



GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption Newsletter - Fall 2020 Edition

The President “Speaks”

Hello GreyHeart!

Another year has come and almost gone.....2020 has been a year that we will never forget. We can only hope that next year we will have a healthier and happier 2021.

Even though we took some time off from interviewing due to Covid, we still had a record year with adoptions! When the dust settles we will have completed over 70 adoptions. We received over 200 applications and the year isn't even over yet. It hasn't been easy conducting safe interviews but we did well. As of right now, I will no longer be conducting “in home” interviews until things get better. During the warmer months we were conducting outdoor interviews at the applicants homes. Now that the weather has cooled off, we will only work with applications that have past Greyhound experience or are absolutely ideal homes for first time adopters. I will be doing these interviews virtual.

GreyHeart has brought many new volunteers on board this year and I would like to thank every one of them. Great job during these tough times! We had some adoptions in 2020 that I will never forget. Smokey and the Bandit even got their Fred this year!

Linda at Sunburst Kennel said they will continue supplying GreyHeart with hounds into next year. So for 2021 it will be business as usual until further notice. Let's prepare to do it all again (safely)!

We still have plenty of 2021 calendars for sale. They make great Christmas gifts! Just contact Assi or Robin. They are still \$10 if you pick up or \$15 to have them mailed to you.

I personally would like to congratulate Zach Mayfield and Molly Wallace on their marriage engagement! Zach proposed to Molly with a much wanted new Greyhound (Key from our last haul) wearing a tag that read “WILL YOU MARRY ME?” She accepted and they brought another member into their young family! Check out the photos!



Wrapping things up I would like to wish the whole GreyHeart family Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year to come!

Thank you all!

Art Zylka, GreyHeart President

September Greyhound Haul

Perfect day for our greyhound haul on Saturday, September 19th!! We brought in 3 handsome males and 4 beautiful females. The haul went perfectly and all the hounds were in great shape when they got here. Many thanks to our drivers: Jeff Henkel, Ed Pietrzak and Jim Bartlett and our riders: Anna Pietrzak, Kathy Cooper and Francie Bonham. And of course a big thanks to Linda Cliffler and the Sunburst Kennels.

We also need to acknowledge Art & Assi for all the work they put into planning and organizing our hauls. It takes countless hours to ensure we have enough fosters, meds, drivers/riders, paperwork and everything else that is required for a successful haul. A HUGE THANK YOU !!!!!

There are a few other people behind the scenes that do a lot of work to ensure everything runs smoothly. Jeff Henkel helps organize the drivers/riders, ensures we have enough collars & leashes, administers the Capstar when they meet the dog hauler and several other activities that make sure our hounds are in good shape. Anna Pietrzak not only helps Jeff but also looks up and provides data on each of the dogs we bring in. Couldn't do it without them!!



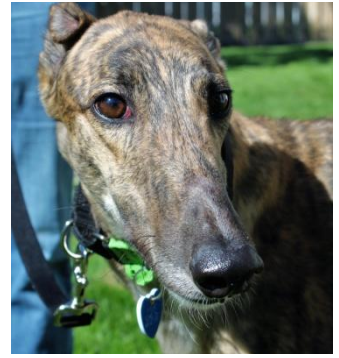
Fly M Lotus (Lou) is a red male fostered by Ed & Anna Pietrzak



Arroyo Bree (Bree) is a black female fostered by Jeff Henkel



Flying Black Fly (Flyer) is a black male fostered by Keith Warner



Arroyo Wragler (Wrangler) is a brindle male fostered by Karen Deren



Hogtech El Paso (El Paso) is a brindle female fostered by Michelle McCoskey



Hilco Sweepa (Sweetpea) is a white/black cow dog fostered by Codilyn Johnston



WW Irises (Iris) is a dark brindle female fostered by Robin Wittner



Aussie Trouble (Aussie) is a dark brindle male fostered by Vanessa Rowan (brought in from W VA)



November Greyhound Haul

The day couldn't have been more perfect for our last haul of the year on Saturday, November 7th. We brought in 5 beautiful females and 2 handsome dudes! The haul went very smoothly, the hounds were in really good shape and a few of them were quite frisky!

Thanks to our drivers: Brad Boley, Andy Bommersbach, Jeff Henkel and Ed Pietrzak and our riders: Cecilia Boley, Kathy Cooper, Emily Lozon and Anna Pietrzak. These volunteers get up before the crack of dawn to make sure they make it down to the Indiana border to meet the dog hauler coming from Florida. It's a very long day for them and we truly appreciate all their help.

And of course, a big thank you to Linda Cliffl and the Sunburst Kennels for sending these amazing hounds.



KC Giles (Giles) is a black male fostered by Vanessa Rowan.



Water is the Key (Key) is a white & brindle female fostered by Zach Mayfield.



WW Avaricious (Ava) is a red fawn female fostered by Dave Biliti



BL Delilah (Delilah) is a black female fostered by Erin Ropposch



Pat C Zaroamus (Zara) is a brindle male fostered by Barbara Ancona



WW Katara (Katara) is a brindle female fostered by Monique LaBenne



RT's Tami Lou (Tami) is a red fawn female fostered by Rachel Giles

Another Touching Story.....

All Girl Glenda (Stella) came into GreyHeart on the 3/21/20 haul and was fostered by Harriet Weiner. Harriet ending up adopting Stella on 4/6/20. Stella was born on 2/28/19 and never ran any races. This is Harriet's story.

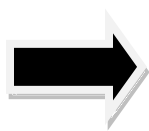
She is the funniest dog I've ever had, sweet, loving and I tell everyone she is full grown in body but her brain is totally puppy. Loves everything & everyone. She is my 4th greyhound & I've loved them all but this one is very special. I was in pretty bad shape when I got her. My husband had passed away in November and Ruby (current greyhound at the time) was diagnosed with osteo and I had to say good-bye 2 weeks later in December. Plus my 40 yr old daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a double mastectomy in December. I don't know if or how I would have survived without my Stella girl. Thank you so much for picking the perfect dog for me.

Art & Assi

The **biggest thank you** of all goes out to Art and Assi who put their hearts and souls into GreyHeart. The countless hours they put into the screening of applications, interviews, ordering supplies and meds, creating and updating data bases, working on special projects (such as the GreyHeart calendar this year), coordinating the hauls and ensuring our hounds get into the best homes possible. They open up their home (and big yard) for fun events and as a meeting location when the hounds are brought in from the haul.

They are available 24/7 whenever they are needed for a shoulder to cry on, a problem that needs solving, rehoming some of our "problem children", helping to locate hounds that have gotten out or just to share a funny story with. They both have an endless supply of love for all of our hounds!!

That's not to say they do it all single-handedly. As I've said many times..... **it takes a village**. It takes the efforts of our many drivers, riders, volunteers, fosters, adopters and many others. Without their efforts and dedication, GreyHeart couldn't exist.



Our next haul will be scheduled in 2021!!

If You Open Your Heart To Them, They Will Open Your Eyes.

Upcoming Events

► **Meet & Greets** (Specific maps/locations can be found on the GreyHeart website)

There are no Meet & Greets scheduled at this time due to the CoronaVirus. Hopefully, we will see you all soon!!

Stay tuned for impromptu fun walks & other events. Check Facebook for announcements of dates & times when we will walk our hounds (i.e. Hines Park, Downtown River Walk, etc.) or organize play dates. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our amazing hounds and solicit potential adopters. If you have any other fun ideas, let us know!!

If you have any suggestions for future newsletters, please let us know. These articles can be about information you believe will be useful to all greyhound owners or stories you would like to share.

→ Please forward all newsletter inquiries, suggestions and photos to: Ginnie Bondy at bond0011@aol.com

→ Articles, photos and any items to be included in the next newsletter **must be submitted to Ginnie by January 15th, 2021.**

