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SAFE and SECURE

In their racing days, greyhounds lead very sheltered lives with varying degrees of care from trainers and handlers. They have been fed, turned-out, exercised, and raced on a schedule. Routines create a sense of stability and well-being in most greyhounds. We must provide safety and security when they enter out lives.

1. Always keep greyhounds leashed when in unenclosed areas. Tragedy can result even in a few moments of “freedom.”
2. Always keep a collar with current tags on your dog. These are your hound’s lifeline if he or she is lost.
3. Feed your dog premium kibble (skip grocery store brands) and quality treats and bones. Greyhounds need and deserve the best after the 4-D meats (diseased, down, dying and dead) fed while they were raced. Finding the right food can calm gastric disturbances, improve coat and health, and ease yard clean up.
4. Daily walks, exercise and playtime will keep your greyhound in top physical and mental shape. Unwanted behaviors like separation anxiety, chewing, digging, or other destructiveness can be lessened in tired, mentally stimulated dogs.
5. Get regular vet checks. Keep shots, teeth cleaning and heartworm prevention up to date. Because of the racing diet, and lack of dental care prior to rescue, most greyhounds require regular teeth brushing, regular dental cleanings, and preventative dental care.
6. Be a respectful pack leader who sets boundaries and teaches appropriate behaviors to your greyhound. Though they seem different from other breeds, greyhounds are still dogs that understand pack mentality and thrive under stable leadership. Jumping on people, pulling on a leash and counter-surfing are not acceptable behaviors.
7. Make your home and yard safe for your dogs and other animals. Secure fences and lock gates and doors; keep plants trimmed and outdoor spaces neat; properly store chemicals, food hazards and medications; keep cats, birds and other pets safe.
8. Your main function at dog parks and play dates is to supervise, not socialize. Too many dogs and rough or aggressive play toward or from your dog are not in anyone’s best interest. Beware of the small, running dog. Your greyhound’s prey drive (even those normally small animal friendly) may kick in and end with tragic results.
9. Make your greyhound feel special everyday. In turn, your hound will love and cherish you and become your best friend.



New arrival Clark in a secured, well-maintained yard.

Mary Freeman, *President*



is a “rebound” and has been back with us in foster care for a few months. She is 3 years old and walks nicely on leash. She’s a petite red-head and is a friendly pup once she gets to know you. She would prefer a home with the company of another dog.



Blackjack is a good-looking black and white 5 year old. His favorite game is fetch and he is a huge love puppy. He’s a big boy, but very gentle and loves people. He lives in foster with multiple other breeds and does well.



is a big white boy with some brindle markings on his face. He’s 3 years old, still has lots of energy and likes to run and play. His favorite pastime is taking long, leisurely walks with his foster family.



Spats is a gorgeous brindle with unique white markings. He is 4 years old, very playful and enjoys tossing his toys in the air. He’s looking for an active household with possibly some older children who would enjoy his company.



is an active, playful boy who will be 2 in August. He is doing very well in foster care and has excellent house manners for a young dog. He walks nicely on leash and knows basic cues. He favorite pastime is having a massage.

Adoptions – Since Jan. 1, 2008

- Chanelle/Chloe – David & Tara Turner
- Sassy – Suzanne Morrison
- Jimbo (Ty) – Jim and Anne Marie King
- Billy Bob (Buddy) - Jeff Butcher
- Blondie (Sandy) – Susan & Kevin Fox
- Gum Drop (Ginger) – Catherine Prokop
- Anson – Magda Nadzigka
- Chandler (Sam) – Jill Haak
- Kai (Mia) – Coco & Nathan Horner
- Lyndy – Morton J. Leibowitz
- Bonita – Sarah & Stephen Stewart
- Chevy Chase (Quint) – Cheryl & Chris Bennett
- Sheila (Zoe) – Jonathan Gordon
- Kevin – Elana Garrett
- Giselle – Robert Koster
- Teal – John & Donna Laing
- Attila (Jerry Lee) – Patrica Hartowicz
- Raja – Mark H. Jones
- Indigo – Chris Chandler
- Easter – Dawn Heinemann
- Jolie – Arlene Armstrong
- Coda – Gertrude Hopfinger
- Sugar Pop (Bay) – Marcia & Dick Klipsch
- Dreamer (Pirate) – Lori C. Antz
- Camilla – Matthew Hoffman
- Garrett – Barbara Beck & Geoff Anderson
- Nash – Joe & Rachele Peterson
- Nadia – Paul & Patty Watson
- Campbell (Chico) – Carol & Terry Sampson



- Ernie – Amy Hickman
- Rosie – Debora Chelson
- Nate – Lavonne Madrigal & Miguel Soto
- Karma – Losang Kalden
- Jaclyn (Raven) – Knox Campbell
- Reba – Elizabeth Troudt
- Kahuna – Teri Martindale
- Johnny B (Ziggy) – Rick & Barbara Dryer
- Cher – Dawn Gregory
- Irish – Peter Dourlen & Andrea Wystrach
- Star – Anna & Brian Mote
- Opal (Olga) – Lizzie Mead
- Flash (Trista) – Mindy Tenser
- Bourbon (Tye) – Renae Minshall

Hounds Gone to the Rainbow Bridge

- Bingo – Beloved 12 year old hound of Rhodes & Susan Polleys
- Dusty Rose – Beloved 8 year old hound of Marsha Peterson
- Dobie (Bogie) – Beloved 11 year old hound of Margaret DaCunha
- Woolfe – Beloved 8 year old hound of Genie Galina and Steve Mehlman
- Skip – Beloved 4 year old hound of Mike Horan and Donna Sievers
- Cindy – Beloved 7 year old hound of Carol and Terry Sampson
- Mister – Beloved 17 year old kitty of Jim & Donna Haywood
- Shamus – Beloved hound/mastiff mix of Barbara Beck & Geoff Anderson
- Snowcap – Beloved 11 ½ year old hound of Gretchen Schafer
- Toby – Beloved 7 year old hound of Peggy & Charles Heath
- Rudy – Beloved 11 year old hound of Deborah & David Ortiz
- Sonny (Suede) – Beloved 10 year old hound of Darrin & Alicia Belford
- Wesley - Beloved 7 year old hound of Diane Brownstein
- Ross (Bob Dog) - Beloved 7 year old hound of Denise Dunnigan Emmers and Chris Emmers

Adoption Scoop 2008

Through the end of June 2008 we have finalized 48 adoptions. We are on track to have a very good year. We have had 5 rebounds so far this year and have taken in 39 hounds in the first 6 months of 2008.

So many people are involved with finding homes for our wonderful greyhounds. Often an adopter's first introduction to a greyhound is at one of our many meet and greets, and we appreciate the work those volunteers do. Thank you also to the adoption coordinators and home checkers for interviewing, meeting, and working with potential adopters

Wanted

Adoption Coordinators for Midtown, Saddlebrooke/Catalina, and Green Valley; ACs are the initial contacts for potential adopters in your geographical area. Please contact Janet—jlvaupel@msn.com

Splish, Splash They All Got A Bath

On Sunday, June 8th, 38 volunteers gave generously of their energy and time (150 hours total) to bathe and trim nails for 130 dogs, mostly rescues. Many folks say they look forward to this popular event year after year.

We took in \$2328 and after expenses netted \$2100 after 4 hours of hot, tiring work.

Don Dickinson and his handsome Collie-Sheltie, Jake, won the \$140 raffle prize (\$100 of dog goodies and a \$40 Pastiche gift certificate).

Continued thanks goes to Dr. Jack Quick and Pantano Animal Clinic for allowing us to have the event there and for taking such great care of our hounds before and after adoption.

In case you missed this event, another Dog Wash is scheduled for, **Saturday, August 9th at the Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson, River and La Canada from 9-1.** We are still looking for volunteers.



Baths and nail-trims are available at the Dog Wash Events.



Volunteers dry a friendly Collie at the June 2008 Dog Wash



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Charlie Fund Benefits Cruelty Task Force

On a cool and rainy night last December 7th, AGR greyhound, Charlie, was found dead on the Tanque Verde/Wrightstown overpass. The adopters spent months trying to piece together information about that night. They have surmised that after Charlie got away, some older teenagers or young adults shot Charlie.

This appears to be a cruel and deliberate act on the part of some very heartless people. We'll never understand why they would do such a thing.

No concrete leads were ever found nor charges filed. As promised, we are sending the \$1000 in reward donations we received from generous, concerned citizens and adopters to the Animal Cruelty Task Force of Southern Arizona to aid in other neglect or abuse cases.

Leashes Save Lives

To leash or not to leash? There is no question...LEASH! There is no way to guarantee your greyhound's safety in an unfenced area unless they are leashed, no matter how well your greyhound is trained.

Your greyhound has been bred for centuries to be lightning fast and will run after anything that moves. This is not disobedience, this is instinct. They have been bred and trained to run and hunt, and you will never out run them. Do not risk tragedy.

Always walk your greyhound with a martingale collar or harness and a leash. Only in a secured, fully enclosed area like your yard, a dog park or the play group yard is it safe to allow your greyhound off-leash. Not only is keeping your greyhound leashed in open areas the only way to keep him safe, it is also a requirement of the contract you signed when you adopted your hound. Please honor your contract and always keep a leash on your hound when you are outside a fenced area.

Forever Home Notes: Ernie

We got a call this am from mom Amy Hickman whose family adopted Ernie. She wanted to give us an update on the boy. His elbow wound has completely healed. Yea!!!

He has totally become an integral part of their family. He takes turns sleeping in their 2 daughters rooms or goes back and forth through the night checking on each one. He would walk to school with them and want to stay with rather than go back home with mom.

Training Tips for Safety

Greyhounds are normally such laid back and easy-to-live-with companions that many of them don't require any formal obedience training. However, there are some basic skills that all dogs, no matter what the breed, should know.

Coming when called – This is a basic skill that could save your dog's life. Start to teach this by rewarding your dog whenever he voluntarily comes to you. Say his name when he's already on his way to you and praise him or give him a small treat. Be sure never to call your dog to you for something he sees as unpleasant. Also, never call your dog's name if you're not sure he'll respond. You don't want the dog to practice ignoring his name. Once your dog is responding to his name under minimal distractions at home, try this outside in the yard, then on a walk, gradually increasing the difficulty with more distractions. When he responds outside, be sure to have high value treats or one of his favorite toys to chase. If you call your dog away from a play session and he responds, allow him to go back to play as a reward.

Wait – This skill can prevent door darting or jumping out of the car before you're ready. Practice this skill at all doorways that lead outside. Walk with your dog to a doorway. As you touch the doorknob, use your other hand as a stop signal to your dog and body-block as necessary to prevent forward movement. Do not turn the doorknob unless the dog remains in position. Gradually increase the difficulty (turning the doorknob, opening the door slightly). The criterion for progressing is that the dog remains in position. The goal is to be able to completely open the door wide while the dog remains in the house until you release him with an "OK!"

Barb Gadola is the owner of Distinctive Dog Training, LLC and kennel and foster home coordinator for AGR. Distinctive Dog Training offers free phone or email consultations to all new greyhound adopters. She can be reached at: foster@azgreyhoundrescue.org



Ernie napping post-shoulder injury.

What the Kids Say

Remember the TV program, “Kids say the darndest things?” Well, it is still true. Wes, Ginny, and Prince visited Rattlesnake Ridge Elementary, Picture Rocks Intermediate, and Gridley Middle School. Thank you to Cindy Hall’s fifth grade and Pam Stein’s Life Skills classes. Their students provided some wonderful insights in their thank you notes (spelling and grammar have not been changed):

“Save all racing greyhounds. Adopt today a little love goes a long way”

“I can use this later in my life by helping the greyhounds get owners so they are loved and happy”

“I liked how you actually brought in real live greyhounds.”

“I learned that dogs are put to sleep if they don’t get adopted.”

“I liked ... when you told us about when your dogs got loose and all of the people came to help?”

“I liked hearing you talk about volunteering, because I’d like love to volunteer one day. I also know what to do to prepare for a greyhound coming to live in my family’s home.”

“I didn’t know that when people race grey hounds that they are put in such horrible condition.”

“I was gross when Prince flatulated in the class.”

Initiative May Impact Track

Tucson Dog Protection, a group of concerned citizens, has prepared an initiative to be presented to the voters in South Tucson that reads:

No person shall knowingly feed a dog uncooked, 4D meat.
No person shall knowingly give anabolic steroids to any dog to enhance performance or prevent a dog from going into heat.
No person shall confine a dog to a crate or cage for more than 18 hours total unless deemed medically necessary by a licensed veterinarian.

Although greyhound rescue groups have worked hard to find homes for retired racers, this is a chance for voters to use their voice. This can be a powerful step to assist the plight of racing greyhounds. Please visit www.tucsondogprotection.com and find out how you can help support the cause. Over 100 veterinarians and certified vet techs have endorsed the initiative.

For more information, visit www.tucsondogprotection.com.

Wanted

Adoption Coordinators

(Central Tucson/Foothills and Green Valley)

Adoption coordinators talk with prospective adopters, set up home visits, arrange for delivery, complete adoption paperwork, and do adoption follow-ups.

If interested, contact Janet Vaupel at adoption@azgreyhoundrescue.org

Foster Homes

AGR is constantly in need of foster homes. We need both short-term (post surgery, respite, medical needs) and long-term (until the foster is adopted) foster homes.

Medical Transport

We need volunteers to help with transporting our greyhounds from the kennel to and from medical appointments or surgeries at Ina Rd Animal Hospital.

To become a foster home or help with medical transport, please contact Barbara Gadola at: foster@azgreyhoundrescue.org



Lois has moved to Tucson all the way from Kansas.

Check Out Our Website! www.azgreyhoundrescue.org

See what is new! View the new hounds! Check out our upcoming events! Share pictures and stories! Updated frequently so check every day!

You Make it All Possible

Reflected below are donations received from January 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008. We thank you for your generosity and kindness from the bottom of our hearts and paws!



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AGR Needs Foster Homes

Greyhound socialization is a key component to successful adoption. Fostering is especially beneficial if your situation doesn't allow for adoption of an animal at this time in your life. Fostering is one of the greatest gifts you can give to a greyhound. By getting a greyhound out of the kennel, you could be saving the life of a hound coming off the track with nowhere else to go. If you are interested in fostering, contact Barb at foster@azgreyhoundrescue.org.



Bono and Tai play in the dog runs at the kennel. Getting retired greyhounds out of the kennel and into foster homes is an important step in helping them find their forever homes.

AGR Alerts & Reminders

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 the 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 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 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.

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.

Outreach

AGR is always looking for outreach opportunities. If you know of groups or organizations that would appreciate or enjoy information about AGR and/or greyhounds, contact Julia Summers at outreach@azgreyhoundrescue.org.

Change of Address, Phone Number 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 or contact you if your greyhound is lost. Please take a few minutes to contact us about address or phone number changes by calling 886-7411.



Raffle Items Wanted

AGR has an ongoing need for raffle items to be used for ebay auctions but most importantly the upcoming October reunion. Please consider donating or using your connections to obtain a laptop computer, ipod, HD TV, play station, or some other kind of e-ticket item. We're also looking for donations of all kinds of services and gift cards, gas cards, "green" items, and art. Please contact Karyn at 318-1222 or karynzoldan@gmail.com for info or pickup.

Keep in touch

Are you missing out on the comings and goings of AGR news, events and volunteer opportunities? If so, now is the time to sign up for AGR's group email list and get connected. To join the group, send an email requesting to be added to Angy Shearer at fundraising@azgreyhoundrescue.org. Don't forget to check out the latest addition to the AGR website, we've got BLOG. The latest events, opportunities and funny stories are all there. Best of all, you can add your own personal comments to any story.

YouTube

Any video geeks out there? Help us expand AGR's YouTube presence. Check out the videos created by Melissa Banczak: <http://azgreyhoundrescue.org/html/audio-video.htm>. To add a video, contact: karynzoldan@gmail.com.



Coming Attractions - Join the Fun!

Dog Wash – Saturday, August 9

Reunion – Saturday, October 25

Save the date: Reid Park. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Committees will be forming soon.

Spay- \$205
Neuter- \$197, with complications-\$285
Valley Fever testing-\$95
Valley Fever treatment- \$90
Heartworm test- \$32
Rabies & bordatella vaccines-\$21
Minor laceration repair-\$275
Major laceration repair-\$1,982
Course of antibiotics-\$78
Routine dental-\$230
Extensive dental-\$686 (4 teeth extracted)
Treatment of skin condition- \$225
Minor ophthalmology-\$238



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- Foster homes
- Tents for events
- Sponsor website maintenance (2008)
- 4-foot tables for meet-and-greet venues (\$40 each)
- Folding wire crates (greyhound size)
- For kennel: bleach, rubber gloves, tall kitchen trash bags, large Nylabones, antibacterial hand soap, dog biscuits, disinfectant spray cleaner, martingale collars and six-foot leashes, Diamond brand beef and rice dog food (dry)
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