund
Agency Code 1638
8987 E. Tanque Verde Rd #153
Tucson, AZ 85749

Adoptions

Bojangles (Pharaoh) - Shannon Tice and Joh Lavenia

Arthur - Carol Sampson

Essie - Casey and Lesley Jones

Chase - Trish and Bob Harvey

Jake - Adam and Amanda Lehrling

Ramses - Jonathan and Ginni Ja

Elaine - Judy Hargraves and Bill Boyd

Ivy - Stephanie Hawkins

Christy - Jeff Meade

Prince - Rachel and Bill Nielsen

Foster Failures

Mikey - Cynthia David and Allen Gibbs
(Second foster failure)

Coco - Carol Sampson (First foster failure)

Hounds Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

Diznik - beloved 14 1/2 year old hound of Linda Kangas

Change of Address or Moving?

Are you planning to move? Has your phone number changed? If we don't have your current information on file, we cannot notify you of upcoming events. But, most importantly, we can't contact you if your greyhound gets lost. It only takes a few minutes to let us know, so drop us a note or leave a message at 886-7411.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

<http://www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/>

See the tip of the week! View the new hounds!
Share pictures and stories! Updated frequently so check everyday!

Wish List

Foster Homes

Humane leads and collars

Dog food and/or treats

Medicines that have not expired

Beds

Blankets

Tables (20 x 48)

Bins (plastic for table gear)

Standard collars

Crates

Doggie coats for hounds at kennel

Stamps

Envelopes

E20 Cartridge for Canon Copier

Toys

Monetary donations

You can drop off monetary donations at any of the following locations:

Pantano Animal Clinic

Jack Quick, DVM

8333 E. 22nd St.

St. Wilde-Meyer Gallery

3001 E. Skyline Dr.

Pet Design

2411 N. Columbus Blvd.

Lutz s Swiss Bakery

5418 E. Pima St.

PostNet Postal & Business Services

2818 N. Campbell Ave.

Kachina PostNet

7049 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

Burpdog, Grey Dad, Greytdawg, Cindy and Thunder

by Diana Hansen

What do these names all have in common? They are not the names of the latest rap groups. They are log-on names of greyhound devotees who post on the GreyTalk.com website, a greyhound discussion group. The site is incredibly well organized. You can cut right to the chase and open up to a list of forums. Select a forum and the posts are listed by their topic name. Just by scrolling down the list, you can select a topic you are interested in.

For instance, if you are interested in the topic of Frontline ... you may read a discussion of why some greyhound owners give this drug to their dogs, why some give it at particular times or why some are ardently against the use of the drug. A web site address might be posted where this product can purchased at a savings. Some of the other topics might deal with anxiety, cats, pet insurance, muzzling, vomiting, annual vaccinations ... and the list goes on.

Basically, it is takes the individual knowledge and collective experience of 400+ greyhound owners and shares it with the whole group. Where else could we get this type of input? This site has areas where you can just let off steam about other topics, or read up on pets and people. If you are looking for something to buy for that special greyhound's birthday, you will find ideas for the perfect gift and where to purchase it. If you are into cooking gourmet meals for your grey or love to bake those special doggie treats ... you can find and share recipes in a forum for edibles.

Here your eyes will be treated to pictures of greys sleeping or playing or just hamming it up. But be warned ... you will also read stories about greys going to the Rainbow Bridge and the sadness of the owners ... the emotions end up being shared by the whole group. At this site, you will find grey owners supporting each other in tough times and laughing at the fun things.

To check out this marvelous site, boot up that computer and type in this address ...

<http://pub23ezboard.com/bgreyhoundsrus>. The main home page is www.ezboard.com. ezboard is an online community service on the net. It boasts over

five million registered users. They certainly have success in connecting people who are interested in and love greyhounds. This site is very easy to participate in, no technical experience is necessary. You can be a novice computer user and still be able to surf the forums.

It is beneficial to join and become a member, then you can ask your questions about grey care. You can share to some of the posts in areas where you have had experience. Or, if you just want to brag about the cutest thing the love of your life (no, not your spouse or significant other) but your grey did ... here is where you can do it. If you join up and become a member, you will find that you can form some good and fast friendships. Registration is quick and easy.

Even if you decide to just lurk you will be learning from the experience of all of the combined years of people caring for greyhounds. Any way you want to cut it ... if you have a computer ... and have a bit of free time ... get on line and visit this site. You won't be sorry. This site will end up being on your favorite list. Give it a try.

iGive.com

Wouldn't it be great if up to 25% of every purchase you made went to Arizona Greyhound Rescue? At iGive.com, you can make that happen! Join iGive.com, and a percentage of your online purchases will go towards helping our hounds find homes. Use iGive next time you're buying:

- Stuffies for your greys at DogToys.com check out their Greyhound Basket!!!
- Summer reading at Amazon.com
- Flowers for Mother's Day at Proflowers.com
- A new outfit at Land's End
- ...or just about anything else you can find among iGive's hundreds of vendors.

If all of our adoptive families and supporters do their online shopping at iGive.com, we could easily raise hundreds of dollars for the hounds which could go towards medical treatment, supplies, collars, and the many other things our greys need!

**Start now! It's easy and free to sign up.
Go to www.iGive.com/AGR for instructions on how to join.**

GREY NEWS

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Your comments, suggestions and letters are always welcome. AGR is a 501c3, non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax-deductible.



Calendar

THE 2002 CELEBRATING GREYHOUNDS CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Get your 2002 Celebrating Greyhoundscalendar now. The calendar is packed with 12 months of wonderful greyhound pictures. You can pick up your calendar at any of our tabling events at Petsmart. Cost of the calendar is \$12. Or you can mail a check to us for \$14 (includes mailing costs) and we will mail you a calendar. Get yours early, they make great gifts!

Ho Ho Ho

It may only be September, but it is never too early to start planning your Christmas shopping. Once again, AGR and its volunteers will be working with Petsmart to provide Santa Claws Photos for you and your beloved hound.

For only \$9.95, you will receive two pictures, along with one ornament picture frame and one decorative designer frame.

Five dollars from each sale will be contributed to AGR. So mark your calendars now with the following dates and locations:

Saturday, November 24 from 11AM to 5PM

NW (Orange Grove and Thornydale)
Grant and Swan
Broadway and Pantano
Oro Valley

Sunday, November 25 from 11AM to 5PM

NW (Orange Grove and Thornydale)
Broadway and Pantano
Oro Valley

Philanthropy with Phlavor Is Back!

Pastiche Modern Eatery

During the month of October, Pastiche Modern Eatery will donate 5% of your Sales to AGR! Treat yourself while treating the greyhounds. Just indicate that you would like your donation to go to Arizona Greyhound Rescue.

At Pastiche Modern Eatery
3025 N. Campbell Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85719
www.pasticheme.com
520-325-3333

Cyber Hound s Favorite Sites

Favorite Web Sites for Greyhounds and Their People

Adopt-A-Greyhound.org: The Greyhound Project works hard to show people how retired racing Greyhounds can make wonderful pets. The Greyhound Project has a beautiful gallery of art pictures and posters for sale. They publish a calendar and a magazine called *Celebrating Greyhounds* (a must for all true Greyhound aficionado).

MrsBones.com: Now you all know what a pushover my human pet is when it comes to shopping for her magnificent Greyhound, Moi. Well, when she discovered this site, her credit card ran for cover! Mrs. Bones makes elegant custom collars using the finest tapestry, velvet and brocade trims. Don t hate me because I look so beautiful in mine.

GreyhoundGang.com: The Greyhound Gang is located in Kanab, Utah. Every year they have a gathering that is a lot of fun, the largest greyhound event west of the Mississippi! The gathering next year will be on April 26 - 28, 2002. As friends of A.G.R. and the fact that we are crazy for our Greyhounds, lets try to go to the gathering next year in Utah to show our support. The website has an ongoing auction, sells Glucosamine and Shark Cartilage/Chondroitin Sulfate (helps with the pain and discomfort associated with arthritis) and the group even has a Gang s Guest House that you and your human pet can rent. And remember, as Claudia always says, all of their profits go to the dogs!

Until the next download CH

Dog Days of Summer

by Jack Quick, DVM, Pantano Animal Clinic

Welcome to the downside of summer. The monsoons bring welcome moisture but the heat is still with us. Most of Tucson's longtime residents are very familiar with the dangers of the heat but once in a while we (dog owners) forget what the hot weather can do to our pets. One of the most serious summer emergencies is heatstroke, which can cause permanent damage to your pet's internal organs or even death.

What causes heatstroke?

Heatstroke occurs when your pet's body temperature gets too high. I see heatstroke cases every summer in my practice. An owner leaves a pet in a parked car (even with open windows, temperatures in a car can climb to lethal degrees within minutes) or ties a pet outside without shade on a hot day. An owner exercises the animal too much when it's hot or is simply unaware that the pet's breed is especially vulnerable to the effects of heat (short-nosed breeds, such as Bulldogs and Boxers, are more susceptible).

Know the signs

Dogs and cats dissipate heat by panting, but in some conditions, that's not enough to adequately lower their temperature. Any of these signs may indicate that your pet is overheated: excessive panting and drooling, vomiting and/or diarrhea, an elevated heart rate, notable lethargy or just odd behavior, seizures, very red gums, collapse or unconsciousness.

What to do

If you notice any of these symptoms on a hot day, you should act quickly. The best way to find out if your pet is suffering from heatstroke is to take your pet's rectal temperature. Of course, some people may not feel up to this. But relying on external signs alone may lead to a false diagnosis. It's important to get a temperature as quickly as possible, because cooling occurs somewhat slowly. If you choose not to take your pet's rectal temperature, call your veterinarian.

When the body temperature is higher than 105 degrees Fahrenheit for a dog or cat, your pet is in the danger zone. (Normal body temperatures for dogs

and cats range roughly from 100 degrees to 102 degrees.) Take immediate steps to cool down your pet. And call your vet.

Cooling down

If you suspect heatstroke, keep your pet as still and quiet as possible. Move him to a cooler spot or inside an air-conditioned house. Apply cool water. You can submerge your pet in a sink, bathtub or wading pool for a minute or so at a time. If you're unable to lift your pet, you may want to hose her down with cool (not cold) water with a garden hose. Cold towels on your pet's head and feet can help. Feeding your pet ice is not a good idea—they could vomit. Then retake their temperature.

Your goal is to get the animal's temperature down to 104 in the first 10 to 15 minutes. Then get to a veterinary hospital as soon as possible. Even if you've succeeded in lowering the temperature, there are serious conditions that can result from heatstroke that may appear only after several hours, such as brain swelling, seizures, kidney failure, blood clotting abnormalities, shock, coma and death.

What to expect at the vet

The vet probably will run intravenous cool fluids into your pet. Your vet will probably also give the pet a bath, draw blood to check for kidney damage and other conditions, give medications as needed for complications and monitor the body temperature. She may also administer a cool enema. (Caution: Never do this at home! Human enemas may be fatal to pets.)

How to prevent heatstroke

Of course, prevention is the best defense against heatstroke. Here's how to make sure your pet doesn't get overheated in the first place:

Never leave your pet in a parked car in warm months, not even for a few minutes.

Never tie your pet outdoors (it's against the law in Pima county). Always make sure there's a shady area readily accessible and plenty of fresh water. Make

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Many of you have asked me if AGR is selling the Entertainment Books again this year. No, AGR is not. However, we do have a devoted greyhound supporter who is selling the books, and giving the funds to AGR.

Kevin Sarullo, owner of Pet Designs Grooming, is selling the Entertainment Books at his shop located at 2411 N. Columbus. That is just north of Grant, on the west side of the street.

His hours are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

You may want to call in advance to make sure he will be there. The phone number is 323-9599.

The cost of the Entertainment Book is \$35, a portion of that is contributed back to AGR.

Hurry and get yours!

Linda

GET UP AND GO GLUCOSAMINE

Has your puppy lost some of his youthful exuberance? Many greyhounds, as they get older, have problems with their joints. Glucosamine can help, and Get Up and Go Glucosamine, offered by the Greyhound Gang adoption group in Kanab, UT, has a double benefit.

Not only will you be providing your dog with human grade glucosamine at the lowest price around, but you'll also be helping to fund the Greyhound Gang's adoption efforts! So, if you are giving your grey glucosamine, or are just thinking about it, please contact Claudia Presto at claudia@greyhoundgang.com for more information. Or check out the Greyhound Gang's website at www.greyhoundgang.com.

Dog Days, Cont.

sure the water bowl can't be knocked over.

Choose cool times of day for exercise and avoid strenuous exercise when it's very hot.

Use extra caution if your dog is one of the short-nosed breeds or if your pet is obese, prone to seizures or has heart or breathing conditions. Keep these animals extra cool in summer.

Reserve airline travel for cool parts of day, use direct flights and avoid airline travel completely in hot weather.

Even when you have the best intentions, accidents do happen. When out and about carry plenty of water and a few spare towels to wet down in an emergency. Most common sense prevails when dealing with the heat. Also remember that the surface that we walk on can feel comfortable when we have shoes on but can be a torture for our animals. Have fun this summer walk early in the morning hours and keep that 45 mph couch potato out of the heat.

Amelia Update

by Cyndy Mobley

Editor's note: Cyndy Mobley adopted nine-week-old Amelia (aka Satan's Spawn) in February, knowing that the puppy had both bones broken in her lower right front leg, and ready to supply whatever medical care was needed. See the AGR May newsletter for the details of Amelia's adoption.)

Spawn had her probably final orthoped check up today. The growth plates are closing up, so she's going to be a tiny little bitch, around 53 lbs. Couldn't tell it from her attitude, though. The bad leg is about 1 inch shorter than the good. She starts physical therapy next week to stretch out the tendons so she can get more use out of it. At this point, we're focused on those tendons rather than the length. The orthoped is leaning toward recommending AGAINST the leg lengthening surgery.

Said it would probably work, but that with only an inch difference, he doesn't think the quality of life improvement will be so substantial as to warrant the trauma and risk. The tendon stretching, on the other hand, is important. The tendons would have to be stretched out anyway before the leg lengthening. So, Spawn starts physical therapy next week at the cutting edge canine center, as well as deep tissue massage with a Tellington Touch person. She is truly a happy, fearless little pup and a joy to everyone. And still VERY easy to pick up!

Mobile Billboards

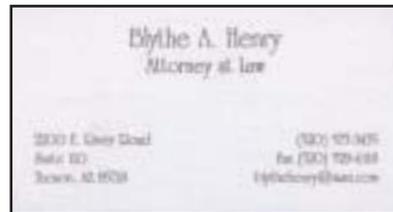
by Elle Llerbrowen

We all put in a lot of miles around town in a week. The list of errands is endless. So, I told myself, why not use this huge empty space on the tailgate of my truck for the hounds? Hundreds of people see this (mobile billboard) every day. Needless to say it has been very effective. It has caught the attention of dozens of curious folks whom we hope will get involved in one way or another. It is a great way to spread greyhound fever. Call Sign-a-Rama 4650 E. Speedway, 320-0506. Speak with Taylor or David. Tell them you are with AGR. There may be a small additional fee to re-size it to fit your vehicle. It is easy to install yourself and is easy to remove with a little elbow grease. But chances are you'll leave it on for as long as you want to help the hounds. Forever!



Greyhound Supporters

We can't say it often enough. Without the generous support of individuals and businesses, Arizona Greyhound Rescue would cease to be, and hundreds of hounds would no longer have a way home. Please support the following businesses and organizations, so they can continue to support greyhound rescue. Thank you to everyone who helps the hounds!



Petsmart is one of our largest sponsors. As a Petsmart Luv-A-Pet organization, we are offered a variety of fund-raising opportunities throughout the year. AGR would like to extend a special thank you to Petsmart Charities for all their good work.

Petsmart Locations and Times

Broadway/Pantano
1st and 3rd Sunday
11AM-2PM

Grant/Swan
2nd and 4th Sunday
11AM-2PM

Oro Valley
2nd and 4th Sunday
11AM-2PM

Orange Grove/Thornydale
Every Saturday
11AM-2PM

1st and 3rd Sunday
11AM-2PM



Thank You for Your Generous and Continued Support!

Because of special people like you, AGR is able to continue to place hounds in new homes! As we take more and more new hounds off the track, to care for hounds with special needs, and to cover our boarding and veterinary costs, we ask for your continued support. We are a non-profit, all volunteer organization, and our continued existence depends on your help and generosity. Every dollar translates into food, shelter or medical treatment for a greyhound and is tax-deductible. Please use the form below to indicate your level of support.

- _____ \$150 SPONSOR A NEW GREYHOUND, FROM TRACK TO ADOPTION
- _____ \$100 FUND A SPAY OR NEUTER
- _____ \$75 PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT
- _____ \$50 KENNEL AND FEED A HOUND FOR 2 WEEKS
- _____ \$ _____ I'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE FOR THE PURPOSE OF _____
- _____ \$ _____ PLEASE ACCEPT THIS DONATION IN THE NAME OF _____

Mail this form together with your check payable to:
ARIZONA GREYHOUND RESCUE
8987 E. TANQUE VERDE RD., PMB 153
TUCSON, AZ 85749

Hound Showcase



Essie



Jack



Shiva

Please send pictures of your adorable hounds to Elaine Seasley at guzziboy_mzgirl@email.msn.com or to Arizona Greyhound Rescue, 8987 E. Tanque Verde Rd., PMB 153

See these beautiful greyhounds, and the whole AGR newsletter, in full color on our website, www.azgreyhoundrescue.org



Pharoah



Snowy



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