

Notes from the Director

Welcome to *Paws & Tales*!

If you're a new adopter, we hope you will enjoy our quarterly newsletter. In it you'll find information about AAGI events, helpful greyhound hints, letters from our adopting families, and much more.

Fall is one of our busiest times of the year. We not only place more greyhounds into homes, but we are busy with many volunteer events. I guess we all get tired of being cooped up during the hot weather!

We have a few events scheduled, which we will tell you about in this issue, however many invitations come up after our newsletter is printed. **Please call our AAGI line and listen to the message in mailbox 3.** We'll keep that updated with

upcoming events. We also have an on-line newsletter which we will update on a regular basis - check it out at: www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com (go to the **Greyhounds As Pets** section). Please come out and help at one of our events - it's a great way to spend the day with your pet and to help find homes for retired racers! As always, we hope to see all of you at one of our volunteer events this fall.

One of our most anticipated events is the **annual AAGI picnic**, which is scheduled for **Saturday, October 30, 1999**. This year's picnic will be held at **Phoenix Greyhound Park**. All the details are in this newsletter so be sure to read on. We can't wait to see you and your greyhounds.

Enjoy the cool weather!

Happy Hounding, Cheryl 🐾

New Adoption Requirements for Arizona Adopt A Greyhound

After much consideration and discussion we have decided to change AAGI's adoption policy for families with small children.

AAGI will no longer place retired racing greyhounds into homes with a child under the age of three.

While we all agree that the greyhound is a wonderful breed for children of all ages, we have found that many adults do not provide the supervision necessary for a successful adoption to families with small children. In recent years, as our number of adoptions increase, we have seen more and more incidents of greyhounds growling and snapping at the young children in the home. Perhaps those families with more pet experience are better able to deal with this situation, however many cannot. We hope that this policy change will eliminate the problems some families have experienced.

In our research, we have found that other adoption programs around the country either have this policy in place or are currently in the process of adopting it.

For parents with small children over the age of three, we will be recommending they read a book called "**Childproofing Your Dog**" by Brian Kilcommons and Sara Wilson. This is an inexpensive, quick read which provides valuable information on helping your dog and children live in harmony. We will be stocking this book in our adoption trailer if you are interested in reading it. 🐾

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Kiersten & Mary Kerr



Bubba Hayden



Athena Bailey



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Yard Tips

Have you ever noticed brown circular patches in your lawn? This may be a fertilizer burn resulting from dog urination. Dog urine is high in nitrogen content and if too much is concentrated in one spot, it can actually burn the grass.

Since female dogs tend to squat and empty their bladder in one spot, they generally cause more burns. Male dogs tend to mark their territory and squirt a little here, and a little there, spreading it around in smaller doses. All grasses respond differently with Bermuda grass being very sensitive, and perennial ryegrass most resistant to urine effects.

One of the ways to minimize this problem is to dilute the nitrogen content in the urine by making sure the dog gets plenty of water - perhaps adding water to dry food, etc. For older and less active dogs, you may be able to reduce the amount of protein, which will also reduce the nitrogen. Consult your veterinarian before modifying your pet's diet! To help eliminate the burn on the lawn, water the spot within eight hours of urination to dilute nitrogen content.

Our thanks to Lucy Bradley, an urban horticulture agent, for these helpful tips.

Fountain Hills Art Festival

November 12, 13 and 14 — Give us a call at (602) 971-6935 and leave a message in mailbox 3 if you'd like to volunteer with your greyhound(s). Our booth, which is donated by All Creature's Pet Supply in Fountain Hills, is always one of the busiest at the festival. The more help we have the better! Be sure to call before you go so we can add you to the schedule. We get very crowded and must be careful to be respectful of other vendors.

Tempe Festival of Lights Parade

Friday, November 26, 1999 (tentative date)
Weather permitting, we'll be there. The only requirement for participating in this parade is that **your greyhound must wear lights!** Battery powered lights are available at WalMart, Michaels, and other craft stores. You can light your greyhound's collar, leash, coat, anything you want! **Be creative.** Call us if you want to participate and we'll give you some ideas. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit!
(602) 971-6935, press 3 to leave a message on the volunteer line.

ESA's Walkin' The Dog Booth

Saturday, October 16, 1999 - Kiwanis Park in Tempe — Join other pet lovers for the 2nd Annual ESA's Walkin' the Dog fund-raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Center. We're attending this year with a booth to acquaint participants and visitors with retired racing greyhounds. If you'd like to take part in the walk, give them a call at (623) 412-2269. If you'd like to come down and help out in our booth with your greyhound, call Sharon at (602) 971-6935 and leave your name and phone number in mailbox 3.

AAGI's 1st Annual Golf Tour.

First Annual Golf Tournament - Spring 2000
Planning has begun for our First Annual AAGI Golf Tournament! We're excited about this new project, and hope you will all come out and support us. We can always use more volunteers to help with planning the tournament, recruiting golfers, and help with promotion and sponsorships. Even if you can't take on a big project, we've got lots of smaller jobs. Every little bit helps!

As we get closer to our event, maybe your employer would like to get involved? No donation is too small, and what a great, tax-deductible cause! Give Michele Rebeor, our tournament Chair, a call at 812-9205, or e-mail her at luvagreyhnd@sprynet.com if you would like to help.

2nd Annual Sunnyslope Community Picnic

Saturday, October 16, 9 am - 3 pm — Bring your greyhounds and help work our booth at the Sunnyslope Community picnic, sponsored by Cross Roads Methodist Church, John C. Lincoln Health Network, and Sunnyslope Village Alliance. There will be live entertainment, games, arts and crafts, food, business and health exhibits, animal organizations, a petting zoo and more! If you'd like to help with this event, which will be held at Cross Roads Methodist Church on Central and Northern, give Sharon a call at 971-6935, mailbox #3.

Prescott Christmas Parade

December 4, 1999 - Our volunteers in Prescott will be attending the annual Christmas Parade this year. If you would like to join them, give Barbara Hayden a call at (520) 445-3318. 🐾

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory — Quartet Valentine

We received the following letter after our Summer Newsletter had gone to print. We express our deepest sympathy to the Valentine family, and thank them for the wonderful home they gave to Quartet.

Monday, June 7, 1999

Dear Cheryl -

This morning at 10:30, we put Quartet to sleep. Over the weekend she managed to break her very fragile right hip in several places. Being more than fifteen years of age, she was not a candidate for the necessary surgery to repair the damage. And I couldn't subject her to the trauma that would result from the removal of her leg.

When I picked her up at the kennel eight years ago, no one was particularly interested in her because she was old and arthritic. I gladly accepted the responsibility for her, being old and arthritic myself. As we left Chandler, she stood in the back seat of my VW Beetle, looked out the back window, and whimpered all the way to her new home. She apparently had some sense that where she had lived for many years while she became a Class A racer, a mother of several batches of puppies, and then her owner's favored bitch, was not the place she was going to. But as soon as I fed her after our arrival in Tempe she bonded to me and always moved from room to room with me so I wouldn't be out of her sight. If she couldn't find me, she would go to Kristin and look at her as though to ask, "Where's Gene?" She had become quite deaf in the past couple of years, but she managed to read lips and understand the need for patience.

During the past few years, her patience was severely tried, too. Because of her injuries and physical problems, Quartet frequently saw the inside of her veterinarians' office. But all of the staff enjoyed Quartet and accorded her considerable gentleness.

Quartet was the perfect greyhound: loyal, even tempered, obedient, affectionate, and funny (she would smile on demand and then offer her paws to be shaken). And we will always associate with her the unusual event that occurred when I buried her under the pines in our yard. After I had tapped down the earth and was backing away from the grave, a beautiful swallowtail butterfly rose from the ground behind the grave, darted into the air, fluttered about for a few seconds, and then disappeared out of sight. I don't know whether greyhounds have souls, but I think I saw Quartet's.

Cheryl, Kristin joins me in thanking you for bringing Quartet and the Valentines together. She has brought us much joy during the eight years we were together. And as the words on the plaque you all gave her in April read: she proved "that a greyhound's love goes on and on." Her memory will always be with us.

Sincerely,

Gene 🐾



Goodie Pascale

In Loving Memory — Goodie Pascale

Goodie leaves behind his family Barbara, Ernie and Tracy Pascale, his brother, "RC" Royal Crown and his favorite Golden Retriever "Shannon."

August 18, 1999

To AAGI -

Hi, I just wanted to take a few moments of my time to pay a tribute to a wonderful dog, friend, and companion. Recently, Goodie Pascale has passed away. We miss him dearly, but want his memory to stay with us...

Sincerely,

Tracy Pascale 🐾

Picnic with the Pups!

It won't be long until the triple digit temperatures are gone! That means it's time for our 3rd Annual Picnic In The Park With The Pups Fund-raiser. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 30, 1999 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

We thought we'd try something different this year. Phoenix Greyhound Park has generously offered to let us have our picnic at their Park. With all that space, we'll have plenty of room to spread out and have some fun.

Some of the events you can look forward to this year include:

1st Annual Greyhound Costume Contest

Just in time for Halloween, bring your greyhounds Trick or Treating at our picnic this year! Come on, everyone, get creative and win some great prizes, including a new fluffy dog bed, collar and leash set, Cool Paws, dinner for two at Phoenix Greyhound Park, FREE ProPac and much more. Every costumed greyhound gets a consolation prize for the effort, so don't miss out!

The costume contest will take place at 12:30 pm, check in for contestants will be 12:00 noon. Please call the AAGI line at 971-6935 and leave a message in mailbox 2 if you'd like to participate in the costume contest. If you decide at the last minute, just come on down with your greyhound in costume. We'll welcome entries right up until the check in time. No need to divulge your greyhound(s) costume until contest time - we love surprises!

While we can't enter the contest ourselves, a few of the AAGI staff members are working on surprises of their own. Look for our greyhounds in costume as well.

Kathleen and Gil Gilley and their **Dancing Greyhound Drill Team** Kathleen and her husband Gil travel all over the country with their greyhounds performing at picnics, reunions, and anywhere they're invited. We're thrilled to have them at our picnic this year. For more about the **Dancing Greyhound Drill Team**, read on!

The Dancing Greyhounds will perform at 11:00 am and 1:45 pm. You won't want to miss this show!

Petography by Ira

If you've always wanted a family photo this is your chance! Ira and Cheryl, professional pet photographers, will take a digital portrait of you and/or your greyhound at the picnic. There will be no sitting fee, and an 8" x 10" is just \$15.00, with other sizes and quantities available for \$12.00 per sheet. A variety of backdrops will be available. You'll see the proofs when the pictures are taken, and pick your pose on the spot! The photographs will be mailed to you after the picnic. Best of all, 10% of all proceeds will be donated to AAGI. They will accept cash, check or credit cards.

We'll also have:

🐾 **BBQ**, including hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, beverages - all cooked right there so it's hot and fresh! Best lunch deal in town.

🐾 **Nail Trimming/Ear Cleaning Booth** (\$5.00 per greyhound) - get our expert nail trimmers to trim up toenails and make sure those ears are squeaky clean.

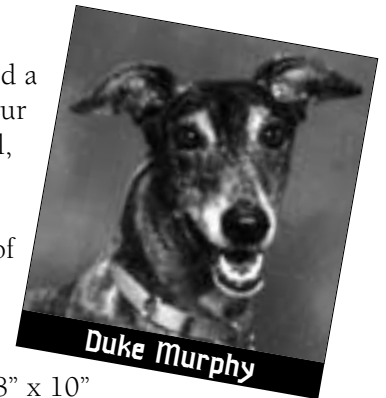
🐾 **Gift Shop** - filled with hard-to-find greyhound merchandise, including T-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, hats, collars, leashes (is yours looking a little ragged? This would be a perfect time to pick a new pretty pattern), ceramic items, statues, gift cards and much, much more. New this year - beautiful hand made Fleece Throws for football games, couches, and cars.

🐾 **Greyhound Coats** - Racing silks and winter coats in many colors and patterns by Perfectly Spoiled. A must have for the well-dressed greyhound!

🐾 **Bake Sale** - always a very popular table.

🐾 **Foster Dogs** - last year every foster dog found a new home, so if you're thinking about adding a second (or third or fourth) addition to your family, perhaps you'll find your perfect new greyhound at the picnic.

🐾 **Face Painting** for the kids.



There will be a small charge of \$1.00 per person at the gate to attend this year's picnic (kids under 12 are free). With all the live entertainment and greyhounds as far as the eye can see, it's worth every penny!

The Phoenix Greyhound Park parking lot will be busy with Park N Swap customers that day, so look for AAGI Picnic Parking signs and park near the main entrance to the track (near Valet Parking). Volunteers will be in the parking lot to help direct you. It might be best to enter the parking lot from 37th Street to avoid some of the Park N Swap congestion.

Our annual picnic is our only major fund-raiser. As our program grows, the cost of food, boarding, and veterinary expenses is growing as well. While your adoption fee covers the necessary veterinary services to get your pet ready for his or her new home, there are many other expenses, especially for greyhounds with special needs. All money raised at this event goes to the retired racing greyhounds waiting for homes.

We're looking forward to seeing you and your hounds at our picnic.

Thank you for your continued support of Arizona Adopt A Greyhound!

Dancin' Greyhounds

The Dancing Greyhound Drill Team History

The Dancing Greyhound Drill Team history stretches across many states and several countries. In 1978 it was the all-breed Panama Canal Kennel Chapter Drill Team in Central America. It is now a six-member, traveling Greyhound team—the only one in the world. They do basic obedience drill-team style, dancing, retrieving, leaping, jumps, comedy routines and a math lesson or two.

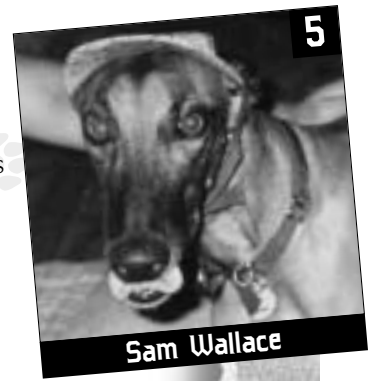
There were three founding members. **Marlene Stachowiak**, now director of Jae-Mar-S Academy of Dog Obedience, Augusta, Georgia, was in the Panama Canal Zone with her military husband. There, she met **Kathleen** and **Gil Gilley**. The trio instructed obedience classes and drill teamed for elementary schools, orphanages, provincial fairs and community service events. Marlene has taught over 6,000 dogs and owners since returning to the United States. She is also an AKC Obedience Trial Judge. Marlene is having vision

Volunteers Needed

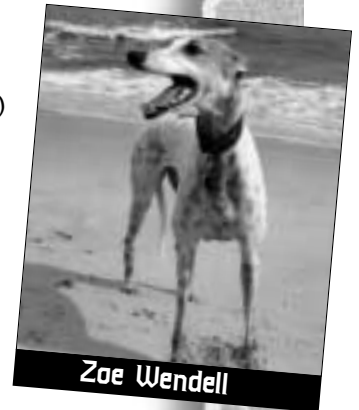
Our picnic has become a **VERY** popular event. We expect over 400 people and over 200 greyhounds at this year's event. We could really use some help from volunteers. Would you consider working for an hour or two without your greyhound? Your family and greyhounds could meet you after your volunteer time is up to enjoy the rest of the day.

If you could volunteer your time, please give us a call as soon as possible at **(602) 971-6935**, and leave a message in **mailbox 3**. We thank you for helping us make this year's picnic the best ever!

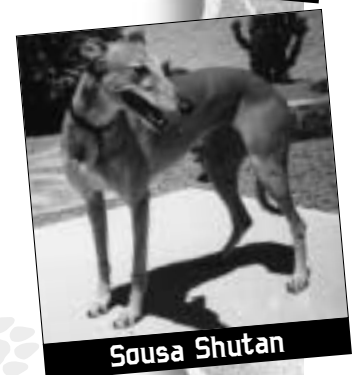
We also need items for our **Bake Sale** (which was very popular the last two years!). Please call **(602) 971-6935**, and leave a message in **mailbox 2** if you are able to bring something to sell at our **Bake Sale Table**. Please make sure all items are priced. 🐾



Sam Wallace



Zoe Wendell



Sousa Shutan



Zane Kanegni



Lily Kretzer

problems and only performs with the Team when they are in the Georgia area.

The Gilleys are native Zonians who remained in Panama until Gil retired when the political situation became difficult. They bought a motorhome to look around this new country. The Gilleys are on the staff of Jae-Mar-S Academy of Dog Obedience. The one black and four brindle Greyhounds have never known any other residence than a motorhome.

Eleven years later, the Gilleys still enjoy changing climates and having a new adventure every day. But dogs, and now exclusively Greyhounds, have remained a constant. They started out giving seminars on traveling with dogs and performances to RV groups.

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Don't Be Ticked Off

Don't Be Ticked Off About Ticks — Ticks are familiar to many of us in Arizona, where they are found year-round in most of the state. They can be especially numerous and pesky after seasonal rains. Ticks perch on the leave of vegetation, extending their front legs - a behavior called “questing” by biologists - then grab our clothing and our pet's fur as we brush by them. Having claimed their host, they “drill” into bare skin using a specialized mouthpart with tenacious beak-like projections. If left alone, they can stay locked tight for days, until fattened up on a blood meal. Other types of ticks live in nests, burrows and caves and, like fleas, feed from their hosts for brief periods of time.

The worst news about ticks is that they transmit a huge variety of pathogens to pets and humans. Just one tick can pass on disease agents that cause **Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Tularemia, Babesiosis and Tick-borne Relapsing Fever.** Most important to dog-lovers is **Ehrlichiosis**, also know as **Tick Fever**, which is spread by the **Brown Dog Tick**, which is the kind of tick we find most often in Arizona. Ehrlichiosis causes a destruction of red and white blood cells resulting in severe anemia and immune system collapse. **Left untreated, it can be fatal to your dog.**

Prevention is our number one defense against this adversary! Effective preventatives, safe and easy to use, are available now to keep your pet tick free. AAGI recommends Frontline or Preventic collars for your greyhound, no substitutions with “look-alike” products. Frontline is an oil that is applied monthly to the skin between the shoulder blades. Each application kills ticks for one month and fleas for 3 months. A 3 month supply runs around \$35. If you have problems with the Frontline pooling between the shoulder blades, the Merial representative offers the following tip: Apply the Frontline in a thin strip, starting at the back of the head and working down the neck to between the shoulder blades.

Preventic collars kill ticks for up to 3 months and are a bargain at around \$12 apiece. Clinical studies have proven them to be as effective as Frontline for tick control, but remember, they have no activity against

fleas. Also remember that other brands of flea/tick collars are essentially useless. You can use a flea/tick collar until the day you see a flea or tick, then it's time to get serious. Since the Preventic collar must remain in close contact with the skin to be effective, it is necessary to secure it around a greyhound's throatlatch area (just underneath the jaw and behind the ears), so that it doesn't slide up and down the neck like his regular collar. Instead of cutting off the excess, you may use a paper hole punch to punch holes, then secure the loose end with a twist tie.

Tick dips have residual activity for as long as a week. All incoming AAGI greyhounds are dipped with Paramite Dip, which is the best, most effective way to quickly kill ticks. Use dip to gain control of a tick infestation, then follow in 2 days with either Frontline or a Preventic collar.

Shampoos and sprays have no residual activity. They kill what is on the dog at the moment, but ticks will jump back on the very next day. Shampooing is useful to get a dirty dog clean, but is a lot of work for 24 hours worth of flea/tick control. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for how long to leave the dog lathered before rinsing off the shampoo - it's common to find live ticks on freshly shampooed dogs.

Sprays are useful to apply before taking your greyhound to a place where he may be exposed to ticks, such as Petsmart or Alumni Night at the track. We encourage adopters to spray their new greyhound before taking him home to avoid seeding the new home with any “hitchhikers.” AAGI recommends Adams shampoos and sprays - these pyrethrin products are greyhound-safe and are available in the adoption trailer or from Goober.

If you are finding ticks on your dogs, I recommend spraying your yard with Dursban every two weeks until no more ticks. Spray grass, bushes, wood siding, everything. Several companies sell a Dursban yard spray in a bottle with it's own hose-end sprayer for around \$15 (ask your vet) - just attach to your hose and spray - no calculations, expensive spraying equipment, or measuring of chemicals required. Once you own the hose end attachment, you can buy

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In 1993, Kathleen went in search of her first Greyhound. **Sweetness** burst into the family at the age of two and was doing advanced, off-leash obedience in less than four months. She is the dark brindle who is quite sure she is the cat's pajamas. Sweetness knows she owns Kathleen body and soul and that Kathleen must be constantly supervised by her. Sweet has traveled approximately 100,500 miles and is now eight and a half years old.

In 1994, Gil found a black satin Alabama southern belle named **Perfect Letter**. She picked up the nickname **Chubby** because breakfast, lunch, dinner and between-meal snacking are her greatest pleasures. She is also known as the "Queen of the Queensize," and personifies the slogan, "A 45-mile per hour couch potato." The Chubster now the oldest, is ten, and has slept through over 84,900 miles.

The baby of the Team is **Chey**, adopted from GPA-Greater Orlando, in 1997. Chey's favorite activities are hugging and kissing. Chey has traveled over 40,000 miles with the Team so far and is four years old.

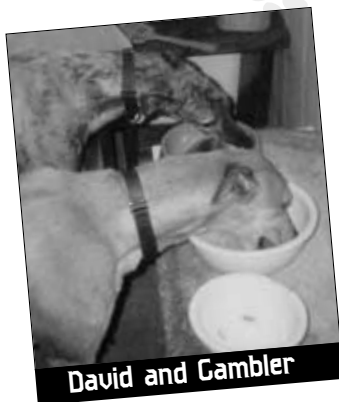
The last two members joined the family in October 1998. First came **Pasta Ann**. The

Wichita, Kansas GATE Club presented her to Kathleen as a surprise, during the GPA National Convention, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Pasta Ann turned five last February and is the family comedienne. She had cruised over 21,500 miles after being in the family only ten months.

Two weeks later, the Team was performing in Orlando, Florida, and welcomed **Safire**, from GPA-Southeast Coast. Auntie Em Griffin had introduced Kathleen and Gil to this museum-quality princess in April 1998. It was a love fest at first sight, but Safire was not ready to travel on such short notice. Safire is four and a half years old and only has 10,000 miles under her collar at this time.

The Drill Teamers are also members of Therapy Dogs, Incorporated. They visit nursing homes, hospitals, rehab centers and do educational programs for elementary schools.

So far they have performed in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, Oregon, Washington and Saskatchewan, Ontario and British Columbia. 🐾

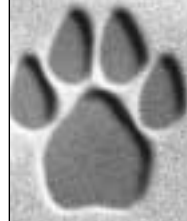


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cheaper Dursban refills at Walmart or Kmart and just pour them into the spray bottle. Far easier than mixing pesticides and packing around a heavy pump sprayer.

Make it a daily habit to check your pet for ticks hiding in the fur, ears, between the toes and other easy to miss places.

Don't forget, as racing greyhounds your pet has likely been exposed to ticks. Talk with your veterinarian about checking for Ehrlichiosis, which can be done with a simple blood test. Symptoms might not show up for years, when the animal gets ill. **Many of these diseases can be easily treated before your pet gets sick.** 🐾



Letters From Our Families

*In 1993, Dick and Cheri Sarnes adopted their first greyhound.
Over the years one turned into four, like potato chips - you can't have just one!*

Dear Cheryl,

After talking with you yesterday, I felt a need to write you the following letter, which is probably long overdue. Dick and I have read so many in the newsletter from adoptive parents and know you enjoy the feedback on the lives of your many "children".

When we first began introducing our greyhounds to friends and acquaintances the general consensus was they were "sweet", "beautiful", "loving". As time went on they also began to see their personalities developing and each became unique in his own way. For example;

J.J.'s Candyman "HARLEY" (Fawn male)

Best description: Smart, beautiful, lazy, conceited, spoiled

I was settled in and receiving large numbers of guests within 24 hours of adoption, knowing with my beautiful face and large build I would be simply irresistible to all who met me. I would always wait to make my entrance after everyone was settled so I could receive their undivided attention. I learned quickly that Mom and Dad would always be fair and did not have to beg at the table for scraps of their meals as they would soon be coming with a plate and fork to feed me my share. Why, I would only have to pick up my head that way! Why exert all that energy begging! And it was amazing how quickly their friends learned, too. I was good at saving birds out of the horses' water buckets and coming when called, if I felt like it. Most everyone called me "Royal Highness" or "Prince Harley". My life was not exceptionally long but it was good. I always knew there would be someone willing to hold my "hand". (Harley passed away in November, 1998)

Scare Monster "MONSTER" (Red male)

Best description: Handsome, extremely large, clown, nice guy, coward, spoiled

I was really a monster in my terrible twos. I could sense not all was well when I would tip over the crockpot and eat the contents or take the boiling turkey carcass off the top of the stove to share with Harley. Mom and Dad would act like it was a lot of work hauling all their bedding from the livingroom to the bedroom daily, too. They'll never know this, but in the beginning, much of it was Harley's idea. I was just bigger and could reach things easier. It didn't take long for them to figure out that my intentions were good. That I was the kind of guy that everyone would want their dogs to hang out with. I am very considerate of everyone's feelings and love to make people laugh. The vet is always careful with me as I make sure to start screaming before they give me a shot so they know I will not tolerate anything that might hurt.

If you remember, I had gotten some pretty bad scars growing up. Well, nobody seems to notice those anymore. People hug me all the time and tell me how handsome I am. Being born with some bad tooth genes, I am down to eight teeth now but am getting along fine. Mom and Dad found some good cookies that are thin enough for me to enjoy because I have always been the original "Cookie Monster". But don't worry about that tooth thing. I'm doing fine, eating well and weigh about 107 Pounds. I have a great life and Mom and Dad bought me a new loveseat with a good view of the television. (Monster is currently on a diet)

Bob's Citgo "BOB" (Black male)

Best Description: Too smart, brat, momma's boy, stubborn, spoiled

All people and animals like me because they must. When my brothers have taken up all the spaces on the couches, I run to the door, stomp up and down and bark like something is out there. They all come to see and while they are looking, I take over the best spot. When I first got here, I liked standing on top of the kitchen counters to see out the windows but that didn't last long. I would look around the back of the box thing in the livingroom that had people and noise in it but I could never find out how they got in there. Most people called me "No Bob" for the first year and a half except for Mom and she always stood up for me. We became very close. She even let me sleep with my head on her pillow. To this day all the pillows in the house belong to me. I carry all my kibbles from the utility room to the bedroom and eat them off the foot of the bed. These I am willing to share with the others. I know how to pinch my lips together and squint my eyes while making a high pitched protest when I am really mad. I can make myself weigh a thousand pounds and pretend I am asleep if someone tries to make me move over in the bed.

Cross Thru "JIMMY"

Best description: Class act, happy, spoiled

I wasn't sure how long I was going to be here at first and I really missed Dr. Moore and the girls. But once I got over that, it was real easy to train Mom and Dad the way I liked them. I only got in trouble once and that was just because I was trying to give them a gift. I went outside in the dark, got one of the chickens, and when I couldn't find Dad, I found Mom sitting on the toilet and put it in her lap. I don't do that anymore. I love to grin at guests and make them

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Special Needs Greyhounds

Streaks Sparks - Streak

Hi, I'm a 5 year old, 70 pound male, all black with white on my chest and feet. **My coat is very shiny and I'm very good looking!** I'm a special needs guy because I have pemphigus. Pemphigus is an autoimmune disease that affects the blood supply in my toe nails). My nails just lose texture, become soft, and fall off. No need to take me for a pedicure. My medicine is very reasonable (about \$1 a week). **I'm great with kids, cats, and small animals - I can even do some tricks!**

If you're interested, call me at 971-6935.

Black Tracer - Tracer

Hello, folks! I'm a 75 pound, 4 year old black male - **handsome and friendly.** **I like to play and I'm great with older kids. I am really good with cats and little animals.** I have panus - not really a big deal - I just need my drops in my eyes every day. The cost of my drops runs about \$5.00 a week, so I need a special home.

If you're interested, give us a call at 971-6935, and leave your name and phone number in **mailbox 2.**



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Lucy Warinner

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laugh although some think I'm getting ready to bite. Dancing is fun and I love to spin Dad around in his recliner with my front legs. I got out once and nobody could find me so I went to a house with a light on, gave them my I.D. tag and I got to go home. I don't do that anymore. My life is perfect. Just the way I like it. I have my couch to sleep on all day when Mom and Dad are at work and they spend all their time with us. I water their plants for them when they are planting flowers and I water anything else that looks like it needs it. Sometimes even the clothes on the line. I get to sleep in the bed at night under the ceiling fan and I get my own blanket when it is cold. Thank you for bringing me here.

Cheryl, I know you have had the joy of having and the sorrow of losing your own. I guess we just want to say thanks for everything you did for us and many others.

Sincerely, Dick and Cheri Sarnes 🐾

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