



GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption

Newsletter – June 2018 Edition

The President “Speaks”

Hello Team! It's been a while since the last newsletter and a lot has happened! A few hauls, the picnic, Garage Sale, Garden City Flea Circus and the announcement of our first Comedy Night Fundraising in September!!

I can start with summer safety stuff (mostly common sense). So far this year, three hounds have escaped from yards because of lawn service companies leaving gates open. Yes, it is the lawn companies fault right? Nope, it's the homeowners or the hound owners fault for not checking the gate every time before Fido is let out. Please make sure gates are secure! **Every time**. Thankfully all three hounds were safely recovered. It doesn't always end that way. Bungee cords, chains and locks work great. Don't rely on just the standard gate latch. I've had greyhounds open the latch on my gate with their noses!

The summer is getting hot! Please keep this in mind when outdoors with your hound! Test pavement on hot sunny days with your bare hand or bare foot. If the surface is pretty warm, remember your hound is not wearing shoes! Their pads can overheat pretty easily. Try to keep their paws on the grass or at least off the scorching pavement. It doesn't take much to damage a pad on the hot pavement or concrete. I've already seen it happen this year. It's painful and our pups can't tell us that they are uncomfortable with the temps. They need lots of water when outside and keep an eye out for signs of overheating. A greyhound can have a heat stroke at 80 degrees when humidity is high. Look for excessive panting, skin red / flushed / hot to touch, ears red or hot to touch, weakness in standing, walking and fainting. Seek immediate help and try basic cool-down methods right away. Cool wet towels are a great start.

I mentioned in the last letter that I was going to research some of the greyhound “myths” that are out there and either clarify or verify them. I'm going to start with what the greyhounds diets consist of before we get them. We have all heard of the “four d meat” they eat at the track, right? Let me say that my research has found that this is only a rumor. Not even close to being true. I spoke on the phone with Mark, the manager at Seminole Animal Supply Inc. in Altmonte Springs, Florida. They supply over 65,000 lbs of meat to Florida race tracks every week! The meat is 100% beef from cattle farms right here in Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin. It is pretty much the same beef you and I eat every day at restaurants and purchase in stores. The race hounds are fed an 8 - 10% mix while the farms use a 12 - 14% fat mix. Now not every kennel uses the same additions to this beef, but I will use an example of what one kennel in Jacksonville uses. One feeding = 105 lbs of meat, 25 lbs of kibble (Diamond High Energy), then they add noodles, chicken, gizzards, mackerel, carrots, beets and kale. Most likely a better diet than we feed them with a high quality kibble.

Now keep in mind this is what I found the hounds in Florida are fed. I'm sure the rest of the States are similar. I have no clue what kennels in other countries have for food standards. I'm going to say, Myth BUSTED! They eat pretty well!

I would also like to say thanks to all of GreyHeart's Volunteers! We are going to try to take a little break from the hot summer hauls like we did last year. Probably not going to bring in any hounds until September. We will still be taking applications and doing interviews, but no hauls.

Thanks!!

Art Zylka P.O.O.H. (papa of our hounds)



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NORTHVILLE 4TH OF JULY PARADE. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE HAD A HUGE TURNOUT REPRESENTING GREYHEART !!

The parade lineup is at Northville Downs, 301 Center Street, Northville. Enter the Downs off of Center Street. Our arrival time is 9:55 a.m. and we are in the **RED SECTION**. Please remember our number: **72**. We only have 2 passes to enter the Downs so you will have to park close by. Please dress your hounds in 4th of July apparel if possible. We will also have some patriotic apparel on hand if needed. Remember to bring water for yourself and your hound. Hopefully the day won't be too hot and we can have a lot of fun!

If the temperatures are too hot for our hounds to walk on pavement, we will put a notice on Facebook prior to 8:00 a.m. that we will not be participating.

April Greyhound Haul

It was a perfect day for the haul on Sunday, April 29th. We brought in 3 beautiful females and 1 handsome male. The hounds arrived at the Michigan/Indiana border on time, travel conditions were good and the weather was perfect. The drivers were Jeff Henkel and Ed Pietrzak and the riders were Karen Brickner and Moira Hagan. There aren't enough kind words to thank the individuals who pick up our hounds each haul. The drivers/riders usually have to get up around 2:00 a.m. to meet with each other and then drive the 3 hours to the border. Once they get there, they sometimes have to wait for hours till the hounds arrive. Sometimes they are late because of either bad driving conditions or other extenuating circumstances. We couldn't do this without you. So...THANK YOU!!!! And THANK YOU Linda Cliffel and Starburst Kennels for these amazing hounds. Also THANK YOU to Courtney Evans and Maggie Nowicki from Unleashed Vets in checking out our new hounds to make sure they were in tip top shape.



TC Casey is a 3 year old white/brindle female. Fostered by: Andrew Bommersbach Adopted by: Greg & Sandy Wagenhauser



Jones Beach (Bea) is 2 year old black female. Fostered by: Lisa Skierski Adopted by: Nancy Courtright



Atascocita Kirst (KirK) is a 3 year old brindle male. Fostered by: Keith Warner Adopted by: Liz Padalino & Ganj Beebani



Amazing Gypsy is a 1 1/2 year old brindle female. Fostered by: Judo Manko Adopted by: Andy & Stacie Bommersbach

THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING GREYHEART!

June Greyhound Haul

The haul on Sunday, June 17th was a scorcher!! But amazingly the hounds came through it very well. We brought in 10 hounds (7 males & 3 females) including brother & sister: Braska Judy & Braska Jeg. As always, thank you to Linda Cliffel and Sunburst Kennels for sending these pups our way. Thanks to drivers: Jeff Henkel, Ed Pietrzak, Sandi Shalhoub and Kathy Cooper. Also thanks to our riders: Assi Zylka, Karen Brickner, Robyn Fraser, Austin Garcia and Michael King. Many thanks to vet tech, Savannah Schaeffer from Wixom Family Pet Practice who checked out our hounds. An extra surprise this haul.....Jimmy John's donated subs, chips and cookies!!



Flying Fiction is a 3 yr old black male. Fostered by: Jill Warfield



CAF Mary is a 4 yr old brindle female. Fostered by: Linda Damon and adopted by : Kathleen & Celestino Mangulabnan



Braska Jeg is a 2 yr old white/fawn male. Fostered and adopted by: Jim & Deb Wyland



SH Prism is a 2 yr old brindle male. Fostered by and adopted by: Diane Riordan



Braska Judy is a 2 yr old white/fawn female. Fostered and adopted by: Jim & Deb Wyland



Not Today (Daisy) is a 2 yr old black female. Fostered by: Andy Bommersbach and adopted by Mallory Smyk & Jack Kay



WW's Snowbird is a 5 yr old black male. Fostered by: Keith Warner



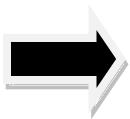
SE's Easy Strider is a 2 yr old red male. Fostered by: Jeff Henkel



AJN Gotimeboss is a 1.5 yr old red male. Fostered by: and adopted by: Stephanie Knight & Jonathan Follebout



TC Carlos Gomez is a 3.5 yr old brindle male. Fostered by: Vanessa Rowan and adopted by Tamara Harris



Our next haul is scheduled for sometime in September. We will be taking the months of July and August off.

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

Garden City Flea Circus

The Garden City Flea Circus is a pet adoption and wellness event where over a dozen local pet rescue organizations were on site with their beloved creatures looking for new fur-ever homes. Thank you to all the volunteers (and their humans) who came out on Sunday June 2nd to represent GreyHeart !!



GreyHeart Garage Sale

The GreyHeart Garage Sale organized and hosted by Kelly Coughlin was a HUGE success! Even though the weather didn't always cooperate, we managed to raise over \$1,500!!! According to Kelly: "At one point we had 8 hounds in my driveway – and this turned into one of the largest, spontaneous meet-n-greets I've ever seen. My favorite part of this 3-day sale was educating shoppers and neighbors alike about our beautiful breed and having their first experience with a greyhound be such a positive one." A HUGE thank you to everyone who either donated items or helped out in any way.





GreyHeart Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic was held on Sunday, June 10th at Royal Oak's Starr Jaycee Park. A special thank you goes out to the many GreyHeart members who helped make this one of the best picnics ever!! The Fundraising Committee and several board members did a wonderful job in ensuring everyone (including the hounds) had a greyt time!



Keith Brown
Entertainment



Dahn Brickner
MC/Adoption List



Karen Brickner
Memorial List



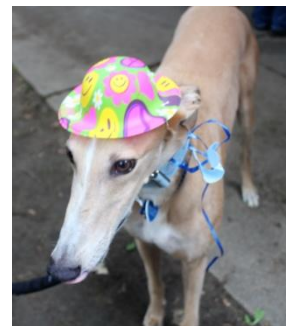
Peter Wurdock
Blessing of the hounds



Amy Bulsiewicz - Recipient
of the Al Schneider Award -
presented by Art Zylka



Mike Karmol - Winner of
the 50/50 raffle – presented
by Laura Collins



*** Just a few of the hounds ***





The Winners of the Hound Contests



Twins: Sharon Cooper
w/Cuddles & Carol Gilin
w/Marlee

**Cuddles also won oldest
hound at the picnic***



Peanut butter eating:
Kelly Turner w/Happy



Mummy: Kelly Coughlin w/Jax &
Mike & Soya King w/Abby

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.

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

- **Weds, July 4** **10:00**
- Sat, July 7 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Sat, July 14 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sat, July 28 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Sat, August 4 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Sat, August 11 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sat, August 25 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, Nov 10**
- **Saturday, Sept 15** **6:30 p.m.**

Northville 4th of July Parade

W Bloomfield PetValu
Livonia Pet Supplies “Plus”
Gr Pte Pet Supplies “Plus”
Shelby Twp Purely Pets
W Bloomfield PetValu
Livonia Pet Supplies “Plus”
Gr Pte Pet Supplies “Plus”
Shelby Twp Purely Pets
GreyHeart Pasta Dinner Fundraiser*
GreyHeart Dinner & Comedy Club 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 !



Please mark your calendars for the **GreyHeart Dinner & Comedy Club Fundraiser** which will be held at Big Tommy's Parthenon & Comedy Club (40380 Grand River Ave, Novi) on Saturday, September 15th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 8:00 p.m. The show will feature Chili Challis (*17 years as a staff writer for Jay Leno's Tonight Show and nationally renowned, headlining comedian*), Khurum Sheikh (*retired cop-turned-comedian with over 10 years of stage success across the USA*) and our very own GreyHeart member, DJ Brickner (*Emcee, ventriloquist-comedian performing on comedy club stages across the Detroit metro area.*)

This will be a great opportunity to socialize with other GreyHeart members and to have a really fun time!! Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased on our website:
<https://www.greyheart.org/greyheart-store.html>.

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>.

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 15th.**

