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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



APRIL IS ADOPT A GREYHOUND MONTH!

Have I ever told you about Coheed's adoption story? This is what SHUG, the Sighthound Underground adoption group where I adopted him, told me. Coheed was registered with the National Greyhound Association and placed into an auction to become a racer with racing registration numbers tattooed in his ears. He had badly sloping front pasterns, however, that weren't ideal for racing, so no one bid on him. He was then sold for a miniscule amount to a farmer in Kansas who wanted to use him as a part of his pack of hounds to hunt coyotes. Ranchers and farmers have long viewed coyotes as pests because they kill livestock. Hunting coyotes with greyhounds goes back generations, even President Theodore Roosevelt did it; but it is inhumane to both the coyotes and the greyhounds. Hunting takes its toll as the greyhounds and lurchers are often bitten by the coyotes, wounded by barbed wire in the fields or dislocate joints or break bones by stepping into ditches and holes. Coheed decided that he didn't want to hunt coyote, and the farmer dumped him into a shelter. That's where the SHUG group picked him up and transported him to a Washington, DC foster home. And that's where I adopted him on Black Friday in 2017. Now he gets to go on walks in the city or lie on the couch!

April is National Greyhound Adoption Month. It is a bit harder to adopt a greyhound now than it was in the past. But there are a lot of greyhounds out there who have stories like Coheed's, so if you're interested in adopting one of these beauties, don't let anything deter you.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**A replica of 2 Trawler
cigarette cards!**

I'll be having a book sale and signing on Saturday, April 15th from 11am till 2pm at a small secondhand bookstore called Books, Beads and More in Mechanicsville, VA. I'll be signing both books—**Joe Harris, the Moon** and **Look! You're Dancing**. If you're out and about in the area, please stop by to say hello! It's a charming bookstore so come just to browse their stacks! James River Greyhounds will also have a tent at the bookstore with a few of their wonderful volunteers and fabulous greyhounds to meet and greet.

As the bonus for April's newsletter, I'm attaching a replica of a Trawler Cigarette card from the New York Public Library. Drawing made easy by W. Weatherby—The Greyhound. When you draw your greyhound, please put a photo of it on Instagram and tag me!

I live in the Church Hill section of Richmond, VA with my husband and my retired racing greyhound. Before I started writing, I worked for 30 years at a nuclear physics research laboratory.

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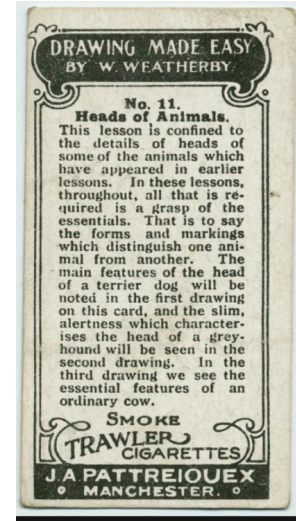
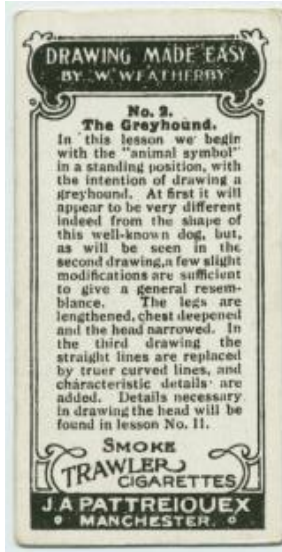


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