



GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption

Newsletter – Summer 2021 Edition

The President “Speaks”

Greetings GreyHeart Members! Just as expected summer is upon us. It's been a hot and humid one also. Please don't forget about our furry friends being left outside for more than a few minutes in the heat. I hope all is going well so far.

We've brought in 50+ pups already this year. Some have been adopted into new homes and others have been adopted into existing members home. It's pretty exciting that we have so many new members. The majority of our new members are on our “Members Only” FaceBook page and have been sharing some great photos and videos of their newly adopted greys. They have also been asking for advice on being a new “parent” to one (or several) of our hounds. I would like to thank all of you all for the help and guidance you have provided. Together our established members have hundreds of years of experience with these quirky hounds and have had to work with just about any and every situation imaginable. Passing along the knowledge and advice to our newer members is a priceless benefit that always helps. Please keep up the good work!

As you all know, Florida ended greyhound racing last December which changed our ability to supply retired greyhounds to the public like we have in the past. Every haul is becoming more and more difficult to supply the demand.

For the newer members of our group who may not know, Linda Cliffel (who works with Sunburst Kennels) is our contact person in Florida. She selects the hounds that will best fit our needs, arranges transportation and works closely with us on every aspect of the haul. She is also the subject matter expert we turn to when we are stumped about an issue with one of our hounds. According to Linda, “Sunburst will continue for as long as greyhounds need homes and while the numbers are diminished, Sunburst Kennel will be there for all those that still need to move to adoption.”

Linda, Stacy and Ashley at Sunburst have provided the most excellent service for us over the years with sending us hundreds of perfect hounds. Their performance and quality has been second to none! I can't thank them enough for all the homes and families they have helped GreyHeart make complete. Let's continue moving forward (maybe at a slightly different pace) and see what the futures provides!

GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption will not be going anywhere anytime soon. We may change a few things in the future but we will always be there for the hounds. Like Al Schneider use to say, “It's all about the dogs.”

Thanks!

Art Zylka, GreyHeart President

May - W Virginia Greyhound Haul

Thanks to Jim and Bob from GEM for including our two hounds in with their haul from West Virginia on Thursday, May 27th.



JA's Santorini (Santorini) is a red male fostered by Mike Murphy



Jax Mallory (Mallory) is a black female fostered by Anne Vanderwill Brown

May Playdate

A very special thank you to Art and Assi Zylka for hosting another greyt playdate - 16 hounds in total! The weather was beautiful and a fun time was had by all. We especially enjoyed welcoming some of the newer hounds and their families into the group!



Al LeGue Memorial Greyhound Haul



Saturday, July 10th was our Al LeGue Memorial Haul. We brought in 5 beautiful females and one very handsome male. This haul was dedicated to one of our favorite members, Al LeGue who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. Al left us way too early and will be greatly missed by all....especially his wife, Lisa and their hound, Kip. All pups were wearing a special "Al Blue" collar for remembrance.

As always, this haul could not have happened without our amazing volunteers. Our drivers were Jim Bartlett, Brian Bruner and Mike King and the riders were Tania Bruner, Emily Lanzon and Lisa LeGue. We had a very special guest from GEM, Brooke Stumpf who helped with checking out the hounds and trimming nails. Thank you Brooke!!

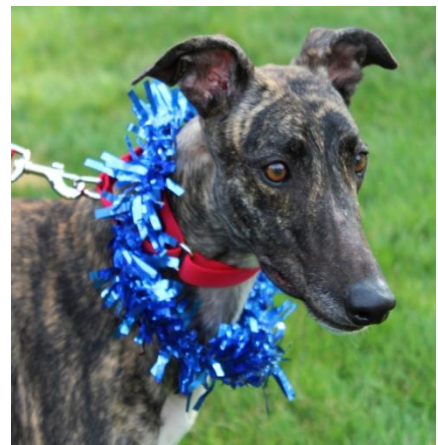
Many thanks to Art & Assi Zylka for all the hard work they put into making this haul a success. And of course, a BIG thank you to Linda Cliffler and Sunburst Kennels for sending us these amazing hounds.



Paisley is a black & white female fostered by Wendy Alley



Luna is a brindle female fostered by Larry Bonsall



Hogs Jasmine (Ruby) is a dark brindle female fostered by Kayla Parks



CET Bolt (Bolt) is a black male fostered by Andris Zukovs



Blazing Natalie (Natalie) is a brindle female fostered by Connor Kress



Kelos Henrietta (Rita) is a red fawn female fostered by Robin Wittner



July - W Virginia Greyhound Haul

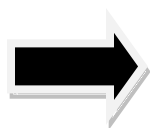
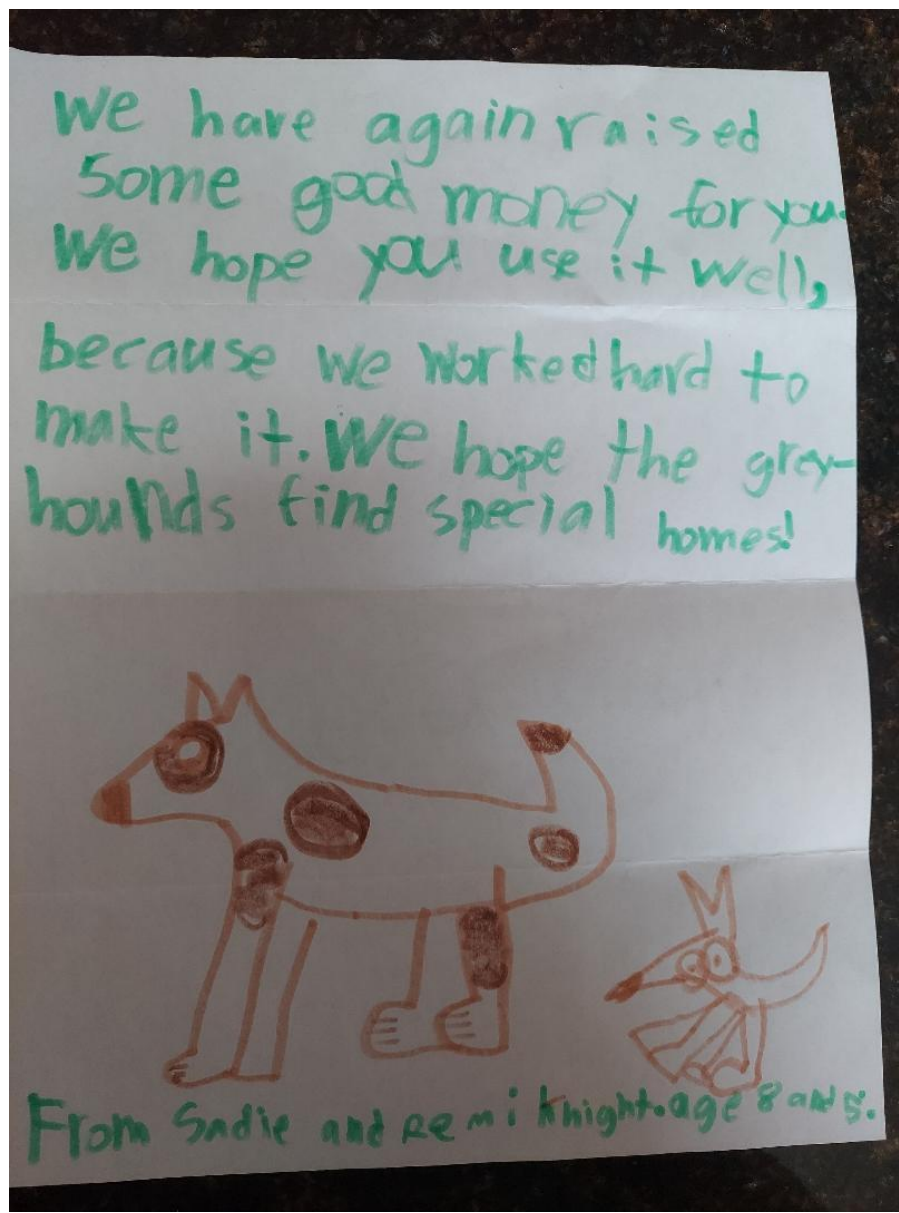
Art Zylka and Zach Mayfield drove to West Virginia on Sunday, July 11th to pick up this beautiful girl.



Brazil is a brindle female fostered by Amanda Ferguson

Heart Touching Letter

We received the following letter from Sadie and Remi Knight (ages 8 & 5) who worked very hard to raise money to donate to GreyHeart so that our hounds would find special homes. Their parents must be very proud!



The date of our next haul is unknown at this time.

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The annual GreyHeart Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 19th. Details to follow at a later date.

► **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 August 1st, 2021.**

