

GRF



NEWS

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Welcome to this month's newsletter where this month we have some news on the merchandise front and our recent dog walk across the Forth Road Bridge, what an amazing spectacle that was and a superb advert for these majestic animals. Along with our usual features we take a look at a greyhound sanctuary in Western Australia called Greyhound angels. At the end we have a packed fun zone with some interesting brain teasers see how many you can get correct ! and also an important warning of a potential allergy that may affect greys (please read) and we also take a look at the founder of GRF ! I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter.

Kennel update

INCOMERS:

VINCE, FREYA, WALTER, TED, ROSIE, JENNY, PADDY, EZZE, MINDY, SPOT, IKE, MAUREEN, LADY, SANDIE, DAISY, MICK. (16).

OUTGOING:

VICKY, HUGO, VINCE, FREYA, WALTER, PEPSI, PANCHO, BENNY, DOMINO, SONYA, BILLY, JENNY, ROSIE. (13).

Kennel information

We have had an extra 6 kennels added, giving us covered accommodation for another 12 dogs. We now have 30 dogs in indoor kennels at Baltree, but, unfortunately, still a long waiting list to come in.

We have now re-homed **315** different dogs.

Lucky number draw

67 numbers were sold for the October draw making a total prize fund of £134.00. Which was split as £53.60 to the winner and £80.40 to GRF. At the walk Celia picked out number 11 which belonged Allison Mc Devitt, congratulations Allison!!

To date we have managed to raise for GRF a total of **£893.20 !!** And have handed out **£444.80** to the prizewinners. Not bad for one year!! Below is a list of all our winners to date.

Nov 08 - **72** - Ian Wallace

Dec 08 - **4** - Gordon

Jan 09 - **29** - Fraser Smith

Feb 09 - **65** - Alex Morrison

Mar 09 - **57** - Anne Atkinson

Apr 09 - **33** - Olive Drummond

May 09 - 81 - Karen Hamilton

Jun 09 - 4 - Gordon Smith

Jul 09 - 19 - Elizabeth Stirling

Aug 09 - 77 - Stuart

Sep 09 - 58 - Angus McLeod

Oct 09 - 11 - Alison McDevitt

**Forth Road Bridge Sponsored Walk,
Sunday 20th September.**



The walk route !

We couldn't have ordered better weather for the walk, a bit overcast with cooling breeze! 31 hounds with attached humans set out for what was to some a personal challenge to walk across the Forth Road Bridge.

The hounds took it all in their stride and were not in the least fazed. It's actually

quieter walking across than crossing in a car plus you've got the bonus of being able to stop and look at the views. A short break at the north side of the bridge. The other side of the bridge was closed so back across the same side. The sight of the hounds must have been quite impressive and we got numerous toots of support from passing cars.

Thanks to the Forth Bridge Authorities for giving us permission to walk the bridge and to everyone who turned up to support Greyhound Rescue Fife. As always it's good to meet up with friends and have a chat and great to see some new faces.

As sponsor money is still coming in will post the total raised on the forum. Thanks to Robert Conn for the photos. George has linked to Roberts video and more photos, you'll find it on the forum.

Michele

GRF would like to give our congratulations to Lucy who completed the recent Great North Run in a time of 2hrs 19mins a very respectable time given the numbers of entrants for this event. Lucy did this to raise funds for GRF. The final total raised was a staggering £500 !!!! Well done Lucy you can now rest these feet of yours !!

On the 8th May 2010 Alex and Lynne will be walking the West Highland Way to raise funds for GRF, full details and sponsorship forms will be out nearer the date. We hope as many people as possible can support us (not literally !!!!) on this 95 mile trek over the hills of North West Scotland, from Milngavie to Fort William.

Merchandise

In the run up to Christmas we have a selection of items that can be bought as gifts for family and friends. These items will be available while stocks last so "don't delay buy today!!" (*ed. That's my attempt at poetry !!*)

We now have for sale, which can be used as stocking fillers, new road tax disc holders and window decals (interior). These are available at **£1** each plus a small charge for P&P. Samples can be found on show at Baltree and Union Farm kennels.

Snoods (hand knitted) are also available to order at £4 plus p+p for single colour and multi colour price on request. (ideal for walks on cold winter days).

We also still have a quantity of **sweatshirts** for sale in grey and black, various sizes available from medium to XL at £15 plus p+p. As well as having a few **tee shirts** left in sizes large and extra large at £4 plus p+p also one black sweatshirt size medium with 100 dogs rehomed logo available at £5 plus p+p.

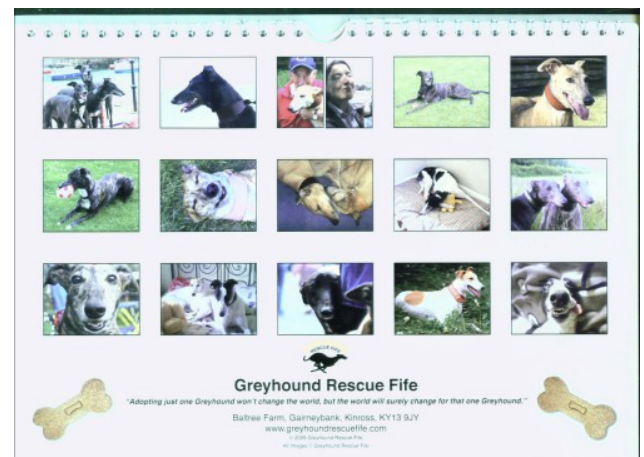
We also have a selection of Greyhound themed Christmas, Birthday and Thank You cards available which were kindly donated by Pat Senior at £4 per pack (6) plus p+p. (Thank you Pat once more for supporting our cause)

We do hope to have very soon this years GRF Christmas Cards watch this space.

If you are interested in any of these items above please contact Helen at helen.taylor019@btinternet.com with your requirements.

This year for the first time Michele has produced an **official GRF 2010 calendar** (which also includes the few remaining months of this year !) at a very reasonable price of **£5** ! these are selling very quickly. So to ensure you are not disappointed order today

Cost of calendar £5.00 each
postage 1 calendar £1.30
2 calendars £1.90
3 calendars £3.20



To buy Michele's Happy Hounds calendar you can either pay by using the PayPal button on our web site the "**Will you help us**" page, or Payment is also possible by

cheque or postal order. Please email friendsofgrf@blueyonder.co.uk for details.

From the Doghouse !



BARNEY is a black boy with a very nice nature. He lived in a family home for a long time but his mummy has had a baby and he is now up for adoption. He is friendly, walks well and is housetrained. He is lost in a kennel without a family home and he is pining for a new mummy and daddy. He has not had the luckiest of lives and the poor boy has had part of his tail removed. Do you have it in you to give BARNEY a new home Then contact Jimmy/Celia on **01592 890583**.

Greys around the world



<http://www.greyhoundangels.com/index.html>

This month in Greys around the world we go to the opposite side of the world to Australia and look at a small greyhound sanctuary called Greyhound angels, here is their story.

We are dedicated to finding responsible homes for greyhounds that are no longer required for racing or simply were not fast enough. We have placed greyhounds in loving homes throughout Australia and the World since 1995.

One of our important goals is to inform the general public that greyhounds make excellent, loving and loyal pets. We hope one day to finally dispel the myths that greyhounds are highly strung, vicious and not good with kids, all of which is far from true.

We believe that every single greyhound is deserving of a loving home in which to live out our their life. We have a 'NO KILL' policy which means that once a greyhound comes into our care, regardless of whether a suitable home can be found or not, this dog will not be put to sleep, but rather spend it's days in our care.

Those interested in adopting one of our retired greyhounds will firstly need to complete an online adoption application. The application gives us an idea of your lifestyle and the accommodations for the Greyhound. This helps us in making a perfect match between your family and your new perspective family member.

Once the Adoption Application is processed and you are approved, we will contact you to arrange a suitable time to meet our greyhounds at our kennels. This allows you to meet the Greyhounds and spend time with the dogs who are compatible with your lifestyle and family. Be sure to bring along ALL family members (including children and dogs) who will be interacting with the Greyhound. If you meet the Greyhound you would like to join your household, then arrangements will be made for you to take home your new family member within the week. If you do not

meet a suitable dog, you will be placed on a waiting list until the right Greyhound arrives. Preference for a certain colour or characteristic may take longer.

Prior To Adoption Greyhounds Are:

Temperament Tested
Spayed/Neutered
C5 Vaccinated
Heartworm Prevention
Veterinarian Checked
Groomed

Adoption Fees:

Males \$140.00
Females \$140.00

Below is an example of one of their greys awaiting a forever home

Toby
Large male Greyhound dog
listed on 26-10-08



Toby is brilliant in the house, and fantastic with children. He is what we call a 'specist' and tends to be scared of and not understand any breed of dog that is not a Greyhound (or similar to, for example a Whippet) Toby has done very well, he has handled a freaked out Greyhound puppy with such tolerance we are really proud of him. Toby is a lovely boy, came back into rescue due to a relationship break up. He lived with a female whippet and a cat for the past two years. Toby would need to go to a home where there is another Greyhound as a companion (male or female) or with a family who is willing to adopt two Greyhounds

from us. He needs a relaxed and understanding family, he is really a great dog with fantastic manners and has had some basic obedience training. He is extremely well behaved, a really lovely dog.

Medical notes: None

Adoption fee: \$180

Desexed: Yes

Age: 3years

Basic obedience training ?: Yes

Vaccinated: Yes

Wormed: Yes

Heartworm treated: Yes

Questions and Answers

What happens to greyhounds at the end of their racing career?

Approximately thousands of greyhounds retire from racing each year, typically between two to six years of age. Many never make the grade, or retire at a much younger age as a result of minor injury. A great many owners will adopt greyhounds into their homes or arrange for them to live out their retirement at a kennel. However, many are not so lucky and end up being put down in their prime or facing a worse fate. The Greyhound Racing Industry and Greyhound Adoption Groups work hard to prevent this. We encourage owners to take responsibility for their dogs seriously, and we also encourage the public to consider taking on retired racing greyhounds as family pets.

Do Greyhounds Make Good Pets?

Definitely! Greyhounds are gentle, loving, lazy creatures that thrive on human company. They are extremely adaptable and fit easily with most people's lifestyles. There are no major differences between male and female

greyhounds although it is noted that the males can tend to be more affectionate and the females although affectionate are independent.

What Is A Greyhounds Expected Lifespan?

Greyhounds have a life expectancy of 12 years or more. Such a life expectancy is quite high for a large breed dog.

FACT

Greyhounds Are Lazy

Greyhound Are Gentle And Submissive

Greyhounds Get On Particularly Well with Children And The Elderly

Greyhounds Are Extremely Good Natured

Greyhounds Are Highly Affectionate

Greyhounds Are Quiet And Well Mannered

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Greyhounds Are Highly Strung And Aggressive

Greyhounds Require Lots Of Exercise

Greyhounds Require Large Backyards

Greyhounds Are Vicious And Can't Live With other animals

Fun zone

1. A man is on a game show. He is presented with two doors, one on the left, and one on the right. Behind one is 2 million dollars, and behind the other is a donkey. Choose the correct door to win the prize. There are also two men in front of the doors, and they know which door leads to the millions. One wears a black hat, the other wears a white hat.
The host explains that one of the men

is a liar, and will always lie, and the other man will always tell the truth - but you don't know which is which.

You can ask only one of the men only one question. What is the question, and which man do you ask to ensure you win the money?

2. You are on the bank of a river. You have to get a fox, a hen, and corn to the other side of the river. If left alone, the fox will eat the hen, the hen will also eat the corn if left alone. The boat is only big enough to take you and one other three to the other side.

How do you get all 3 across intact?

3. You are driving a bus. At the first stop, 2 women get on. The second stop, 3 men get on and 1 woman gets off. Third stop, 3 kids and their mom get on, and a man gets off. The bus is grey, and it is raining outside. What colour is the bus drivers hair?
4. A man is the owner of a winery who recently passed away. In his will, he left 21 barrels (seven of which are filled with wine, seven of which are half full, and seven of which are empty) to his three sons. However, the wine and barrels must be split so that each son has the same number of full barrels, the same number of half-full barrels, and the same number of empty barrels. Note that there are no measuring devices handy. How can the barrels and wine be evenly divided?

5. What are the next 3 letters in the following sequence?

J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A, __, __, __

Answer to all will be in next months newsletter, good luck!

Dates for the Diary

Next dog walk will take place on

1st November 11:00 Riverside Park Glenrothes

And finally

A grave warning

Celia and Jimmy originally posted this on our forum but because of the potential serious consequences we have reiterated it here in our newsletter. As yet we do not know whether this is a problem to all greyhounds or just Taxi.

"In June, we re-homed a lovely little black girl dog called Taxi to a very nice family. The family loved her to bits and since winter was approaching, they decided to get her a lovely warm winter coat.

They duly called in at a pet shop to buy a suitable coat. While in the pet shop Taxi saw, fancied and stole a fat ball. Everyone in the pet shop thought that this was hilarious.

However a short time later Taxi became very ill, was rushed to the vet, but sadly died. It turned out that she had taken a massive allergic reaction to the fat ball. The family were completely devastated.

We do not know if this was an allergy that this particular dog had but, for safety reasons, we must assume that all greyhounds may be fatally allergic to fat balls."

The Founder of GRF

We'd like you to meet the founder of GRF. His name was TIGGY. He came into our home as an unwanted stray many years ago. We had never had a greyhound before but soon grew to love him unconditionally.

We only had him a few years when he died of bone cancer. We were distraught. We had to do something in his memory so we got another male greyhound from which we discovered that they all were fantastic dogs. This encouraged us to help abandoned greyhounds and so set up Greyhound Rescue Fife.

So, it can be said that TIGGY has found homes for over 300 of his fellow hounds and consequently can rightly claim the title of the founder member of GRF.



TIGGY