

# GRF



# NEWS

*Designed by Sally E Calder*

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***Changing the world .....***

***One greyhound at a time!***

Wow !!! what can you say our 4<sup>th</sup> dog show has now been and gone but not before we posted some excellent stats and total. We raised an astonishing amount for the kennels, the highest ever attendance, the highest ever number of entrants for a class along with our first ever best in show female winner. All this and more in this month's dog show special newsletter

## **Kennel update**

GRF has just recently completed a deal with the Retired Greyhound Trust whereby we will look after 15 of their dogs in our kennels allowing us to save many more greyhounds. It will also mean that we will have approximate 50 dogs now in our kennels! (See volunteer request below). In return for this we will get assistance from RGT thus ensuring the continuity of our kennels at Baltree for years to come

## **YOUR KENNEL'S NEED YOU**



Can you spare a few hours a week to help at our kennels, we are currently looking for volunteers who can spare a regular few hours per week helping walking, cleaning and feeding our dogs. While we would never turn down help our preference, if possible, would be to get set regular days for helping out which will make planning at the kennels a lot easier and lighten the load for everyone. If you are interested and can spare some time then phone **01592 890583** please leave a message and we will get back to you if we are unable to answer your call. Alternatively you can email: **FERNIEJIMMYF@aol.com**

**Incomers:** SINEAD, SIDNEY, STANLEY, FIRE, JOE, DAVIE, RAFA, KING, BOY, CAPTAIN, DOLLY, BARNEY, TEENIE, PANDA. (14)

**Outgoing** FOXY, LADDIE, KITTY, CHILLO, SIDNEY, STANLEY, PETRA, SPECKS, JOE, SINEAD, ISIS, KING, BECKY, PILOT, SUKIE, SASHA. (16)

Foxy was rehomed to Marion after all her tender love and care and Becky rehomed to the very brave Marylla. Joe was rehomed to Buckie and Pilot to Orkney

We have also had some damage to the kennels after the recent winds, logged over 100mph at Baltree !!!! Which knocked down trees fences and water supplies but fortunately no person or dog was hurt.

Unfortunately Helen and Dave who have been fantastic in helping us promote our GRF merchandise since GRF began can no longer carry this on. However we are fortunate to have Bert McCurdy who has agreed to step in and carry on the good work and promote our items, watch this space for full details. GRF would just like to thank Helen and Dave for all their support over the years both in selling our merchandise and in helping at our yearly dog show's thanks guys.

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### **Thank you area**

This year's show was the best to date with just under **400** people coming through the door at various points of the day !!! which helped us raise an unprecedented **£3,214.00 !!!!!** However, making this year such a success does not happen by accident, there are a lot of people who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes giving us help and support for this year's show.

First of all to Willie and Linda Moffat who were kind enough to become our first ever show sponsor's.

Getting this sponsorship allowed us to concentrate and focus on the finer points of the show which I think made for the superb atmosphere in the hall and the great day had by all. Thank you very much guys.



While Moffat the catering equipment company were our main sponsor's we also however sold out all our smaller individual packages as well and so to all who purchased these (full details on our web site) we thank you very much.

Once again thanks must also go to all the organisations that supported and exhibited on the day of the show we hope that everyone got something out of the show. In case you were interested in taking up any further offers from these companies their contact details are posted below.



- Sabrin Miller (artwork and sculptures)

- [sabrinmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:sabrinmiller@yahoo.com)

- Shireen Brown (Homemade jewellery)

- [brownshireen6@hotmail.com](mailto:brownshireen6@hotmail.com)



- Fly collars (dog collars)

- Email: [stubbster22@kelpiesbooks.co.uk](mailto:stubbster22@kelpiesbooks.co.uk)
- Tel: 07761 234467



- **Pets at Home (Stirling & Falkirk stores)**

- <http://www.petsathome.com/>
- **Falkirk PAH** Tel: 01324 612455
- Address: 15 Grahams Road, Falkirk, FK1 1LD
- **Stirling PAH** Tel: 01786 469570
- Address: Springkerse Retail Park, Stirling, FK7 7TL



- **Phoenix Trading (Greeting cards, gift wrap & stationery - Shona Gibson)**



- Email: [sar55@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sar55@blueyonder.co.uk)
- Tel: 07722 663317

- **Liz Kay (Photography)**

- [www.lizkayphotography.com](http://www.lizkayphotography.com)
- email: [mail@lizkayphotography.com](mailto:mail@lizkayphotography.com)
- tel: 07792 690708
- <http://lizkayphotography.com/page54.htm> Link takes you to this years dog show pictures along with pricing etc.

- **Trophy pet foods (Stephen & Linda)**



- [www.kingdomtrophy.co.uk](http://www.kingdomtrophy.co.uk)
- email: [KingdomTrophy@aol.com](mailto:KingdomTrophy@aol.com)
- Tel: 01383 620649 OR 07894 746272

- **Moffat The catering equipment company**

- [www.ermoffat.co.uk](http://www.ermoffat.co.uk)
- email: [sales@ermoffat.co.uk](mailto:sales@ermoffat.co.uk)
- Tel: 01324 812272

A big thank you also goes to Tom and Evelyn Myles for once again allowing us to use their excellent facilities and put up with the number of cars and people coming onto their farm on the day. It is certainly great having an indoor venue like this especially with the erratic Scottish weather we get ! Their support in setting up the ring and sorting out parking for us is certainly much appreciated and we hope to see you guys again at our 5<sup>th</sup> Show !!

Thanks also to Dougie and Bob our two transport guys this year, they helped us pick up and drop of all the tables and chairs for the show, the latter item I am sure was much appreciated by all on the day.

We would also like to thank Helen and Dave (and their little helper !) who did a marvellous job with both our own GRF merchandise and white elephant stall, your support was much appreciated. Also thanks to Bert/Janet McCurdy who not only sponsored one of our classes but also had a dog jacket stall at the show were the profits also went to GRF, Bert also worked tirelessly on the Saturday as well, going up and down ladders to put up the various banners and signs around the show ring (You need to be fit to be a volunteer at our show !!!). A big thank you also to Pamela who manages the Pets at Home store in Falkirk, her hard work and Pets at Home's support of our cause led to us having some excellent prizes for all our show winners. Thank you Pamela and Pets at



Home it was much appreciated and we hope you enjoyed your day at our show and hope to see you all again next year.



Thanks must also go to Fiona Bradford for once again organising our trophies, rosettes and wristbands these are all the things that make this show stand out from others.

However a special thank you once again has to go to Michele and Nic who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this show the success that it was. Without there help and support we probably couldn't have put on a show of this size and magnitude and so to both of them thank you very much. Although you do realise if you do a good job you have to come

back again and help !!! (no escape !!).

I would also like to thank Dave/Nova who probably thought they were coming along to enjoy the show but were soon "signed" up for volunteer duties!! Especially Dave who helped behind the scenes on the Saturday as well as helping out on the registration desk on the Sunday. At one point I was made redundant from my role !!! But it is pleasing to see that we have some excellent helpers who seen that a job needed done and just got on with it so to Dave and Stuart thank you very much and guess what duties you are both on next year !!!

Finally a big thanks must go to our friends and Lynne's work colleagues who from our very first dog show have come along every year and given up their time to help set up and serve our array of goodies and tombola items. I am sure it is going to cost Lynne and myself a lot if they ever decide to cash in these favours!!!!!! So to Linda, Stuart, Joyce (plus her sisters who's names I don't have) Steven and Ross thank you very much your help as always is much appreciated. Particularly for one of our friends Linda who's little dog Ben unfortunately had to be put to sleep the week before (Brain clot). Ben had been at every one of our shows and won some prizes over the years and so we realise how difficult it must have been. Ben will always be in our thoughts.

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## From the Dog house



LEN is a big confident boy. He is strong and needs to be trained to slow down when walking. There is not a bad bone in his body however and he will be a very loyal pet. Len is also neutered.

If you think you can give LEN a good forever home please give us a call. Positive replies only please.

By Phone: 01592 890583  
Please leave a message and we will get back to you if we are unable to answer your call.

email:

FERNIEJIMMYF@aol.com

## Lucky Number - May draw

59 numbers were entered into the May draw giving a prize fund of **£118.00**. Which was split as **£70.80** to GRF and **£47.20** to the winner.

Celia drew the winning number at our May walk which was **53** belonging to **Lynne Morrison**.  
Congratulations Lynne

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## Dog show





As usual our show started of with the ever popular Best Junior handler class which seen 17 entrants and after much deliberation our new judge Vicky eventually decided that **FREYA/KEIR&CARA** were worthy winners of this class.

1. FREYA - KEIR/CARA
2. TONY - HEATHER
3. BEAUTY - EVE
4. FLY - RYAN
5. QUEENIE - BETH
6. ANNIE - AIDIAN



*Best Junior Handler winners 2011*

## MALE GREYHOUND

After all the photographs of our Junior winners and prizes handed out (along with a goody bag for every entrant) we moved on to our next class to find out who would be crowned Prince of the greyhounds and named best male greyhound. This class saw 27 entrants walk around the ring or at



one point stand round the ring! The judge took her time going round all the entrants before finally deciding on one of our current "inmates" **BOY/KAREN** as winners of this class.

1. **BOY - KAREN**
2. **SANDY - DEREK**
3. **JAKE - JENNY**
4. **BAILEY - JAMES**
5. **CORKY - LYNNE**
6. **KELL - STEVEN**



**Best male Greyhound winner 2011**

## **NON-GREYHOUND**

One of the great sights at all our shows is the number of different breeds who also come along on the day and it is always great to see some of the myths being expelled at first hand and show that greyhounds can get on with other breeds. We had 25 entrants for this class who paraded around the ring before eventually being called into the centre of the ring to announce the winner who was **BRINDLE/AMANDA** (Afghan cross).

1. **BRINDLE - AMANDA**
2. **NELLY - LUCY**
3. **MATTY - RACHEL**



4. TOBY - NIC
5. HAMISH - DEBBIE
6. MOLLY - LINDA



**Best Non-Greyhound winner 2011**

After the non-greyhound class we had the first of our "Homeless hound" parades followed by our advanced ticket draw with some excellent prizes handed out to our winners. After this was over we moved on to our second part of the show which began with another popular class that of best family of dogs.

## **FAMILY OF DOGS**

This popular class seen us having to split our entrants into two "semi-finals" picking 5 from each group before deciding on the winner from the final 10. There was 31 entrants for this class with 73 dogs being paraded around the ring !! Eventually it was decided that KERRY/JAKE - ELAINE were our best family of dogs.

1. KERRY/JAKE - ELAINE
2. ZIGGY/BRUCE - FREYA
3. TOBY/GOLDIE/BILLY - MICHELE/NIC
4. RICK/STACEY - DAVID
5. MUSKY/SHAYLA/ISO/ROSIE - KEITH/MARK



## 6. KELL/LUCY - STEVEN



## LOVEABLE FACE

The most popular class of the show was our loveable face which seen 56 entrants !! and for the first time ever (not the first time I have used this phrase !) we had to split the entrants into 3 groups picking 5 from each before deciding on our winner from the 15 finalists. There was much deliberation in this class as at one point we seemed to have had to many dogs picked for our final but this was finally resolved and it was eventually decided by Vicky that NANCY/MURIEL was this years loveable face category winner.

1. NANCY - MURIEL
2. LOLA ROSE - KAYLA
3. FRED - INES
4. DUKE - ELLY
5. MATTY - RACHEL
6. NOAH - DOREEN



## FEMALE GREYHOUND

Eventually we had reached our penultimate class and the most popular with the greyhound fraternity that of best female greyhound who would be crowned Princess of the show. We had another large turnout for this class with 32 entrants which once again were broken down into two "semi finals" before narrowing it down to 10 for the finale. This was a difficult class to decide but eventually the judge chose HEIDI/SCOTT as the best female greyhound of 2011.

1. HEIDI - SCOTT
2. QUEENIE - BETH
3. BONZO - ROY
4. TARA - KAYLEIGH
5. CRYSTAL - ESTHER
6. ROSIE - MARK





**Best Female Greyhound winner 2011**

We now had the second of our homeless hound parades followed by our raffle where we had some magnificent prizes ranging from large boxes of dog biscuits to a weekend for two at our recently featured wigwam accommodation. We then also had a little birthday surprise for Jimmy !!! After all this excitement we still had the small matter of finding out who was going to be the Best in show for 2011.

## **BEST IN SHOW**

As is the norm in our final each of our class winners were introduced to the audience on an individual basis before eventually all 6 winners were in the ring. Eventually they were called into the centre of the ring where it was finally decided that **HEIDI/SCOTT** was our 2011 Best in show winner and not only that but HEIDI was our first ever female winner of our shield.

### **1. HEIDI/SCOTT**

*(Blue/white 7 year old female greyhound)*

### **2. BRINDLE/AMANDA**

*(Grey/White 2 year old female Afghan cross)*

### **3. JAKE/ELAINE**

*(White/Brown 12 year old male greyhound)*

### **4. NANCY/MURIEL**

*(White/Black 6 year old female greyhound)*

### **5. FREYA/KEIR&CARA**



*(White/Brindle 11 year old female greyhound)*

**6. BOY/KAREN**

*(Blue 3 year old male greyhound)*







**GRF 2011 BEST IN SHOW WINNER - HEIDI**

## Fun zone

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Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation.

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Each column is a math equation.

Work from top to bottom

## Dates for the Diary

- **Sunday 5 June. GLENROTHES.** Greyhound Walk - Leaving Riverside Park car park at 11am.
- **Saturday 11th June 11am - 3pm** To celebrate UK Reiki Federation's REIKI AWARENESS WEEK 2011 "THE REIKI EXPERIENCE" at Townhill Community Centre, Main Street, Townhill, Dunfermline. Watch our web site for further information on this.
- **Sunday 26 June. DUNDEE.** Great British Greyhound Walk. Location and starting time to be arranged.

## And finally

Some more pictures from this years show to enjoy







Next month's newsletter will be a June/July combined as I am away on business most of June. Hope you enjoyed reading and seeing some of the pictures from this year's show.