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Broken Leg Dogs

When Arizona Greyhound Rescue (AGR) moved from the kennel in the southeast to the Marana kennel in fall 2004, the strategy was to save money on daily boarding expenses and to rescue more dogs. Both have been accomplished. However, by rescuing more dogs, our medical costs have increased dramatically. From December 28, 2004 to May 15, 2005, AGR has incurred \$19,194 in veterinarian expenses for spay/neuter, micro-chipping, testing, medications, and broken leg dogs. In our previous kennel, we were not subjected to the sight of broken leg dogs but it is a fact of life as we now share kennel space with a trainer.

The treatment for two broken leg dogs, Lui and Libby, has cost \$3,092 and \$2,417 respectively. While not a broken leg, Lucky's oozing wounds cost \$1,542. Three greyhounds have taxed our finances \$7,000. Bandit will rack up \$2,000 and Snoopy waits to see a vet specialist.

We discussed the fact that we would be taking in dogs with more significant health needs and we have. The new board developed a budget that reflected these facts and built in substantial additional costs to accommodate them. We also knew we would operate at a deficit this year. We are -- even more so -- than anticipated. The debate continues as the

board wrestles with catastrophic financial dilemmas.

Fortunately, Lui, Libby, and Lucky have all been adopted into forever homes. So, from our hearts, rescuing these dogs was well worth it. Yet, facing a dwindling bank account, we must continue to search for aggressive funding and hope you can help.

Arizona Greyhound and Animal Rescue Fund has begun to explore additional avenues of fundraising that will provide long-term, consistent, and a reliable stream of income which will allow us to continue on our current path of taking in more hounds and taking on hounds with significant medical needs. These efforts include grants, sponsorships, planned giving, and estate planning opportunities for those who adopt, volunteer, or are otherwise involved in our loving and caring extended greyhound family.

We intend on a modest beginning, as we currently do not have a broker or investment advisor but hope you will consider including us in your estate planning, with consideration of a cash bequest of any amount, large or small. Please consult our website, www.azgreyhoundrescue.org/help.htm for more detailed information and suggested legal language.



My name is Bandit. Can you help me? I'm only 16 months old and broke my leg training. I am looking for a place to call home. I love stuffed toys and enjoy cuddling them. I'm housebroken, use the doggie door, and am being fostered with other dogs and cats. To know me is to love me and I would love you too.

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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1st Monday of the month,
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 Campbell @ Grant, 6 p.m.



Pat

Rebounded. Dominant Pat, along with sister, Sunday, proved to be too much for their adopters. Last fall, Pat had a badly broken leg, which we treated but she still limps occasionally. Not small animal tolerant, would do well as an only dog. Please give her another chance.



Gib

Friendly and laid-back, Gib is a happy boy who will do well with older children. He's a bit choosy about his larger canine friends. No small animals, please. Since he can jump, a 6-foot fence is required. Gib is waiting for his forever home.



Kaye

Alert, slightly older girl. Kaye had a successful racing career and has a very high prey drive, so she cannot be with any animal less than 40 pounds. With a dominant personality, she could be an only dog. Loves people – let her race into your heart.



Lenny

Big handsome guy with very expressive eyes that beg for more attention. Lenny loves people and is very laid back and gentle. While he does fine with small dogs, cats are a no-no. Give him a toy and you have a friend forever.



Cheddar

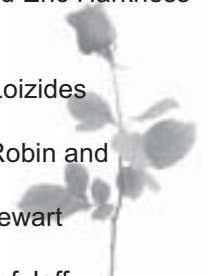
Handsome and affectionate boy. Cheddar likes to lean and is attached to his people. He is good with children, but not small pets. Would benefit by another large canine friend to help him be less shy and blossom more fully.

Adoptions - Since March 10, 2005

Banjo – Sharon Hartung and Michael Nervik
Grady – Michael Miller and Judie Albano
Spencer – Patricia Turtoro and Steven Payne
Oscar – Bonnie Neuss
Dexter – Dan and Laura Pressler
Nickel (Bosco) – Nancy Madden
Mattie – Chris Heising
Gypsy (Emma) – Rebecca and Robert Crofts
Kylee – BJ De Bruine
Libby – Thomas and Debrah Blasé
Ben (Ozzie) – Marijo Santoro
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Mia – Emily and Eric Hubbard
Blueberry (Blue Angel) – Chris Ellis and Marijo Lewis
Picacho (Prince Picacho) – Chris Ellis and Marijo Lewis
Peanut – Kent Thomas
Jedi – David O'Connor

Hounds Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

Bear – Beloved 10-year-old hound of Brad Pritchett and Eric Harkness
Keaton – Beloved 6-year-old hound of Martijo Santoro
Franchesca (Faith) – Beloved hound of Carol Mitchell
Molly (Jingle) – Beloved 9-year-old hound of Demetri Loizides
Sera – Beloved hound of Scott and Jessica Sizemore
Dark Hazard (Hazzie) – Beloved 7-year-old hound of Robin and Kathryn Smiley
Mr. Kool – Beloved 14-year-old hound of Rosemary Stewart
Archer – Beloved hound of Krista Chapman
Sam – Beloved 11-year-old AGR Shepherd mix foster of Jeff Parfenchuck



Adoption Scoop

Good news! So far AGR is currently on pace for a record year, though we know the slower summer months lie ahead.

If you are able, consider fostering a dog, since that greatly increases the dog's adoptability potential. A dog that is already home savvy can make a much easier transition into its forever home. Many potential adopters ask: Is the dog housebroken? Does it chew? Does it like to go in the car? Is it cat safe? All these issues can be worked out with even a short foster stint.

As of May 25, 43 dogs have been adopted since January 2005 with six rebounds, three of which were adopted again.

Can you help with home checks, transporting dogs to their new homes, mentoring? Are you ready to adopt another wonderful hound? Please contact Mary Freeman, adoption director, email at <azgreyhoundrescue@lycos.com> or call 886-7411.

Let's keep the adoption energy going strong. The hounds appreciate your help.



Pets for Vets



Gracie and Terry Baker have been visiting patients and staff at the Southern Arizona VA Hospital as part of the Pets for Vets Therapy Dog Program. In April 2005, Gracie was recognized for 100 hours of volunteer service. She is one of the canine volunteers. She can be seen every other Saturday going from room to room visiting patients in the geriatric and hospice wards, as well as surgical waiting rooms and the main hospital. Gracie has been known to split the shift with Onyx, who is working on her 100 hours as well. They also visit patients and staff at Tucson Medical Center.

Gracie has been certified through the Delta Society Pet Therapy Program since Sept 2002 and Onyx since Dec 2003. If you

would like more information about this program, email Terry <tbaker60@yahoo.com> or call him, 745-5115.

Saying Goodbye

Kim de Araujo, fundraising director, is moving to Austin next month. She and husband Dan are the proud owners of Rocket, 7, and Frankie, 5. They did Sunday morning turnout almost every Sunday until the kennel moved to the northwest. She has also washed, wrapped, transported, and tabled on her mission to help the hounds. "I have been involved in AGR for two years. This organization has brought so much joy into my life," says Kim.

Bright Idea: Greyhound Playgroup

Sharon Hansen reminisces: "After adopting Philo in 2002, I decided to start an all greyhound playgroup. A few months ago I passed the reins to a new organizer (Joan Herner). I've seen the group grow from half a dozen to a gathering that sometimes reaches over 30 hounds.

Philo is going to be 9 years old in July. He is very active and shows no signs of slowing down. There isn't a day that goes by where I don't look at his amazingly beautiful face and wonder about the magical creature I am lucky enough to share my life with".



At Your Service...Dog



Five-year-old Blueberry Hound (Blue), owned by AGR volunteer Maggie Wallis, is Arizona's first greyhound certified service dog. Blue advanced through the Handi-Dogs certified service dog training program quickly. He earned his Certified Delta Therapy Dog at the complex level and Canine Good Citizen designations.

Blue helps Maggie go up and down stairs and over curbs. He picks up clothes, keys and his leash and will push 911 on her cell phone in case of an emergency. Maggie and Blue visit cancer and AIDS patients in hospices and hospitals. For info about Handi-Dogs, call 326-3412.

Stars and Stripes

Mattie's human, Chris Heising, is being unexpectedly deployed to the Gulf region by the Air Force from September 20, 2005 to January 20, 2006. He needs someone to care for Mattie during his absence. Chris is willing to pay \$150-200 a month for her care plus provide food and any needed vet care.

As you may recall, Mattie was an extremely shy dog who came to AGR a few months ago. She has made tremendous strides in her new home and goes to the dog park regularly. Mattie is small-animal tolerant and could really use some TLC and continued socialization while her dad is overseas. If you could help Mattie and Chris, please contact 661-4295.

Fabulous Fostering

Greyhounds? We (Dale Peters and Jim Hoy) knew nothing about greyhounds. Our wonderful neighbor, Linda Morgan, introduced us to Zak and Ellie and to Arizona Greyhound Rescue. She suggested we might want to foster a greyhound in transition from kennel to adoption.



Lucky got lucky and was adopted.

At first, we weren't sure if we could foster. How could we take in a dog then let it go? Wouldn't it be harder for a dog to go from one home to another? When we understood that fostering helps a dog adjust better in their permanent home, we were ready to foster and Lucky entered our lives. What a sweet guy! Lucky came to us with a few health challenges which meant some cross town trips to the vet plus extra care. However, it was more than worth these small efforts when he would lean in letting me know he wanted to be near or when he would curl up on the couch with his head in my lap; looking up with those golden brown eyes as if to say, I feel safe and loved. He liked playing with our other two dogs which helped him acclimate to pets in his future home. Seeing Lucky also find a wonderful forever home was reassuring. Greyhounds are so gentle, loving, and have a great sense of the clown in them. We loved having Lucky, if even for a short time, and are ready to take in another foster.



Kylee and new playmate Skeeter, 15 pound Rat Terrier.

Forever Home Notes

"If Gerty (Annie) could talk she would let everyone know how glad she is to have a new mom and dad (and vice versa). She's the most



loving dog that we've ever been around and is being such a good girl! Does everyone feel this way about their greyhounds? Thanks so much for all your hard work on behalf of Annie and all the greyhounds." *Joan and Paul Athey*

"Just a note to let you know, Sissy (Mazel) is doing great. She has totally incorporated into the household." *Joyce Rosenfeld*

"I did lots of research about racing greyhounds. Kylee is the perfect example of a kennel hound who has adapted to apartment living. Not only that, but her new sister, Skeeter, is a 15 pound Rat Terrier. They are best friends!" *BJ De Bruine*

"My two hounds are enjoying D.C. They certainly get a lot of attention. We walked them on the National Mall once and couldn't walk five steps without someone stopping to pet them and ask questions. Our favorite question thus far was from a boy down the street who said, 'Them ain't dogs, are they?'" *Lori Ito-Hardenbergh*

"Just wanted to say that we really love Dixie (Clarice), she's been an outstanding addition to our family. She has a great personality and is a good match for us. Even my skeptical husband has fallen for her, though he won't admit it." *Jennifer Yount*

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7 Tips to Beat the Heat

1. Take short walks and only in the cooler early morning or late evening hours. Avoid hot asphalt.
2. Keep lots of fresh water available at all times.
3. Try to keep out of direct sunlight; dogs get sunburned.

4. As the sun goes down, bring out the kiddie wading pool, fill with water, and let your hound splash.

5. Use a cool coat.

6. Use a spray bottle with water and give your hound mini showers.

7. Leave the air conditioner or swamp cooler on when you leave the hounds at home.

Symptoms of heat stress: Loses alertness, head drops, gait slows, pants heavily, eyes become bloodshot, and lips appear drawn back. A dog in heat exhaustion trembles, displays wobbly legs and will want to lie down. If your greyhound exhibits heat exhaustion, call your vet immediately and get help.

First aid for heat exhaustion: Get your hound to a cool area. Put a fan on him and give cool water to drink. Take a wet cloth and wipe down his head, between the back of his legs, chest, and inside the thighs.

Local Target Marketing Opportunity

The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is great. Yet, it's one of our best marketing tools that reaches 700+ readers of past, present, and future adopters, local media, and Tucson's movers and shakers. In the coming fall issue, we will be offering eight one-fourth page ads on a separate front and back insert for \$100 each. The best part is that each ad will be professionally designed by a Fortune 500 graphic designer (Diana Hansen) and you may keep a copy of the ad on a CD for future use.

A sponsor or two is also needed for our newly updated brochure that goes to local tabling events and has a long shelf life. Sponsor benefits include being listed and linked from our website and thanked frequently in email blasts to 90+ volunteers. Don't miss out on this targeted marketing opportunity as well as supporting the hounds. We have the right to refuse service if deemed inappropriate.

Contact Karyn at 318-1222 for details. Reserve your space today!

Petco Coordinator

Do you have a computer, telephone, and just a small amount of time to spare each month? If yes, the Petco coordinator position may be right for you. We table at the Broadway/Craycroft location on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Wrightstown/Pantano on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. You only need to make sure volunteers are scheduled and have adequate marketing materials. We already have some Petco volunteers but need a few more. You would be working closely with Nancy Ventura and Audrey Sharpe. Can you get involved?



Retirees Carol and Terry Sampson are committed to helping retired hounds find permanent homes.

Wanted: A Few Good Men and Women

Do you want to join a supportive team that is passionate about greyhound adoption? Since January 31, we have accomplished so much but we still need good minds and capable hands to make AGR strong and profitable. Open board positions include:

Fundraising Director: Raise your hand if you know your way around eBay, can coordinate grant writers, and help pump up our coffers.

Foster Director: Responsible for recruiting foster homes, track dog placement, and organizing search and rescue for lost dogs.

Events Director: Chairs the reunion and works closely with tabling coordinators

Welcome Carol Ray, new recording secretary.

Sunday Driving

Can you spare a couple of hours one Sunday a month? AGR has a critical need for dogs to be transported from our Marana kennel to tabling at PETSMART and Petco in midtown and eastside from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ideally, you would transport two dogs at least one way. We can buddy you up with another transporter to complete the team. The more exposure kennel hounds get, the better chance they have for adoption. Please contact Audrey Sharpe, transport coordinator.

Kennel Blues

Do you have time – even once a month – to come to the Marana kennel and do turnout? The hounds need human contact and fresh air. “Doing turnout during the summer will mean shorter run times,” advises Barb Bowers and Chet Gadola, kennel directors.

The amount of time you spend doing turn out is entirely up to you. Our goal is let the dogs out twice a day. There are openings on the schedule, especially in summer. Please email Libby O’Leary <oleary37@cox.net>, turnout coordinator, for availability. In case you’re wondering, the kennel does have a swamp cooler and the dogs have access to wading pools.

A Call to Volunteers

A rescued greyhound sits in the Arizona Greyhound Rescue kennel. Loving hands and happy voices greet her each day; her physical wounds are healing. She’s discovering that a tabling trip means lots of special attention—everyone whispers how beautiful she is. She’s heard about the forever home with a soft bed and nice people to call her own. So, this is a dog’s life!

Many hands are needed to change even one greyhound’s life. Volunteers like you make this all possible through kennel care, medical requirements, daily exercise (turnout), socialization, tabling, fostering, adoption, and mentoring. Ah, let’s not forget fundraising as just some of the ways to get involved.

It’s a year-round challenge to raise the money needed for our dear hounds and this summer we will be as busy as ever. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one or all of our very cool dog washes. Bring your pets or volunteer and plan to get wet and have fun. Call 886-7411 and leave a message for Nancy Ventura, volunteer director, or complete an online application.

Web Whiz Wanted

While we have a temporary webmaster, AGR is looking for a volunteer expert to take us to the next level and make our website a lean, mean fundraising machine. Contact <azgreyhoundrescue@lycos.com> if qualified.

AGR HAPPENINGS and CALENDAR



As the AGR Turns...

We have been busy since the spring newsletter: AGR tabled at the Humane Society's Pet-a-Paw-Looza and Plaza Palomino's Pet Fiesta. The hounds were a hit at the Oro Valley Art Festival in April. Mary Freeman and Domino were on KVOA's *One-on-One*, a popular Sunday morning talk show. Terry and Suzan Baker and family coordinated the annual spring yard sale raising \$725. Open house at the kennel brought new and seasoned adopters together with their hounds for a spectacular potluck buffet and auction on May 7. Thank you to our generous auction donators: MattsOrganics.com, DogChefs.com, Mary Freeman, Donna Haywood, Diana Hansen, Nancy Ventura, *Celebrating Greyhound Magazine*, Susan Glenn, Borders Books, BridgeMarketing.com, and Danuta Jakubowski (the Stitch Queen).

Salad Days

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Let's eat our veggies for a good cause. The only hitch is that you must present an AGR/Sweet Tomatoes flyer. Make copies for everyone you invite and pass out flyers at tabling events. Enjoy a delicious dinner while doing a bit of "fun-raising" at the same time.

Reunion 2005

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 for another exciting reunion at Reid Park. We're looking for two co-chairs and two committees – one to do the pre-planning and the other for the day of the event. We want fresh ideas as well as well-received favorites. Let's break down the responsibilities into manageable chunks. Can you help? Contact Nancy Ventura, Karyn Zoldan, or Mary Freeman.

Putting on the Dog Wash

Volunteers are needed to help with dog washes (important AGR fundraiser)! Think dogs, hot day, cold water, dogs, pizza, and fun. Volunteers are needed to put up flyers in nearby businesses, greet and collect payments, wash, dry, trim nails, set up, and sell items. To volunteer, email <azgreyhoundrescue@lycos.com> and put "dog wash" in the subject. You will be contacted.

How to Contact AGR

Call 886-7411 and leave a message. You may request to speak to a specific board member or ask a general question. Messages are checked once a day by volunteer Shelly G. so please be patient. For lost and found greyhounds, follow the instructions at the above number. To contact us directly or receive occasional e-news about volunteer opportunities and adoption updates, send your email address to <azgreyhoundrescue@lycos.com>. Visit www.azgreyhoundrescue.org to fill out an adoption or volunteer application, view available dogs, or donate using Paypal. If you're calling from outside Tucson, the area code is 520.

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. But most importantly – if your hound gets lost and found -- we will be able to contact you.

**June 1
thru
June 30**

Philanthropy with Phlavor - Eat at Pastiche Modern Eatery and AGR will receive 5 percent of your total bill. Pastiche is located at 3025 N. Campbell Ave., 325-3333.

**June 21
June 26**

Crafty Ladies Unite
Eastside Dog Wash at Pantano Animal Clinic 8333 E. 22nd Street, east of Sarnoff, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All breed of dogs welcome. \$10 for wash and \$10 for nail trim or \$15 for both (such a deal)

July 14

Sweet Tomatoes - Broadway (see flyer)

July 24

Midtown Dog Wash, Fit Center 5555 E. 5th Street (east of Craycroft), 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aug. 9

Sweet Tomatoes Tucson Mall (see flyer)

Aug. 20

Northwest Dog Wash, Veterinary Specialty Center 4909 N. La Canada Drive, just south of River, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sept. 11

Eastside Dog Wash, Pantano Animal Clinic 8333 E. 22nd Street, east of Sarnoff, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oct. 22

AGR Reunion at Reid Park

Crafty Women Unite

Join greyhound owner Lori Riegel and AGR crafty women at Michaels for a few hours (6:30-8:30 p.m.) of air-conditioned fun and creativity. Bring a t-shirt or plain canvas bag (or buy one there) plus a few photos of your hounds. RSVP to <azgreyhoundrescue@lycos.com> to pre-register. Michaels Arts & Crafts is located at 4070 N. Oracle. Cost: \$15; (\$10-Michaels and \$5-AGR)

Got AGR Crate?

If you borrowed a crate from AGR, we need it back so new dogs can adjust to their homes. Please help us avoid the expense of purchasing new crates! To arrange a pickup, call 886-7411.



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- Web designer
- Sponsor a dog that needs surgery for a broken leg
- Sponsor the newsletter – great for local marketing
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- Crates



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