

**Best  
of the  
Valley**

# Best Bets for Your Pets

## **Best Way to Make a Fast Friend**

### **Arizona Adopt A Greyhound Inc.**

Contrary to their highly active portrayal in pop culture, modern racing greyhounds spend only minutes each month chasing fake rabbits around closed tracks. The rest of their time is devoted to lying around. That's why fans of the breed affectionately refer to them as the "world's fastest couch potatoes." Low-maintenance, gentle and silent (barking is a waste of energy), retired racing greyhounds make terrific pets. Associated with Phoenix Greyhound Park, the folks at Arizona Adopt A Greyhound Inc. (AAGI) are committed to finding appropriate homes for greyhounds as they come off the tracks. Through their efforts, more than 400 retired racers are placed into loving "retirement" homes each year. The volunteer champions of the breed at AAGI carefully screen and educate human adopters to assure that each retired dog can expect to live out his or her life in regal style, with access to soft cushions, belly rubs and lazy evenings lounging among adoring, royal subjects. *For more information, call 602-971-6935 or visit [arizonaadoptagreyhound.org](http://arizonaadoptagreyhound.org).*

## **Best-Dressed Hound Advocates**

### **The Greyhounds of Fairhaven**

Known for their lavish Shakespearean-era costumes, members of Valley-based group The Greyhounds of Fairhaven are dedicated to raising awareness about rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of the noble canines. The all-volunteer non-profit organization is a staple presence at Renaissance festivals and other events around the Southwest. With a dynamic blend of theatrics, exquisite garments, professionalism and passion for the breed, this troupe of dog lovers regales audiences with a refreshing and effective approach to animal welfare education. *16632 N. 105th Way, Scottsdale, 480-419-7133, [greyhound-soffairhaven.org](http://greyhound-soffairhaven.org).*

