

# Greyhound Rescue Fife

*"Adopting just one Greyhound won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that one Greyhound."*



## The Lockdown Edition!

Thank you for reading the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe. It's been a unique month at the kennels for sure! The hounds both at home and in the kennels must be wondering what's going on! I know my two are wondering why we have stopped going out for trips in the car but on the bright side we have found out about local walks! The photo above was taken on their last trip before the lockdown where they got to see some planes land! They weren't overly fussed...

We hope you have all had a great month and enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter.

## Dog Walkers Needed! (after lockdown has been lifted)

We are always looking for dog walkers but please don't just turn up. Give Jimmy or Celia a phone first to arrange an induction day and get all the info. John – The GRF Webmaster has also set up a Calendar on the forum which hopefully in the future will make it easier for everyone to check when help is needed and book themselves in. However, anyone new to dog walking at the kennels must get an induction first. Celia and Jimmy's contact details are on the GRF website.



### Kennel News

Find out who has found their forever homes and who is new at the kennels...



### Meet Beauty

She is the dog of the month, find out more about this beautiful girl...



### Lockdown Games

Find out about some games to play during lockdown...

## Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed three new dogs; Josie, Missy and Max. In the same time twenty dogs have found their forever homes! These were: Bailey, Sky, Brenda, Sam, Emma, Rosie, Jim, Chase, Tigger, Sweep, Girlie, Queenie, Tommy, Brodie, Josie, Missy, Connal, Sparta, Judy and Max.

*JOSIE and MISSY came into the kennels since they are both 11 years old and their daddy is terminally ill and nobody wanted them. JOSIE is not terribly well and her and Missy were inseparable.*

*Obviously they were going to be difficult to rehome and stuck in the kennels. So Celia and I have increased our house family from 10 to 12 !!*

*Many of you will have met our boarder MAX. He has been in our kennels since his mummy went into hospital. We were 'phoned by her sister in law who told us she had died. She said that Max's mummy's daughter could not take him but a friend of the family wanted him. It seemed that Max who had been in the kennels for months could be classified as rehomed. Since the next rehoming number was 1400 it seemed very apt that the little boy should be rehomed as dog number 1400.*

*Jimmy*

If you would like to home a dog from Greyhound Rescue Fife call Jimmy and Celia on 01577 850393 or 07826 244765 or you can email [ferniejimmyf@aol.com](mailto:ferniejimmyf@aol.com) to arrange a suitable time to meet your new member of the family!

## Easyfundraising

When doing your online buying please don't forget to shop through Easyfundraising. There are new retailers eg Next joining the scheme all the time and specials offers and competitions all the time. Please remember it costs you nothing extra to shop via easyfundraising but will raise funds for the homeless hounds. We have now raised over £2300.

To find out more and join the other GRFers raising money this way please follow this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greyhoundfife/>

There is a pinned post on the forum with more information about this.

## Dog of the Month

### Beauty



*Beauty lives up to her name! She is a very pretty black female who has white feet and a flash on her chest. She is a bit of a live wire -a confident yet easygoing girl. Her ears pop up when she is outside, taking everything in and enjoying her surroundings, she looks just adorable!*

*She gets excited when it's her turn for walks or attention and she is quite strong on the lead initially but she does calm down after a while. She is unfazed by most things and gets on with the other greyhounds, especially her kennel-mate Sparky. She is a real foodie and is delighted if you arrive to see her with a tasty treat. She loves cuddles and grooming and visibly relaxes and enjoys the session. Come and meet this lovely girl soon. She will bring a smile to your face.*

## Dog Show

Despite our team's best efforts to keep our annual dog show on for the end of May. Unfortunately we have had to take the sad decision to postpone/cancel our show for this year due to the ongoing uncertainty of the Covid-19 virus.

This has been in some respects a hard decision to make as the running of the kennels and subsequent saving of greyhound lives at GRF is solely dependent on events like this to raise much needed cash to allow our facilities to stay operational. Thus the cancellation of this year's show will lead to a drop in revenue and leave a gap in this year's funding for GRF.

I have sent personal emails to all our sponsors regarding your payments so if can get back to me asap. For anybody who has bought tickets you can receive a full refund. Once again, I am sorry and disheartened that we could not put on this year's event but I am sure you will appreciate that this is situation that is out-with our control. We look forward to your continued support in subsequent shows that we intend to put on in the future. In the meantime stay safe everyone and we will hopefully see you all again at next year's show

I would just like to give a big shout out to all our followers who have bought sponsorship for this year's show. I have had notification from them all that they do not want a refund and have actually donated all their money paid to Celia and Jimmy for the kennels. Excellent stuff guys thank you all very much. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Alex

## Curtains

As many of you know, Sheila and a friend make dog beds out of duvets and curtains which they sell for £8 each to raise money for GRF. If anyone has curtains which they no longer require, could you bring them along to the kennels for them to pick up. They need to be in reasonable condition and of fairly strong material.

NB please don't bring duvets - we have an endless supply of these from another charity.

## Typical Hound

I have no idea what's been happening recently but I have had so much time to catch up on my beauty sleep (not that i need it, I'm a real stunner). Rather than getting several little walks I am getting one lovely big walk and the rest of the day is mine! Mummy and Daddy have been home a lot more too! They have been giving me lots of cuddles and treats. I could get used to this!

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## Monthly Walks

8th March at Pittencrief Park, Dunfermline



Monthly walks are currently cancelled until further notice due to the coronavirus, keep an eye on Facebook and the Forum for updates!



## Barry 'n' Sue

### Barry's Rough Time

It's been an odd time recently, as many of you know we had a bit of a stressful couple of weeks. We found a lump on Barry's chest and got him to the vet straight away, they took a sample and sent it off to the lab, the results came back as inconclusive so we booked him in to get it removed. The day of his operation came, even though he was only away for a few hours it felt like a lifetime! Sue seemed a bit lost without her boy keeping her company too. This is the first time he has been put under general anaesthetic since he came home with us and you could tell he wasn't impressed! He was a lot clumsier than usual (which says a lot) but he slept the worst of it off by the end of the day. There were understandable delays at the lab because of everything going on but the wait was excruciating. Thankfully we got the amazing news that it was benign! Turns out it was a haemangioma (collection of blood vessels that cause a lump). He is healing well, still a bit of bruising and swelling but the vet is happy with the progress. We had cake to celebrate, carrot and peanut butter loaf for the dogs and chocolate cake for us. Any of you that know Barry will know he is a big friendly dope. He loves a trip to the vet but we thought that this experience would put him off but we were wrong! When he went in for a post-op check the vet nurse took him in while we waited in the car to follow social distancing guidance and we watched him trot off with his tail wagging and pushing his nose at the door to get in. Even after all he went through he is still his normal happy self!





## Sean's kennel photos

With the current situation with Corona virus I'm sure some of the regular volunteers and visitors will be missing their regular GRF fix!

Fortunately Sean, one of the regular staff, has been taking photos and posting them on the GRF Facebook group.



## Doggy Doos

### Find It!

To help keep dogs entertained though the lockdown The Blue Cross have posted a few activities that you can do with them. Here is my favourite one, Hannah used to play this one with her childhood dog, Glen.

This is great fun for your dog and entertaining for the family too, watching your dog unearth all of the hidden treats!

#### How to play with treats

- Show your dog that you have a piece of food/treat in your hand
- Say 'find it!' and then throw the piece of food/treat across the floor
- When your dog finds the piece of food, say a clear 'yes!' so they know they've followed through on the action that you wanted from them

You can also play this game with toys if your dog is more toy orientated.

If you'd like to challenge your dog further, you can make the 'find it!' game more advanced by telling your dog to stay while you hide the treat/s behind pieces of furniture. You can also place your dog in a room, hide all of the treats in a different room and then open the door for your dog and say 'find it!'.

#### How to play with people

Just in the way that you can use the 'find it!' game to ask your dog to find treats and toys; you can also ask them to find people. To begin, you ideally need two people to play the game.

- While one person goes to hide, the other will keep the dog distracted
- When the other person is hidden, the person with the dog will say 'find' and then say the person's name ie 'find Emily!'
- When your dog finds you, be sure to make a big fuss over them

Keep this simple to begin with, hiding in obvious places where they can see you. When they approach you, give them lots of attention and repeat the exercise. You can increase the difficulty as your dog gets used to the game.

To read more of their ideas click [here](#).





## Your Stories

Since this is a community newsletter we would like to include more of your stories. If you have recently homed a hound and would like to let us know how they are settling in, if you would like to share a story about a recent trip or any other story about your hound then please let us know and we can share it in the newsletter! Email your stories to [grfnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:grfnewsletter@gmail.com).



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