

# Greyt News

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## More Tracks Mean More Homeless Dogs

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Arizona Greyhound Rescue is opposed to the legalization of slot machines at Arizona dog tracks because of the racing industry's continued lack of concern for the very animals who make dog racing possible.

If this proposition passes, the racing industry will reopen two long-closed dog tracks in Arizona, and it leaves the door open for the construction of even more. What will happen to all of the dogs bred to race at these new tracks? The greyhound adoption effort in Arizona already struggles to adopt out hundreds of dogs each year within the state. Hundreds more must be transported to other Western states each year because there are simply not enough homes locally for the dogs bred and raced here now. Where will all the new dogs go?

The racing industry claims that this proposition provides for ex-racing greyhounds by earmarking money for adoption. Yet a maximum of only **one tenth of one percent** of the moneys raised would go to the adoption effort. And even that minuscule amount must be shared by both greyhound and racehorse adoption groups. In comparison, over four million dollars is guaranteed to promote Arizona breeding farms. This hugely lopsided emphasis on producing potential racing dogs over the support of ex-racers who need to find homes is a graphic illustration of the racing industry's priorities.

The discovery of 3000 dead racing greyhounds at one farm in Alabama just this last May demonstrates what happens when the breeding of race dogs outstrips adoption efforts. If this proposition passes, more tracks will open, more dogs will be bred, and once again it will be the greyhounds who lose.

### VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 201!

These are just a few of the organizations and civic leaders that endorse a **NO** vote on Proposition 201:

- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Arizona Humane Society
- Animal Defense League of Arizona
- Arizona Animal Welfare League
- Arizona Greyhound Protection Alliance
- Grey2K USA
- Greyhound Network News
- Greyhound Protection League
- Humane Society of Southern Arizona, Inc.
- Humane Society of the United States
- Arizonans for Fair Gaming & Indian Self Reliance
- Neighborhood Coalition of Greater Phoenix
- Phoenix City Councilwoman, Peggy Bilsten
- Santa Cruz County Sheriff, Tony Estrada
- Arizona Governor, Jane Dee Hull
- District 11 Senator, Elaine Richardson
- US Senator, Jon Kyle
- US Congressman, Jeff Flake
- US Congressman, John Shadegg



Photo courtesy of the Greyhound Protection League

# Vital Statistics



## TAG ALERT

One of the most important things a greyhound can have is a collar with a tag on it bearing his owner's 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.

## Adoptions

**Chloe** - Jim and Lynne Graham

**Taffy** - Robert Selph

**Hawk** - Amy Hamilton and Christopher Uchytel

**Eddie (Bailey)** - Bob and Gail Sinacola

**Dee** - Liz Barene

**Remington** - Andy and Stephanie Douglas

**Inkspot (Pongo)** - Perri Miracolo

**London** - Maria Roberts

**Lotus** - Trish and Bob Harvey (foster failure)

**Durango (Poe)** - Kelly and Christine Ritchotte

**Ross (Bob Dog)** - Denise Dunnigan

**Jones (Nick)** - Wayne and Lisa Novy

**Marlowe** - Melanie Daniel

**Malone** - Rudy and Anne Lopez

**Moose** - Bob and Gail Sinacola

**Carrie** - Jeffrey Cleary

**Ares** - Cathy Erchull

**Solomon** - William Stone

**Hannah** - Bill and Mary Brautigam

**Kasino** - Liz Barene

**Fabian** - Mary Starks

**Fenley** - Ellen Stanton

**Honey** - Kelly and Tom Silliman

**Ellie** - Wayne and Lisa Novy

**Bianca** - Kim Delray

**Daphne** - Joan Herner

**Kelly** - Rich Braren



## DO YOU HAVE A CRATE THAT BELONGS TO US?

We had such a wonderful response from our last newsletter we thought we would ask again. If you borrowed a crate from AGR, we need it back so we can help new adoptees adjust to their homes.

Please help us avoid the expense of purchasing new crates! To arrange a pickup call 886-7411

## Hounds Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

**Velvet** - beloved 14 year old hound of Liz Barene

**Cary** - beloved 10 year old hound of Liz Barene.

He fought a brave battle with cancer for the last year and a half

**Frieda** - beloved 5 year old hound of Lynette Smith

**Mandy** - beloved 10 year old hound of Matt Sheremeta

## Donations made in Memory of ...

### Ethel C. Daniels

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## 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.

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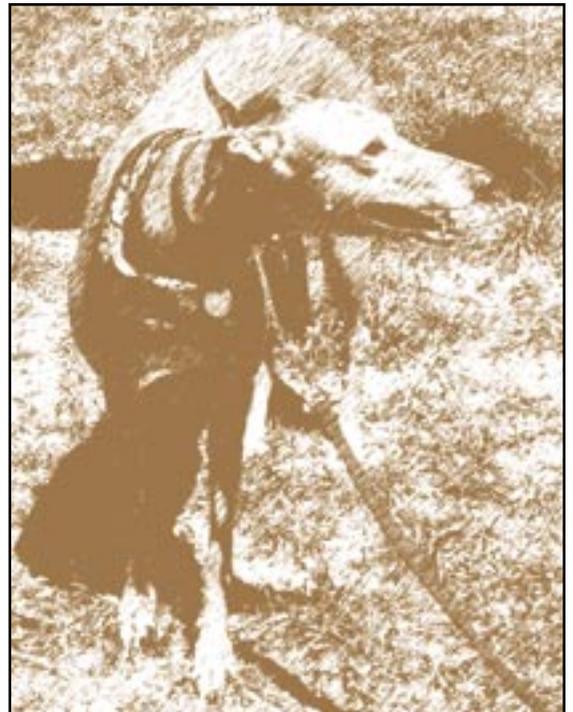


Illustration by Casey Jones

## Fast Food Pt. 1

How would you like to save hundreds or thousands of dollars in veterinary bills over the course of your hound's life and lengthen that life in the process?

There's a simple decision you can make that's virtually guaranteed to do just that. FEED THE ABSOLUTE HIGHEST QUALITY DIET POSSIBLE. Combined with a yearly wellness checkup and lots of love, there nothing more important in determining your dog's health.

Manufactured dog foods vary tremendously in contents and quality, but there is no way around one simple fact-- cheap brands are cheap for a reason. They consist largely of fillers as well as meats and other foods classified by the FDA as unfit for human consumption. Additionally, these kibbles are imbued with preservatives as well as added flavors (to make them palatable) plus vitamins to compensate for the nutrients lacking in the food itself. There is a wealth of literature on this topic, and I recommend the book *FOODS PETS DIE FOR* by Ann N. Martin for those interested. The bottom line-- if you are feeding those ultra-cheap brands you are almost certainly harming your hound's health and shortening his/her life.

A step up from the super store and grocery brands are the so-called premium dog foods sold in pet stores. Even here, you must be vigilant. While most of these are undeniably better for your hound than those discussed above, they still leave much to be desired. Suffice it to say that just because a pet food is heavily marketed by a major corporation with pretty images of happy dogs, this does not entail that it is actually particularly healthy. *Whole Dog Journal* ([www.wdj.com](http://www.wdj.com)) publishes an annual comparative review of kibbles (along with many other articles on canine nutrition) and is an excellent source of additional information. A simple rule of thumb can help you choose a food: two of the first four ingredients listed on the label should be single source whole meats. Single source means from one species-- chicken, not poultry; lamb, not meat. Whole means just that. Chicken, for example, should be listed as chicken, not chicken meal or, shudder, chicken by-products (you don't want to know!).

There are in fact some super-premium kibbles that are quite nutritious. I will only mention the two that I have direct experience with-- Natural Balance and Azmira. Both appear to be outstanding foods made of the highest quality ingredients. Natural Balance is available at PetCo locally. Azmira can be found in town at the Holistic Animal Care Shoppe. It's true that these will cost you more than your bag of generic dog food-- but what animals (including humans) eat affects virtually every aspect of their health. Poor nutrition can lead to everything from simple diarrhea to cancer. Just imagine how much a few extra dollars spent on the best food will buy you and your hound in terms of improved health and longer life. And don't forget those savings in vet bills.

Finally, although there are excellent kibbles out there, it is also true that dogs did not evolve to eat such food. In fact, for the tens of thousands of years that canines have coexisted with man, they have consumed pretty much the same diet and hence have been selected to thrive on such. It has only been in this modern era when convenience reigns supreme that packaged dog food has become the rage. But there is really no such thing as "dog food". Food is either healthy and nutritious or it isn't (bearing in mind of course that certain species, like certain individuals, cannot tolerate some foods.) So, is there any alternative for those who would like to go avoid processed kibble altogether? Indeed there is-- fresh home cooking! Next issue we will discuss how to replace kibble with an entirely home-cooked diet-- including recipes! . It's fun and your hounds won't care at all about pretty presentation or object to weird combinations like salmon and banana!



# Greyhound Planet

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO PAINT YOUR GREYHOUND?

Patricia Murray, companion to greyhound Easel and owner of You CAN Paint Art Gallery, is offering special classes for interested painters. There will be four classes, each three hours long. All your art supplies will be provided.

Contact Patricia for class times and class fees at:  
You CAN Paint  
8806 E. Tanque Verde Rd  
phone 520-760-1416

Coming in January will be a Gallery show, "Arf for Art".

Pictures of greyhounds donated by art students will be sold to benefit AGR. More details in our next newsletter.

On September 22, Arizona Greyhound Rescue and Greyhound Adoption League united together to celebrate Greyhound Planet, a worldwide celebration of greyhounds. People from Dublin to Melbourne to right here in Tucson came together to celebrate their own hounds and to speak in one voice to promote the adoption of greyhounds around the world. The event was held at Reid Park.



# ALOHA

## Arizona Greyhound Rescue

### 2002 Fall Reunion

Join us for our Annual Fall Reunion with a Hawaiian flair. Now you can wear that Hawaiian shirt you have hiding in the back of your closet. We will provide free Leis for the Greyhounds.

When: Sunday, October 27, 2002

Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Where: Reid Park @ Ramada #1

*(Use the Concert Place entrance off Country Club & then follow the signs.)*

- Learn Stuff!
- Holistic Pet Therapy
- Prop. 201, Etc.!
- Free Food & Drinks for humans & Greyhounds

#### DONATION BOX

(Collecting Medicine, Blankets, Coats & Etc. for the Spanish Galgos)

- Nail clipping (\$5 donation)
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- AGR database registration and tags
- Shop!
- Vendors  
(Marsha's Martingales, K-9 Designs & many more!)
- AGR merchandise
- Play Games!
- Photo Contest (1photo/Greyhound)
- Pin the Nose on the Greyhound
- Bobbing for Hot Dogs
- Goodie Walk
- Longest Tail /Tallest/ Oldest/Best Kisser Contests  
And More!



**DAYS OF  
OUR HOUNDS**

Did you know that you can get updated information on current hounds for adoption? Just go to our website and check out available hounds. While you are there, you can read the current edition of "Days of Our Hounds" and be treated to an entertaining synopsis of our hounds.

**UPCOMING SPRING  
EVENTS**

**January**

"Art for Arf" Gallery Night  
Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser

**February**

Name the Grey Fundraiser

**March**

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Volunteer Orientation  
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**April**

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- Get tips on what to look for when hiring a dog-walker, looking for a kennel, finding a veterinarian...
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## **Entertainment Books Are On Sale Now!**

Kevin Sarullo, owner of Pet Designs Dog/Cat Grooming, is once again selling Entertainment Books to benefit Arizona Greyhound Rescue.

The cost of the book is \$35.00.

You can pick up your Entertainment Book at:

### **PET DESIGNS**

**2411 N COLUMBUS**

**PHONE: 323-9599**

**HOURS: MON-SAT. 8:30 TO 4:30**

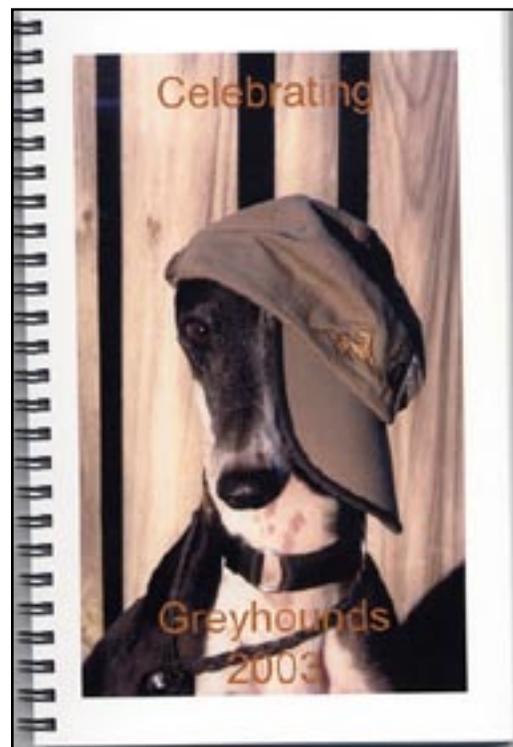
Or call Linda at 886-7411 to have arrangements made to pick one up at a tabling event. They will also be sold at the October 27th Fall Reunion.

## **THE 2003 CELEBRATING GREYHOUNDS CALENDARS ARE HERE!**

The wall calendar again comes in full color measuring 10 inches by 12 inches and contains a full fourteen months of wonderful greyhound pictures. The price is \$12.

New this year is the desk calendar, measuring 5 1/2 inches wide by 8 1/2 inches tall with a week per page on the right and a photo of Greyhounds on the left. The price is \$15.

You can pick up your calendar at any of our Meet and Greets at Petsmart. They will also be sold at our October 27th Reunion. Or if you like, order one by mail. Send in your check for the calendar and \$2.00 postage/handling to: Arizona Greyhound Rescue 8987 E Tanque Verde Rd, Suite 309/153 Tucson, AZ 85749 attn: Linda



## **PHILANTHROPY WITH PHLAVOR IS BACK!**

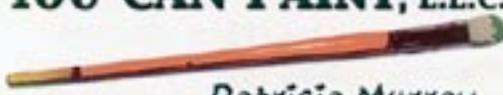
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# Dogged Readers Bid to Pick Names

By M.J. Rose

2:00 a.m. Aug. 27, 2002 PDT

More than 4,000 greyhound lovers unleashed online bids to name canine characters in best-selling author Cyn Mobley's first self-published novel, Greyhound Dancing.

The 32 winning bidders raised almost \$1,500 for the Arizona Greyhound Rescue Puppy Fund and Wings for Greyhounds, which rescue greyhound puppies that would otherwise be killed. The two charities rescued Mobley's puppy Amelia Spawn, now 18 months old.

Initially, Mobley put names for 11 main characters on the auction block. When the bidding -- which reached more than \$100 on some of the characters -- surpassed some dog lovers' budgets, the author borrowed a page from eBay and made names for 50 "kennel greyhounds" available as a buy-it-now auction.

"I priced the buy-it-now auction kennel greyhounds at \$10 so more people could be a part of it," said Mobley. "Could have gone higher, I'm sure, but the point was to give folks without a lot of extra cash a way to be a part of it while raising some money for the puppies. It's a community book."

In addition, Mobley invited list members who had lost a dog to have their dogs' names included in the book's In Memoriam pages at no charge. Owners submitted names of 115 dogs over a two-day period.

Writing from the dog's point of view, Mobley is well-known among greyhound enthusiasts who congregate online for her vignettes on hard-to-adopt greyhounds. She has posted more than 20 stories over the last two years, many of which are reprinted in adoption group newsletters.

Set for an October release, Book 1 of The Greyhound Chronicles, Greyhound Dancing, has already sold enough in prepublication orders to cover all costs.

"Having a law degree, an MBA and 22 traditionally published books under your belt pays off if you're going to self-publish," Mobley said.

The author plans to release a limited-edition hard-cover book, A Greyhound Christmas, in December. The auction to name its characters begins Oct. 5; proceeds will go to local chapter of Greyhound Pets of America and the Greyhound Rescue Foundation of Tennessee.

## Greyhound Memorial

On July 27th volunteers, adopters and greyhounds attended a memorial to remember the 3000 slain Florida greyhounds found on an Alabama dog farm in May.

The services were held at Reid Park during the twilight hours, while the participants gathered around a Rainbow Bridge made out of a chain of 3000 colored links. Each link representing one of the greyhounds. A moment of silence was observed to honor their lives.



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# Hound Showcase

Please send pictures of your adorable hounds to Brad Pritchett at [blptucson@yahoo.com](mailto:blptucson@yahoo.com) or to Arizona Greyhound Rescue, 8987 E. Tanque Verde Rd., Suite 309/153. See these beautiful greyhounds, and the whole AGR newsletter, in full color on our website, [www.azgreyhoundrescue.org](http://www.azgreyhoundrescue.org)



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