

**Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 2:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order**

**Time: 2:02**

**Housekeeping matters (Jeanne)**

- **Hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Racing to Rehome (Australia)**

**Verification of quorum**

**Board members present:** Jeanne Gacke, Sarah Hosea, James Rappaport, Nancy Lynberg, Ann Poff, Anne Lopez

**Board members absent:** Abrie Schroder

**Election results**

- Jeanne Gacke (President)
  - 49 ballots returned, 49 votes for Jeanne, no abstentions
- Sarah Hosea (Treasurer)
  - 48 ballots returned, 48 votes for Sarah, no abstentions
- Nancy Lynberg (Operations Director)
  - 49 ballots returned, 49 votes for Nancy, no abstentions.

Ann Poff moved to approve election results. Duly seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Introductions of Board Members and Officers**

**Approval of past meeting's minutes**

- James Rappaport moved to approve. Duly seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Financial Report (Sarah Hosea)**

- **Status of SA Greys finances**

Current assets: \$121,833

Jackie's Fund: \$11,345

Current liabilities: \$0

Donations exceeded expenses in January, February, April, June, September, October, November, December (higher expenses in March, May, July, August)

2024 expenses: \$106,896

2025 expenses: \$55,304

Difference is significant, due in combination to: vet expenses, Civi was significantly more expensive, we have moved to one platform and not three, negotiations by Nancy with Briarcrest to reduce fees, fewer Caliente dogs.

2025 income: \$93,447

Upcoming tasks:

IRS filings, Jackie's Fund bookkeeping, internal audit by 3/30

Question re: Giving Tuesday: more successful this year than last; \$5,000-\$6,000 received.

Arizona Gives Day \$5,000 less than last year.

### **Operations Director (Nancy Lynberg)**

Two Jackie's Fund Hounds in 2025: \$9,230.96 in expenses

Currently one Jackie's Fund hound (Atlas, in Phoenix)

#### 2025 year in review

Jackie's Fund income: \$9,059.05

Hound intake: 30 new hounds (1 rebound)

Hounds from Australia, Ireland, and the United States

January: 8 (Australia; largest haul of the year)

February: 3 (US)

April: 4 (Ireland)

May: 4 (Australia)

November: 5 (US)

December: 6 dogs (Australia)

2025 operations expenses: \$33,737.12

- 54.2% is veterinary expenses; 12.4% transport; 11.4% microchip/GPS; 7.1% food and supplies; 6.4% medication; 4.4% leashes/collars/muzzles; 4.1% boarding

Average cost for intake for a dog: \$1,124

Significant accomplishments

- 30 hounds adopted
- 1 rebound (down from 5 in 2024)
- Record attendance at Greyt Winter Festival
- Record attendance at Boo-RooUnion
- New sponsorship tiers
- Wall of Honor on website

Completed integration of Civi and WordPress for donations, memberships, and contacts

Social activities slideshow

2026 goals

- Increase volunteer base
- Expand outreach
- Welcome more hounds—expectation is 30-35 hounds per year.

Welcome to Monami Okoshi and Janet Harvey to Communications Team

Greyt Winter Festival: profit was \$3,625 (all to Jackie's Fund)

Tickets now on sale for Greyt Winter Festival

Thank you to volunteers, especially our fosters. We have to have a home for these dogs. Karyn, Ann, Monami and Nick.

Thank you to Communications Team.

In Memoriam slideshow.

Questions from audience:

Karyn: Wales and Scotland have ended greyhound racing. Do we expect to get hounds from them? Not at present but possibly later.

Kathy: I have items to donate. Jeanne will follow up with her.

## **Special guest presentation**

### **Dr. Suzie Maki, Medical Director at Briarcrest Veterinary Care Center**

#### Greyhound corns

- Hard circular areas of thickened skin. Common in retired racing greyhounds.
- Most often seen on front legs, toes three and four
- Cause unproven, although there are some theories: trauma, puncture wounds, uneven weight distribution from racing history, viral cause
- Symptoms: small, firm, circular lesion on the pad; noticeable lameness on hard surfaces
- Treatment options
  - Non-surgical: hulling (removal of the core), may provide temporary relief but can recur in 3-6 months; moisturizing balms (Burt's Bees) to soften pads; duct tape directly onto the corn for several days; booties or paw protection
  - Surgical: removal of the corn, may recur; 6-8 week recovery time; 50% recurrence rate; digital amputation (works best on digits 2 and 5), extreme treatment option; novel technique, flexor tendon cutting (1 cm of tendon must be removed to prevent it from growing back) – 95% success rate (!)
  - Knowledge gaps: biology of corns, causes, and comparative effectiveness of treatments
- Management: booties, regular pad checks, maintain healthy weight, walk on soft surfaces
- Greyhound-specific differences with other breeds
  - Osteosarcoma: geriatric, limping on front or back leg, painful
  - Pannus: cornea inflammation, squinting, red eyes
  - Corns
  - Blood abnormalities: high red blood cell counts; low white blood cell counts; creatinine (high); thyroid (low) – run full thyroid panel, not just T4
  - Glomerulonephritis (protein loss through kidneys)
  - Loose stools (supplement with Olewo carrots)
  - Hookworms (drug resistant)
  - Bleeding tendency (use aminocaproic acid 500mg, 1 tablet by mouth every 8 hours for 5 days)
  - Dental disease
- Resources
  - [www.GreyhoundHealthInitiative.org/greyhound-savvy-vets](http://www.GreyhoundHealthInitiative.org/greyhound-savvy-vets)

- IDEXX breed-specific reference intervals/reference labs
- Q/A
  - Valley fever vaccine in the works
  - 25% of dogs contract it, 6% show symptoms
  - Teeth (in order of effectiveness)
    - Brushing
    - Chewing (Greenies, dental bones, etc.)
    - Gels
    - Water additive
  - Don't give hounds deer antlers, raw bones, etc. – high risk of broken teeth arguably outweighs benefits.
  - Veterinary Oral Health Council has a list of effective bones/dental products: <https://vohc.org/accepted-products/>

**Door prize (\$100 gift card to Green Things/Zocalo Village)**

- Cathy won!

**Meeting adjourned: 3:41 p.m.**