

# Greyhound Rescue Fife

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

## **Another Milestone for GRF!**

*In March GRF clocked up another amazing achievement with the adoption of our 2000<sup>th</sup> homeless hound. The lucky dog who found her forever home is Claire.*



Welcome to the August edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter which brings you up to date on GRF activities.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Sheila and Eion.



## **Kennel News**

Find out who has found their forever home.....



## **Meet Gracie**

This is our Dog of the Month.



**It's 2000!!!**

What an achievement. GRF re-homes 2000<sup>th</sup> dog.

## Kennel News

### Dogs Rehomed

Since the last Newsletter SIXTY SEVEN dogs have found their forever homes. They are:

Wilfred, Kopa, Grange, Bolt, Trip, Jenny, Saffy, Hurricane, Ruby, Ed, Ally, Judy, Bas, Elvis, Wilma, Lilly, Olive, Missy, Claire, Suzie, Aimee, Ginger, Badger, Missy Moo, Winnie, Annie, Delilah, Tommy, Amy, Raquel, Eva, Foxy, Wolf, Cindy, Buttons, Penny, Freda, Del Boy, Evie, Millie, Lol, Ruby, Otis, Molly, Bear, Rose, Ian, Cilla, Magic, Nancy, Stan, Minnie, Bobby, Cleo, Skippy, Leader, Dancer, Jack, Rosemary, Magnus, Buzz, Abbie, Tom, Ada, Dixie, Venus, Billie and Flocki.

We wish all these dogs and their new owners a long and happy life together

### Dog of the Month

Gracie by name, graceful by nature.

Gracie is our dog of the Month for August. She is a very slender, very elegant, long-necked swan of a greyhound girl. Her black coat has a sprinkling of snowflakes. Gracie is quite slight, but tall and leggy. She has a nice nature.

A young girl, still only 3 years old, Gracie walks nicely (although she does enjoy a bit of rabbit spotting) with her greyhound friends, both male and female. She is also learning to ask for affection from the humans. She is such an elegant girl that you, as her walker, find yourself straightening your back and pacing more gracefully alongside her!

On a park visit, Gracie got her front paws into the car but didn't know what to do with her back legs!! Not so graceful then, Gracie! Once in, she settled quickly in the car for the short trip to the park. She was a little unsure on getting out as she didn't know where she was.

Gracie prances elegantly when walking. She met a small terrier, had a playful lunge but that was it. She was calm and showed no aggression. Gracie does have a bit of a prey drive but, again, such early days. She'll get used to exciting new things with a bit of time, patience and good sense. Well done Gracie, you were a star.

If this graceful young girl could be the perfect match for you, please call Celia on 07826 244765 for more information.





## It's 2000

Unbelievably GRF reached another brilliant milestone this year with the rehoming of Claire our 2000th rehoming since Celia and Jimmy started to rehome greyhounds in 2005. They could never have imagined at the start that from small beginnings they would have achieved so much. Of course, we must remember Tiggy, their first greyhound and co-founder of GRF.

It's a tribute to Celia and Jimmy's devotion and hard work that these 2000 dogs have been able to enjoy life in forever homes.





## MSP visits Baltree

Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity visited Baltree to discuss matters relating to greyhound welfare and racing in Scotland and in the UK as a whole. Some positive and constructive chat over coffee and cakes was followed by a walk round the grounds and the kennel blocks to see the hounds. Tommy was more than happy to pose for a picture with Jim, Jimmy and Celia. Celia and Jimmy would like to thank Jim Fairlie for taking time out of his busy schedule to make this visit.



## Tux

Ashleigh Byrne tells us about her experiences with rescue greyhound, Tux.

"Hello everyone. You might remember me from when we had our blue female greyhound Lexi who featured in a previous newsletter after winning the dog show. Sadly we lost her in December 2023. We miss her every day. When we lost Lexi, I kept saying I would like to adopt a black boy as they tend to be overlooked in the kennels. That's a real shame as they are as great as any other colour. On May 11 2024 we went to have a look at some of the black male hounds and took a few for a walk. The last one, Topsy, was quite timid but something just clicked and I fell in love with him. Over a year has gone by and he's like a different dog now with a new name, Tux."

As you can see from the photos Tux is living his best life with Ashleigh.



## Nat West Volunteers

Susan Thompson of Nat West and her fellow volunteers chose GRF for their work volunteering day. She says they had the best day ever with Celia, Jimmy and the regular volunteers and staff making them feel very welcome. A few wanted to take the dogs home with them. Maybe they will be back and do this!!





## Fundraising

GRF volunteers organise and take part in a huge variety of fundraising activities. We feature some examples here.

### Aberdeen Kiltwalk

Harry Barton raised £400 by completing the Aberdeen Kiltwalk (18.3 miles) in around 5 hours. Well done Harry! Harry tells us that he did the walk in memory of their dog, Billie, who was adopted in 2016 aged 5. Sadly he passed away last June. Billie first came to his forever home in Aberdeen and for his last three years moved to Stonehaven which he loved. Harry enjoyed 8 years of friendship with Billie – thanks to GRF.



### Useful Food Donation - Wilson Pet Food, Blairgowrie

GRF would like to thank Jane Burns for organising a huge donation of dog food from Wilson Pet Food. Thanks also to Andy from Binn Group who delivered it to the kennels.

### A Sunday in Hell

The Adventure Gravelers organised another “Sunday in Hell” with all proceeds going to GRF. The day resulted in a donation of £760 from sponsorship money and £780 from Kinross Cycling Club. Thanks to the intrepid cyclists and to all who helped organise and support the day.



## School Project

GRF would like to thank Emma Thomson for her hard work and fabulous donation of £182. For her school project Emma baked and sold Pup Cakes and also worked in her aunt's dog grooming salon.



## Inverkeithing Community Big Band Concert

Phil Piper has sponsored fund raising concerts with the Inverkeithing Big Band for several years and has raised considerable amounts of money for GRF. He writes about this year's concert:

"I wish to thank all who came and supported both the band and GRF at our 2025 concert. The band always enjoy this event as we receive such great support. It is a privilege to play to such a great audience, and this year, although fewer in number, was no exception. For me, to combine two of my favourite things, ie music and helping Jimmy and Celia to continue their amazing work is extra special and a joy. I dedicated this year's concert to my late lurcher Ash. She came to me together with her daughter Misty in 2018, and died unexpectedly in May 2020. I hope that all who came enjoyed the experience as much as we (the band members) did."



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## Christmas Cards

Katrina Teeny would like to thank everyone who bought her home designed Christmas cards which raised £505 for the kennels.

## Greyt Greyhound Gear

GRF would like to say another huge thank you to Liz Stewart and Greyt Greyhound Gear for their very generous donation of £500. Greyt Greyhound Gear donate profits from the sales of their excellent coats and other accessories to various charities. GRF are “greytful” for their continuing support and generosity.

Here is their Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/greytgreyhoundgear>



## Monthly Dog Walks

### January

January's walk was at Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline. 55 Hounds and honorary hounds joined us for the walk. Unfortunately there was no raffle due to unforeseen circumstances, but we did raise £69.80 from Pound-a-hound.



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## February

The weather was certainly bracing at February's Monthly walk at West Sands, St Andrews. A total of 52 hounds and honorary hounds braved the cold winds. Actually, make that 53 with a curious friend who watched on from the sea and gave his Seal of approval.

We raised £117.25 from pound-a-hound, £82 from the raffle and £8 from snoods



## March

The early morning mist soon burned off for March's Monthly Walk at Lochore Meadows. A total of 49 hounds joined us today. We raised £52.90 from pound-a-hound and £72 from the raffle.



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## April

Bit of a chilly start to April's Monthly Walk at Dysart Harbour and Ravenscraig Park, but fortunately the sun came back out and warmed us up a bit. A total of 39 hounds and honorary hounds were on the walk. We raised £55 from the raffle and £50.50 from Pound-a-hound.



## May

A lovely day for May's Monthly Walk at South Inch and North Inch, Perth. About thirty hounds and honorary hounds joined the walk, led by Steve and Christine, and we raised £46 from pound-a-hound.





## June

Forty hounds and honorary hounds joined us for June's Monthly Walk at West Sands, St Andrews. The rain that had been forecast thankfully stayed away!

We raised £51 through pound-a-hound.



## July

Cracking weather for July's Monthly Walk at Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy. A total of 26 hounds and honorary hounds joined us today, raising £70 between pound-a-hound and the raffle.



**The next walk will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August, starting at 11.00am at Beveridge Park Kirkcaldy.**

## Lucky Number Draws

Thanks to all who bought the numbers and particular thanks to Fiona Smith for her tireless work in organising and publicising the draws every month.

### Winners - GRF Lucky Number Draws - 2025

Month	Total numbers in draw	Total taken	Amount to GRF	Amount to winner	Winning number	Winner's name
January	284	£568	£340.80	£227.20	72	Kate Bubb
February	282	£564	£338.40	£225.60	194	Paddy Greyhound
March	290	£580	£348.00	£232.00	197	Elizabeth Stirling
April	272	£544	£326.40	£216.60	271	Sandra McDonald
May	277	£554	£332.40	£221.60	109	Carol Young
June	288	£576	£345.60	£230.40	98	Steven Whyte
July	274	£548	£328.80	£219.20	243	Paul Finnigan
<b>Total</b>		<b>£3,934</b>	<b>£2,360.40</b>	<b>£1,572.60</b>		

## 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.

## Dog Beds

Sheila and Maria make dog beds from recycled curtains and duvets. These are fully washable and especially good for use in cars. Minimum donation for each bed is £8.00. You can pick up a bed at the kennels and put the money in the donation box.





### **Contributions Welcome**

If you would like to tell fellow greyhound owners anything about your dogs and what you do together, please email us.  
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### **With Thanks**

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