

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



Welcome Back, Volunteers!

Thank you for reading the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

In case you missed it we can now officially welcome volunteers to the kennels! There are of course precautions in place so read the update from Fiona on page 2. As always, if you are new to volunteering please give Jimmy and Celia a call to book an induction first. We hope you have all had a great month and enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter.

Also a big thanks to Arlene for raising £400 for GRF!

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.



Kennel News

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



Meet Dave

He is the dog of the month, find out more about this handsome chap...



Ticks

Find out about how to protect your hound from these wee beasties...

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed sixteen new dogs; Hans, Poppy, Max, Bernie, Noah, Wallace, Mimi, Diamond, Percy, Pansy, Hercules, Tiger, Panther, Mustang, Hero and Trixie.

In the same time seventeen dogs have found their forever homes! These were: Jet, Donnie, Ella, Charlie, Chance, Lily, Murphy, Bernie, Jade, Apollo, Jess, Ebony, Duchess, Max, Hans, Dec and Faith.

It is interesting that, until very recently, we have only had one member of staff plus one and occasionally two volunteers each day since the lockdown started on March 23rd. Yet, in that time, we have rehomed 53 greyhounds. Most unusual.

As Winston Churchill never said " never in virus conflict have so many greyhounds owed so much to so few " Well, he might have said it lol.

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 to arrange a suitable time to meet your new member of the family!

Volunteers

We are now ready to welcome our volunteer walkers back to the kennels. Walking will now start at 10.30am. In order to keep everyone safe the following guidelines must be followed. Everyone must wash their hands with Hibiscrub when arriving at the kennels. Face coverings should be worn inside and 2 metre social distancing must be observed at all times. Leads must be left in the bucket of disinfectant provided at the end of walking. We can no longer provide tea/coffee but you are welcome to bring a flask. Lastly, enjoy seeing old furry friends and meeting our new ones!

Fiona

Typical Hound

On a walk the other day I met a little fat dog that mummy says is called a "Pug", I'm sure she meant to say "Pig" but either way while me and the wee guy were saying hello to each other the other lady said "Do greyhounds have a lot of energy?" And my mum said that I was LAZY!! I couldn't believe the cheek so I pooped in a nettle bush as her punishment. She has to learn!

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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

Dave



Dave is a handsome medium sized white boy with brindle markings and is undoubtedly one of the clowns of the kennel! He's a delightful boy with an infectious, happy personality that can't fail to bring a smile to your face. He loves affection and attention and is the first to come to the front of his kennel looking for a stroke (or a treat!) He gets on really well with other hounds and his current kennel-mate. Dave can pull a bit when out walking but will respond to some positive handling. He loves his food and has a real playful side which would make him such a fun dog to have in your home.

Monthly Walks

Great Global Greyhound Walk

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. The location of the walk would be West Sands Beach, St Andrews. There is much more room to spread out at St Andrews so social distancing should be possible - this just isn't the case at a lot of our regular monthly walk venues.

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

Back to the Highlands!

With lockdown restrictions lifting we took the hounds back up to their favourite place, the highlands! We walked our paws off on lots of new walks, Barry and Sue were absolutely loving it, I think they missed it! I could see Barry getting more and more happy as we traveled up the A9. Barry seems to have become a puppy again with endless energy and even after a 2 hour hike he couldn't wait for his evening walk. Sue also got some swimming practice in one of the local loch which she loved, Barry on the other hand was vey daring and paddled at the edge to retrieve a treat I dropped. All in all we were knackered by the end of a much needed trip away. I look forward to seeing more of your holiday snaps with your hounds on Facebook and the Forum!



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 GRE. 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.

Doggy Doos

Ticks

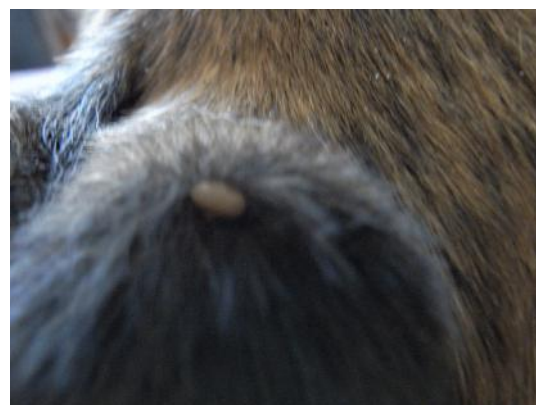
This week's tip comes from Steve Dowd;

At this time of year keep an eye out for ticks on your dogs. Sometimes you'll be lucky and spot them crawling on your dog before they've had a chance to attach themselves (they look like small black spiders), but typically you'll see them after they've attached themselves and fed.

I found this one on Tigers ear after this mornings walk. Here's a quick photo guide on how to safely remove them.

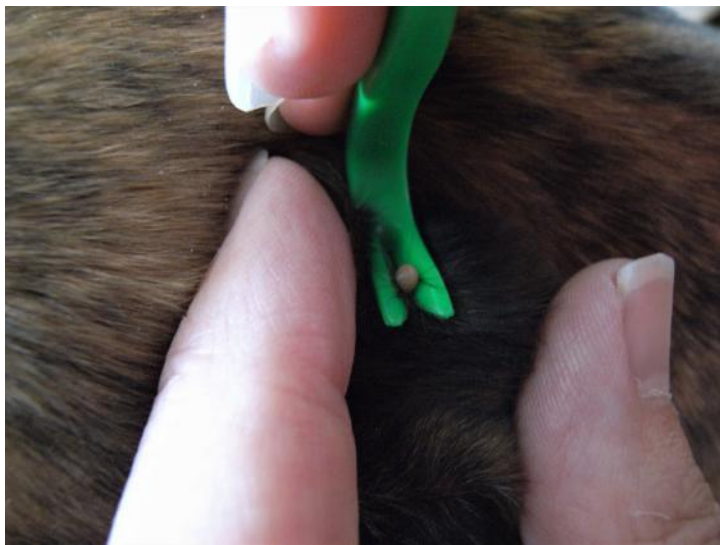
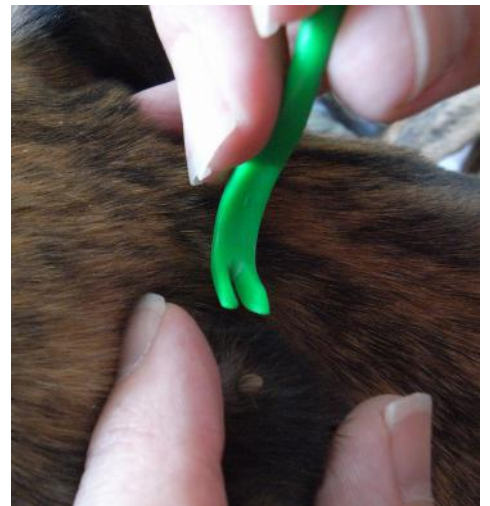
Please **DO NOT** be tempted to smother the tick or just pull it straight out. If you smother it until it suffocates it will regurgitate into the dogs bloodstream, and if you pull it straight out you'll probably end up leaving part of its head in the dog.

Not the best photo, but you can see the ticks body - it looks like a small piece of sweetcorn



Here's a closer photo showing it a little more clearly with the fur parted

This is the tick removal tool I use. They're cheap and readily available



With the fur parted carefully move the tick removal tool under the body of the tick until it's at least half way under it. Then gently turn the tool a few times clockwise. This makes the tick release its grip and it will come out cleanly without leaving anything behind.

Take the tick well away from the dog and dispose of it. You'll see its legs wriggling



There it is - evil little thing. I use the blunt end of the tool to squash it in the sink and then wash it away.

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.



With Thanks

We would like to thank Jimmy, Celia, Fiona, Steve Adam and Steve Dowd for their contributions to this issue.