

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!

I hope you and your hounds have all had a great Christmas. The kennels have been busy as usual and you can find out more in "Kennel News". I have made the decision that this newsletter will be my last. I have been doing the newsletter for over 3 years now and I have really enjoyed it, but I now think it is time to pass the torch onto someone else. It has been an enjoyable role and I have gotten to know a lot of people within the community really well through it. Thank you all for continuing to support the newsletter and Greyhound Rescue Fife.

I hope you all enjoy this edition and all the best for 2021.



Kennel News

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



Meet Barney

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



Firework Survival Guide...

A few tips on how to help your hound during fireworks...

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed twenty-three new dogs; Sausage, Rebel, Yolo, Bluebell, Ferrari, Ruby, Zoe, Barbie, Mollie, Blake, Chester, Barney, Miles, Leo, Rocco, Conall, Pepper, Millie, Queen, Porter, Jazz, Bob and Lexi.

In the same time thirty dogs have found their forever homes! These were: Basil, Harry, Ian, Grundy, Panda, Tippi, Nashwan, Jewel, Trixie, Ethel, Sausage, Bluebell, Zeno, Reuben, Girlie, Millie Bob, Queen, Blake, Swift, Jazz, Porter, Chester, Ruby, Marty, Miles, Corall, Rocco, Dave and Pansy.

Bluebell is the 1,500th dog to be rehomed by Greyhound Rescue Fife! However, we cannot forget that her “husband” and “bodyguard” Sausage was rehomed at the same time!

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

Due to the latest Covid developments we are really sorry to have to suspend ALL volunteering/visiting as of Wednesday 23rd December. This will also now include all nightshift volunteers.

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

The white fluffy stuff came back the other day. I don't know who puts it there but I just woke up and it was all over the garden. I went out to investigate, I had forgotten how cold it made my tootsies! Daddy came out with me and made it into balls for me to catch but it kept on disappearing when it landed!

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Dog of the Month

Barney



Barney is our handsome, medium sized, red/fawn male. He has beautiful eyes that look like they've been daubed with eye-liner. As you can see from his photograph, when something really catches his attention his ears stand bolt upright! Barney is an affectionate fellow who enjoys spending time with people and his fellow hounds. He gets excited about going for a walk and can pull a bit on the lead to begin with but soon calms down and walks nicely. Barney loves his food and is certainly a good eater. He tries to keep a clean kennel and has settled into life at the GRF kennels quickly. If you are looking for a bright, friendly and confident lad Barney could be the dog for you.

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.

Steve's Joke Corner

The Police came round last night. One of the neighbours had reported that my dog was chasing kids on a bike. I told them it wasn't my dog - he doesn't even have a bike!

Barry 'n' Sue

Fun in the Snow!

Being in lockdown again means less opportunities for enrichment and fun activities with the dogs outside going for walks. I have been reading about scent work and how good it is for dogs to use their noses during games. During the recent snow I decided to hide kibble under the snow to let them search for them. They absolutely loved it, their noses were going like crazy and kept them busy for a full half an hour! They would have continued searching for longer but I was starting to worry they were going to get too cold so I brought them back in. Definitely going to do this with them again and would recommend it for when the weather is like this and you can't get your normal walks.



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.

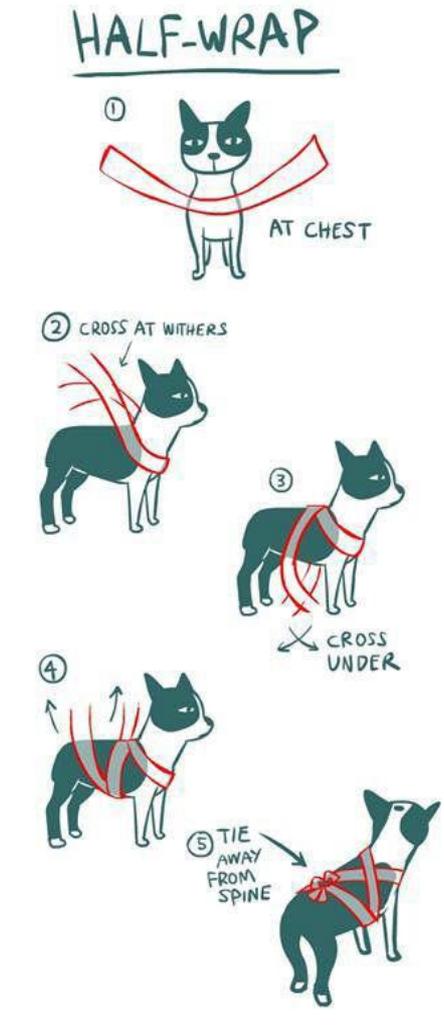
NB please don't bring duvets - we have an endless supply of these from another charity.

Doggy Doos

Dreaded fireworks

With Guy Fawkes Night quickly approaching many of us will be worrying about our hounds being scared, I have put together some top tips on how you can keep them calm on the night.

1. Exercise them during the day and, if you can, go for a longer walk than usual to burn off any extra energy. This way they will be ready to sleep and have a lot less anxious energy at night.
2. Create louder background noise, put on a film or music so noise from the fireworks are masked.
3. Do not react to the fireworks, this way they will feel that there is nothing to be scared of.
4. Sit beside them and let them cuddle into you, body contact is really comforting to dogs.
5. Surround their bed with blankets and toys to make them feel safe.
6. Try making a half wrap, pictured, or buying a Thundershirt (or similar product). It makes them feel like they are getting a big hug and relaxes them.



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.

And Finally...

Bed Fail by Richard Skipworth



Rich

BED FAIL

The baffling inability of a hound to occupy a bed in the correct manner, seemingly preferring *any* ludicrous and/or uncomfortable position over a sensible one.

This behaviour is also often exhibited as a *furniture fail*. (also illustrated above)



With Thanks

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