

# ***The Home Run***

Greyhound Rescue of N.E.

**Greyhounds Waiting to Go Home**

Summer 2016

## **Greyhound Reunion & Walk-a-thon Fundraiser**



**September 10, 2016 (rain date Sunday) 11:00-3:00**

**Place: River Bend Farm, Uxbridge, Mass.**

Come out to a beautiful state park in Uxbridge for an afternoon of fun. Bring your kids and your dog(s), or come alone! There will be loads of vendors with Greyhound merchandise to buy, raffles, a silent auction, games for the dogs, information booths, and yummy food. Come visit with other Greyhound owners, shop, eat, and just have fun. We can all share Greyhound stories or learn something new about this great breed. What a great place to learn about Greyhounds as pets!

**Fundraiser Walk-a-thon – same day, same place!**

**Please help us make this our biggest fundraiser yet...**

We're again combining our Reunion with our **Annual Walk-a-thon**. This is our biggest fundraiser so we hope you will all participate. Right at River Bend Farm there's a beautiful two-mile walk along the Blackstone River. All you have to do is start with the enclosed Sponsor Sheet and ask friends, family and co-workers to sponsor your walk. Then just show up with your sponsor sheet and donations, and walk with others along this beautiful river. (you can walk the 2 miles, or just part of it) We've enclosed instructions for the Walk, a Sponsor Sheet and directions to the Park. We'll have a free tee-shirt for all that collect over \$75, and a Goodie Bag stuffed with lots of prizes for donations over \$25! And there will be special prizes for the top 3 fundraisers, including a first prize of \$250 gift certificate to PetCo and second prize a \$100 gift card from Walmart!



- 11:00 Registration for the Walk**
- 12:00 Blessing of the Hounds by Pastor Bruce**
- 12:00 Group Walk along the Blackstone River**
- 2:00 Top 3 Pledge Collectors announced**
- 2:00 Doggie Games**  
**(don't forget our famous Costume Contest!)**
- 2:15 Raffle**
- 3:00 Silent Auction ends**

### **Some of our potential Vendors :**

Alpaca Artwear  
Scooby North America  
The Greyhound Project  
Classy Couch Potatoes  
Pets & People Foundation  
Mass. Vest-a-Dog  
Grammies Jammies  
Cindy's Comfort Blankets  
Happy Hounds Honey  
Roberta Curtis - Reiki for dogs

***Check our Events section on our web page for more detailed info and updates!***

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## Laura's Fundraising Marathon

*Laura raised over \$7,100 in pledges for her marathon run to help GRNE. We're overwhelmed by people's generosity, and Laura's perseverance and caring as she went on this venture to help Greyhounds in need. Here's a letter from her:*

As I reflect back on Monday, April 18th, 2016, the day of the Boston Marathon, I have such happy and fun memories of the day. In the moments of April 18th, 2016, specifically between the time of 11:15am until 3:36pm, I remember thinking, this is f\*ing hell and I'll never do this AGAIN. I even told my friend Missy who soldiered 23 miles of the race with me and my husband Steve (immediately following the race before a shower and food) that I will never again do this.

My 10th marathon, it was supposed to be easy and I was supposed to run a decent time based on my training in the January-March months. Toeing the line with other charity runners, Missy and I weaved our way in and out of some of the slower to start runners. We had a good pace and felt pretty good. Fast forward to mile 12 just by Wellesley, and I wanted to give up. I was too hot, too weak (thanks to some sort of bug picked up in Costa Rica) and just felt horrible. How could I run more than another half of what I had just done plus the Newton Hills and the downhill misery and flats of Cleveland Circle and beyond?

Missy told me that it would get easier. And then I thought of all of you. Every single one of you who had donated to my fundraiser for GRNE. Together, we raised \$7100. Could I report back that I couldn't finish the race because it wasn't my best day? No! And I honestly thought of the dogs who I was fundraising for. Some of these dogs had sat in cages at the tracks for months after their careers were over just waiting to be transported for the real lives to start. The word resilience came to mind. I had to be resilient. This was actually not about me. I had chosen to run for something greater than just my personal, selfish goal



of completing a fast marathon. So I spent the next 14.2 miles dumping water over my head, scanning the crowds on the hills for freeze pops, and yelling at Missy to run up the hills. We had a miserable ball together.

I wanted to thank everyone for their support for my marathon fundraiser. To have 82 individual donations blew my mind. First of all, I didn't know I had 82 people who liked me enough to actually donate. Second, it means a lot that you all donated to help the greyhounds. These pups are amazing animals and seriously deserve every second chance they are given through the adoption program. They don't choose to race and while some have great careers and are treated well, there are others who probably went through hell before they reach GRNE and other greyhound shelters. GRNE is benefiting tremendously from all of your donations and are over the top grateful for the support they've received from you. Third, thanks for supporting me. Through donations, through support, through kind words and encouragement. Thanks to Steve for having to listen to me complain (even more) from January-April.

In conclusion to this unnecessary long email, thank you so much for all of your support for GRNE. It really means the world to me.

Love,  
Laura

## Greyhound Walk

Every Sunday morning (weather permitting) on a beautiful 2 mile trek along the Blackstone River. We switched to Sundays because there's hunting on Saturdays and it disturbed the dogs (and Diane!). Walk is at RiverBend Farm in Uxbridge (same location as our Greyhound Reunion) at 9:00.

Check our Facebook page for announcements.



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## Meet Steve and Hugh...

Steve and Hugh are such compassionate animal people and we just love them here at the kennel. They come by **every** Weds, walk each dog, bring them treats, feed the goats, and then do handy-work around the kennel – whatever needs to be done. Steve and Hugh adopted their first Greyhound from us (Took) 12 years ago and have been helping ever since. They just do what needs to be done, like putting up shades, putting in air conditioners, snowplowing paths to walk the dogs, or buying us a super washer! Their giving is unconditional and so sincere. They own several very needy pets themselves; they adopt the ones others don't take. We're so fortunate to have these guys support us in so many ways.....helps keep us going, saving dogs. Thanks Steve and Hugh, the Hounds love you.



## The Annual Yard Sale

The Annual Yard Sale was a huge success this spring, bringing in over \$1,900 for our Hounds. Heartfelt thanks to the "cast of characters" who contributed, from donating, setting up, purchasing, to clean up – it was one of our best yard sales ever! Big thanks to Carla for loaning us your barn! All funds are greatly appreciated and needed to help with vet bills for our Hounds as they come in.

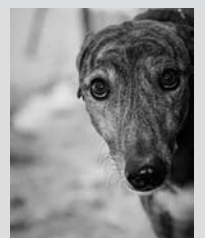
## Ways You Can Help

- **Donate your Car to GRNE!** – Call the kennel for details.
- **We are always in need of: Bleach, pine sol, stamps, gift certificates to Walmart or Target**
- **Amazon** has a program where they will donate .5% of your purchase to Greyhound Rescue of N.E., Inc. When you're ready to order, go into Amazon with [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Greyhound Rescue of New England as your donation choice. This is a wonderful way to help greyhounds here at the kennel!
- **Donate to Greyhound Rescue through our PayPal link on our web page** [www.greyhoundrescuene.org](http://www.greyhoundrescuene.org)
- **State Employees – This is for you:**  
State employees can now make charitable contributions to Greyhound Rescue of N.E. through the Commonwealth of MA Employees Charitable Campaign (COMECC). COMECC is the annual fund-raising program that enables employees to make a bi-weekly payroll deductions, or a one-time contribution. Enrollment for 2015 is conducted in the fall (2014), and payroll deductions begin in January.
- **Foster a Greyhound** for 2-4 weeks. You would work with the dog, transitioning them into "home life" and getting a "feel" for their personality. This helps assure a successful placement as well as freeing up a crate in the kennel to save another dog. Call the kennel for details.

**All donations are tax deductible – non-profit #04-3461361**

## Thanks to Harvard Pilgrim Health Care

We extremely grateful to Harvard Pilgrim Health Care for their employee mini-grant program through which GRNE was selected as a recipient by 5 employees. Special appreciation to Candy who worked so hard with recommendations, she's a champion and a true animal ambassador! We'll be using the funds for vet work for incoming track dogs. Thanks again Candy.





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## Please Help Us Help the Greyhounds

I would like to help support Greyhound Rescue of N.E.'s efforts by contributing:

\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Emergency Medical Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and your check or  
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are always needed. You can help save a Greyhound's life by fostering for 2-4 week period. This will free up a crate in the kennel and we can save another dog. Then you tell us something about the dog's personality, making placement easier.

## Board Your Greyhound

We can board up to six Greyhounds at a time here at the kennel. They'll have fun socializing with other Greyhounds in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We



book up quickly, so let us know as soon as you need to board. We will cater to your Greyhound's every need!

New Boarding Fee effective 1/1/14: Each dog: \$30 per day

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