

# Greyt News

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## “Tis the Season...



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Yep, it may be hard to think about Christmas when the temperature is still in the 100s, but it is time to start planning for those Christmas fundraisers! We bring in a large percentage of our yearly budget from just two events, the Petsmart Santa Photos and Gift Wrapping at Borders Book. Linda, our chief elf, has been busily calling corporate offices to schedule dates and times for these two events, and the dates are coming in. Now we turn to both our loyal volunteers, and those of you who'd like to get involved, to get into the holiday spirit.

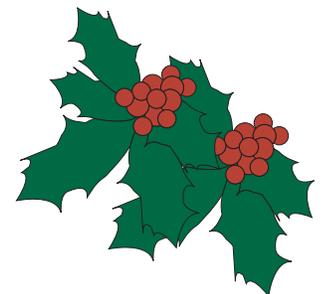
Petsmart's Santa Photo fundraiser is a consistent winner for us, bringing in more money every year, in large part to the enthusiasm and dedication of our Santas, elves and photographers. Hey, who doesn't want to put on a felt and fake fur outfit and sit with a ferret on his lap? For those of you who don't know, this is a nationwide fundraiser organized by Petsmart, which allows customers to bring in their pets and get two pictures with Santa. Petsmart supplies the film, camera, backdrop and costume; we provide the people, and we get a portion of the profits. Sadly, Petsmart requires that Santas be male, so ladies, start buttering up your significant others now. Last year, we had our best days when Pantano Animal Clinic vets Dr. Michael Lent and Dr. Jack Quick played Santa, so if you have a favorite vet you think would like to contribute to AGR by being Santa for a day, please ask him! See the flyer in this newsletter for days, times and places that we are scheduled to do Petsmart's Santa Photos, and give Linda Kangas a call at 886-7411 if you'd like to get in on the fun.



Our other big Christmas fundraiser is gift wrapping at Borders Books. This is the easiest thing in the world to do (as long as you aren't completely hopeless with wrapping paper and tape!) In this case too, Borders provides all the materials, including plenty of cool wrapping papers, and we supply the people power. The service is free, but people are encouraged to tip, and AGR gets all the profits. Last year we made \$2,400, just from tips! Volunteers work in twos or threes, so you have someone to chat with when things are slow, and plenty of help when they are busy. It is really fun to see what books are being bought as Christmas presents this year, and you can even get some gift ideas for your own shopping. We haven't got a finalized schedule for this event yet but Linda is working diligently to get us the most profitable time slots, when harried shoppers are SO grateful to have their wrapping done for them. This really is one of the easiest, no muss, no fuss volunteering opportunities we have, so if you'd like to help us out with this, let Linda know and we'll make sure to schedule you in.

November and December is an especially busy time for us all, I know, with guests coming, parties, decorating, travel, cooking and other obligations. But, if you can spare some time, it will mean the world to those hounds hoping for a home for the holidays!

*Sukey Waldenberger* – President



# Vital Statistics

## Adoptions

- Pete the Pointer** - Kimberleigh Kangas
- Gino (Grommit)** - Anne Buroker
- Chloe** - Cristina Jones & Joe Beals
- Elron** - Cristina Jones & Joe Beals
- Frenzie** - Dawn Parent
- Vincent** - Dawn Parent
- Nora** - Maeve Robertson
- Marlowe** - Angel Gross & Carianne Funicelli
- Hailey** - Paula Vinson
- Durango** - Paula Vinson
- Allie** - Dan Simmons
- Rizzo** - Ken Mock & Todd Bozoich
- Thatcher** - Ken Mock & Todd Bozoich
- Meg** - Cheri LaRoche
- Mattie** - Cheri LaRoche
- Cannon** - Josh Hodsdon & Chris Perkins
- Arnette** - Marylou McClelland
- Skeeter** - Carla Braden
- Scotty** - JoDi Merrill
- Kobi** - Patrick & Kristin Miller
- Gil** - Jeff Butcher
- Garth** - Don Gurian
- PACC-Man the Cat** - Cassandra at the kennel
- Esperanza** - Liz Barene

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### TAG ALERT

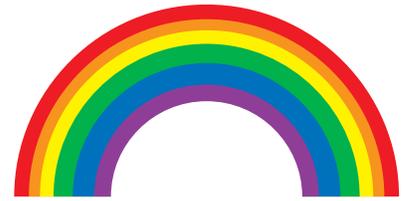
One of the most important things a greyhound can have is a collar with a tag on it bearing his owners name and phone number.

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.

### 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.



## Hounds Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

- FORD**—beloved 12 y/o hound of Kay Dawney-Weber
- WILL**—beloved 3 y/o hound of Dan & Debby Kelly
- BINGO**—beloved 11 y/o hound of Jim & Bev Martin
- BUDDY**—honorary "greyhound" dalmatian of Bob & Gail Sinacola
- HEIDI**—beloved 10 y/o hound of Joanne Priser
- FRODO**—beloved 3 y/o hound of Bob & Trish Harvey
- RACHEL**—beloved 10 y/o hound of Jean Rettus
- LACEY**—beloved 13 y/o hound of Eileen Dudley
- SILKIE**—beloved 15 y/o hound of Liz Barene

### Donations made in memory of:

- TANI**, beloved 11 y/o hound of Allan Baker
- BEETHOVEN**, age 11, & **SASHA**, age 12, beloved hounds of Mitch Blum

## Coping with the Death of your Greyhound

*By Dawn Melichar*

Over the past few months some of our favorite greyhounds have died of either old age, ill health, or what I call "adventuring out" into the big world of wild coyotes and cars. In our society, when a pet dies, there are some people who may not understand that this loss can be as painful as when a human dies. People love their greyhounds and consider them members of their family. We celebrate their birthdays, tell them our secrets and have pictures of them on our desk at work. Understanding how you grieve and taking steps to cope with the loss will help you closer to the day when memories of your beloved greyhound brings a smile to your face instead of tears.

Through the Human Society of Southern Arizona, Marcia Breitenbach facilitates a support group for those who have lost a beloved pet. Marcia takes the time to help you understand your individual way of handling grief and assist you in recovery. This pet loss support group meets twice a month. Contact Marcia at 975-5376 or 743-4449.

With the help of the internet there are many sites that deal with pet loss/grieving. At [www.ivillage.com/pets](http://www.ivillage.com/pets) there is a weekly pet loss chat and at [www.rainbowsbridge.com](http://www.rainbowsbridge.com) you can share stories or poems about your pet, send e-sympathy cards or visit their chat and message boards.

When your beloved pet is in failing health there are a few Veterinarians in Tucson who make house calls. Dr. Cynthia Hudman (798-6229) is located centrally; Dr. Walter Cole (885-9957) is on the far NE side of town and Dr. Knisto (877-9874) is on the west side. Please call their offices to find out cost and availability of a home visit. They can administer IVs, medication and euthanize your pet in the comforts of your home. For some owners with an open mind to alternative believes, Lynn Younger of Animal Lights (870-2058) can help your greyhound "transition" to the Rainbow Bridge through the use of chromatherapy (colored light therapy) and her ability to communicate to animals.

The Human Society of Southern Arizona offers a cremation and ash return service for \$90.00. To store your beloved greyhound's ashes, there are many kinds of urns you can buy online. One lovely option are the handmade ceramic urns offered by the Greyhound Gang in Utah at [www.greyhoundgang.com](http://www.greyhoundgang.com). Not only are these urns personalized and made to your specifications, the money from your purchase goes to help even more hounds.

If you are thinking of getting another pet, do not rush into this decision. It would not be fair to you or the new pet. On the other hand, don't let guilt or misplaced loyalty to your last hound keep you from welcoming a new friend into your life. Everyone copes with loss in their own way, and there is no one right way to go about looking for a new dog. When you are ready, A.G.R. always has greyhounds available and one of them is sure to touch your heart.

## The Last Will and Testament of Silverdene Emblem O'Neill

by Eugene O'Neill

"I have little in the way of material things to leave. Dogs are wiser than men. They do not set great store upon things. They do not waste their days hoarding property. They do not ruin their sleep worrying about how to keep the objects they have, and to obtain the objects they have not. There is nothing of value I have to bequeath except my love and my faith . . . if I should list all those who have loved me it would force my Master to write a book. Perhaps it is vain of me to boast when I am so near death, which returns all beasts and vanities to dust, but I have always been an extremely lovable dog.

"I ask my Master and Mistress to remember me always, but not to grieve for me too long. . . It is painful for me to think that even in death I should cause them pain. Let them remember that while no dog has ever had a happier life (and this I owe to their love and care for me) now that I have grown blind and deaf and lame . . . my pride has sunk to a sick, bewildered humiliation. I feel life is taunting me with having over lingered my welcome. It is time I said good-bye, before I become too sick a burden on myself and on those who love me. It will be sorrow to leave them, but not sorrow to die. Dogs do not fear death as men do. We accept it as part of life, not as something alien and terrible which destroys life. What may come after death, who knows? I would like to believe with those of my fellow Dalmatians who are devout Mohammedans, that there is a Paradise where one is always young and full-bladdered; where all the day one dillies and dallies with an amorous multitude of hours . . .

"I am afraid this is too much for even such a good dog as I am to expect. But peace, at least, is certain. Peace and long rest for weary old heart and head and limbs, an eternal sleep in the earth I have loved so well. Perhaps, after all, this is best."

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

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

I know we usually remind you to return any crates you may have from us. But muzzles are mysteriously disappearing from the kennel on a regular basis, so if your new (or not so new) hound came to you with a muzzle that you no longer need, please let us know. You can drop a muzzle off at any Petco or Petsmart table, or give us a call at 886-7411. Please help us avoid the expense of purchasing new muzzles!

# A Rescue Story

## AGR'S WISH LIST

Foster homes  
Medicines that have not expired: Rimadyl, Nizoril, Sporanox, Cephalexin, Amoxicillin  
Medical Supplies: vet wraps, bandages, tape, neosporin  
Muzzles  
Crates  
Blankets  
Collars (14 - 18)  
Pedigree Dog Food dry and canned  
Dog Treats  
Dog Toys  
Stamps  
Envelopes  
Standard Copy Paper  
E20 Cartridge for Canon Copier

Almost all the hounds that AGR takes in are discards from the racing industry, young dogs whose only "flaw" is that they didn't run fast enough to make a profit. But AGR will take in any greyhound in need, and that's exactly what happened on Sunday, August 24th, when a call came in on the emergency line.

A young man named Evan Wilson called AGR after picking up a greyhound in considerable distress on Saturday night in downtown Tucson. Evan just happened to be in the area that evening because he was at his own wedding. You know that a marriage is destined for good things, when it starts with the wedding couple rescuing a sick and scared dog and bringing that dog home on their wedding night!

I happened to take this call, so I headed over to Evan's house to pick up this greyhound. A skinny, filthy and tick-ridden brindle lady with a graying muzzle greeted me sweetly, politely rising to her feet, though she was clearly exhausted and wobbly on her paws. Evan had fallen in love with her, and had given her the initial care, food and water she needed, but that he was afraid that she needed more medical care than he could provide. Luckily, that's what AGR is here to do, so I was able to assure him that we'd make sure she was taken care of, to his obvious relief.

After a quick trip down to the kennel, Esperanza (Hope), as she was named, was bathed and de-ticked. This took quite a while. The soap rubbed into her fur frothed up brown for quite a while, and the ticks on her poor body were literally sucking her dry. Through this entire, rather distressing experience, Esperanza was a perfect lady. She never objected or tried to stop me from washing between her toes or pulling ticks from her ears. Checking her ears also showed that, though she had been tattooed and was therefore a racing dog, those tattoos were too faded to read, and she had no other identification. No one was looking for her, and who knows how long she had been wandering the streets. She was so happy to finally settle down in her kennel on a soft blanket, with full bowls of water and food nearby!

The next day Elle brought Esperanza to the vet, where she got a thorough check-up, bloodwork to check for tick and Valley fever, and a prednisone prescription to stimulate her appetite and help out her weak back legs. She spent the day at the vet on an IV, to counteract the dehydration that occurred as she wandered loose in an Arizona summer. The final verdict was that this poor dog was suffering from the effects of neglect and a hard life surviving on her own, but all of her tests have come back negative so she should make a full recovery.

In the days that followed, Esperanza perked up, her eyes more alert and her gait steadier. She eagerly awaited her visits with the kennel volunteers, and even more eagerly greeted her food bowl. And on Friday, less than a week after she was rescued, Esperanza, now known as Gypsy, found a permanent and loving home, adopted by Liz Barene. Now THAT'S a rescue story!

Sukey Waldenberger

## CHECK OUT WEBSITE!

[www.azgreyhoundrescue.org](http://www.azgreyhoundrescue.org)

See what's new! View the new hounds!

Check out our upcoming events! Share pictures and stories!

Updated frequently so check everyday!



# The 2004 Celebrating Greyhound Calendars are Here!

The wait is over. The new 2004 Celebrating Greyhound Calendars are here. Again this year there are two calendars to choose from: the wall calendar and the desk calendar.

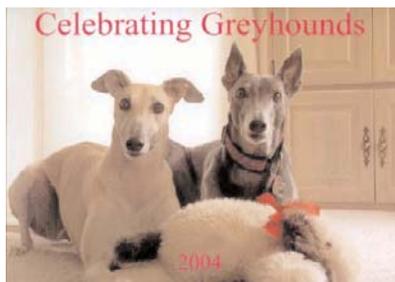
The wall calendar comes in full color measuring 10 inches by 12 inches and contains a full fourteen months of wonderful greyhound pictures. The price is \$12.

The desk calendar measures 5 1/2 inches wide by 8 1/2 inches tall with a week per page on the right and a color photo of greyhounds on the left. The price is \$15.

You can pick up your calendar at any of our tabling events at Petsmart or Petco. They will also be sold at the Greyhound Planet Day and at our November 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.

Order extras, they make wonderful Christmas gifts!



## Fall Photo Contest

Don't forget to start taking pictures of your greyhound for the Fall photo Contest. Your hound may be the winner for next year's t-shirts. Last year's winner was Lotus, companion to Bob and Trish Harvey.

This year there is a \$2.00 entry fee for each picture submitted. Everyone attending the November Reunion will receive a free ticket to vote on the picture they like best. The winner will receive a free t-shirt.



## "A Dog's Day at the Spa"

"Roses are pretty, violets are too. Is your dog stinky? We'll wash him for you!" And we did!

On Sunday, June 29 at the NW Petsmart, AGR held its first Dog Spa Day. It was so much fun! We washed 47 dogs and trimmed 41 sets of nails. Several dogs were even pampered with a massage from Elissa Hambricht.

So we repeated the event on Sunday, August 17 at Pantano Animal Clinic. There, we washed 52 dogs and trimmed 40 sets of nails.

At the end of the events, our volunteers were wet and tired. But the opportunity to see so many of our adopted greyhounds and their companions made up for the backaches! It was such a success that rumors have it that next year there may be more!



## "SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN"

Only \$9.95 includes 2 pictures: one ornament picture and one decorative frame. \$5.00 of each sale benefits Arizona Greyhound Rescue.

Available at the following PETSMArt locations  
From 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 6  
Northwest (Orange Grove and Thornydale)  
Grant (Grant and Swan)

Sunday, December 7  
Broadway (Broadway and Pantano)  
Grant (Grant and Swan)

Saturday, December 13  
Northwest (Orange Grove and Thornydale)  
Oro Valley (Oracle and 1st Avenue)

Sunday, December 14  
Broadway (Broadway and Pantano)  
Oro Valley (Oracle and 1st Avenue)



# Greyhound VIP

## A PRAYER FOR ANIMALS

by Albert Schweitzer

Hear our humble prayer, O God,  
for our friends, the animals,  
especially for those who are  
suffering;  
for any that are lost or desert-  
ed  
or frightened or hungry,  
for those who must be put to sleep

We entreat for them all  
Thy mercy and pity,  
and for those who deal with  
them  
we ask a heart of compassion  
and gentle hands and kindly  
words

Make us, ourselves,  
to be true friends to animals  
and so to share the blessings

Submitted by The Drewrys  
in loving memory of Todd



The new 2003-2004  
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As proud greyhound owners we know all of our greyhounds have fine qualities and special talents. Are you and your greyhound real people pleasers? Does your grey do these commands? Sit, Down and Stay (as you walk away). Do they take treats with a soft, gentle mouth? Are they unafraid of loud noises, raised voices, wheelchairs and different people, i.e. such as with canes and walkers? Well if so, we have a fulfilling, wonderful volunteer program that you might be interested in.

There is a program here in Tucson called Pet VIP, which is certified through the National Delta Society Pet Therapy Program. They always need wonderful, certified teams to visit nursing homes, hospice care facilities, and hospitals. It is so easy. You simply visit these places with your grey and bring a moment of compassion and sunshine to someone's day. Patients and their families are so excited and thrilled to see a greyhound. Upon entering a room, the first thing we are asked is, "Is that a REAL GREYHOUND?" People really enjoy seeing such a rare sight.

We have been a Delta Society Pet Therapy Team since 2002. Gracie is of course the main attraction, with us simply being her escorts. Our Gracie loves being a Delta Dog. We need to wait till the last minute to put on our blue Pet VIP shirts, because as soon as Gracie sees us wearing them, she then leaps and runs to the door almost knocking us over. If we are not moving fast enough, she runs and sits under the peg that her vest hangs on. Once she is in her vest, she takes on a prideful prance as we head to the car.

We mainly visit Tucson Medical Center, where our first stop is the patient rooms, nursing stations and waiting rooms. We are also involved with the PETS FOR VETS program at the Southern Arizona Veteran's Hospital, where Gracie is well known in the hospice and geriatric wards.

There are many wonderful Delta Teams in Tucson, but only two are greyhounds. There is always room for more greyhound teams. We truly feel that we receive so much from this program. We know Gracie does. It doesn't hurt that after a day of visits, she is treated to a cup of cold applesauce, her favorite. Not

to mention the frozen yogurt or cottage cheese many grateful family members will treat her to in the hospital cafeteria.

If you are interested in this program, please contact JoAnn Spencer at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, 795-6225, or e-mail at [jspencer@humane-so-arizona.org](mailto:jspencer@humane-so-arizona.org)

Remember, Greyhound Teams are like potato chips, you can never have enough.

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## 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 GREYHOUND SAINT Sponsors a new greyhound, from track to adoption
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 GREYHOUND GUARDIAN Funds a spay or neuter
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 GREYHOUND ANGEL Provides a much needed medical and dental treatment
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 A HOUNDS BEST FRIEND Kennels and feeds a hound for two 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:  
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# Hound Showcase



**Philo & Zeke**



**Sidney**



**Skeeter Now Coda**



**Jasmine**



**Billie**



**Marz**

Submit a picture of your favorite Grey for our Hound Showcase!  
director@azgreyhoundrescue.org

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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