

GRF



NEWS

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*Changing the world
one greyhound at a time!*

Along with some of our regular update features this month see's us focus on our up coming dog show and takes a look behind the scenes to give you a taste of what to expect on the day. We hope you enjoy this shortened newsletter.

Kennel update

During the month GRF and Union farm kennels completed the transfer of all our last 6 greys to our kennels at Baltree farm. We would like to thank Nanette who helped us out when times were bad and helped get us through them. We would also like to thank Tracy, Duncan and the fantastic Pet Shop Boys for all the help that they have given us. Thanks too go to Nicola for working with and looking after all our dogs and lastly we would like to thank Fiona Khaled for all the Saturdays that she spent, giving up her free time, to help look after our greys. All at GRF and especially the dogs are extremely grateful to you all and our best wishes go to every one of you, thank you.

We would also like to say a big thank you to a couple of our regular helpers at Baltree, Norman and Mary Gater. They kindly donated us a beautiful new kennel, capable of holding four dogs. At the same time we also had built a new wooden kennel capable of taking in the six remaining dogs from Union Farm. In total we can now kennel 42 dogs indoors.

Recently several supporters helped to do a bag pack at one of the local Asda stores in Dundee on Sunday 21st March. GRF would like to thank all those who turned up on the day and helped out. Your time and effort raised a magnificent **£562.87** for our cause. Although we thank all of you who helped we would just like to give special mention to **Claire Smith** for organising this event for us, thank you Claire.

Incomers

NELLIE, KERRY, PARKER, TONY, LULU, JOHNNY, PAL, FARLEY, POPPY and KIKI

Outgoing

ZOE, RAB, IKE, BLACKIE, WILMA, MOSS, QUEENIE, WULLIE, KIKI, HAWK, and SPOT

From the Dog house



SWEETIE is a well named little girl. She is quite shy but extremely loving. One of the nicest natured dogs we have ever had the pleasure to have. She loves people and is quite easy to walk on a lead. If you want a great pet, then look no further.

*Do you have it in you to give **SWEETIE** a new home Then contact Jimmy/Celia on **01592 890583**.*

Lucky Number - April draw

On our first Loch Leven walk (which was a lovely walk) Celia drew number 15 which belongs to Shirley MacDonald, congratulations Shirley - cheque for £54.40 on its way to you.

Thank you to everyone who took part and all who continue to support this fundraising venture.

Dog of the month



My mummy and daddy re-homed me (Kell) and Lucy nearly a year ago. I had been at GRF for the best part of a year and a half before I picked them so I'm definitely a prime candidate for some publicity J. So, here goes.....

Likes:

I like going for walks and collecting plastic bottles, and playing with toys - I like squeaky toys and fluffy toys and hard toys and soft toys, and I like big dogs, and small dogs, and medium dogs, and I like cats and rabbits 'cos they look delicious, and I like pigs ears and raw-hide chews and biscuits and my dinner and my breakfast, and I like my house and my garden and my bed and Lucy's bed, and I like Lucy and my mummy and daddy, and I like daddy's big car - it's so fast I can still be the fastest dog even by just sitting in it, and I like the snow, and I like watching 'Send in the Dogs', and I like sleeping (especially 'cos I'm tired now because of remembering all the things that I like)

Dislikes:

I don't understand what you mean - I like everything! But if that's not good enough then I don't like my in-laws. I've never met them, but daddy doesn't like them and that's good enough for me J

Biggest Achievement:

I managed to put off potential daddies until my forever daddy came and picked me. Even on the day he came to see me some other people took me for a walk but I could see they were no good for me so I dragged them around the field at a hundred miles an hour and scared them off J J J J

Favourite food:

I like my breakfast, and my dinner, and Lucy's breakfast and dinner, and I like biscuits and raw-hide chews, and I like eating crunchy snow. But best of all I like pigs ears

What do I like doing best!!!

Everything! My life's BRILLIANT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Uh-oh! Daddy's coming back and he'll go spare if he sees me on his laptop again...

Bye
Kell xxx



If you would like your dog to appear in this section of the newsletter why not send in an article similar to the one above with a couple of pics to alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com

Greyhound Dog Show

Getting there

On the day car parking will be available and we ask that people follow the signs to the car park and park considerately. When you turn into Caldwell's farm which is not actually in Collessie village it's on the main A91 just before or after the Collessie turn off - depending on which direction you are coming from! Look out for the show signs and balloons at the entrance. Once you turn into the farm there is a long drive way which eventually takes you up to the show arena.

Across from the arena there is a large field where there will be some portaloos and we have the use of this field to walk our dogs. Sometimes it is always a good idea to maybe walk your dogs in the field prior to entering the show to do their "business" especially if you have come a long way.

Tickets

If you have bought a pre advance ticket for the show, could you please put your contact details on the back of the ticket as at the mid way point we will have a mini raffle for these people. If you have not bought a pre show ticket (why not!!) you can pay at the door cost is £3.00 for adults and kids under 16 free. Everybody who enters the show will receive a wristband, which must be worn at all times during the show. This will let you go in and out of the show all day - just show your wristband on entry. Otherwise you will be asked again for payment!

Inside

Once inside the arena we have a variety of stalls and refreshments available as well as our popular tombola and wii sports. Also look out for official programme sellers who will be selling our show programme (cost £2). It will be worth checking through your programme as you may have the lucky one with a prize voucher inside!! If you are you can take this voucher to our tombola stand to collect your prize. During the day we will also be selling raffle tickets which we encourage people to buy as we have some excellent prizes and this will be drawn just before our grand final. So if you are not going to stay until then please put contact details on the back of your raffle tickets. We would certainly hope that as many people as possible would stay to the end to cheer on and support our finalists.

We would also ask that you spend some time going round the various stalls particularly the commercial companies who help sponsor our event. Speak to them find out what they offer and who knows they may be able to help you with something. If companies feel that they have had a good response then they will be more likely to support our future shows etc.

Classes

Before each class begins there will be an announcement that registration for the next class is now open. At the registration desk we will take your name and dogs name and give you a number, which must be worn prominently as this is what will be used by the judge to identify you. The cost to enter each class is £1 per dog with the best family of dogs (for 2 or more dogs) being £1.50. Once registered you will join the queue waiting to be invited into the ring by the judge. All you then need to do is walk round the ring with your dog, once the judge has made his decision he will summon everybody into the centre of the ring and announce as in all good shows !! the prize winners in reverse order. We are giving prizes to the first 6 in all classes (more than any other dog show !). If you are lucky enough to be one of our prize winners we will ask you to stay in the ring to get some photographs taken with your prizes. The details of the class winner will then be noted and they will have some extra individual photographs and will also go through to our grand final.

Take part in the first Great British Greyhound Walk

At 10am on Sunday 20th June 2010, all across the country, greyhounds and their owners will join each other on the first

Great British Greyhound Walk

It's a social event for people to get together and share the joys of greyhound ownership and an opportunity to promote greyhounds as pets to the rest of the country.

There are several ways you can get involved in this fantastic event:

- Organise and lead a walk in your area
- Promote and help at a local walk
- Simply come along and walk on the day

Find out more on the rest of the website and, visit us and pass on the message.

<http://www.greatbritishgreyhoundwalk.org.uk/>

Greys around the world

This month's greys around the world comes from close by in Jersey. This is there story

About Us

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In 1995, we read an article in a newspaper on the plight of racing greyhounds after their racing days were over. This prompted us to take on our first greyhound, a 6 year old male.



Chappie arrived on 4th July and after 3 baths, we discovered he was white and brindle! Having raced the length and breadth of the UK, he so deserved a happy retirement. Tragically, it was short lived and at the age of 7 he was diagnosed with a calcification of the spine and we had to put him to sleep.

Having discovered that 10,000 greyhounds like Chappie needed homes each year, when approached by the national organiser of the Retired Greyhound Trust to establish a local Rescue Centre here in Jersey, it seemed the obvious path to follow.

We are currently celebrating our 14th Anniversary having homed 155 dogs here in Jersey, Guernsey, Sark and Alderney.

Since 1995 our family has grown. At present we share our sofas with 17 greyhounds of our own (sounds familiar !!!!).

Dates for the Diary

The following is a list of the first of the greyhound walks for 2010.

Sunday 2nd May the Third Annual GRF dog show at Caldwell's Farm Collesie

Sunday 6th June at 11am, Lochore Meadows Country Park Lochore

Sunday 4th July at 11am, Ravenscraig Park Kirkcaldy

And finally

We look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible at our up and coming dog show and so look out for next month's dog show special newsletter which will have many pics of our show and a full run down of all our winners and of course our 2010 Best in Show.



Proudly Presents
Our 3rd Annual Dog Show
On Sunday 2nd May 2010
Doors Open 11:00 First Class 11:30
At Caldwell's farm,
Collessie,
By Ladybank,
Fife, KY15 7UY.

Stalls At The Show

Tombola
Home Baking
Refreshments
Commercial Stalls
GRF Merchandise
Wii Sports

Prices

£3 Per Adult
Children Under
16 Go Free

Dog Entry

Each Dog Class Entry
Costs £1
Except Best Family Dog
Entry Which Costs £1.50
For 2 Dogs Or More

Order Of Show

- 1) Best junior handler
- 2) Best male greyhound
- 3) Best non-greyhound
- 4) Homeless hounds parade + advanced ticket raffle
- 5) Best family of dogs
- 6) Best loveable face
- 7) Best Female greyhound
- 8) 2nd Homeless hound parade + main raffle
- 9) Best of show final

Advanced Tickets Can Be

**Purchased at GRF Baltree
Kennels, Gairneybank KY13 9JY**

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