

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



Thank You for your Support!

Hello and thank you for reading the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

During these uncertain times GRF has been very grateful for the ongoing support. To name just a few Ann raised £1,130 with a Just Giving campaign, Tommi and Tamasyn did a sponsored event at Scouts and donated a lot of dog food, Lyndsey made some snazzy bowties and bandanas available for £5 each at the kennels, Pets at Home Kirkcaldy continue to support GRF including a sponsored head shave which raised over £300 and so many more kind donations! Arlene is cutting a foot of her hair off to donate to the Little Princess Trust but is also raising money for GRF, have a look on the Facebook group to donate!

Again, a big thank you to everyone who has donated! If you haven't yet and would like to (or if you want to donate again) have a look on the website for details.



Kennel News

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



Meet Sparky

He is dog of the month for May, find out more about this handsome boy...



Hot Dogs

Find out more about how to keep your dogs cool in the summer heat...

Dog Walkers Needed!

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, please get in touch before returning to volunteer.

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed thirty-four new dogs; Jenny, Pyro, Mary, Nicky, Stacy, Jackie, Rafa, Pip, Brady, Marty, Joey, Buick, Scooby, Sonic, Ella, Tonto, Happy, Jess, Faith, Jet, Murphy, Apollo, Misty, Pedro, Girlie, Lily, Duchess, Charlie, Jade, Charles, Dec, Ebony, Dave and Chase.

In the same time twenty-one dogs have found their forever homes! These were Justin, Brady, Nicky, Rafa, Jenny, Pyro, Jimmy, Mary, Marty, Deacon, Jackie, Sonic, Susie, Stacy, Ella, Scooby, Happy, Pip, Buick, Tonto, and Joey. A very busy period at Greyhound Rescue Fife!

We were very busy during the lock down since people had time to think about exercise and the joy of having a greyhound. We had to be careful that the dog wasn't being ditched when they started work again. We are now getting dogs back again.

SPARKY saved the rescue from going into hibernation for the first time. For a week he was the only dog for adoption in the entire kennel.

Our rehoming charges are simply what the vet asks for neutering. The prices have gone up to £110 for a male castrate and £150 for a female spay. You also get, free of charge, microchip, full vaccination, collar, lead and muzzle. We make no money at all but try not to lose the value of our donations. We try to keep our prices as low as we can.

Jimmy & Celia

Dog of the Month

Sparky



Sparky is a small black male greyhound who has a small flash on his chest and white rear feet. He is another live-wire who is full of energy and loves his time outdoors. He gets very excited when he knows it's time for walks and is desperate to get started. He will be strong on lead initially but will calm down after a while with firm but positive handling and encouragement. He gets on well with his kennel-mate Beauty although he can be a bit dominant at times. He is a real foodie and will do anything for a treat, a fact which may help in his training. He needs housetraining but this should be straightforward with a frequent and regular toilet routine as he settles into his new home. He is a lovely boy who would be at his happiest with lots of play and outdoor activities. He would be a joyful addition to any family with time to devote to making sure his energetic needs are met.

Monthly Walks

We have taken the decision to provisionally register for the Great Global Greyhound Walk on it's revised date of Sunday 4th October. This will be subject to Scottish Government guidance at the time. At the moment it is still registered as Riverside Park, Glenrothes but this may be subject to change especially if social distancing is still recommended as this walk doesn't really lend itself to allowing this.

We are hoping to be able to run some walks this year, but only when the official advice says it is safe to do so.

Steve

Barry 'n' Sue

“The New Normal”

Like many hounds, Barry and Sue have loved all four of us being home at the same time. We have used this time as an opportunity to explore local walks that we hadn't tried before and were pleasantly surprised at what was right on our doorstep! With both of us now working at home Barry and Sue have been great assistants as you can see from the picture. They have been a great comfort in a very unsettling period, which I'm sure is something many of you can relate to. One thing I have noticed is that Sue has become a lot more obsessive at trying to get everyone in the same room. Even if I go upstairs for 5 minutes she will be up to get me back downstairs, and when we were building a new fence in the back garden she would cry so much that Barry would start to howl! She has never had separation anxiety to this level before so it's something we are going to have to work on with her.



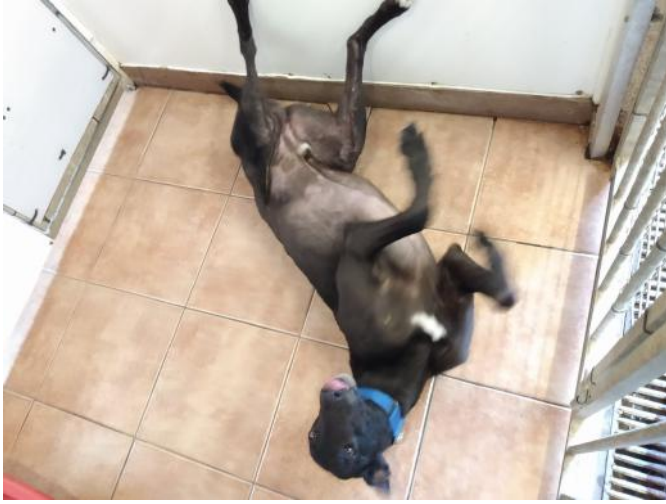
Typical Hound

Okay, this is getting silly, Mummy and Daddy haven't been off of the sofa in months apart from our walkies! I think they may have decided to live life like a greyhound. To be fair I can't blame them, and they have learned from the best!

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Sean's Kennel Photos

With the current situation with Covid-19 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

Hot Dogs!

With the warm weather here (kind of) we need to be careful that our hound's don't get too hot. Greyhounds can be quite sensitive to the heat so the Greyhound Trust has compiled a list of top tips for keeping them cool.

- Keep out of the sun when it is at its strongest, usually between 11am and 3pm.
- Walk dogs early or late in the day when it is usually cooler. If it remains too hot to go out for a walk, games and/or training with your greyhound can be a great way to stimulate them, or toys such as a stuffed Kong (there are lots of great recipes available online for chilled, frozen or room temperature options), can be great to break up the day for them.
- If the pavement is too hot for your hand, it's too hot for a dog's paws.
- Ensure dogs have access to clean water at all times.
- NEVER leave a dog alone in a car or van even if parked in the shade with the windows open.
- Be particularly careful with older, overweight or dogs with chronic conditions as they may particularly struggle to cope with the heat.
- If using wet towels/towel coats ensure you wet them with cool, not cold, water (cold restricts the blood vessels restricting the body's ability to release heat) and ensure that towels are regularly removed and warm water contained within them is wrung out and replenished with fresh cool water. A wet towel/coat left on a dog for a long period will eventually warm up with the dog's body heat and insulate the body, adding to the issue

Watch for signs of overheating:

- Heavy or excessive panting
- Dribbling
- Loss of energy, lethargy
- Lack of coordination
- Overly red or purple gums
- Rapid pulse
- Collapse
- Seizures
- Vomiting, diarrhoea



If you're concerned a dog is showing signs of overheating take them to a shady place, ideally with a draught/breeze, offer them cool (not cold) water and call a vet for advice immediately.

Source: [Greyhound Trust](#)



With Thanks

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