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In Loving Memory
Charlie Harris



In Loving Memory
Zeke Eilers



In Loving Memory of
our little girl Sadie.
Who had the grace,
charm and elegance of
a princess, the spirit of
an athlete and the
heart of an angel. We
are grateful to have
had her in our lives.

Notes from the Director

Greetings! It's a typical Arizona summer and we are looking forward to the cooler temperatures. I can tell you that my own personal dogs have really taken to lying under the fan.

Although the summer is traditionally a bit quieter than our winter months, this one has still kept us busy. We have adopted over 275 greyhounds since the first of the year and there is no doubt that the fantastic PR work that our volunteers do is showing up.

We recently participated in the Men's Expo/Big Boys and Their Toys at the Civic Center. Thanks to everyone who worked. We had a great weekend! We've had a few calls from the event and look forward to next year. It takes so many volunteers to successfully cover a large weekend event like this one. We couldn't do it without your help.

When the weather cools down the Valley really comes to life. We have several activities planned for the fall. Our most exciting activity is our Annual Picnic and Fundraiser, which takes place on November 4th. Read on to find out all about this great day!

We will also be attending the Fountain Hills Arts Festival, the Sunnyslope Community Picnic and a few holiday parades around the Valley and State.

Details for all of these festivities can be found on page 2 in the Poops and Scoops section of this newsletter.

I'd like to congratulate our Co-Volunteers of the Year - Sandy and David MARRS and Kathy and Bill Roundtree. These two families work tirelessly for our program at just about every event



we attend, as well as one Saturday each month at Phoenix Greyhound Park. Thank you to the MARRS and Roundtrees for your dedication to Arizona Adopt A Greyhound!

I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the PetsMart Charities May 2000 Adopt-A-Thon. We received a \$450 donation from PetsMart for our participation.

As our program continues to expand, we're working on several new exciting projects. Watch our upcoming newsletter issues for more details on our expanded web page where we will soon be displaying and selling many of our retail items online.

Enjoy the nice weather and I'll see you at our picnic.

Happy Hounding!
Cheryl 🐾

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New Greyhound Gifts in our Adoption Trailer

We're very excited to become a Sandicast retail outlet. For those of you who aren't familiar with the Sandicast line, they are beautifully handcrafted sculptures of greyhounds. We have several small and medium styles and colors as well as a large, life-size statue that is so realistic you'll do a doubletake the first time you see it! We'll be carrying a few in our AAGI trailer but most will be ordered, with delivery just a week or two after we place the order. We'll have them all displayed at our picnic, or drop by the trailer on Friday or Saturday nights to see them. You'll want one in every shape, size and color!

We have also recently begun stocking several Bronze Acrylic Sculptures by Terry Lerner, several pewter sculptures, Agate/wood trinket boxes with greyhounds on the lids, bookends and many other exciting new products! All profits from the sale of all of these items goes directly to AAGI.

New Product - Oxyfresh

We're very excited to be carrying Oxyfresh. Please see page 4 for more information about this amazing product, which is now available in our adoption trailer.

New PetsMart — 38th Street and Thomas

We will be attending a brand new PetsMart at 38th Street and Thomas on the 4th Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm. This is a smaller store and only able to handle three or four greyhounds at a time. If you are interested in helping please call Polly Peters at 602-894-2094 and make arrangements with her to volunteer at this store.

Arizona Family Fun Expo

October 7th and 8th, Phoenix Civic Plaza

This is another large Expo sponsored by Channel 3, which puts on the Women's and Men's Expo. We're very excited to be invited to run a booth at this very busy event. We'll need lots of help, so if you're interested please give Sharon a call at (602) 971-6935, mailbox #3 or e-mail her at dynamodog@uswest.net.

Special Olympics Fall Games

October 14th, Chaparral Park, Scottsdale

We have been participating in Special Olympics Games for several years now, and have become one of the favorite attractions. It's also a great

experience for the families that work with their greyhounds. The kids love the dogs! If you can help with out at the Fall Games give Sharon a call!

Third Annual Sunnyslope Community Picnic

Saturday, October 21st

Come enjoy the afternoon by helping in our booth at the Picnic. There will be entertainment, lunch and exhibit booths, including an AAGI booth to promote adoptions. If you can volunteer for this event, which will take place at Cross Roads Methodist Church, 7901 N. Central Avenue, give Sharon a call at (602) 971-6935, line 3, or e-mail her at dynamodog@uswest.net.

Our booth will have shade.

Tempe Fantasy of Lights Parade

This parade is traditionally the Friday after Thanksgiving, and what a sight! The only requirement is that you light up your greyhound in some way - leash, collar, coat, the more lights the better. Battery powered lights are available at Michael's, WalMart and other local stores. Get crazy! For more information, or to volunteer to walk in the parade, give Sharon a call at (602) 971-6935, mailbox #3. We will confirm the date closer to the parade.

Fountain Hills Art Festival

November 11th and 12th

Please help us at the Fountain Hills Art Festival in November. This has become a huge event and takes a lot of volunteers to keep our booth staffed. Give us a call if you can help.

Fountain Hills Christmas Parade

Thursday, November 30th (Thanksgiving Day)

Our volunteers in the Fountain Hills area handle this one. They were involved in this parade last year, and want to make this year's entry bigger and better and filled with greyhounds. If you live near the Fountain Hills area and want to participate, give Don and Donna Corriero a call at (480) 837-3652.

Prescott Christmas Parade

December 2nd

Our friends in Prescott have made this an annual tradition. If you are interested in participating in the parade, call Dave and Shelley (520) 759-0733 or Barbara and Harold (520) 445-3318 for more information. 🐾

2000 Picnic with the Pups

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Picnic and Fundraiser**, which will take place on **Saturday, November 4, 2000 from 10 am until 2 pm.**

Phoenix Greyhound Park has generously agreed to let us hold it on their property again this year!

The cost to enter the picnic will be \$1.00 per person, and children under 12 are free. All proceeds from all events will go directly to AAGI to help with the many costs involved with running our busy program, including food, board and medical bills.

We have lots of exciting events planned, including:

- 🐾 The fabulous Gilley Girls Dancing Greyhound Drill Team will perform again this year.** For those of you who missed this wonderful show, you're in for a treat! Show time is 1pm and is free for everyone.
- 🐾 Come hungry**, because we'll be grilling up hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs on the BBQ. Chips, drinks and other goodies will also be available.
- 🐾 Our gift shop will be open for business**, with so much new merchandise you won't know what to buy first! Be the first to get your Sandicast statues, including a lifesize greyhound that looks exactly like the real thing. We'll have new T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Sweatshirts, and greyhound gifts galore for yourself or that special greyhound lover in your family. Give Oxyfresh a try for that pesky bad breath.
- 🐾 Save a little room for dessert**, or take some home for later. Our Bake Sale table will have gobs of goodies for both you and your greyhounds.
- 🐾 Stop by the always popular Nail Trimming/Ear Cleaning "Spa" for a quick pedicure for your greyhounds.** Our expert nail trimmers will have your hounds looking beautiful in no time at all. Just \$5.00 per greyhound!
- 🐾 Look for our Foster Dogs throughout the day.** They'll be wearing coats that say "I'm Available." You might just run into your new family addition!
- 🐾 Photographs with Santa!** Peter Pagnotta from Camelback Photography will be set up to take professional photographs of your greyhounds with Santa. Portraits of your pet will also be available. Peter has worked as a professional photographer since 1990, and is a member of

the Professional Photographers Association. He will be photographing your pets at the picnic and mailing your photos to your home. These will be professionally developed and **not** digital photographs like we had last year. Please feel free to contact Peter directly to see samples of his work before the picnic. He will also display samples at the picnic. There will be no sitting fee, and one 8"x10" or two 5"x7"s will be \$15.00 (tax included). **Ten percent of all proceeds will be donated to Arizona Adopt A Greyhound.** He will accept Visa, Mastercard or personal checks.

Camelback Photography, 10636 N. 71st Way, #8, Scottsdale, AZ 85254 (480) 905-8001
e-mail: camelphoto@aol.com.

- 🐾 Try your luck at our "Egghound" Obstacle Course.** You and your greyhound will run through orange cones while you balance an egg on a spoon. We'll be running it throughout the day, with prizes given for the best times. Fifty cents per run, everyone gets a treat for trying.
- 🐾 Will your greyhound Bob for Hot Dogs?** It's just 50 cents a try and lots of fun for your hound. A great treat if they can catch one!
- 🐾 Raffle - \$5.00 per ticket, \$25.00 for six.** A small price to pay for the chance to win a Lifesize Greyhound Sandicast Statue! See insert for ticket information, or visit the retail area at our picnic. The raffle will take place at 2 pm, right after the Dancing Greyhound Drill Team show. You do not need to be present to win, but if you are you get to take your statue home with you!
- 🐾 Our second Annual Greyhound Costume Contest will take place at 11 am.** Last year was hilarious, with everything from poodles to angels to Elvira. We can't wait to see what shows up this year. Check in anytime between 10 am - 10:45 am. Just look for the signs. Prizes include Dinner for Two at Phoenix Greyhound Park, a soft new fluffy bed, leashes and collars, and coats.

The Phoenix Greyhound Park parking lot will be especially busy as Park N Swap will also be in progress. Enter the parking lot from 36th Street and look for the signs for AAGI Parking, which will be free.

We hope to see you all for a great day with our greyhounds! 🐾

For volunteer information, see page 5.





Oxyfresh...

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At the Maine Greyhound Placement kennel we occasionally get a Greyhound off the track that has excessive gum recession. Greyhounds tend not to have pockets around their teeth, instead they tend to have gum erosion. Not knowing who may adopt this particular Grey, and at what level of dental care it may receive, I tend to have those teeth extracted. This allows the gums to heal and eliminates the concern of placing this Grey with someone who may not keep up with proper dental care.

The Bridgton Veterinary Hospital and Dr. Wheeler not only specialize in Greyhounds but do advanced dental procedures not normally performed in most veterinary hospitals; such as crowns, orthodontics, root canals, and vital pulpotomies. Due to Dr. Wheeler's influence, and hands-on prophylactic procedures I have done, I have quickly come to realize how important dental care is for any pet. Eighty-five percent of all dogs over the age of three have some level of periodontal disease. Being at the hospital so much I have also observed Luanne the Dental Tech working on many cats, which seem to have the worst dental problem of any pets I have seen.

Proper dental care not only makes for better breath of your pet, but also effects its long-term health. Continued bacterial intake from dental problems can shorten your pets life by putting an extra load on their kidneys and other vital organs.

I also believe hundreds if not thousands of pets across the country end up in shelters due to aggression (bites) shown to their owners, when in fact they are in severe pain. I feel a fairly good percentage of these pets aren't feeling well from a dental problem or other easily treated condition. We have had a Greyhound returned to us after being a great family pet for years. I asked the owner to have the Grey checked out by their local vet for health problems. She was returned to the kennel and was sensitive in the mouth area. I did a dental cleaning on her and the dental tech took full mouth x-rays. Luanne found a fractured tooth, and root that was infected. We had to extract that tooth, let her heal, and she is now happily finishing her retirement in comfort.

As many of you know Maine Greyhound Placement Service owns an anesthesia machine, ultra-sonic scaler, and performs complete prophylaxis (dentals) on many of its Greyhounds. Dr. Wheeler was working with a veterinary colleague, Dr. Max J. Herman VMD, who is board certified in animal dentistry. Dr. Wheeler invited me to meet Dr. Herman and I happily accepted. I showed him the dental equipment that Maine Greyhound Placement Service had purchased and he made some comments and suggestions.

Dr. Herman was not particularly impressed with my aggressive way of extracting troubled teeth. After explaining that I'd rather have a tooth (or teeth) extracted that have badly receded gums because I have no way of knowing if the new adopter will follow up with brushing (which every dog and cat should receive), Dr. Herman explained other options that could be used for periodontal disease. One of the easiest suggestions was to use Oxyfresh as an additive in their drinking water.

Oxyfresh is totally safe and has been used for humans for years. It helps kill bacteria around the teeth and gum line to not only improve the animal's breath but also slows the progression of periodontal disease. It's not that we didn't believe him, but "seeing" is believing for us.

Amber's Greyhound Gina (a ten-year-old female) was scheduled for some extraction and this seemed to be the perfect time to test the effectiveness of Oxyfresh as an alternative. Instead of extraction, I gave her a prophylaxis then added Oxyfresh to all her drinking water. Amber continued brushing but the difference of using Oxyfresh was quite dramatic. The plaque was much slower to return and her breath was dramatically improved. Because of the results we saw with a Greyhound with severe gum recession like Gina, it was well worth using Oxyfresh on all six of our sight hounds. Oxyfresh also makes a pet gel for dental brushing. We find this most helpful when used with our CET pet toothpaste. Many of Bridgton Veterinary Hospital's clients are using Oxyfresh as an additive for other pets as well. 🐾

NOTE: Oxyfresh is now available in AAGI's adoption trailer. The AAGI staff has also tested Oxyfresh on their greyhounds and found it to be very effective, especially for bad breath.

Lure Coursing

Lure Coursing — Fun For Your Dog and You!

By Laura Taylor

Many of you may not know that the sport of lure coursing exists and is available in the Valley from fall to late winter. Field trials are conducted under the rules of the American Sighthound Field Association and there are two local clubs that hold them, the Arizona Gazehound Association and the Desert Fun Bunch. Greyhounds and the ten other breeds of sighthounds are eligible to compete. Prizes are awarded as ribbons, with the ultimate goal of attaining the title of Field Champion.

Ideal candidates to compete in lure coursing are those greyhounds that have been retired six months or less. It is best if your dog has only gained one or two pounds more than its racing weight as it is easier on its body to run carrying less weight. Also, recently retired dogs will have retained a greater percent of their racing condition than dogs that have been out of training longer.

Work is required on your part to keep your hound in coursing condition, not just during coursing season, but in the off season as well, so that condition is not lost. A brisk half hour walk three to four times a week would be a good minimum, with jogging or bicycling with your dog being even better.

It is advisable to try your dog in a practice race to help you decide if lure coursing is right for you and your dog. Practice races are run at the end of the day's coursing. Dogs are judged on speed, agility, enthusiasm, endurance and follow (the lure) so a practice run will allow you to see how your dog does compared to these criteria. It will also allow you to see how easily you can catch your dog after

the lure brings it back to the starting line. They must run with no collars on for safety reasons. In coursing, the dogs are allowed to catch the lure at the end of the race — something our retired racers have never been allowed to do before. The lure, consisting of white plastic bags running on a thin line a few inches above the ground, is usually eagerly grabbed and shaken by the dog. The owner slips in and re-collars the dog while it is distracted by the lure. If you have watched races at Phoenix Greyhound Park, you have seen the ease which the handlers catch the dogs while they are looking to see where the lure went.



After running a practice race, if you have decided to continue, the next step, is to get your dog certified to race. Certification races are run each morning of the two day field trials before the regular races begin. Your dog will have to run against another greyhound or sighthound of similar running style to make sure that it won't intentionally bump an opponent. Most greyhounds have no trouble getting certified. Two judges watch the race and then sign a form saying your dog ran clean. You need to provide your dog's NGA "volume and certification" numbers on the form.

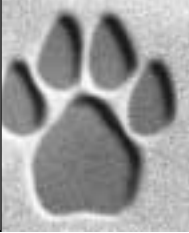
Now your dog is ready to compete in the Open Greyhound Stake — Preliminary and Final Courses. You may be surprised to learn that the majority of dogs competing in lure coursing are not greyhounds and most of the greyhounds that do compete are show dogs, not retired racers. Our

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Calling All Volunteers for the 2000 Picnic with the Pups!!

As always this event will be busy, so we could use your help. If you could help out for a couple of hours please give Sharon a call at (602) 971-6935, and leave a message in mailbox #3. Or e-mail her at dynamodog@uswest.net. We sure would appreciate your time in helping to make this our most successful picnic/fundraiser yet!

We also need baked goods for our Bake Sale Table. If you would like to donate some homemade goodies for either humans or greyhounds, please bring them with you to the picnic and drop them at our bake sale table as early as possible. Please wrap them for sale, either individually or as one unit. We will price them for you. 🐾



Dear AAGI...

*John and Berkley Hudson adopted Angel, race name Angel Face, in November 1993.
She is a red female who just turned 10. Happy Birthday Angel!*

April 20, 2000

Dear Cheryl

This month is Angel's (formerly Angelface) tenth birthday, which is somewhat of a milestone for any greyhound. We thought you might be interested in how Angel is doing, and we also needed to give you our new address.

Angel is aging gracefully, and without too many problems. She has acclimated well to Montana, and seems to thrive on the cooler weather. She's not much good if it's colder than about ten above, and will never make a new career as a sled dog, but she sure loves to run in the snow!

Angel has also learned the advantages of flannel sheets, and is quite adept at turning down the covers and re-arranging the pillows to her satisfaction. As always, she savors a long walk around the neighborhood, and she is more than willing to remind you that it is walk time.

We hope that all is going well at AAGI, and that many more greyhounds are finding loving homes through your efforts.

Sincerely,

Jon & Berkley Hudson



Sam & Axel Albue



Necco Freeman



Sam & Jackie Albue

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dogs, with one year of training and two to three years of racing behind them are the logical choice of dog to compete in lure coursing. They usually are faster than the show greyhounds, too.

When you see how excited your dog gets when it sees the lure and see the tail wagging and the mouth open in a happy grin at the end of a course, you'll know you made the right decision in deciding to compete your dog.

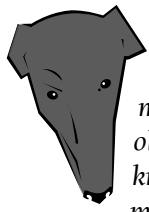
Field trials are open to spectators, so even if you're not competing a dog, you can come see what it's all about.

Call **Arizona Gazehound Association** (AGA) field Trial Secretary **Julie Konwent** at (602) 867-8174 to get on their mailing list for information/entry forms for their field trials. For **Desert Fun Bunch** (DFB) information/entry forms call Field Trial Secretary **Colleen Ayling** at (602) 955-3765. You may enter your dog Saturday or Sunday or both. For further information or questions, call the author of this article, **Laura Taylor**, at (480) 990-2709. Call the **National Greyhound Association** (NGA) at (785) 263-4660 and give them your dog's left and right ear tattoo numbers (easily found on your copy of the adoption agreement) in order to get your dog's volume and certification numbers, the NGA's equivalent to an AKC registration number. 🐾

*** Arizona Adopt A Greyhound tries to provide as many articles of interest as possible to better inform our families of the different activities available for you and your greyhounds. We encourage you to research any sporting activity carefully before participating.

Special Need Greyhounds

The following are some very "special" greyhounds that are looking for homes. Do you have room for one of them? Please call the AAGI line at (602) 971-6935, mailbox #2, for more information about any of our special greyhounds.

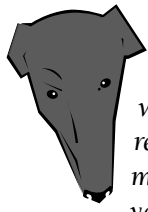


Shawnie

"I retired in 1993 and was left behind by my family who moved away. I am 11 years old and really need a nice home to live in. I know I'm old, but I'm a very sweet black male who would do fine with cats and loves other dogs. I have Pannus in one of my eyes so I require a drop in it each day. The medicine is not very expensive and will keep my Pannus under control. I'm special and need someone to love me. I've been living in a foster home for a few months and am doing well. Please call if you are interested."



Cupid, Angelia & Smokey



Bucky

"My name is Bucky, or Fast Tour as I was known in my racing days. I've been retired for six years but my family is moving and can't keep me anymore. I'm a very handsome ten year old black male and am looking for a new home. I'm great with other pets and love people, very friendly. If you might have room for me, give AAGI a call at (602) 971-6935, mailbox #2."



Lisa

"I'm a 10 year old brindle female looking for a home. I am good with cats and other pets. I would do best if there were other dogs to keep me company. I am no trouble at all, very quiet and sweet, a little shy until I get to know you. If you have room for me please call the AAGI line."

How Do You Know When You Have Too Many Dogs?

1. When you have more grass in your driveway than in your backyard.
2. When your neighbors find ANY dog running loose and automatically bring it to your house.
3. When you want to watch TV and you have to sit on the floor because all of the furniture is "occupied."
4. When it takes you longer to wash your dogs' dishes than your own.
5. When you have to use a wash tub for a water dish.
6. When you have to run an obstacle course to get to the phone.
7. When you see one of your dogs doing something bad (like chewing something up or leaving a "dog deposit" on the rug) and you have to run through the entire list of dogs' names in order to yell at the right one and by then it is too late.
8. When the hazmat team comes to your house on trash day to handle the "deposits" that you have placed in your trash can.
9. When you have all of your dogs in the back seat of your car and it automatically changes lanes when they move to the other side of the car.
10. When you NEVER go anywhere for a vacation because it costs more to kennel your dogs than to go to Hawaii.
11. When you have an extension on your king-sized bed so you all fit.
12. When Iams/Eukanuba makes home deliveries.
13. When you move your bedroom into the garage and put a king and queen size bed together so all of your dogs can sleep with you.
14. When you can't remember all of your dogs' names and just call them Baby and Pup-Pup.
15. When you take your dogs for a run in the park and people think it is a dog show (more like a 3-ring circus!!). 🐾



Daphne Jones & Friend



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