

Learn how you can make a difference in a Tucson Greyhound's life

Dear Fellow Tucsonan,

I struggled with my emotions as we approached the locked gate.

We had returned to Tucson Greyhound Park to collect our next load of retired hounds. Hounds that for whatever reason wouldn't be racing again.

Long minutes passed. Finally, a door opened in a distant building and a couple of handlers walked out, leading 5 anxious racers on leashes. One of the dogs limped badly.



My heart ached as we silently watched them approach

A guard unlocked the gate and the dogs and handlers shuffled through. One of our volunteers scooped the injured dog up in his arms. He carried her to his van and gently set her down in the back.

The remaining Greyhounds were divided between our other two cars. One hopped into the back of my SUV. The second one balked and froze.

I knelt down and whispered in his ear, "Go on. This is the best thing that will ever happen to you." He finally jumped in. I closed the hatch and we hurried off the lot, dust kicking up in our wake.

The Greyhound with the leg injury was rushed to a local vet for treatment and surgery.

The other four were whisked away to our kennel, where they would be checked over, cleaned up, fed and taken care of. Soon they too would be examined by a local veterinarian, given vaccines and medications as necessary, and eventually be spayed or neutered.

From there, they would be put into foster homes to learn about houses and mirrors and stairs, and soft warm beds and fun squeaky toys. They would also learn the warmth of a loving human touch and a kind soft voice.

Ultimately, these hounds would be placed in permanent homes, in the care of devoted family members. Homes where they would be happy and safe.

A Tucson-based nonprofit, Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption is committed to rehabilitating and finding loving forever homes for Greyhounds just like these. But the truth is, we can't continue to help retired racers without the support of fellow Tucsonans like you.

That's why I'm sending you this letter, to ask for your help

We charge an adoption fee of \$275 for each of our rescued Greyhounds, a fee that is one of the lowest in the country.

Yet every healthy dog we take in costs us \$600 to kennel, feed, rehabilitate and deliver to a forever home. And each injured dog can cost an additional \$4000 to surgically treat, rehabilitate and prepare for their new home.

In spite of this, we have rescued and rehomed more than 100 dogs in just two years. If you do the math, you can see why we need donations.

100% of every donation goes toward helping the Greyhounds

That's why it's my hope that you can spare just \$5 or \$10 or even \$20 so we can keep helping these local Greyhounds. You could even set up a monthly contribution, which would be an excellent way to ensure that these graceful, gentle hounds have a chance to find their forever homes.

Please say yes and make a donation today. These hounds and our volunteers need you.

Sincerely yours,

Cindy Hall, Operations Director
Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption

P.S. Perhaps right now you could write a check and slip it into the enclosed reply envelope and send it back to us. Or go online and donate through our website:
www.sagreyhoundadoption.org/donations.

Our Tucson Greyhounds thank you.



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