

# Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



Looking out for Santa

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

Sheila and Eion.



## Kennel News

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



## Meet Trilby

This is our Dog of the Month.



## 2019 Year of the Puppies

A series following the GRF puppies in their forever homes.

## Kennel News

Since the last newsletter

44 dogs have come in. They are:

FLORENCE STAR MISTY LANCE JASPER NICOLE PACINI APHRODITE SANDRA ISABELLA LOTTIE LILY RILEY DENIRO SPIDER ZAC DIEGO ROCKY MAX LOU BRUNO LUNA TEEJAY ROSE QUEENIE KATIE DOREEN ELLA COSMO BEAUTY BEAR IMOGEN SMOKEY STALLION FORTUNE BUTTERFLY SHORTY JESS SUE TODD REX BLAKE2 RYAN LINDA

and 41 dogs have been adopted. They are:

TIGER CHASE SWANNY MURRAY RED SPOT FLORENCE GRIP ROVER SILVIE APHRODITE ROCKY DIEGO FLASH MELODY LEXI SAMMY MIDGE LILY DARLING CORVETTE VANNY THOMAS HOPE SUSIE KATIE ( DOREEN ) JACK TOMMY MISTY LANCE DYLAN JASPER ZENA BEAR SANDRA EMMA BUTTERFLY RILEY ROSE STAR

Unfortunately dear little Doreen took a massive heart and died in the recovery room after being spayed. Jimmy and Celia rehomed her posthumously so that she did have a daddy and mummy.

## Dog of the Month

Trilby is a handsome, medium sized black boy. He is a lovely boy who lacks a little in confidence. He loves his food and some tasty treats will go a long way in helping him build a bond with you along with his confidence! He gets along well with his fellow hounds and enjoys sharing his kennel with a girl. He has lots of love to give and will make a super pet. Please call Celia on 07826244765 if interested.



## Fundraising

### Signed Hearts Shirt



Hearts football club manager Robbie Neilson and his wife Julie kindly donated us a first team signed shirt to auction. It raised £101 for the greyhounds. Thank you Julie and Robbie that is very kind of you and much appreciated. Julie of course volunteers at the kennels and Robbie comes along from time to time. Both are always welcome at the kennels.

Jimmy has been asked to get a Cowdenbeath one for auction. He thinks that this could raise another 25p (*Note from Editor 'Surely this would raise at least 75p 😊'*)

### Greyt Greyhound Gear



Greyhound Rescue Fife would like to thank Liz Stewart for generously donating £200 from the proceeds of sales of dog coats from Greyt Greyhound Gear.

The photo shows Steve and Julie Dowd's dogs modelling their raincoats at Threipmuir Reservoir.





Those of us who have attended the concerts of Inverkeithing Community Big Band in the past have really enjoyed them, while raising funds for GRF. Phil Piper is organising another concert in May 2022. Tickets will be £10 as before with all the proceeds from ticket sales going to GRF. Put this date in your diary now!

## Dog Walks

### September - West Sands, St Andrews

Another absolutely incredible turnout for the September GRF Walk, registered as part of the Great Global Greyhound Walk. The weather was kind to the 65 sighthounds (mostly greyhounds) and 3 honorary sighthounds. So good to see lots of old friends along with lots of new faces and dogs.



A big Thank You to Jemma and her daughters Emily and Ciarra for reviving the raffle. Between their efforts and your generosity we raised £240 in ticket sales.



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## Pound a Hound

At the St Andrews walk we welcomed Michael and Jude Birch from Cumbria who usually attend the Retired Greyhounds South Lakes walks but were on holiday in Scotland and wanted to take part in the Great Global Greyhound Walk. They mentioned that their walks run a Pound a Hound where anyone who attends the walk can make a suggested donation of a pound for each hound that comes along. A great idea, and one that has raised £192 since we implemented it at October's walk. Thanks for the suggestion – it's proved a big success, and you are of course more than welcome to join any of our walks if you find yourselves North of the border again.

## October - Dysart Harbour/Ravenscraig Park

Another great turnout for the monthly walk - this time we had 50 dogs. Starting at Dysart Harbour, making our way through Ravenscraig Park and returning back to Dysart Harbour.

Pound a Hound raised £88 with a further £110 raised by the raffle. Thanks again to Jemma, Emily and Ciarra for running the raffle.





November – South Inch, Perth

Another great turnout of 54 hounds for this month's walk.

A big thanks to Steve and Christine Chatila for leading today's walk, and to everyone who came along and helped us raise £104 for the homeless hounds from Pound a Hound.



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## 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 5 A Compilation Part 1



#### Introduction

I have been asked to write more about my Operatives brindle mum (and trouble maker in chief) Ashy and her daughter blue merle Misty, and currently Sonic, the black greyhound. My first thoughts were that there is only so much you can write about walking dogs. Then I realized that it is Ashy we are talking about here and her antics as an Operative were legendary.

So I've cheated a bit and recalled some anecdotes that I have previously posted about them.

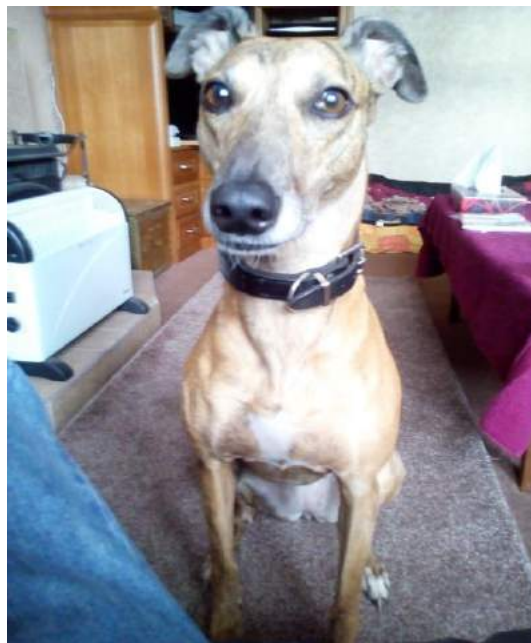
#### Learning Lurcher

The language of the Lurcher is complex, and I am a poor student according to Ashy. The only command which must be obeyed seems to be "SAUSAGE". This magic word is not to be overused less the treat bag is emptied before the end of the patrol. The words "come here" have no meaning in Lurcher. The phrase "good girls", means "sit on your bum, and make goo goo eyes, and he'll give you a treat". While I claim no mastery of this subtle language, as the bond between us grows, I think we understand each other better.





Ashy saw a deer running and she was barking and whining to go chase it. The deer had disappeared and she was still carrying on, so I told her to stop, and when she didn't, I said "what part of stop that noise don't you understand". She looked me straight in the eyes and seemed to say "all of it, mate".



### Living with Lurchers

I have read that Lurchers are "wired differently" to other dogs, and my Operatives surprise me every day. We have access to a secure field and they have no interest in walking "in" the field, only around its most overgrown edges. Our walks have also allowed their personalities to come out. Misty is definitely a girly dog, and Ashy is absolutely not!

They start the walk looking quite smart in their harness and muzzles. On our return Misty looks much the same as when we started, but Ashy looks like she has been dragged through a hedge backwards. This for her is not a figure of speech, but a reality. I frequently have to remove her from hedges and undergrowth. Allowing for all of the above, I love my Operatives to bits and wouldn't change a thing!!

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## 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 third puppy we feature is Jess.*

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 9<sup>th</sup> of October she gave birth to five beautiful puppies – three girls and two boys.



Julie takes up the story:

On 8th December 2019, we brought home little Trusty from GRF. He was a tiny bundle of fun who slept a lot, played a lot, chewed up loads of toilet roll and brought a lot of joy into our house. He came to live with our 3 daughters and our beautiful blue girl Orla who we adopted from GRF in October 2015. Orla had recently lost her friend Otis who was such a special boy and we were looking for another friend for her. We didn't think about a puppy but Celia seemed to know little Trusty would be the perfect dog for join our family, and she was so right. After long discussions he was renamed Hugo (middle name Bear)! He settled quickly into our home. Orla showed him how to behave and she had to put him in his place many times! He soon learned who was the boss and his boundaries! He is a loveable rogue. He adores children and plays all the time with our 3 girls. They love him to bits. When you stop playing with him he nibbles your bottom to get you to keep playing! He is very vocal. Barks for his dinner, barks for his toys. He also makes very unusual noises when he greets you, it's almost as if he is saying hello! He has the perfect aim of jumping up and kissing you on the face. He has brought so much love, fun and laughter into our house. He sits on the sofa and watches the TV with his two front legs on the floor, he looks so funny! He has grown into a beautiful big boy and we are so lucky to have him. Having a puppy greyhound has been wonderful and we feel very blessed to have him.



## Information for Volunteers

With so many dogs in kennels at the moment, GRF desperately needs more volunteers to help walk the dogs.

Even if you can only help out for an hour, that can be a big help.

To find out more about volunteering, contact Celia – 07826244765.

## 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](mailto:greyhoundsmc@outlook.com)

## With Thanks

We would like to thank all contributors for their help with this issue.