

GRF



NEWS

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May 2010 Dog show special

*Changing the world
one greyhound at a time!*

That is our 3rd annual dog show now over for another year and what an excellent day we had. Although attendance was slightly down on last year, possibly due to the current economic climate and bank holiday weekend never the less we raised an amazing **£1,935.00 !!** so thank you all very much for coming along to support our cause and we hope everybody had a good time. In this month's issue we are going to relive some of these moments with our dog show special edition. We hope you enjoy.

Kennel update

Well after the show we managed to re-home 2 dogs GRACE and BIRCH thus ensuring another successful show. To date now we have found forever homes for **375** greyhounds !!!!! a magnificent achievement and who knows as Jimmy says we maybe looking at our 500th this time next year ! Fingers crossed.

Incomers

FARLEY, POPPY, GRACE, ZIPPY, HEIDI, ZOLA, JAZZ, SCHULTZ, MIKEY, THOR

Outgoing

SWEETIE, NIKKI, THOR, LULU, REBEL, QUINCY (as well as the 2 mentioned above)

Lucky Number - May draw

We did our monthly draw at our event just before the Best in show final. We had sold 64 numbers giving **£76.80** to GRF and **£51.20** to the winner. Jimmy drew out number **3** which belonged to Steve Dowd who was at the show and kindly donated his winnings to GRF cause meaning that GRF received **£128 !!!** Thank you Steve for your generous donation

Thank You

As many of you would have seen from previous years shows it has grown some "arms and legs" and so it would be difficult to put on a show of this size and magnitude without the help of others and I would like to take this chance to thank a few of them.

First of all thank you Tom for once more allowing us to use your facilities once again and help with our ring set up and thanks also to Katherine for helping organise our PA system and set up as well as set up and run a few novelty stands throughout our show.

Based on some comments from last years show we built on that success and ensured that the entry was manned at all times, using a wristband system kindly donated by Fiona Bradford which allowed us to monitor comings and goings throughout the day. We also felt that we always get some excellent prizes donated for our raffle and thought it is only fair to try and maximise this area a bit more. This year we brought along a friend of our Jim who basically has the job of being chief raffle ticket seller at various charity functions in Penicuik !! so we decided to invite him along to help us out in this area and he did a magnificent job I don't think anybody who came in didn't get a raffle ticket !!! He also thoroughly enjoyed the day and has suggested other ideas to add to our raffle for next year! So I assume he is coming back!!

Big thanks also goes to our judge Job Gevers who once more paid his own way from Holland to come and do this show, such was our gratitude for him doing this again that Celia presented him with one of our new official GRF jackets before the show began to show our appreciation.

Thanks must also go to Fiona Bradford who once again obtained some magnificent rosettes and trophies. While the best junior received trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd along with our finalist each other class winner this year also received a trophy.

Also thanks to George for being our official photographer this year and if you have not already done please visit our forum where he has put together a "virtual dog show" for you with nearly 200 pics of the show along with some video footage!! Which are all free for you to download.

Thanks also to Dave and Helen who did a magnificent job in running our white elephant and GRF merchandise stalls, this stall alone raised over £500!! Both Helen and Dave have helped out over a number of years with GRF not just in running our merchandise but also fostering as well so to both of you thank you very much.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the girls (probably been a while since they were called girls!!!) who helped put together and man our tombola, home baking and refreshment stands, who have no ties to GRF but come along every year to help myself and Lynne out. So to Linda (F), Linda (B), Joyce and of course Lynne! Thank you very much. Also a big thanks to our and Linda (F) kids for all their help and support on the day by manning the door, car park, Wii sports and general

muscle for fetching and carrying throughout the day. I know one or two of them were out partying the night before and one even came straight from a night shift! so well done guys for getting up at an ungodly hour on a Sunday morning to get there and help us out ! What's even more important to mention is that each one of them paid for the privilege to come along and help and purchased their advanced ticket's as we do ourselves so thank you very much.

A special thanks this year must go to Michele and Nic who worked tremendously in the background and ensured that we not only were able to offer prizes once again for the top 6 in each class but also organised various prizes for our raffle and tombola as well as sourcing us chairs and tables for our show. Their efforts throughout the last few months have been magnificent and without them there would be no show this year, so thanks guys hopefully you will be available for next year!!

We must also thank Gillian and Eddie from Vodabone who generously helped us out by allowing us to use their van to pick up and drop off our tables/chairs over the two days. There was a few hiccups on the way but we managed it all in the end ! Gillian has been a magnificent supporter of our show from day 1 and so we certainly appreciate all her help.

To help in the enjoyment of our show many of you will have noticed that we have quite a few more stalls at our show and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all these guys for supporting our event they all donate either goods or cash equivalent for the privilege of coming along to our show and without them we would not be able to put on an event of this magnitude. You can find contact details of all the companies at this years show on our web site.

Dog Show 2010

Best Junior Handler

(Sponsored by Pete Attenborough painter and Decorators)



The show started off as it did always does with our Best Junior handler class (for kids under 16 and any breed of dog). We had 12 entries for this. The kids proudly walked their dogs round the ring several times, before our judge Job Geevers after much deliberation called them into the centre of the ring to announce the winners. As in the usual style for these events we announced in reverse order !!

6th BILLY with Fraser
5th FREYA with Keir
4th LASSIE with Ashley
3rd STAR with Ellie
2nd BELLA with Hannah
1st DUKE with Amy



Duke was a previous winner of this class and our first ever best in show winner, so will he repeat this feat in 2010

Apart from the top 6 receiving some excellent prizes nobody went away from this class empty handed (as was the case in all of our other classes, thanks to James Wellbeloved) as each kid received a "bulging" goody bag on exiting the ring.

Best Male Greyhound

(Sponsored in memory of the late Mollie Jackman, Pauanui, New Zealand)

Our next class was the eagerly awaited best male greyhound class. And see who would be the prince of our show. In all we had 22 entries for this with some excellent looking greyhounds parading round the ring. In the end Job chose KELL a 5-year-old black and white grey re-homed from GRF by Steve

- 1st KELL with Steve
- 2nd TIPPY withy Lucy
- 3rd BLUE with Linda
- 4th BILLY with Ann
- 5th JAKEY with David
- 6th ALFIE with Darren



Kell and owner Steven proudly sporting his number 1 jacket along with his prizes. Our 2010 Prince of the show

*Best non-greyhound
(Sponsored by Doggie Paddles)*

Our third category of the day produced another fine turn out of dogs but this time it was for non-Greyhounds only and it was magnificent to see such a varied number of breeds on display and a credit to their owners.

We had 16 entries in this category, which

saw a 1 year old white and fawn whippet called HARRY walk away with first prize and into our final.



- 1st HARRY with Fiona
- 2nd MAX with Christine
- 3rd COCO with James
- 4th GHENGIS with melanie
- 5th JASMINE with Samantha
- 6th FLY with Ryan

After this event we had the first of two "Homeless hound parades" which featured a number of our dogs from Baltree kennels. Jimmy took over the comparing of this and introduced them to everybody and told them a little bit more about each of them. Followed by our pre booked ticket raffle and guess amount of biscuit competition winners.

Best family of dogs
(Sponsored by NetPetshop)



After our pre booked ticket raffle we got the show back on the road by opening entries to what is a popular class that of Best Family of Dogs, this class is open to owners of 2 or more dogs and any breed. In total we had 22 entries for this class ensuring a busy ring!! After much deliberation once again the "wee" ones won the day with ROCKY, MISTY, TONI and HARRY (2 in a row for him !!) taking the best family of dog accolade.

TONI a 3 year old white fawn and white whippet was chosen to represent the best family class in our best in show final

- 1st ROCKY, MISTY, TONY and HARRY with Fiona
- 2nd BOOKER & TULLAH with Greg
- 3rd JAKIE, MANDY and AMY with David
- 4th BILLY & GOLDIE with Nic
- 5th BELLA & NIAL with Hannah
- 6th CHARLIE, LULU, ANGUS & RABBIE with Jackie



*Best loveable face
(Sponsored by MacKenzie & MacKenzie Solicitors)*



The best loveable face class is certainly one of our most popular classes having 49 entrants whereby we had to do a semi final and final. Six dogs were picked from each semi giving us 12 in the final and after much deliberation Job chose a 3 year old brindle and white greyhound called Grace who is still looking for her forever home. Hopefully after this

she will find it fairly quick. (post ed. She did find a home after the show !!)

- 1st GRACE with Karen
- 2nd CHLOE with Dougie
- 3rd RUBY with Susan
- 4th DOLLY with Lauren
- 5th AMY with David
- 6th GHENGIS with Melanie



Best Female greyhound
(Sponsored by Closer bond dog training and behaviour)

The penultimate class of the show is always one of our most contested that of best female greyhound once more we had a large turn out with 32 female greyhounds taking part leading us once more to do our 2 semi finals and a final. From the final 12 dogs Job eventually chose STAR a 3 year old blue and white greyhound owned by Graham and was crowned princess of our show. We now had our 6th and last finalist.

- 1st STAR with Graham
- 2nd KYLA with Ian
- 3rd RUBY with Susan
- 4th CHLOE with Dougie
- 5th Jemma with Lynne
- 6th TIA with Linda



Star Best Female 2010

After this class we had our 2nd homeless hound parade followed by our luck number draw and then our grand raffle. With so many prizes donated this year this seemed like it was never ending !! however we had some excellent prizes to give away. It certainly kept me fit handing out the prizes !

What was also good to see this year is that a number of people stayed right to the end to see our best in show final. This makes for a magnificent atmosphere and is only fitting that the best 6 dogs throughout our classes had a large audience of onlookers.

Best in Show 2010

(Sponsored by James Wellbeloved)

Each of the dogs was introduced individually into the ring with a sporting round of applause for each. Background to each one was given before Job made them do another couple of circuits before deciding on this year's winner. With a previous show winner in the final it made for a difficult decision and Job finally decided on Kell a 5yr old black and white male greyhound rescued from Greyhound Rescue Fife and winner of our best male greyhound class who was now 2010 King of our show.

- 1st KELL with Steven
- 2nd STAR with Graham
- 3rd GRACE with Karen
- 4th DUKE with Amy
- 5th TONI with Heather
- 6th HARRY with Fiona



Our six Best in Show Finalist



KELL our 2010 Best in Show winner

And Finally !!!

By the time you read this I will be embarking on my next challenge to raise money for GRF, myself and some friends are walking the West Highland Way !!! I hope as many of you as possible can support me (don't mean literally !!!) financially and donate on our web site. In the comments box just add for "**WHW walk**" Thank you to those who have already sponsored me. If we manage to get some reception on our "ramble" I will try and post updates.





It was a long day !!!!