

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



Your Monthly Greyhound Fix!

Thank you for reading the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

We have another packed issue for you this month, including your fundraising efforts, a couple of **NEW** sections as well as all the usual bits and bobs. If you have any stories, photos or tips that you would like to see in the newsletter please email them to grfnewsletter@gmail.com.

Above: Dave who is currently looking for a home at the kennels.

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 Taylor

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



Steve's Joke Corner

A new section because I know you all missed his jokes at the dog show this year!

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed thirty-one new dogs; Davina, Martha, Frank, Ripley, Swift, Henry, Sasha, Gabby, Pearl, Tommy, Niko, Reuben, Juno, Gem, Angel, Taylor, Sporty, Red, Nashwan, Eclipse, Panda, Bentley, Arkle, Pumba, Rosie, Tippy, Basil, Zeno, Snowie and Teddy.

In the same time twenty-six dogs have found their forever homes! These were: Rick, Laura, Pedro, Bentley, Pearl, Niko, Gabby, Grundy, Sporty, Eclipse, Davina, Martha, Teddy, Ripley, Henry, Sasha, Arkle, Taylor, Pumba, Angel, Juno, Frank and Tasha.

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!

Information for Volunteers

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!

Monthly Walks

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

Typical Hound

Hounds, don't let your hooman read this! It's a secret between us...

They gone?

Good!

I have a game you can all play to upset your hoomans! Now that there are a lot of leaves on the ground, go to the toilet in the middle of a big pile of them and watch them look around like idiots trying to find it! Great fun, haha!

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Dog of the Month

Taylor



Taylor is a pretty, medium sized black girl. She has a sweet nature and can seem shy when she first meets you. As she gets to know you her warm and affectionate personality shines through. She is clean and non destructive in her kennel and walks well on the lead. If you are looking for an endearing, quiet and loving girl Taylor could be just right for you. We are pleased to say that Taylor has found her forever home.

Virtual Fundraiser by Niel McGill

On Sunday 25th October, Niel will be running a 26.2 mile marathon to raise funds for GRF. Niel is aiming to complete this in 3 hours 45 minutes.

Unfortunately, the Amsterdam Marathon has been cancelled due to Covid, but the organisers have replaced the event with a Virtual marathon.

Niel's route will include places like the Forth & Clyde Canal replacing the Amsterdam Canals, Callander Park for Vondel Park, Lionthorn Woods replacing Amsterdam Forest, Falkirk Steeple instead of Dam Square, Klondye Garden Centre replacing the Tulip Fields (LOL). Westfield replacing Johan Cruijff Arena.

If you would like to donate to Niel's fundraiser, please hit the Donate button on the GRF website & make your donation via card or Paypal referencing the "TCS Marathon" thank you.

Steve's Joke Corner

I was out walking the dogs today when they literally vanished right in front of me. Not sure where they are but I have a few leads...

I told my wife I couldn't find them anywhere, she told me to look harder. So, I shaved my head and got some tattoos. Still can't find the dogs.

Misty (now Hudson) at Home!

We love hearing how newly adopted hounds are settling in, this month we hear from Andrea and Steve. If you would like to tell us your story just email us at grfnewsletter@gmail.com.

We adopted Misty on 19 August 2020. He was superb in the car heading to his new home in the highlands. he was greeted by Alesha his new sister ...

Day one.. getting used to my new surroundings. Wow .. massive comfy beds. Found a cupboard with lots of toys.. dragged them into my bed. Mom and dad just want to keep hugging me.. they have started my training. When we go for walkies and I do the toilet they give me a treat and say how good I am.. I walk really well beside my new parents and furbie sister. I have a new name HUDSON... as mom and dad didn't want to confuse me with another dog with the same name. Guess what, I like my name and I respond and get a treat.

Day two... I climb the stairs and explore ... more beds.. drag my mom's slippers into my bed.. nice smelly feet. "Hudson... breakfast" I love food... I love treats .. I love the telly... I love the shower... and I smell goooood oh and love lots of walks.... and I respond to my name.

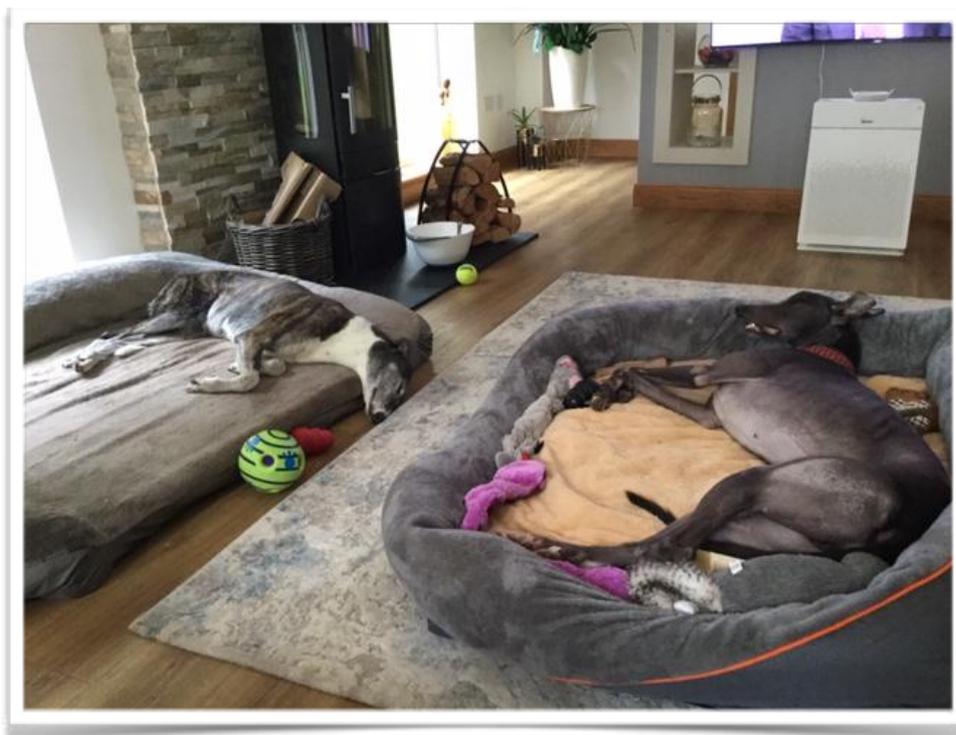
Dad says I'm a smart dog... a good looking lad... my eyes and big floppy ears and, of course, my personality are my top features..... oh and met new people and they fell in love with me.

I am so grateful to Celia and Jimmy finding me a loving home. I'm a lucky boy.



Hudson





Three weeks passed yesterday.... he is smart..... young lad who is mischievous and into everything.. dad was out cleaning the cars.... Hudson loves cars and stands and inspects the cleaning and loves engine bays.... stood and watched whilst dad was under the bonnet doing something. Sits in the boot and takes everything in. Should have called him Jeremy (clarkson).... he loves going for runs in the car and meeting new people. He missed his sister all day yesterday who had a tumour removed from her leg by the vet. Thankfully they are both back together lying side by side at the moment.

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 special 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.

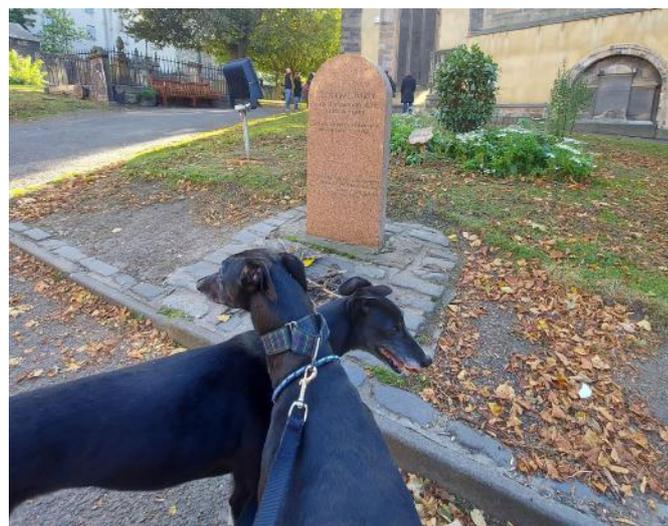
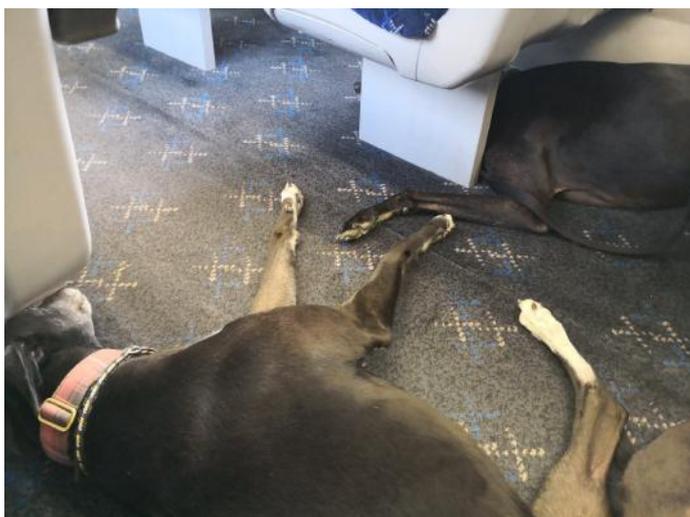
To find out more and join the other GRFers raising money this way please follow this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greyhoundfife/>

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

Barry 'n' Sue

Trip to Edinburgh

Just before Edinburgh became a high risk area we went on a wee trip to do a photo scavenger hunt across the city that was organised by the Harry Potter Society that Hannah is a member of at Edinburgh Uni. It involved solving some clues that led us to landmarks that we had to get a photo of. Barry and Sue thought it sounded fun so helped us out and came with us. This was their first time on a train. As we predicted Barry quite liked it but Sue needed a lot of convincing! As you can see from the photos she did settle and we traveled greyhound style (thankfully the train was pretty much empty so weren't in the way!). Once we were off the train we started on our trail and they took all the sights and smells. We stopped off at a dog friendly cafe and had some lunch and a rest in their garden, Barry and Sue helped me with my tomato that I forgot came with my burger as well as a cheeky bit of cake. We then went for a lie down on Calton Hill as the sun came out and then continued with our adventure! One of the last landmarks was Greyfriars Bobby so we paid our respects to the loyal wee man before heading home. We walked around 9 miles all together so Barry and Sue had a well deserved sleep for the rest of the day when we got back!



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.

Doggy Doos

Carrying your Hound

The GRF website has a 'Help and Tips' section and we've taken this direct from the 'How to pick up your dog' article.

"When you need to pick up your dog, perhaps to place him on the vet's examining table, pass your left arm between his front legs and your right arm under his rear end. (See pictures below.) In this way the weight of his chest and front end is securely supported on your arm. There is no risk of him slipping, or his weight being thrown on to his neck. If you are left-handed, or if it simply feels more comfortable for you, then reverse your arms so that your right arm goes between his front legs and your left under his backside."

Each photo has an explanation

Please be aware of your dogs weight and only attempt to lift him or her if you feel physically comfortable doing so.



CORRECT WAY. See how secure Locksie is in this position. She is several inches from the ground though it is difficult to see that in this picture, and she is quite comfortable. Her whole chest area and front end is supported firmly in my arm.

WRONG WAY. I won't even attempt to raise Locksie's feet from the ground in this position. This is the worst way of all to pick up your dog. All the weight of her front end is taken on her neck.



WRONG WAY ALSO. Again I won't even try to lift her in this position. She is totally unbalanced and if she slips forward she will slide out of my arms and on to the floor. Also, some of her weight is supported by her stomach.

And Finally...

This is another new section, we all need a bit of cheering up these days so this section will have a wee funny story or cartoon (not necessarily anything to do with greyhounds). This week's story comes from John, our Webmaster. If you have any wee funny stories like this then send them over!

Curtain Rods

She spent the first day packing her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the second day, she had the movers come and collect her things.

On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table by candle-light, put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of spring-water.

When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten shrimp shells dipped in caviar into the hollow of the curtain rods.

She then cleaned up the kitchen and left. When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days.

Then slowly, the house began to smell.

They tried everything; cleaning, mopping and airing the place out.

Vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were steam cleaned.

Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting. Nothing worked.

People stopped coming over to visit.

Repairmen refused to work in the house.

The maid quit.

Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move.

A month later, even though they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house.

Word got out and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls.

Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

The ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going.

He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back.

Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on a price that was about 1/10th of what the house had been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day.

She agreed and within the hour his lawyers delivered the paperwork.

A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home.....

And to spite the ex-wife, they even took the curtain rods!!!!!!

I LOVE A HAPPY ENDING, DON'T YOU?

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, Andrea & Steve, John, Fiona, Murray and Steve Dowd for their contributions to this issue.