

# GRF NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of what is hoped will be a regular monthly publication.

This month has been an extremely busy one for all at GRF and whether due to the "credit crunch" or the closure of nearby racing tracks has seen our kennels at bursting point. Thankfully we have some wonderful foster carers that have helped out by taking in 5 dogs in total over the month, thank you all. Another 8 new dogs are now in our kennels and we have re-homed 7 during the month of October. In total now we have found "forever" homes for 198 dogs a fantastic achievement considering the short time that GRF has been going !!! Why not take a look at our column "from the doghouse" and help us make that 200.

We at GRF will always strive to give a healthy greyhound a chance in life rather than see it put to sleep. This is why we need your help in supporting many of our ongoing fundraising events. That way we can help give these majestic animals a loving and lasting retirement

## FORUM WATCH

The month of October started with a bang with another successful meet and greet dog walk at Glenrothes which has seen some excellent pics taken by David and posted on the forum for all to view, why not take a look and see if you recognise anyone !!.

Two posts over the last month which, have generated a lot of hits and replies are, "A kill" and "how can I help". Both of these have generated much debate over the last month, in some instances

maybe too much but what the forum does show that there are so many people out there that are passionate about these animals and are willing to speak out in their defence.

This month also saw the introduction of our "lucky number" draw currently being run by Gordon and Fiona. It is hoped as many people, as possible will participate in this thus ensuring a regular income for the kennels (full details of how you can participate in this competition can be found later in this issue

Full details of all the mentioned posts above can be found on our web site at <http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com/>

## FROM THE "DOGHOUSE"

Although GRF has some lovely dogs currently up for adoption, this month we highlight 2 that could benefit from a loving home, that of Vince and Alfie (aka Homer).

VINCE



VINCE who is neutered is a lovely blue fawn dog with a nice nature who loves his "grub" so much so that he barks when he is hungry, which is most of the time!! However, this would be different if he was given an opportunity of a forever home. He likes other dogs and gets on fine with all humans. Although slightly heavy on a lead at times he has

a really nice nature and will make a wonderful pet. Can you help VINCE out? Why not come along to the kennels and see him for yourself and fall instantly in love with him

ALFIE who is also neutered is basically a three years old puppy, which is sometimes noticeable when on a lead! However, he is a bundle of fun and loves humans and wants to go out with them all the time. He was in a home for a long time but unfortunately he was brought back because he didn't get on with a young child. When a dog like ALFIE has been re-homed and is brought back for whatever reason they often don't do so well in kennels as they are not aware what they have done wrong. Do you have it in your heart to give this young lad a forever home, if so contact Celia/Jimmy Fernie: 01592 890583 or e:mail [FERNIEJIMMY@aol.com](mailto:FERNIEJIMMY@aol.com)



Alfie

### DOG OF THE MONTH

Our first dog of the month is JEMMA a 2 year old black female that was obtained from Celia and Jimmy (via Helen and Dave her excellent foster carers). Here is Jemma's view of how things have gone !

**Likes:** my lovely soft sofa, a leather settee I believe they call it !!! I claimed early on when I arrived!!

**Dislikes:** Rain, cold winds and these things that go bang! at this time of year  
**Worst thing done to date !** Nothing!! Unless you consider helping myself to a lovely cooked roast beef joint. I am sure I heard them say something about "that was our dinner !!"

**Biggest achievement:** winning best female in the GRF and GAL dog shows, well everybody did say I was gorgeous!! I now have the rosettes to prove it !!!

**Favourite food:** That fish stuff called tuna mmmmm!!!!

**What's the oddest thing you have done?** I collect things and hide under my bed blanket such as knives, mobiles, lipstick, perfume, tooth brush, slippers.....

**What do you like doing best?** Just lazing around on my sofa and hiding Corky's chews ! male dogs have such small brains at times !!!!



If you feel your greyhound could be dog of the month then why not e-mail [grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk)

### EVENTS

As stated earlier, this month sees the first of our monthly lucky number draws, where for only £2 a month you can win 40% of the total money raised with the other 60% going to the kennels. This is a fantastic idea and it is hoped that as many people as possible will participate on a regular basis therefore ensuring a regular income for the dogs. Obviously the more numbers

you have in the draw the better your chances !!. For full details including setting up a standing order then please get in touch with Gordon/Fiona at [grfluckynumber@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grfluckynumber@yahoo.co.uk)

At the time of publication there are only 53 days until Christmas !!! and currently at GRF we are selling greyhound Christmas cards to help raise funds for the kennels they are of excellent quality and are selling for £4 for a pack of six and can be obtained from various sources (see forum for details) including Jimmy and Celia.

We are also currently selling quiz sheets (Christmas anagrams) at 50p per entry and there are 2 different types, with a bottle of whisky as the prize. Full details and sheets can be obtained from Karen at our monthly dog walks.

Recently Nikki and some of her colleagues from the pet shop held a sponsored walk which, took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> October (see pics below). The walk started in Kirkaldy and ended in Aberdour, an excellent day was had by all and over a £100 was raised for the dogs. A big GRF thank you to one and all.



All set to go at KirKaldy

## Fast fact

The cardiac output of a Greyhound increases by 5 times during a race.

In just one minute, a Greyhound's heart pumps his own body weight in blood



We have arrived, Burntisland !!

Sunday May the 3<sup>rd</sup> next year will see us host our second greyhound dog show. Our first show earlier this year not only raised lots of money for the kennels but also helped re-home several dogs. It was a great success with many people commenting on how well organised it was and how they enjoyed the whole day. Next year, we aim to build on this success and make it another memorable day for all.

If you have any events or fundraising ideas which you would like to tell us about then why not e-mail [grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk)

## MEDICATION

This section of the newsletter will look at various new and novel medications/treatments for dogs. With fireworks night almost upon us and knowing from first hand experience how this can stress many dogs not only on the night but in the weeks leading up to it we take a look at one such remedy that may help alleviate some of the stress caused. This month we look at "Dog Appeasing Pheromone" which can be supplied as either a "plug in" diffuser or in a dog collar form.

### What is D.A.P.?

Developed for pet owners by veterinarians, D.A.P.<sup>™</sup> (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) mimics the properties of

the natural pheromones of the lactating female. Within three to five days after giving birth, the female generates pheromones that give their puppies a sense of well being and reassurance, known as appeasing pheromones.

**How can D.A.P. calm dogs in stressful situations?**

Pheromones are picked up and detected by an animal's sense of smell producing specific responses. By replicating this signal of comfort, D.A.P.™ helps alleviate fear and stress related signs in the puppy and adult dog.

**How well does D.A.P. work?**

In clinical trials with D.A.P.™, destructive behaviour and vocalisation (excessive barking and whining) were improved or resolved by 72 percent and 85 percent respectively.

**Does D.A.P. have any effect on cats?**

D.A.P. is a chemical copy of the canine appeasing pheromones in lactating females. The pheromones are species-specific and should not have any effect on cats.

**What does it smell like?**

D.A.P. has no smell and is odourless to humans when dry.

**Is it a sedative?**

No, D.A.P. is a solution that helps calm and reassure puppies and adult dogs.

**Should any precautions be taken with pets and children?**

Proper product use will not harm children, adults or pets. Plug diffusers into electric sockets in an open area most frequented by the dog. Do not place behind furniture.

Please note GRF are not endorsing this product, we are merely highlighting the various alternative therapies that are currently on the market.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 11:00  
West Sands, St Andrews monthly dog walk

FUN ZONE

C	H	A	B	S	J	R	E
I	L	U	C	I	E	E	I
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D	K	C	V	R	N	E	D
A	C	I	O	I	Y	N	A
F	L	H	V	K	R	R	M
E	S	C	A	K	I	A	J
X	O	S	Y	A	B	B	E

Can you find the dogs still looking for their forever home?

Clover, Barney, Keira, Chico, Maddie, Lucie, Jenny and Sox

Competition:

Our first competition is to design a header for our new newsletter you can either design electronically or draw and scan. Please send entries to

[grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk) with the title as "newsletter competition"

There is no prize, well there is a credit crunch on !!! but the winner will see their heading on our newsletter with the inscription underneath "designed by ....."

AND FINALLY.....

One article that we would like to include regularly is "Greys on tour" where we would like people to write to us with their holiday experiences with their dogs. We would like to know where you went, how you found it, who you booked through and any pics. If you would like to contribute to this article then please e-mail your findings to

[grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grfnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk)