

Notes from the Director

Happy Holidays, everyone!

After a long, hot, slow summer things are definitely picking up. We've had a busy fall season so far, and are looking forward to the end of our best year ever.

Our AAGI volunteers have been busy every weekend with events around the Valley. **We started things off with a visit to Lund Cadillac.** The busy car dealership graciously invited us to bring our greyhounds to their showroom and answer questions about our retired racers. It was a nice day and everyone enjoyed their hospitality. **Thanks to Lund Cadillac for having us!**

We also attended the **Sunnyslope Community Picnic, the Special Olympics Fall Games, Arizona Family Fun Expo** (another huge expo at the Civic Center), a **kids day at the Glendale Community College, the Tempe Fantasy of Lights Parade, and the Fountain Hills Christmas Parade.** Our volunteers in the East Valley set up a booth at the **Apache Junction Community Halloween Carnival and at a block party at Desert Chapel United Methodist Church** in Apache Junction. Thanks to everyone's hard work we are placing many more greyhounds into great homes.

Our Annual AAGI Picnic and Fund-raiser took place on Saturday, November 4th. It was our biggest and best picnic yet!

Read on for a recap on this great day.

I've listed our greyhound petsitters around the Valley for those of you with last minute holiday travel plans. **Don't forget about your greyhounds when making your arrangements!**

As the new year approaches, **I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful support of Arizona Adopt A Greyhound.** On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish you a happy holiday season and a healthy new year for you and your pets. **Thank you all for opening your homes to a retired racing greyhound (or several!).**

*Happy Holidays & Happy Hounding,
Cheryl 🐾*



Petsitters

Don't forget about your pets when making your holiday travel plans. Book early, they fill up fast!

Central Phoenix

Lisa and Brent Lonius
(Northern and Central) (602) 395-3986

North Central Phoenix

Linda Colvin
(7th Street and Dunlap) (602) 678-0894

Northwest Valley

Midge and Larry Snook
(19th Avenue and Cactus) . . . (602) 997-7946

East Valley

Kate and Wayne Bouton - Mesa
(Greenfield and Brown) (480) 396-0293

Ann-Marie Schneider - Gilbert
(Power and Baseline) (480) 830-6630



**In Loving Memory
Umbra Corbett**



**In Loving Memory
Blaze Trimble**



Dac Mills



Clyde, the Old Man

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Happy Holidays!

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AAGI's Holiday Hours

Arizona Adopt A Greyhound will be closed from Saturday, December 16, 2000 through Tuesday, January 1, 2001 so that our staff may enjoy the holidays with their families. We will be open for business on Wednesday, January 2, 2001. We will be monitoring the phones for lost and found dogs only, all other calls will be returned after January 2nd.

Special AAGI Adoption Trailer Holiday Hours

We will be opening the adoption trailer for special hours during the month of December for some extra shopping time. **Every Friday in December (December 1st, 8th, and 15th) we will open from 3 pm - 9 pm and on the weekend of December 15th, 16th, and 17th for last minute holiday shopping.** Don't forget about that special greyhound lover in your life. We have many, many unique gifts for every budget, most in stock and ready to go. We will also provide gift wrapping at an additional cost during our weekend shopping days, with all proceeds benefiting Arizona Adopt A Greyhound. **Volunteers will be in the adoption gift shop on Friday, December 15th from 3 pm - 9 pm, on Saturday, December 16th from 10 am - 9 pm, and on Sunday, December 17th from 10 am - 5 pm.** Don't miss out on this special opportunity to do your holiday shopping.

Please Note: The main doors to Phoenix Greyhound Park will be closed until 5 pm each night, so on the 9th and 10th enter the trailer through the large gate we used for the picnic

entrance, just to the West of our adoption trailer. Park outside the main doors to PGP and we'll mark the special gated entrance. No greyhounds, please. You wouldn't want them to know what you're getting them! If you come early on Friday nights, you should drive around through the paddock parking lot (where the greyhound trucks park) and come in the back way. Call us at (602) 971-6935 or (602) 273-7181 (PGP) for directions. We will be doing adoptions on Friday evenings so you will need to be patient and wait outside until our groups are finished.

Avoid the adoption trailer from 7 - 8 pm if possible.



Our friends at Territorial Days in Prescott in June.

AAGI Now Has Gift Certificates!

Can't decide on the perfect gift? Just give them a Gift Certificate to the AAGI adoption gift shop. Available in any amount, it's the perfect gift for every greyhound lover!



Daphne Jones



Max Mills



Cupid Sivertson

Safety for your Hounds!

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Keep Your Pets Safe Over The Holidays

While the holidays can definitely be stressful for the humans, it can be worse for your pets. Please keep them safe and healthy during this busy time of year.

- **Don't over do it on the treats, especially chocolate**, which can make your animals very sick. *Keep those sweet treats up and out of their reach!*
- **Be careful of sharp or breakable ornaments and decorations.** These are almost too much for a curious greyhound to resist, and can be dangerous if ingested or broken and stepped on.
- **My greyhounds have been known to unwrap the gifts under the tree if left unsupervised too long**, so take extra precautions to keep them out of reach.
- **It has cooled down fast, and your greyhounds will get cold very quickly if left outside too long.** If you will be spending time outside consider a coat for your greyhound to keep him or her warm, and never leave them out for long unsupervised.
- **Take extra precautions to keep your greyhounds safe at home during parties or when guests visit.** Many greyhounds get out this time of year during the excitement of the season. Doors and gates are more likely to be left open, so be careful not to lose your pet. There is nothing worse than missing your beloved greyhound during the holidays, and it seems to happen every year.

A Quick trick to induce vomiting:

In case your dog ingests chocolate, or any other Christmas treats, a quick way to get them up is to use salt to induce vomiting. It works faster than hydrogen peroxide, is always available and has no after effects like gas from the bubbles.

For an average greyhound, mix a tablespoon of salt with enough water to make a moderately thick solution, just pour or use a syringe, to get it into the side of their mouth.

This usually works in less than a minute.

What if they eat the ornaments?

First **don't** induce vomiting.

Before the holiday go to a pharmacy and buy a box of cotton balls. Be sure that you get cotton balls...not the "cosmetic puffs" that are made from man-made fibers. Also, buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream [also called light cream] and put it in the freezer.

Should your dog eat glass ornaments, defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog.

Dogs under 10 lbs. should eat 2 balls which you have first torn into smaller pieces. Dogs 10-50 lbs should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7.

You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once. Dogs seem to really like these strange "treats" and eat them readily.

As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them.

Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but, in most cases, the dogs will be just fine.

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2000 AAGI Picnic



AAGI 2000 Picnic

October will go down as one of the rainiest in history, and things were not looking good for our Annual Picnic and Fund-raiser. So much time and effort goes into planning this event. Rain just wasn't an option. The week before the picnic, we watched the weather reports vigilantly, and each day things looked a little more promising.

Saturday, November 4th, finally arrived, and as we all arrived from different parts of the Valley, we were surprised to see that even though it was raining in the East, West and North, the sky was relatively clear directly over Phoenix Greyhound Park! Lucky for us the weather held all day and we had a terrific picnic.



AAGI 2000 Picnic

Over 500 people and close to that many retired racers attended this year's picnic. We raised over \$9,000, all of which will go back into the program to help with the food, board and medical costs we incur in placing over 400 greyhounds each year. Thank you to everyone that attended for helping us raise these much needed funds.

An event like this does not take place without the help of numerous volunteers and organizations. We would first like to thank **Dan Luciano, the General Manager of Phoenix Greyhound Park, for opening his doors to our retired racers.** We had plenty of parking and lots of space to move around. **Win Burrows, the Director of Maintenance at PGP, and his terrific staff took great care of us.** They helped us get set up and helped us break things down at the end of the day, as well as provided last minute support during the busy day. **Bac Tran, Director of Marketing at PGP, provided much of the food for the BBQ and donated the Dinner for Two at Phoenix**



AAGI 2000 Picnic

Greyhound Park Certificate to one lucky costume contest winner. He is always very helpful and supportive of our program.

Dave Bramlett and Melissa Lala from Goober came and brought more dog

biscuits than we've ever seen! They also donated food and toys as prizes for our games and contests. **Zeb Pearce donated 10 cases of bottled water for the BBQ, and Natalie Balvich from Brass & More donated the BEAUTIFUL "Alabaster Pair" statue for one of the prizes for our raffle.** Perfectly Spoiled Coats donated a beautiful gift basket full of goodies to one of the lucky costume contest winners, and **Action Termite donated six months pest control service for the raffle.** *Thank you to all of these folks for their generous donations!*

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who spent the day working at our picnic. Thanks to **Dr. Ken Hunt, George Fune, Shirley and Tim Olsker, Lisa and Brent Lonius, Amy Schultz, Gloria Johnstone, Sandy and David Marrs, Kathy Roundtree, Georgia Campbell, Deanna Zouarri, Kathy and Todd Berlin, Laurel and Mark Leathers, Barbara and Bob Campbell, Henry Snook, Paula Schlacter, Shauna Slevin, Chris Harris, Laura Taylor, Liz Stoltz, Michele Rebeor, Laura Landstrom, Kim Bork, and Dennis and Maggie Young.** We would also like to thank our mascot **Tony Festa, our Santa Claus Clyde Solenski, and our elves Morgan Ciralo and Lindsay Manz.** If we missed anyone we're truly sorry. We appreciate everyone's help with this big event!

The Dancing Greyhounds joined us between shows in Las Vegas and Texas. We'd like to thank them for coming to town and dazzling us with their performance!

Our Photographer, **Peter Pagnotta from Camelback Photography, worked all day taking pictures of the greyhounds, their families and Santa Claus.** We'd like to thank him and his staff for attending our picnic, and for generously donating 10% back to AAGI. We can't wait to see the photographs. *Don't forget, every time you visit Peter's studio for photographs, mention our program and he'll donate 10% back to AAGI, no matter when you go!*

Finally, without the AAGI staff we could not have pulled this off! Thanks to **Linda Colvin, Sharon Diebel, Adrienne Savoy, Kari and Bill Young, Deb and Larry Trickel (who flew all the way in from Portland, Oregon to attend!), Mary Farak, Barry Kerr and our Director Cheryl Lawless.**

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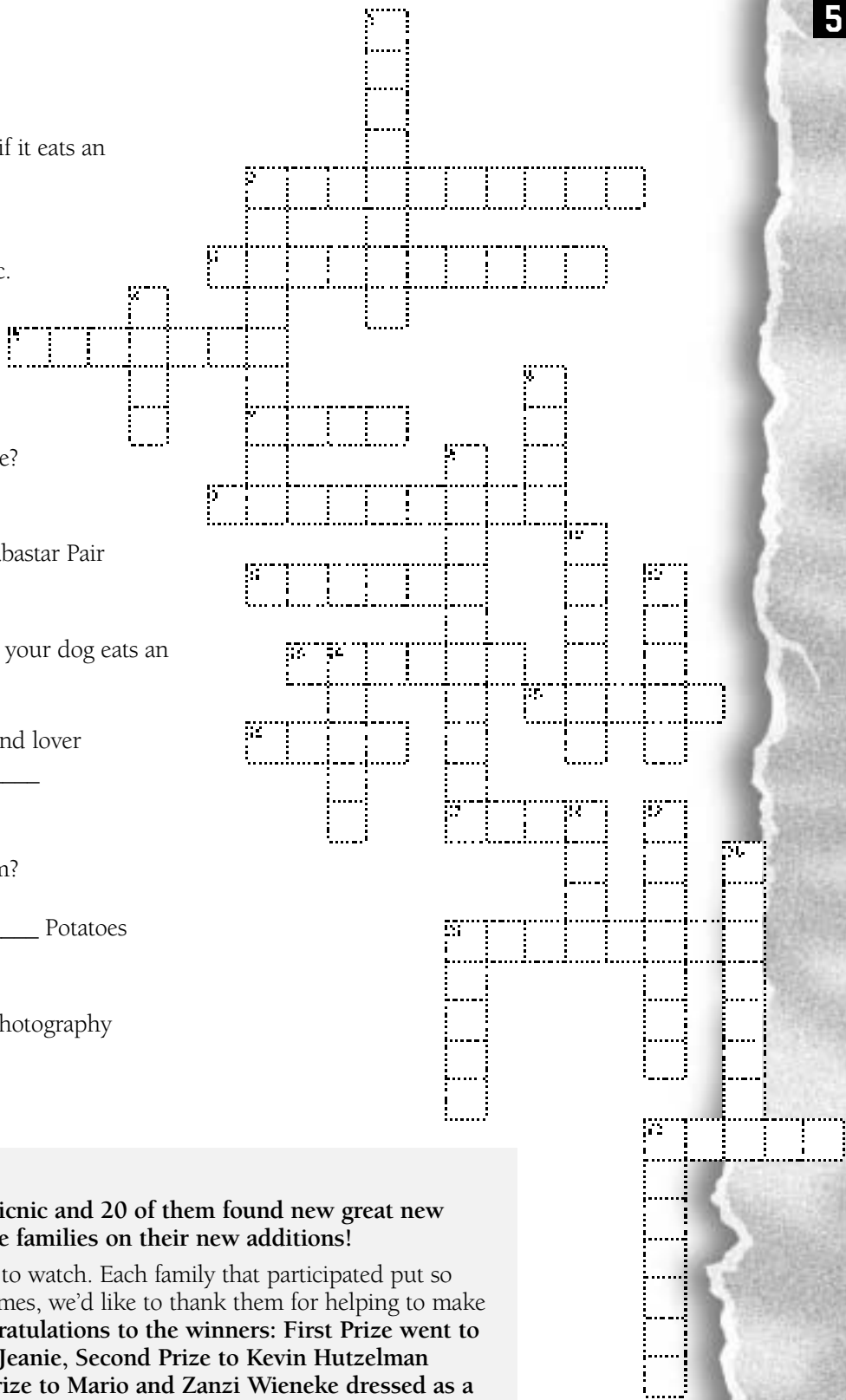
Happy Holidays!

Across

- 2. What should you feed your dog if it eats an ornament?
- 3. Thank you to all of our _____
- 5. Manager of PGP
- 7. Arizona Adopt A Greyhound, Inc.
- 9. Who donated the bottled water?
- 11. How Many hounds were adopted at our picnic?
- 13. _____ Termite
- 15. Who dressed as Mickey Mouse?
- 16. Who dressed as I Dream of Jeanie?
- 17. Induce vomiting with _____
- 21. Happy _____
- 22. _____ & More Donated the Alabastar Pair

Down

- 1. What should you NOT induce if your dog eats an ornament?
- 2. Don't feed your hound
- 4. The best certificate for a greyhound lover
- 6. The Big Orange Pumkin was _____
- 8. Dancing _____
- 10. Who donated the dog biscuits?
- 12. Who dressed as Bride and Groom?
_____ and Zanzi
- 14. Our hounds are the ultimate _____ Potatoes
- 18. Director of Marketing at PGP
- 19. Perfectly _____ Coats
- 20. Photographer from Camelback Photography
- 21. _____ Holidays
- 22. Director of Maintenance at PGP



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We brought 22 foster dogs to the picnic and 20 of them found new great new homes. Congratulations to all of the families on their new additions!

The costume contest is always a treat to watch. Each family that participated put so much time and effort into their costumes, we'd like to thank them for helping to make our picnic a little more special. **Congratulations to the winners: First Prize went to Crus Capps dressed as I Dream of Jeanie, Second Prize to Kevin Hutzelman dressed as Mickey Mouse, Third Prize to Mario and Zanzi Wieneke dressed as a Bride and Groom and Fourth Prize to Odie Geiger dressed as a big orange Pumkin. Great job everyone, we can't wait to see what happens next year!**

Our Grand Prize for the raffle, a Lifesize Sandicast Greyhound worth \$300.00, was won by Kathy Berlin. The First Prize, "Alabastar Pair" donated by Brass & More, was won by Kathy Roundtree. The Second Prize, six months of pest control services from Action Termite, was won by Bonnie Neal. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners!

We had a great day and are looking forward to next year. We hope everyone that attended enjoyed themselves! 🐾





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