

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



Welcome to the July edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Sheila and Eion.

The gardens at Baltree Kennels are looking splendid at the moment. This rose was the size of a dinner plate. Congratulations to all those who help with the garden.



Kennel News

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



Meet Rio

This is our Dog of the Month.



2019 Year of the Puppies

A series following the GRF puppies in their forever homes.

Get well soon Jimmy

Some of you will know that Jimmy has recently been in hospital for an operation. We are pleased to say that he is back home and recuperating well. Best wishes Jimmy for a speedy recovery.

Kennel News

Since the last newsletter

28 dogs have come in. They are:

KIWI BOSS TRILBY LEXI MOLL POLLY ROBIN COOPER RAINBOW JEANIE JAXX QUEENIE TOPAZ AMBER JACK SHADOW JET FANTASTY MAGS GLADIATOR VALENTINE MON AMI PADDY JOSHI SAMMY CHASE SWANNIE EMILY.

and 14 dogs have been adopted. They are:

MAC MOLL YOGI JAXX PINZA LADY ROSIE KIWI QUEENIE JEANIE COOPER MAGS POLLY SHADOW.

Sadly when the beautiful Rainbow was taken for a standard spay, she passed away on the operating table. Run free, lovely girl.

Dog of the Month

Rio is a medium sized black boy. He has white markings on his tail, paws and chest. He is a lovely boy who walks well on the lead and he tries to keep his kennel clean and is non destructive in it. He is a friendly chap who enjoys cuddles and treats and will make a loving pet. Please call Celia on 07826244765 if interested.



Dog Walks

Carol Young describes a walk in Clackmannanshire.

Gartmore Dam is a hidden gem found in Sauchie, Clackmannanshire and is a great wee walk. Signposted from the A908 Tillicoultry to Alloa road you drive approx 1.5km along a residential street with many speed bumps .

At the heart of Gartmore Dam Country Park you will find Gartmorn Dam. The park consists of over 300 acres and has a network of public footpaths running from Sauchie in the West to Forest Mill in the East and from Coalsnaughton in the North to Linn Mill in the South. There is a lovely picturesque circular walk of about 2 ½ miles with only very gentle gradients. Most of the route is well surfaced and suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs (some parts can get a bit muddy at times.) It takes approx 1 ½ - 2 hours at a gentle pace.

This walk is popular with dog walkers, runners and occasional cyclists and in parts the path can be narrow.

There is a lack of Poo bins, so unless your fur baby delivers at the start of your walk you may find yourself carrying the bag all the way round 😊🐾

The park gates open at 08:30am until dusk. Facilities include car parking (free) and a cafe (Dam Good Coffee) which serves great food especially the yummy homemade soup and cakes. You can sit inside or outside plus they have a takeaway service. They have a water station for our fur babies.

There are toilets but these are only open when cafe is open. The cafe website gives opening times:

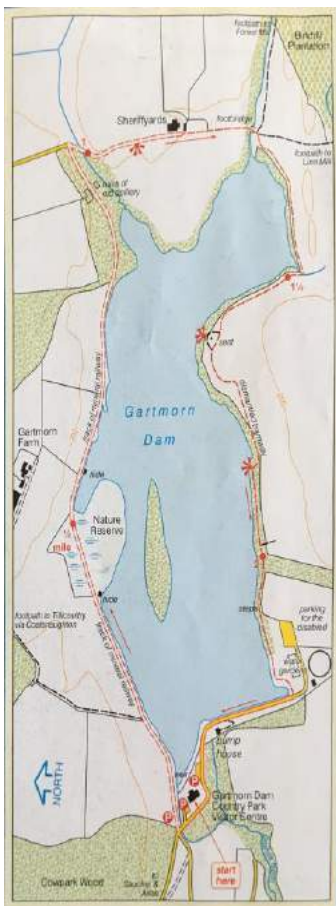
<https://www.damgoodcoffee.co.uk/>

The visitors centre is currently closed.

Be aware of the swans and ducks etc that are usually close to the shore line by the cafe and car park

Cow Park Wood near the entrance to the country park also has other lovely signposted walks suitable for our four legged fur babies.

Website: <https://www.clacks.gov.uk/culture/gartmorndam/>



The Operatives

Many of you will have enjoyed on Facebook the posts about the Operatives and their patrols, contributed by Management aka Phil Piper. Phil has kindly agreed to write a regular column about these delightful dogs and their escapades. The operatives are Ashy the brindle mum, and daughter Misty a blue merle.

Episode 3 Biteyface

We had been owned by two whippet girls before and I thought I understood sighthounds pretty well. WRONG! I didn't know lurchers at all.

When we had a spell of warm weather, I was nicely relaxed on my recliner when a whirlwind sprang out of nowhere. Ashy looked at Misty and they both started chasing each other with jaws wide open, making the most awful growling noises. They looked like a duo of Baskerville hell hounds and I was sure that one or both would be injured.

After about 3 minutes of fury they just stopped, panting heavily. I could see that they were both unhurt although at one point Misty's head had been completely in her mum's mouth!

After what appeared to be a time out, they started up again and I was sure they had serious behavioural problems. Some time later, and by mutual consent they stopped attacking one another, went back to their beds, and slept.

I was quite concerned about this and did some research into sighthound, and specifically lurcher, behaviour. I found out that such 'games' are well known in lurcher circles and one website [greydogtales](#), named this game as "Biteyface". I'm sure this refers to the wide open jaws and shark like 'teef' which are exposed when 'playing'.

It is NOT advisable to interfere in a game of biteyface unless you have a suit of armour complete with gauntlets at hand. 😬 The girls engaged in this mad game on many occasions, and I gradually realised that they were neither deranged or vicious, but just having fun....lurcher style.



A biteyface howl



Time out



Game on

2019 – Year of the Puppies

Until 2019 GRF had not had any greyhound puppies but this was all to change in the autumn when not one but two dogs were handed in which turned out to be pregnant. Over the next issues we will be featuring each of the puppies and how their lives in their forever homes have developed. The second puppy we feature is Lupin.

Mum Judy came to Baltree in early August. Unbeknown to her trainers, she had conceived just prior to arriving at the end of her season. Over the next few weeks it became obvious that she was pregnant and on the 9th of October she gave birth to five beautiful puppies – three girls and two boys.



Rachel and Mike take up the story:

We adopted Lupin- a black puppy with a white chest and toes. We chose the name Lupin because we're both huge Harry Potter fans and Professor Lupin turns into a black werewolf. We had considered Sirius Black, but I know there's already another greyhound regularly posted about on the Greyhound Rescue Fife Facebook page with that name.

We wanted a boy dog because our girl greyhound doesn't like other females.

The first few weeks we were very cautious, as we already have two adult greyhounds from Celia and Jimmy called Frosty and Danny. Danny has a high prey drive and Lupin didn't even start looking like a sighthound for quite a few months, so we were apprehensive about that. As a young puppy, Lupin had no sense of personal space and would end up climbing over the other two at night when they were asleep, so we crate-trained him right at the start and that was the best decision we ever made - he still loves his crate to this day!

Thankfully Lupin was fully toilet trained within just a couple of weeks. Adopting him in December meant a lot of night tours of our garden in the snow and rain waiting for him to do a wee! We also quickly realised how clever he was and started working on tricks with him early on. He learnt to sit, lie, talk, spin, touch the hand, give his paw, fetch a toy and go to his bed all within the first 3 months. Seeing him sit for a biscuit now as an adult greyhound looks very odd!

The puppy stage flew by and Lupin is now bigger than the other two! Frosty and Lupin are the best of friends and play zoomies together every day.



Lupin's first evening



In his crate

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“Enjoying” a shower



Part of the pack

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Information for Volunteers

As the covid situation eases, volunteers are gradually returning to the kennels. If you wish to know more about volunteering, contact Celia – 07826244765.

Monthly Walks

Monthly walks are still suspended until the covid restrictions are eased further.

The date for the 2021 Global Greyhound Walk is Sunday, September 9th. If covid restrictions permit we hope that GRF will participate in this.

Keep an eye on the GRF Forum and on Facebook for updates.

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.

Curtains

Many of you will know that Sheila and her friend Maria have, for several years, made dog beds from curtains and duvets. We bring the beds to the kennels where they are sold for £8 each – all profit for GRF as we have no overheads. Please hand in curtains to the kennels. (NB Please do not bring duvets as we have an endless supply of these from another charity.) There are now some lovely beds at the kennels which you can buy for your dogs.

Contributions Welcome

If you would like to tell fellow greyhound owners anything about your dogs and what you do together, please email us. greyhoundsmc@outlook.com

With Thanks

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