

Notes from the Director

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to *thank all of you* for a wonderful 1999. Over **350** greyhounds have been adopted this year through AAGI!

Many of you have tirelessly volunteered throughout the year. We attended arts festivals, community events, baseball games, **Phoenix Greyhound Park** functions and so many things I can't begin to list them all! It is because of your help that we have had such a successful year.

Our annual picnic, which was held on October 30th, was a huge success! We raised **\$7,000 for the retired racers**, which will help with food, board and medical expenses in the coming year. Read on for a review of what has turned into our biggest event of the year.

As I reflect back on the last ten years, I am so proud of what this program has become. With four thousand retired racers in homes, I am thankful for the support of everyone involved with **Arizona Adopt A Greyhound**. The staff and I look forward to the new millennium. We hope you will all join us as we start the new year and continue our work.

We wish you and your greyhounds a happy holiday and a healthy new "Millennium!"

Happy hounding in 2000.

Cheryl 🐾

AAGI's Holiday Schedule

For those of you interested in doing some last minute holiday shopping, the last night that AAGI will do adoptions for the year is **Friday, December 17th**. Our program will then **close for two weeks** so that our staff may spend the holidays with their families. We will reopen for business on **Monday, January 3, 2000**. Only emergency calls for lost and found greyhounds will be returned during this time. See you next year! 🐾

Petsitters

Don't forget about your greyhounds this holiday season. Here's a list of Petsitters around the Valley:

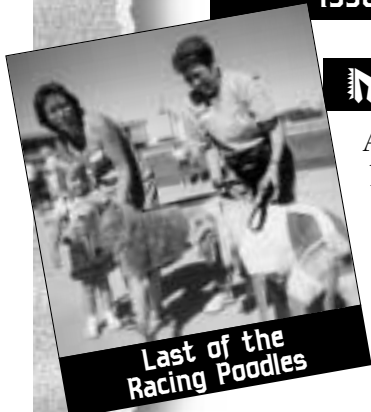
- Midge and Larry Snook**
(19th Avenue and Cactus) . . . (602) 997-7946
- Lisa and Brent Lonius**
(Northern and Central) (602) 395-3986
- Ann-Marie Schneider**
(Power and Baseline) (480) 830-6630
- Kate and Wayne Bouton**
(Greenfield and Brown) (480) 396-0293
- Cheryl Lawless**
(24th Street and Cactus) (602) 971-6935
- Linda Colvin**
(7th Street and Dunlap) (602) 971-6935



Volunteer Opportunities

Attention: West Valley

AAGI is looking for a few volunteers to help at our kennel. If interested, please call **(602) 971-6935** and leave a message. The kennel is in Goodyear.



Last of the Racing Poodles



Mary Ann, Richard, Andrew, Lonnie & Baby Knight



Berta and Streak Harnstein



Wanna Have a Good Time?

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In Loving Memory of Peaches

AR's Peaches - 11/27/88 - 5/2/99

In the spring of 1991, a fawn female jumped down from a truck at Phoenix Greyhound Park. She was the dog selected by the kennel to be my pet. I looked at her and knew that she would somehow change my life — and she did.

I ultimately became involved in greyhound adoptions. In the early years she went every weekend with me to help promote the program. As time took its course, she turned that job over to her friends.

There must be a heaven for Peaches, she wasn't human but she brought out my own humanity... sometimes in ways that people can't. She gave me little lessons in trust and true affection, and brought my heart nearer to the joy of simple things. How blessed I was to have had her.

She graced my life for 8 ½ years and then passed on. She was my special friend, leaving me with wonderful memories of our times shared. Although she left a huge emptiness in my emotions, she is still with me... in my soul.

Cheryl Lawless



Peaches is still with me... in my soul.



1999 AAGI Picnic

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Wow, what a day we had! The weather was perfect for our Third Annual AAGI picnic, which took place on Saturday, October 30th. Over 400 people stopped by to eat, shop and have their greyhounds' toenails trimmed. As a result of everyone's hard work, **we raised \$7,000 for the program!**

The Dancing Greyhound Drill Team graced us with two performances. What beautiful and talented greyhounds they are! Everyone enjoyed watching them jump and play and perform. We'd like to thank **Kathleen** and **Gil Gilley** for coming to our picnic.

The first annual greyhound costume contest was a hit. Over 30 greyhounds came dressed in their Halloween costumes for a shot at one of the great prizes, including a year of **FREE** dog food courtesy of the fine **ProPac** people, dinner for two at PGP, a fluffy new dog bed and a leash and collar set. Congratulations to our winners, **Charyn** and **Ray Wieneke** with **Zanzi** and **Mario** dressed as "*the Princess and the Toad*," **Kari Young** and her two "*Last of the Racing Poodles*" **Sissey** and **Archie**; **Rochelle Gribler** with **Maureen** the "*Fairy Dog Mother*," and **Mary Humeke** with "*Joy the Good Witch*." Great job everyone!

There are so many people I would like to thank, and at the top of my list is **Phoenix Greyhound Park**. **Dan Luciano**, the General Manager, graciously opened his doors for us this year. It was a perfect picnic setting and we thank him for letting us take over for the afternoon.

Win Burrows, the Director of Maintenance for PGP, and his staff worked so hard to make sure we had everything we needed for our busy event. **Bac Tran**, the Director of Media, helped us with many donations of food, sodas, etc., which greatly increased the amount of money we raised at the picnic. Thanks to all of the **Phoenix Greyhound Park staff** that helped to make our picnic a great day!

I would like to thank **Karen Hively** from Kalil Bottling Co. for the donation of 40 cases of soda and water, **Paul Howell** from Park N Swap for donating hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns for our barbecue, and **Tom Carr** and **Bob Kearn** for the donation of one year of ProPac food for the Grand Prize for the costume contest.

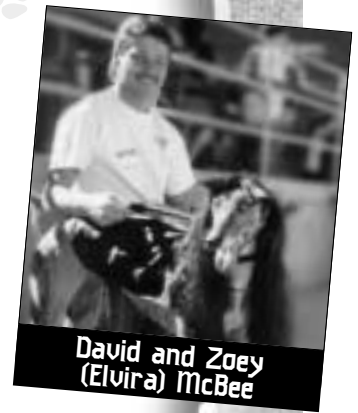
We couldn't host such a busy event without the dedication of the many volunteers who gave up their day to work. **Deanna Zouari, Kathy Parson, Kathy and Bill Roundtree, Sandy and David Marrs, Sue and Don Hurter, Sherri Long, Lisa and Brent Lonius, Corrie and Brandon Worth, Gail De George, Larry Snook, Tony Festa, Belinda and Glenn Willis, Georgia and Charles Campbell, Paula Schlacter, Barbara Campbell, Kathy Malago, Michele Rebeor, Kathy Berlin, Jennifer Lane, Bob and Susan Paul, Sharon and Colin MacDiarmid, Lori Soich, Betty Crosby, Cheryl and Jim Bedore, Hugh and Betsy Mueller, Charyn and Ray Wieneke,** and everyone else who pitched in to help!

We want to thank our "expert" nail trimmers. This is not an easy job. A big thank you to **Elizabeth Stoltz, Charlie Sample, George Fune, Harvey Mitchell, Tim and Shirley Olsker, Cheryl Graham, Greg Wood, Dennis Young, and Don Stack** for trimming toenails all day!

Kari Young made all of the beautiful signs and information fliers which told about the picnic. Thanks to Kari for her hard work.

All of our Foster Greyhounds found new homes at the picnic. Thanks to each family who opened their homes to another greyhound!

Finally, I'd like to thank the staff of **Arizona Adopt A Greyhound, Linda Colvin, Deb Trickel, Kiersten Kerr, Sharon Diebel and Adrienne Savoy** for their hard work at the picnic and all year long. 🐾



David and Zoey (Elvira) McBee



The Dancing Greyhounds



Tired Dancing Greyhounds



Cupid Sivertson

Thank You!
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Drew Acquilina

PetsMart Schedule

Please See Site for Current Schedule.

