

GreyHeart Greyhound Adoption Newsletter - Spring 2019 Edition

The President "Speaks"

Hello Group!

It's been a little while! We've got a lot done since the last time I had to "Speak." We've made some changes that I hope will make a difference for the better. My favorite change has been on how our hounds are transported from Florida. We've hired a new hauling company "Victory Lap Hauling". They are from the Pittsburgh area and have been "Hauling Tail" for about a year now. We had our first haul with them on April 13th and it worked out perfectly! They delivered 8 recently retired hounds right to our doorstep.







When they arrived, Mark (Victory Laps President) jumped out of the bus and introduced himself to me and apologized. He went on to say that they were 3 minutes late from their original E.T.A. that he had given me a few weeks before. I couldn't help but crack up and so did he. His crew of four unloaded the hounds and helped us get them into the backyard for processing within a few minutes. You could tell they were tired and ready to go home. They had been on the road for 4 days and by the time they arrived home (about 4 hours later) they had driven over 2,200 miles. Our group welcomed them with open arms and they ended up hanging out with us for a couple of hours! What a great group of super dedicated volunteers! I can't wait to work with them again.

On **Sunday, June 2nd** GreyHeart will be having our annual picnic at a new location in Canton. Special guest, Linda Cliffel, will be in attendance all the way from Sunburst Kennel in Florida! I really love the idea that Linda will be there because just about every greyhound that will be at the picnic we received directly from her! We finally get to meet in person our most favorite Greyhound Guru!

Make sure you and your hound brush up on your acts for the GreyHeart Got Talent contest! It will be judged by our panel and special awards will be given out to the winners. We will also have a handful of the usual greyhound games with awards to the winners as well. We will have a few vendors attending as we've had in the past.

Let's not forget to mention that the entertainment will be provided by GreyHeart's very own Keith Brown! The best greyhound entertainer around! Keith is one creative and talented guy who did a great job at last years' picnic and the spaghetti dinner. Please feel free to bring a side dish to pass and we'll provide the main course of Lee's Chicken and Jimmy Johns Subs. A "special" cake will also be provided.

This year is GreyHearts 20th Anniversary!! This is quite an achievement. We have been doing this since 1999 and I believe we have adopted out close to 800 greyhounds! Let's keep up the good work.

Lastly, I would like to give a Huge THANK YOU!! to all of our Volunteers. Our last few hauls have been a lot of work and none of this would have been possible without all of you. Your dedication and effort have not gone unnoticed!

Just remember.... It's all about the dogs!

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



- Heritage Park-adjacent to Fire House/Police Station
- 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton 48188
- When: Sunday, June 2
- Time: 10:30 am-3pm

What to Bring:

Agenda

- 10:30-11:15 am: Arrive/Register
- 11:30am: Announcements / Group Picture / Blessing of the
- NOON: Eat / Mingle / Live Music
- 1:15pm: Memorial Reading / Al Schneider Award
- 1:30pm: Greyheart's Got Talent...Talent Show! (1 minute time
- 2:30pm: Ending Talent Show Awards / Closing

What to Expect:

- Lee's Chicken and Jimmy John's will be provided
- 2 Covered Pavilions -> Come RAIN or SHINE! Trees for shade!
- 20th Anniversary Celebration Cake
- Bathrooms close to Pavilions
- Plenty of Parking
- **Greyhound Games**
- Vendors
- Lots of GREYHOUNDS!!!

COME HELP US CELEBRATE 20 WONDERFUL YEARS!!!



GreyHeart's Got Talent!!!

→Does your Grey have a talent...like folding clothes...if so....don't miss out on our talent show!



There will be a selection of GreyHeart short & long-sleeve t-shirts and zipper hoodies for sale at the picnic and future events (i.e. Meet & Greets). They will come in a variety of colors and sizes so buy early to get the best selection of what you'd like.

February Greyhound Haul

It was a very long evening when the hounds didn't arrive to Art's house until around 2:00 a.m. We brought in 7 beautiful females and 1 handsome male. Thank you just doesn't seem enough to the drivers and riders who made this haul happen. The drivers were: Jeff Henkel, Monique LaBenne, Mike King and Ed Petrzak. The riders were: John Vasseur, Linda Stamey, Kathy Cooper and Anna Pietrzak. And of course, Art & Kelly who stayed up with the hounds all night to make sure they were comfortable and well taken care of until their fosters arrived to take them home. Also many thanks to Linda Cliffel and Sunburst Kennel for continuing to send us these wonderful hounds.



Hope (Atascocita Cope) is a 5 yr old brindle female Fostered by: Ginnie Bondy Adopted by: the Yang family



Apris (Atascocita Apris) is a 5 yr old black female Fostered & adopted by: Linda Santo



Atascocita Golda (Golda) is a 7 yr old fawn female Fostered by: Robyn Wittner Adopted by: David & Julie Blinkhorn



Atascocita Chloe (Chloe) is a 3 1/2 yr old black female Fostered & adopted by: Linda Vasseur



Drink One For Me (Carrie) is a 1 yr old white & brindle female Fostered by: Chris Paslawski Adopted by: Margo Gebbi



PRM Twilight (Twilight) is a 3 yr old black female Fostered by: Jim Allure Adopted by: Danielle Sims



WW Allsquare (Allie) is a 3 yr old red fawn female Fostered & adopted by: Keith Warner



RML Congo (Congo) is a 2 yr old brindle male Fostered by:: Sandi Shalhoub Adopted by: Shane Redinger

April Greyhound Haul

Victory Lap Greyhound Transport brought our hounds straight to Art's house on Saturday, April 13th safe and sound!! It was a gorgeous, sunny day and it almost felt like a party atmosphere. Many thanks to the Victory Lap team as well as Linda Cliffel and Sunburst Kennel for making this another successful haul. We brought in 5 beautiful females and 3 handsome males. It was a "brindle & black" haul. Also thanks to Vet Tech, Savannah Schaefer for making sure each hound was in great shape.



Barts Razorsharp (Candy) is a 3 ½ yr old red brindle female Fostered by: Codilyn Johnston



Arrabella Figg (Betsy) is a 4 yr old dark brindle female. Fostered by: Andrew Bommersbach



Peppy Chela (Chela) is a 5 yr old brindle female Fostered by: Cynthia Brodoski



Barts Ocean (Presley) is a 3 yr old brindle female Fostered by: Erin Ropposch



TNT Coco Loco (Coco) is a 3 yr old black female Fostered by: Savannah Schaeffer



AMF Last Word (Brat) is a 4 yr old black male Fostered by: Sandi Shalhoub



Big Hurracan (Hurracan) is a 3 yr old dark brindle male Fostered by: Keith Warner



WW Wallop (Wally) is a 2 yr old black male Fostered by: Katie Kono



Our next haul is scheduled for some time in June.

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)

Sat, April 27 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Sat, May 4

Sat, May 11 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sat, May 25 Sat, June 1

Sunday, June 2

Sat, June 8

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Shelby Twp Purely Pets

W Bloomfield PetValu Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus" Gr Pte Pet Supplies "Plus" Shelby Twp Purely Pets

W Bloomfield PetValu **GreyHeart Picnic**

Livonia Pet Supplies "Plus" Gr Pte Pet Supplies "Plus"

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!

Stay tuned for impromptu summer 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 June 15th.

