



## **GreyHeart Greyhound Rescue**

### **Newsletter - 2017 Christmas Edition**

#### **The President “Speaks”**

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year!! We had an excellent year in 2017. We received a little over 100 applications and finalized 52 adoptions. Pretty close to 20 more than 2016’s 33 adoptions! **Greyt Job!!!**

2017 also brought some major changes within the GreyHeart Board Members. As you all know, Robin Wittner stepped down from the President role this past summer. Here are our 2018 Board Members:

Art Zylka	President
Ginnie Bondy	Vice President
Kelly Coughlin	Second Vice President
Christina Williams	Web Master
Austin Garcia	Assistant Web Designer

Most of you know Christina who has been with GreyHeart for about 13 years. Ginnie Bondy, Austin Garcia and Kelly Coughlin are all relatively new to GreyHeart. But please....don’t let this fool you! They are all very dedicated, knowledgeable and hard working members. The five of us work very well as a team and are in constant communication with each other concerning all situations.

My goals for 2018 are to continue moving forward with improvements in the entire adoption process. Most of the major changes have already been made. Now we can focus on the details and iron them out.

I would also like to take a short break in bringing hounds in during the hottest months of the summer, July and maybe August as we did last year. It’s just too hot for these hounds travelling across the country. With that being said, I would like to see our foster roster “bulk up” and maybe take on a few extra foster hounds for the summer inventory before the hot months. Then we can coast through until the temps drop.

Thank you all for your tireless efforts in 2017. It’s now 2018....let’s do it again and bring these hounds home!!

*Art Zylka*

## December Greyhound Haul

Another successful haul on Sunday, December 10th! We brought in 4 beautiful hounds (2 males & 2 females). The hounds were very cold after leaving the warmer weather in Florida. A **very special** thanks to Linda Cliffler and Sunburst Kennel for continuing to find and 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, Sandy Shaloub and Austin Garcia. A special thanks to Courtney Evans from Unleashed Vet who checked out each of the hounds to make sure they were in top shape. We are continuing to improve the intake process by developing new checklists to ensure nothing is missed and the hounds receive everything they need (i.e. medications, flea/tick removal, nails trimmed, etc.) And of course, NONE of this could happen without the wonderful fosters who bring these hounds into their homes and lives....sight unseen. **The saying goes “It takes a village to raise a child” and in our case it takes a GreyHeart village to ensure these hounds find loving, forever homes.**

## **THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING GREYHEART!**



**Devil's Lady** is a two year old brindle female. Fostered by: Vanessa Rowan  
Adopted by: Dean Anker



**Handsink Dave** is a 2 1/2 year old brindle male. Fostered by: Sandi Shaloub  
Adopted by: Dave & Sarah Britton



**Turbo Ken Len** is a 3 year old red male. Fostered by: Yvonne Warner  
Adopted by: Kari Nugent, DVM, Unleashed Pet



**Jeri Weil** is a 2 1/2 year old white/fawn female. Fostered by: Carol Gilin  
Adopted by: Dan Goodwin & Lindsay Arlington

➡ **The January haul is scheduled for later this month...Date TBD**

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

## Upcoming Events

In addition to the Meet & Greets listed below, we also have a few special events coming up.

- ❖ January 21<sup>st</sup> – Beaumont/Oakwood Common Retirement Community & Skilled Nursing Facility  
We will be introducing a few of our greyhounds to the residents of these two facilities along with the history and process of adopting greyhounds. The residents will be able to learn about greyhounds as well as get some “hands-on” experience.
- ❖ In conjunction with Carson’s (Laurel Park) Community Days, we will have a few of our greyhounds available to the public in the mall entrance of the store on several dates during January and February. Community Days is a storewide event that recognizes and helps local school groups and community nonprofit organizations raise funds for the life-changing work they do. Carson’s will partner with us by providing Community Days coupon booklets to sell for \$5 each. **With each booklet sold, we will be able to keep 100% of the profits.** The coupon booklets contain about \$600 worth of coupons plus a \$10 off coupon for any regularly priced item in the store. We have ordered 200 booklets and if we sell all of them, we will profit \$2,000!!

If you are interested in selling these coupon booklets, please contact Art or Ginnie and we will make sure you get them.

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

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| • Sat, Jan 6   | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  | W Bloomfield PetValu        |
| • Sat, Jan 13  | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  | Gr Pte Pet Supplies “Plus”  |
|                | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Livonia Pet Supplies “Plus” |
| • Sat, Jan 20  | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Livonia PetValu             |
| • Sat, Jan 27  | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Shelby Twp Purely Pets      |
| • Sat, Feb 3   | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  | W Bloomfield PetValu        |
| • Sat, Feb 10  | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  | Gr Pte Pet Supplies “Plus”  |
|                | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Livonia Pet Supplies “Plus” |
| • Sat, Feb 17  | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Livonia PetValu             |
| • Sat, Feb 24  | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Shelby Twp Purely Pets      |
| • Sat, March 3 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  | W Bloomfield PetValu        |

**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 also fun to meet with other greyhound owners and share experiences!*

## **Fostering**

Fostering is an integral function in the greyhound adoption process. It provides the foster parent a chance to get to know the hound before they are placed in their new home thus ensuring the adoptive parents are a good fit with the new hound. Some hounds may have to stay in a foster home for several weeks while others may only have to stay for a few days.

- All costs related to a foster hounds care, except for food, is paid for by GreyHeart including all vet bills, medications, collar and leash and any other supplies needed.
- GreyHeart has a support system for our foster families and will provide assistance and advice whenever needed.
- All potential adopters are carefully screened and matched with the greyhound that best fits their situation and lifestyle. The foster family is a part of this process and therefore, has the satisfaction in knowing that their foster dog is being adopted into an acceptable, loving home.
- Fostering an ex-racer is an excellent way to learn if a greyhound is the right breed for your family, It is not a commitment to own one, however, the foster family has first right to adopt their foster.

The article below (Allie's Story) is a wonderful example of the rewards our foster parents receive when a successful adoption takes place. If you are interested in becoming a foster, please contact Art Zylka at [agzylka@hotmail.com](mailto:agzylka@hotmail.com).

### **Allie's Story (Renamed Boo)**

The following letter was sent from foster mom, Amy Bulszewicz to her foster hound's new adoptive family (the Ronayne's). Not only do foster parents open their homes to these hounds, they also open their 's !!

Karen, John, John & Ryan,

Boo and I had quite a journey together for the nearly 3 months she was our foster. In the challenges she presented to me I was able to discover just how much my heart had to give. Boo also let me discover how patient and supportive my husband can be despite being singled out and rejected by Boo.

We never set out to keep Boo, but we realized that we could only take her so far on her path to confidence. We worked very hard to find her a forever home where she could flourish.

It was frustrating and discouraging at times. They only thing you can do is keep trying. All the while just enjoying Boo's sweet soul and playful personality.

I imagined someone who would kiss her all day long. Just constantly reminding her that she was now in a loving environment where no one would ever hurt or frighten her ever again. I literally set out to give her enough kisses to heal her fears.

I imagined one person. I never imagined FOUR people to love on her. Your family has far exceeded my expectations for a loving home for her. When you walk into your home you can feel the love and devotion you have for each other. You instantly feel included in on all the joy and FUN!

Thank you with all my heart for opening your eyes and seeing Boo for who she really is. Thank you for your open hearts to extend her the time and patience she needs to become all she can be. Thank you for loving unconditionally and accepting her no matter what.

You guys are so wonderful. I am so happy for Boo.

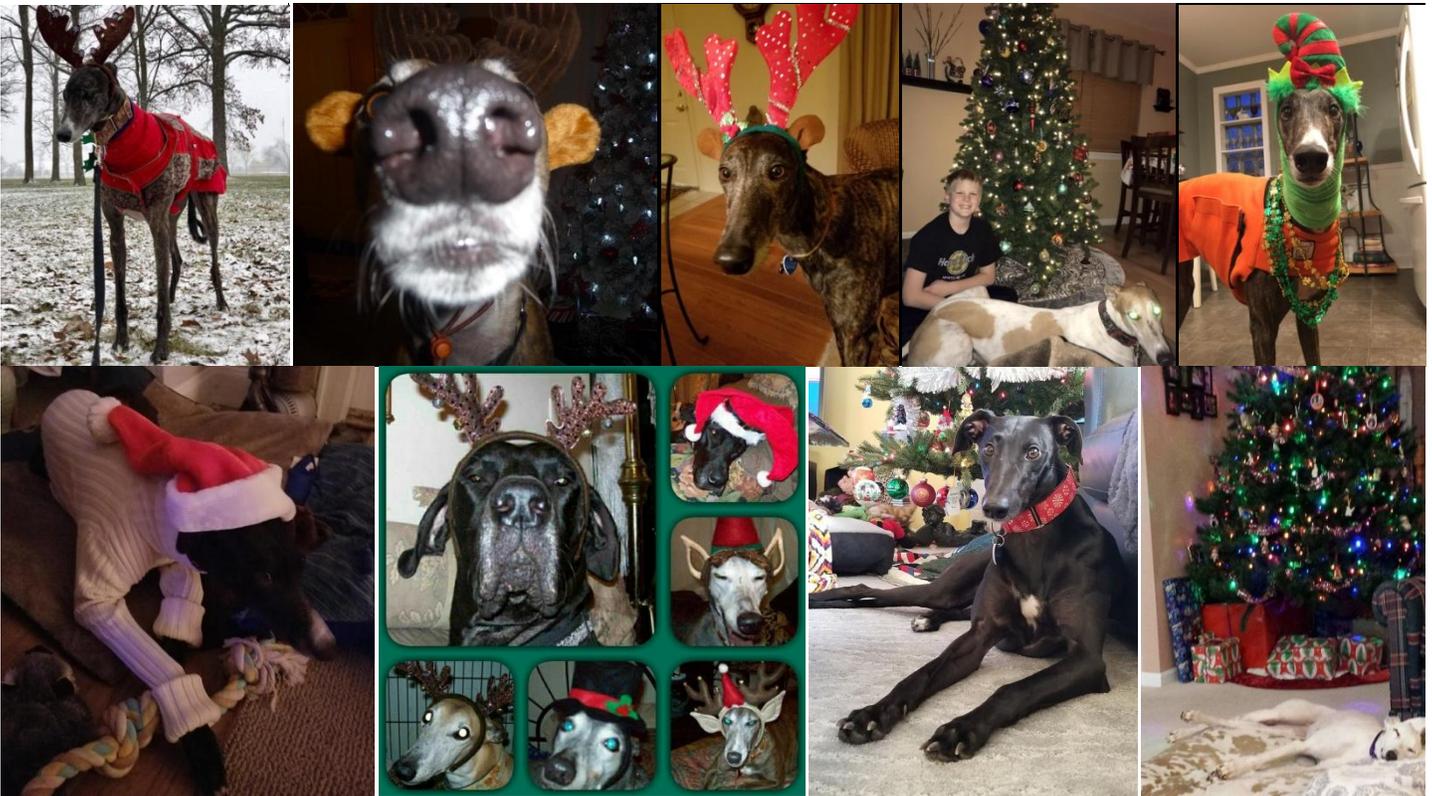
Please have a safe and happy Christmas!

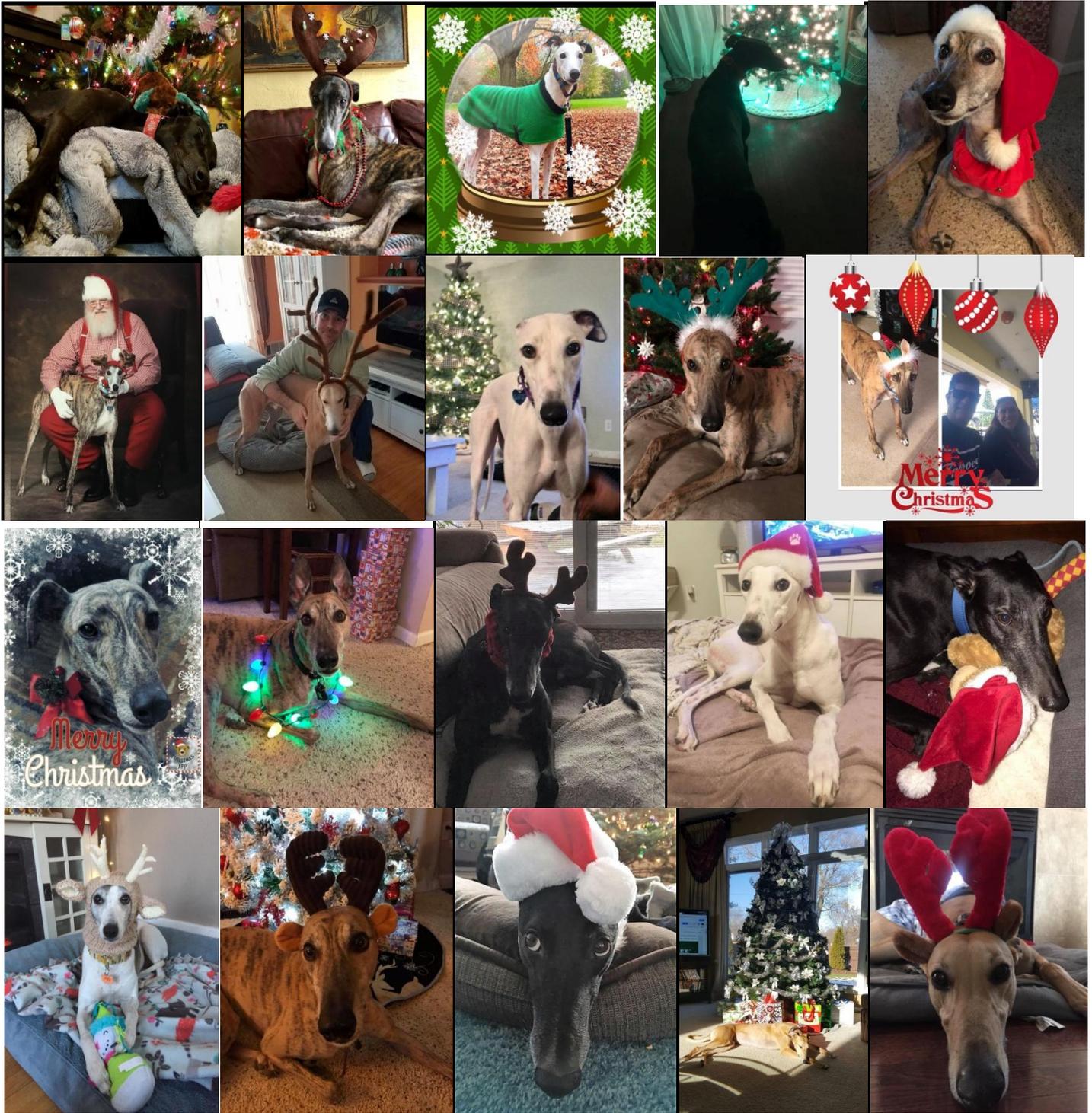
### GreyHeart Items for Sale

GreyHeart will have items for sale with our new logo soon! Some of the items that will be offered are vinyl window stickers, t-shirts, hoodies, hats, etc. More information to come soon!



### Our Goofy Greys - CHRISTMAS







**For the next newsletter, please submit photos of your grey(s) either “roaching” or “derping”. 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 February 1, 2018.

