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## Notes from the Director –

I am sure the topic on everybody's mind is what is happening with AAGI now that Phoenix Greyhound Park is closing. And although I can give you some updates I still don't have all the answers – please note that this is sort of a follow up to my original notes which are posted on the website.

We have been working with several other groups to see who can take how many dogs and what out-of-state programs may be able to help with a few. We are also working hand in hand with the racing kennels to get a better idea about the number of dogs as they make their plans – some are planning to race in Tucson, some are going to out of state tracks.

We have secured our kennel space for the immediate future so we will have that resource for now – it remains to be seen what will become of that property in the future so we are looking at alternatives.

We have had several families step forward and offer to foster (thank you, bless you) so I am building a list of foster homes to tap into once we start to bring extra dogs in.

We are moving and plotting and planning every day and very open to ideas and suggestions – just email [kari@arizonaadoptagreyhound.org](mailto:kari@arizonaadoptagreyhound.org)

## **Sooooo -- what can you do to help??**

**Finances:** Unfortunately that is always the center of things. AAGI is a big and successful program but what we do is also costly. Maintaining a kennel allows us to help more dogs but it is an expense. Taking 5-6 dogs per week to the vet for spay/neuter brings more dogs off the track but it is an expense. In spite of adoption fees, donations and our fundraising efforts we would still not be able to do all we do if it were not for the generosity of the grant from PGP.

As we make future plans without the grant money basic budgeting says we have to cut expenses or increase income or both. My hope is that we can do both successfully. If we trim the numbers of dogs back to maybe 30 instead of 50 that still allows us to help many future greyhounds without sacrificing their needs. At the same time if we increase our monthly income the combination effect will get us through.

So, please, take a look at your household budget and see if AAGI can fit in as one of your expenses and then let us know. If a number of AAGI supporters pledge as little as \$25, \$50 or \$100 per month it will solve the problem. You can mail us a check each month, we will set it up on line or we can even do it as an automatic monthly deduction. Again just email Kari to get started.

Or if we don't fit into your monthly budget maybe you can just do a quarterly or annual gift. Also many employers will match donations to non-profit groups – we have several that we work with now so check out the rules at your employers.

**Fosters:** This really is one of our biggest, on going needs. And it really can be fun!! We supply all the food, plus any needed medical so all you have to do is add the love!!

Those are the main things for now – we will be updating you as we go along so please stay in touch. Hope to see you at the picnic – hopefully not our last at PGP.

In service to the hounds,  
Kari

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## Helping get slot machines

The future of greyhound racing in the state of Arizona is very much tied to getting the Arizona State Legislative body to allow slot machines at the race tracks. To me this seems like a no brainer and a win-win for a state with desperate budget woes.

Slot machines at the race track will generate a **45% tax** for the state – a substantial increase over the 2-8% the tribal casinos pay now. Additionally it is a “voluntary” tax – if you don’t choose to gamble you don’t pay – which I find better than increasing sales tax for everybody in these tough economic times.

This will not open the door to slot machines everywhere – gambling is already approved at the race tracks and slots would be limited to those facilities.

I’m not naïve enough to think this will balance the state budget but it does put some money in the coffers to aid with education, police, fire or whatever. And in spite of my love for greyhound racing I would be in favor of this alternative.

The representatives and senators are all on break right now but when they reconvene in the spring I hope I can call on you to help write letters and make calls encouraging the legislature to do whatever necessary to bring slot machines to race tracks.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **AAGI Golf Tournament “Greyhounds on the Greens”**

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 18, 2009 at ASU Karsten Golf Course in Tempe for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. Even if you don’t play golf you can donate prizes for the Raffle. All kinds of things like Restaurant Certificates, Massages, Baskets of Goodies, most anything you enjoy. You can also buy a line on the AAGI Hole sign for your Family or your pet(s). Of course if you are inclined you can sponsor a hole or maybe you know of a business that might want to do that. Please check our website for details [www.arizonaadoptagreyhound.org](http://www.arizonaadoptagreyhound.org) and entry form. Hope many of you will be able to play or pass this on to your friends that play golf. It is a fun time followed by a Tournament Luncheon and Raffle and Award Ceremony. All to help the hounds.

#### **AAGI Annual Picnic**

Better not miss this one for sure. We will have the usual fun events and a few new things. Kay Cox, an animal communicator, will be there again this year. We have a wonderful vocalist, Ronnetta Nelson that will sing at the Bell Ceremony. Of course we will have pictures with Santa, the Blur of Fur and Hot Dog dunking plus lots of Hamburgers and Hotdogs to eat. Many of your favorite vendors will also be there with lots of goodies and oh yes a favorite the Greyhound Costume Contest. We will also be honoring our seniors. Hope to see you all there. It is Saturday November 7, 2009 from 10-2pm.

Please check out our website [www.arizonaadoptagreyhound.org](http://www.arizonaadoptagreyhound.org) to get your raffle tickets and register your senior dog for the Senior Recognition Parade.

#### **Fountain Hills Festival of Arts & Crafts Fair**

One of our favorite events and one that always gets adoptions is the Fountain Hills Fair. We do this event twice a year, the next time in February and it is called Great Fair. This time it is November 13-15, 2009 three days of fun. We need a lot of volunteers for these days. The fair runs from 10am-5pm and needs the booth manned at all times. We have a list started with names of people interested in joining in. If you have never gone before it is a busy event. Lots of people and lots of pets for our hounds. The booth will be set up and everything you need will be there, we just need you and your hound(s) to join in the fun. Please let me know if interested in joining. [sharon@arizonaadoptagreyhound.org](mailto:sharon@arizonaadoptagreyhound.org) or [dynamodog@cox.net](mailto:dynamodog@cox.net)

**Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Day Parade**

The theme this year is "The Holidays Sparkle through the Eyes of a Child. I have been gathering names before I sign us up and right now we do not have enough people. I have to get the form in soon so please let me know if you plan on attending. The parade steps off at 9am sharp and we need to be there by 8am at the latest. It is about a mile long through Fountain Hills and it is on Thanksgiving morning. We are usually finished and on the road home by 11am. Please let me know right away if interested in walking your hound in the parade.

**APS Fantasy of Lights Parade in Tempe**

Oh what a great parade and it is November 28, 2009. Dress your hound and yourself in lights. They can be purchased almost anywhere, battery operated. Use a coat or make a costume for your hound or just place them around their neck, Christmas theme of course. Santa Hats and reindeer horns and jingle bells are nice too. This is such a wonderful parade and it wraps itself back so you end up where you started. There are so many folks that are in this parade and the hounds love it. We can have a trailer if someone has one they can pull and we can decorate it. "Home for the Holidays" is the theme for this parade this year. This is the first year that it will cost us to march so please let me know as soon as you can. We have to be in the staging area by 4pm and I will send rules and other information out to those who volunteer.

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**Remember that events are added all the time so please be sure Sharon is kept up with your current email so that you can be notified. Also if there is something near you that we would benefit from being there please let Sharon know.**

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**Our last adoption for the year will be December 18, 2009 and we will reopen the first week in January with our first adoption night Friday January 8, 2010.**

**Nail Clinics:**

- Saturday October 10, 2009 10am-1pm
- Saturday November 7, 2009 (at the annual picnic) 10am - 2pm
- Saturday December 11, 2009 10am-1pm



*AAO Angels...  
Waiting at the Bridge*



Ghost  
Taos Apacheghost, 5/96 - 06/09  
Waiting for Luana Dobson

Cosmo  
Deter, 11/98 - 7/09  
Waiting for Bob and Barbara Campbell

Rushmore  
WD's Rushmore, 09/97- 05/09  
Waiting for Deborah Blair

Bonnie  
Red Line Racer, 10/97 - 08/09  
Waiting for Steve & Jennifer John

Audrie  
KMA Deep Throat, 12/03 - 08/09  
Waiting for Marlys Walrath

Manzy  
Action Annie, 10/98 - 09/09  
Waiting for Jeff Wine

Oscar  
Flame Flinger, 04/99 - 09/09  
Waiting for Kim & Charlie Leight



Benjie  
Taos Benjie, 4/97 - 06/09  
Waiting for Art Fenster & Lorraine Stein

Smokin  
MR's Lil Smokin, 02/96 - 07/09  
Waiting for Helen Barnett

Lindy  
OJ Linda Lou, 05/99- 05/09  
Waiting for Deborah Blair

Red  
Byline Bart, 06/99 - 07/09  
Waiting for Donna Hnida

Sammie  
BW's Grand Slam, 06/98 - 07/09  
Waiting for Judy Graham

Brody  
Lil Sherriff, 08/03 - 08/09  
Waiting for Lisa Rimlinger

Ginger  
MRs Legend, 7/96 - 10/09  
Waiting for Terry & RoseAnn Wishner

Charlie Boy  
DJ's Charlie Boy, 10/99 - 09/09  
Waiting for Tim & Dana Tait

Sweet Pea  
Swing Pass, 06/95 - 05/09



Waiting for Theresa Riley



Tovar

Coldwater Tovar, 02/99 - 04/09

Waiting for Hal & Jeanne Elliott



Pepper

Betty's Giggles, 08/96 - 07/09

Waiting for Stan and Shelley Roberts



Moe

Jute, 08/98 - 06/09

Waiting for John & Kyoko Gentile



Missy

Simply the BEST, 07/02 - 07/09

Waiting for Jim & Cheryl Bedore



Maggie

TMJ's Stephanie, 05/98 - 02/09

Waiting for Marilyn Miller and Ed Aucoin



Missey

FV's Missey, 08/97 - 07/09

Waiting for John and Lynn Shoemaker

Champ

Universal Champ, 10/98 - 07/09

Waiting for Bill & Joyce Stewart



Dippy "The Infamous Danish Thief"  
Desert Diplomat, 07/99 - 08/09  
Waiting for Sharon Diebel



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