



## **GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption Newsletter - June 2020 Edition**

### **The President “Speaks”**

Greetings! It's been a little while since our last newsletter. Let's take a few minutes and get caught up!!

Hope you all are staying safe and healthy during what I hope is the downswing from this Covid crisis. GreyHeart is back at it again after following the Governors "stay at home orders". We are practicing social distancing during our in-home interviews and keeping the majority of the interviews outside. So far this year we have brought in around 40 hounds! They are all comfy in their new forever homes or in their foster homes and doing well! If we continue at the pace we are currently moving in, it will be a record year for us for adoptions! It currently looks like our next haul will be in mid-late July. Please let us know if you have interest in fostering. You probably won't have the opportunity to do this in the near future with Florida wrapping it up soon.

It's that time of year again, the time when I preach about the safety of our pups. Last year the leading cause of Greyhound escapees was blamed on the lawn companies leaving the gate open after service. Please, if you hire yard work out, check the gates before you let your pups out!! The truth is that it is your fault for not checking if the gate is latched, not the lawn companies. This happens more often than most know. It only takes a second to secure your gate. Don't just assume the gate is closed and latched! This is unfortunately, the season for hounds getting loose. With the 4th of July coming up soon I also recommend supervising evening and night time potty breaks while fireworks are active in the area. Even putting your pup on lead while in a fenced area is not a bad idea, especially if he or she "spooks" easily. Don't be afraid to call your vet for meds to help your hound relax during this stressful time for them.

Please walk your hounds early morning or late evening! The summer sun warms the walking surface more than most realize! Test the surface with your hand or bare foot to determine if it's ok to walk on. At 77 degrees outside air temp, the sun can heat the pavement to over 125 degrees! You won't feel this through your shoes, but you bet Fido will feel it!

The summer is just getting started! Please take care and hope to see you all at the GreyHeart annual picnic on Sept 20th! More to come on this soon!

Thank You All!

Art Zylka, GreyHeart President

## April Greyhound Haul

Our haul on Sunday, April 26th, was very different than any haul we have ever done before. We originally made the decision that with the Corona Virus still very active in Michigan that we would not do this haul. However, with Sunburst Kennel getting in so many dogs right now we decided to reconsider and see what we could do to help. So we reached out to our GreyHeart members and of course, we had many that stepped up to the plate!

The drivers/riders were given specific instructions about using every possible precaution to be safe: practicing “social distancing”, bringing and using disposable gloves and face masks, keeping hands away from their face and sanitizing often especially after touching the hounds.

Hats off to Art and Assi because this was not an easy haul to coordinate. The rest area we normally meet the hauler coming from Florida was completely closed down so they had to locate another place to meet. In addition, to avoid as much person to person contact, they had to coordinate who was driving/riding and where they would meet up with the adopters to hand over the new pups that were coming in.

The hauler left Florida a little earlier than planned so our drivers/riders were on the road at 2:30 a.m. in the morning to ensure they made it to the Indiana border in a timely manner. These amazing, dedicated members are: Drivers – Charles Makres, Assi Zylka and Vanessa Rowan and the Riders – Chris Sytek, Moira Hagan and Dawn Bomay. Thank you just doesn't seem enough!

A big thank you to Linda Cliffl and the Sunburst Kennels for sending 3 boys and 4 girls today. Only two of the males are vetted so we will be making arrangements for the others to get vetted as soon as our vet offices are open to do surgeries again.

Hopefully, our next haul will be back to normal !!



**Prairie Moon (Kapi)** is a light fawn female fostered by Stephanie Roth



**Venetian (Natty)** is a brindle female fostered by Erin Ropes



**Kaias Blackout (Lafayette)** is a black male fostered by Scott Prior



**Arkans Bd Happy (Happy)** is a brindle female fostered by Dawn Bomay



**AMF Varsity Star (Star)** is a black male fostered by Vanessa Rowan



**Jays Big John (John)** is a brindle male fostered by Carey Weibel



**Hi Noon Reign (Reign)** is a cow dog female fostered by Chris Sytek

## May Greyhound Haul

Our haul on Saturday, May 30th turned out really well considering we are still dealing with COVID-19. The drivers/riders, fosters and everyone else involved with the haul adhered to all required safety precautions. We brought in 5 handsome males and 5 beautiful females. The drivers/riders met the hauler from Florida at the Indiana border and all hounds were in really good shape. Many thanks to the drivers: Assi Zylka, Jeff Henkel, Ed Pietrzak, Jim Bartlett and Emily Lanzon; and the riders: Anna Pietrzak, Keith Warner, Dawn Bomay, Amy Hensley and Ruth Jonatzke. Special thanks goes out to Ed and Anna for filling in at the last minute when the haul changed from Sunday to Saturday and one of our original drivers and riders couldn't make it. Once again, thank you Linda Cliffler and Sunburst Kennels for these amazing hounds. Photos of several of the hounds will be posted at a later date.



**Crystal Gale (Gayle)** is a dark brindle female fostered by Jeff Henkel



**WW Boost (Boost)** is a red fawn female fostered by Linda Santo



**Bartsstockoption (Wally)** is a black & white male fostered by Yvonne Warner



**Superior Shrike (Ike)** is a black male fostered by Scott Prior



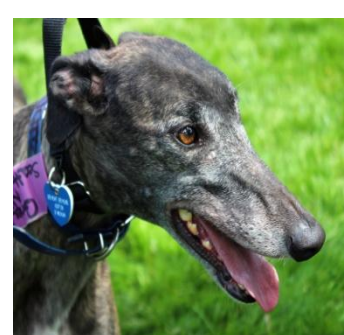
**Cheatin Hearts (Heart)** is a brindle female fostered by Laura Collins



**Golden Midas (Midas)** is a dark brindle female fostered by Amy Hensley



**Barts Be Best (Danny)** is a red male fostered by Vanessa Rowan



**NB's Seathstars (Memphis)** is a brindle female fostered by Erin Ropposch



**CTW Kupcake (Kupcake)**  
is dark red brindle female  
fostered by Wendy Allen

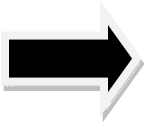
## GreyHeartAuction

A HUGE thanks to Assi for organizing and coordinating our first time GreyHeart Auction. A total of \$1,434.59 was raised !!!

Thanks to ALL of you who donated and purchased items that made this fundraiser a great one!! According to Assi “I had a lot of fun doing this and will do one after the summer again.”

The donations will be distributed to Sunburst Kennel and a certain percentage will be donated to Shetland MRI Scanner appeal.

Anything that wasn't sold will be included in the next auction ! Thank you everyone so much for your kind hearts to donate to this wonderful breed called the Greyhound!!!



**Our next haul is tentatively set for mid to late July !!**

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

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

