



## **GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption**

### **Newsletter – April 2018 Edition**

#### **The President “Speaks”**

Hello once again GreyHeart members!

Well, spring is supposed to be here. It might not feel like it, but it is. This month and next would be a great time to consider fostering one of our pups! I would like to “build up” our inventory of available hounds before the hot summer months arrive. Fostering is at a low right now for several different reasons. Many of our normal foster homes are full to capacity with hounds that they have recently adopted. So we are in need of new foster homes!! Without Greys in foster status, we have little to offer. So **PLEASE** consider opening up your home to one of these wonderful creatures! Remember, GreyHeart covers all expenses and provides all the supplies (and support) you need to do this! You just supply the food. Please contact me or Jeff if you would like to sign up and foster.

I have been thinking about starting to “speak” about some of the so called Greyhound “facts” out there that might be kind of questionable. You might even call them “myths”. There are many that I have heard over the years. So if you have any Greyhound Myths you would like for me to investigate, let me know. I’m thinking about subjects like: What exactly do Greyhounds eat during their racing career? Or elevated feeding station vs standard station?

I will investigate these subjects and go right to the source for the real answers. Then share the answers in my “President Speaks” articles. So just message me with any so called facts/myths that you would like for me to look into and I will. I think this will be fun and educational!!

We have some really fun stuff coming up this summer, so keep an eye on our Calendar of events too!  
Thanks to you all! **Please.....think about fostering soon!**

P.O.O.H.

*Art Zylka*

#### **March Greyhound Haul**

Another successful and very smooth running haul on Sunday, March 25th! We brought in 5 beautiful hounds (2 males & 3 females). The hounds were in great condition after leaving the warmer weather in Florida. A **very special** thanks to Linda Cliffler and Sunburst Kennel for continuing to send us beautiful hounds. Also a big thanks to the drivers/riders who volunteered to pick them up at the Michigan/Indiana border: Jeff Henkel, Ed Pietrzak, Kathy Cooper, Moira Hagan and Austin Garcia. A special thanks to Cassie Oviatt who checked out each of the hounds to make sure they were in top shape.

## THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING GREYHEART!



**BD Belle** is a 2 year old white/brindle female. Fostered by: Codilyn Johnston Adopted by: Carrie Landes



**Sweet Sider** is a 3 1/2 year old red female. Fostered by: Sandy Shaloub Adopted by: Judy Adams



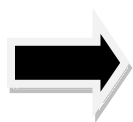
**SE's Locomotion** is a 2 year old brindle male. Fostered by Monique LaBenne Adopted by: Moira Hagan



**Verbo Velocity** is a 2 year old fawn female. Fostered by Vanessa Rowan Adopted by: Mike & Soyo King



**SG Starlingmarte** is a 3 1/2 year old black male. Fostered by Keith Warner Adopted by: Rebecca Moore



Our next haul is scheduled for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

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

## Upcoming Events

We have quite a few exciting events coming up in the next few months. Please save the dates on your calendar. There are several volunteer opportunities to support GreyHeart or just to hang with your fellow hound owners. Please see the flyers at the end of the newsletter.

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

- Sat, April 14                    12:00 – 2:00 p.m.                    Livonia Pet Supplies “Plus”  
    1:00 – 3:00 p.m.                    Gr Pte Pet Supplies “Plus”
- **Thursday, April 26 7:00 p.m.**                    **Wine Tasting (See flyer below)**
- Sat, April 28                    12:00 – 2:00 p.m.                    Shelby Twp Purely Pets
- Sat, May 5                        2:00 – 4:00 p.m.                    W Bloomfield PetValu
- Sat, May 12                     12:00 – 2:00 p.m.                    Livonia Pet Supplies “Plus”  
    1:00 – 3:00 p.m.                    Gr Pte Pet Supplies “Plus”
- Sat, May 26                     12:00 – 2:00 p.m.                    Shelby Twp Purely Pets
- Sat, June 2                      2:00 – 4:00 p.m.                    W Bloomfield PetValu
- **Saturday, June 2 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.**                    **Garden City Flea Circus (See flyer below)**
- **Friday, June 8 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.**                    **GreyHeart Garage Sale (See flyer below)**
- **Saturday, June 9 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.**                    **GreyHeart Garage Sale (See flyer below)**
- Sat, June 9                     12:00 – 2:00 p.m.                    Livonia Pet Supplies “Plus”  
    1:00 – 3:00 p.m.                    Gr Pte Pet Supplies “Plus”
- **Sunday, June 10 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**                    **GreyHeart Picnic at Starr Jaycee Park\***
- Sat, June 23                    12:00 – 2:00 p.m.                    Shelby Twp Purely Pets
- **Weds, July 4**                    **Northville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade\***
- **Sunday, Nov 10**                    **GreyHeart Pasta Dinner Fundraiser\***

*\*Details to follow at a later date*

**WANTED - VOLUNTEERS!!** *Please consider bringing your greyhound to one or more of these fun events. Not only are Meet N' Greets a wonderful opportunity to introduce our wonderful greyhounds to the public, it also gives us a great opportunity to educate possible greyhound adopters. It's a lot of fun to meet with other greyhound owners and share experiences!*

## The GreyHeart Store is Open for Business!!

**The GreyHeart Store is open!!** At this time, we are offering select t-shirts, long-sleeved t-shirts, hoodies and muzzles..... but hope to be adding more items soon.

Please take a moment to check out the new GreyHeart items now available for sale at <https://www.greyheart.org/greyheart-store.html>.

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## THE EDUCATED DOG

“PUP” Quiz:

1. Do all dogs need to go to school?
2. Will all dogs benefit from attending school?
3. Will their humans benefit from taking their dogs to school?
4. Should adopted dogs get an education?
5. Can an old dog learn new tricks?

If you answered YES to all of the questions above then you received a 100%! CONGRATULATIONS!

Formal obedience training (a.k.a. doggy school) for ALL dogs is recommended and extremely beneficial for both dog and owner. The world of science continues to expand and so has ethology, the study of animal behavior. Researchers have found that the canine brain is not only much smarter than we already knew, but that some specific training methods are far more effective than others. Most importantly, dogs become much more predictable, trustworthy and fun when they have received the right kind of education.

There is a plethora of benefits that both dog and owner can reap from simple and structured training. The following is only a brief list of some of these benefits:

1. **Creates a strong bond between owner and dog.** Bonding is defined as a strong emotional attachment between one individual and another. Obedience training is teamwork and teamwork creates closeness, thus, establishing and maintaining trust, security and a strong desire to be near each other. It's a reinforcement of the ancient human/canine bond that has existed for centuries.
2. **Creates a hierarchy of roles in the relationship.** In Dogdom, there is a very clear and rigid hierarchy of roles. Each dog learns, understands and accepts its role. Some dogs have higher roles like the alpha male or female and some have lower roles. Dogs do not care in which role they are placed. They just want to know where they fit in. It works the same with their human family. Dogs will strive early on to figure out where they fit into the familial hierarchy. Obedience training helps owners and dogs understand at the outset that there are only two roles. Owner/trainer is top dog. Dog is below top dog. Dogs are quite thrilled with this arrangement and learn to cooperate nicely with this synchrony because it makes sense to them. If the owner tells it to do something it understands and there is a treat involved, then the dog is quite willing to be at the bottom. In fact, dogs see it as a very lucrative arrangement and easily assume the role of an active and willing participant. Outcome: Owner and dog are quite pleased with the relational hierarchy.
3. **Creates more freedom for the dog.** A dog that responds the FIRST time to a command to sit or stay or lie down, etc. is a joy to own. That means that the dog is predictable and trustworthy. Those two adjectives are the perfect formula for freedom. The more the dog can be trusted with obedience and good manners, the greater the freedom it can be given by the owner. Most humans do not like an animal that barks incessantly, jumps, runs away, snatches food, and worse yet, growls and bites. Those dogs cannot be trusted. Consistent training eliminates or greatly reduces these behaviors and provides for a dog that is a joy to own.
4. **Creates a happier dog.** Dog training establishes and cements important boundaries and structure for the pup. This enables the dog to understand what is permissible and what is not. When dogs understand what is expected of them they are happier, more relaxed and they live a healthier life. So do the owners.

5. **Creates a smarter dog.** Dog IQ is different from human IQ but it is still all about “the smarts”. Scientific data strongly supports the fact that new learning begets smarter brains. This happens when new neurons (brain cells) are formed and connect to other new neurons when learning a new command. So as a dog learns new commands it becomes smarter and enables it to learn new more complex commands and tasks. This takes place in the brains of old and young dogs and humans. All brains are quite capable of new learning.

The importance and need for obedience training for all dogs cannot be overstated. In fact, depriving a dog of the opportunity to be educated deprives it of the opportunity to be a cooperative, trusting and loving companion. Just imagine what a different world it would be if all dogs were given that opportunity for education.

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***GreyHeart Members: Please send me questions about greyhound training, behavior and problem behavior to [taniabruner@gmail.com](mailto:taniabruner@gmail.com). I will respond to them in our newsletters for everyone's benefit. Feel free to send me topics about which you would like to read as well for future articles.***



**For the next newsletter, please submit photos of your grey(s) “misbehaving”. You can either post on FaceBook or e-mail photos to me.**

*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](mailto:bond0011@aol.com)*

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







Please join us

# wine tasting

FUNDRAISER

**where:** Filipo Marc Winery  
39085 Garfield  
Clinton Township, 48038  
check out their website:  
filipomarcwinery.com

**when:** Thursday, April 26  
7 pm (arrive by 6:45)  
will last 2 – 2½ hours

**cost:** \$30 per person  
(must be at least 21 w/valid ID)  
Snacks provided, including  
cheese, crackers, and sausage

Maximum attendance is 30, so please send payment ASAP.  
We will e-mail confirmation upon receipt. Please send a check  
payable to **GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption** to cover payment  
for you and your guests to:

GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption  
ATTN: Wine Tasting Fundraiser  
P.O. Box 530185  
Livonia, MI 48153-0185

Be sure to include your email address and your guests' names.



# Garden City Flea Circus

**Pet Adoption & Wellness Event**



## Downtown Garden City

Located at the Northeast corner of Ford Rd & Middlebelt

**Saturday, June 2nd**

**10am – 3pm**



- Local Animal Rescues including exotic birds from Rainbow Rescue & adorable bunnies from Wonderland Rabbit Rescue
  - On-site Veterinarian providing low cost vaccines
  - Obedience & puppy training demonstrations
  - Local Licensing (bring vaccination record)
  - Meet Sgt. Rudy, Garden City's own K9
  - Grooming Services available on-site
  - Pet Products available for purchase
  - Free Face Painting for Kids
  - Raffle Baskets
  - Baked Goods & Lunch Specials Available
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!**



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All Day Daycare, Luxury Boarding, Grooming & Do-it-Yourself Dog Wash Stations  
located at 5921 Middlebelt in Garden City, Michigan  
"Every dog deserves to be a Lucky Dog!"

If you have questions or would like to participate,  
please call the Garden City DDA Office @ 734-261-2830



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# GARAGE SALE

## **In Support of GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption of Michigan**

Date: Fri. & Sat., June 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time: 9am- 4pm

Location: 205 W. Tacoma St. Clawson, MI 48017

(as part of Clawson's City-Wide Sale that weekend)

Dear GreyHeart Family & Friends,

We are seeking new and gently used kitchen and household items, lawn/ garden, pet items, books, children's toys, sports/ recreation equipment, holiday items, art work, antiques, clothing, jewelry and unique treasures to sell at the annual GreyHeart Garage Sale!

We are also looking for volunteers who would like to help with pricing, set-up/ breakdown of the sale and individuals who would like to help work the sale for a few hours. To volunteer at the sale or donate items, please contact Kelly Coughlin at 248.953.0468 or message Jax Willie on Facebook.

*100% of the proceeds from this sale will go to GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption. All donations are tax deductible.*

*We hope to see you (and your greyhounds) at the sale!*

