

GRF



NEWS

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*Changing the world
one greyhound at a time!*

This Month we take a look at a few of the visitors and helpers at the kennels over the month and thank them for all their help. We take a look at a humorous look at the "greyhound scream of death" !!! and give another couple of doggie recipe treats. We also start the first of our monthly dog show updates finishing with one or two brain teasers at the end. I hope you enjoy

Dogs in:

PEGGY, LINDA, DAISY, JASPER, SYKES, BABES, JILL, ELLA, WISP.

Dogs out:

PEGGY, BOOTS, MAFI, BELLA, KORA, BUTCH.

We are now at 550.

Kennel update

We had a positive meeting recently with Nick Brian who is the chief planner for the area who visited our kennel facilities. After explaining the non viability of both a kennel extension and portacabin we had a frank discussion on the need for a manager's house next to the kennels to give 24/7 cover for our current greyhounds, particularly as we can have some elderly dogs staying with us from time to time as well as some that are on various medications. We have re-applied to the council and hope that on this occasion our comments are taken on board when deciding the outcome watch this space !

Recently we posted a safety announcement on our forum but thought it would also be good to reiterate here. It has to be remembered that many dogs have been retired through injury be it skeletal or muscular. These dogs be they injured or not have possibly been rested for sometime waiting for a kennel placement. We allow one dog at a time ONLY down into our Baltree runs. This keeps down the speed of the dog. Dogs should be regularly walked and NOT run. When they run flat out this is when injury can occur, claws are lost, muscles are pulled, and worse. Can you please lead walk your dogs at all times, except in your garden where they cannot attain maximum speed,

though injury can even occur here ? You all know you do not have to give them miles of walking. We ask for a high fence around your garden, what is the point if dogs are tearing about in the open? We could easily empty all the kennels into the runs at Baltree and make life so much easier for the kennel staff but SAFETY PRECAUTIONS MUST BE ADHERED TO. We do not mind taking the extra time and ask when we re-home a dog to you that you take the extra walking time with your dog as well.

Celia and Jimmy.



Brown, and Scott Leslie, with Celia, Jimmy and Flame and Josie.

During February we had some excellent support from the energy people SSE who kindly used up their annual volunteering day to help at our kennels. The order of the day was laughter, fun and a lot of hard work. We thank the volunteers for their kind help and we hope that they come back to our kennels one day.

We also thank them very much for the £40 cheque that they presented us with to help our dogs.

The picture shows Kirsty Curry, Mandy Robson, Sonia Davidson, Mike

Another fine group of people from SSE also came along to the kennels, kindly giving up their volunteering day to help the homeless greyhounds as well. Six hard shifts were worked and all at GRF enjoyed their fine company very much. We'd be delighted to see them back at our kennels anytime.

The photo shows the group, comprising of Fiona Graham, Janet Anderson, Jane Boyes, Marissa Hodge, Donald Hughes and Scott Davies, complete with Madam the greyhound.





Some time ago Tommy Harvey re-homed Ted the greyhound from us. Tommy's granddaughter was frightened of dogs, but Ted is so nice that her fear disappeared. Such is the way of greyhounds. Tommy's son was so impressed that he raised a donation from Diageo, the world famous consumer goods company with a portfolio of fine drinks. The cheque was for an amazing **£500 !!!!**. We wish to thank Tommy and his family and of course Ted very much indeed for their kindness.

The photo shows Tommy Harvey with Jane and Aimee and Hannah Harvey with Ted and Celia and Jimmy.

Lucky number draw

The inception of this monthly draw has helped raise a lot of money to help GRF to ensure all our greys are well cared for while waiting to find their forever homes. Having this regular income allows us to plan better from month to month and for that we would like to thank everybody who has played each month, although there is still room for more !!! If anybody would like to take part in this draw or would like to get some more information then please feel free to speak to Fiona at any of our walks, alternatively email grfluckynumber@yahoo.co.uk

Greyhound scream of death !!!

Recently there was a forum post on that thing greyhounds do so well!!!! The "greyhound scream of death" (GSOD). Below is an amusing story I came across on looking into this area I hope you enjoy. There are many tools that coddled; spoiled Greyhounds use to ensure their ongoing success: sad eyes, whining, whimpering, and yowling, just to name a few. But the most lethal tool by far is the Greyhound Scream of Death (GSOD). Contrary to the visions of heinous, life-threatening injuries this may conjure in your mind, a Greyhound unleashing the GSOD is likely not hurt, but may have actually stepped on a blade of wet grass and wants you to fix it immediately. Let me outline an example; picture this...

You and your Greyhound are sitting on your deck outside enjoying a beautiful spring afternoon. Your Greyhound is snuggled on a nice, soft blanket you brought out, snoozing and dreaming of happy things, while you are stretched out on your chaise lounge relaxing with a good book. The birds are chirping happily, playing in your new bird bath, not a cloud in the sky. It is an afternoon that defines serenity. Unbeknownst to you, a fly has decided to check out your Greyhound. It buzzes around cautiously, quickly realizing that the beast is not disturbed by its presence. It hovers briefly above your Greyhound's nose, lining its feet up for maximum traction and then lands abruptly. Out of nowhere, your Greyhound goes from sweet serenity to a swirling mass of uncoordinated legs and tail, spiralling around in confusion, while letting out the most ear piercing, heart stopping scream of agony you have ever heard. It is a sound heard by the neighbours over their home theatre system as they contemplate dialling 999. Squirrels you didn't even notice are chattering the alarm and seeking higher ground taking the other woodland creatures with them. It is full of such portents of danger the birds leave and fly to trees miles away for safety.

You, meanwhile, reflexively throw your book 20 feet in the air and rush to save your dog from the evil that has cursed it before you even realize you are standing up. Your dog, seeing that you are on your way, stands still with one front paw gingerly lifted off the ground, quivering with soft, sad eyes staring at you, wrenching sobs from your throat and welling your eyes with tears as you envision that some failing on your part has caused harm to come to your favoured friend. As soon as your Greyhound sees that you are affected, he hobbles towards you so you can caress him and check him over to fix the horrendous injury that has caused his anguish. You take the seemingly injured paw gently in your hands, expecting spurts of blood or missing fur and scraped skin... but there is nothing. You spread his toes to check the webbing, expecting to see it split wide open and oozing blood... but there is nothing. You check pads for splinters, the wrist for gashes; you work your way up to the ankle, gently manipulating the whole way with your heart pounding so loudly you are afraid it will burst. You are expecting to find a twist or sprain with your ever-so-gentle massage that will elicit the GSOD again... but there is nothing. And then you see it... the fly laying on your dog's bed, its heart stopped from fear, dead where it was tossed when your Greyhound jumped for the sky. You gently flick it off the bed to the grass below, and your Greyhound trots right on over (using all four feet) where he nests the blanket and settles right back to his snooze to your gaping jaw !!!!!



DOG SHOW

Tickets for our show are now on sale and can be bought from our kennels at Baltree, from myself at the monthly walks or if you would like me to post tickets out please contact me at alexmorrison@sky.com and I will send you back the relevant payment details etc. Once again this year kids under 16 will be free and adult tickets will cost this year **£3.50**. Full details of the show, program and how to get there will be on our web site shortly. In the meantime we are looking for any items that maybe used as raffle prizes, tombola prizes and even show prizes, these can be dropped off at the kennels or passed to myself at any of the upcoming dog walks (see dates for the diary). So if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or work/know of some organizations that may wish to donate to our cause then please feel free to approach and my details are above if you need to get in touch with myself. On the day we will also have a home baking stall (which usually goes down well !!!!), hopefully we can get many people to contribute some of there wares on the day. So look out those favourite recipes now and help raise monies for our cause (as well as increase our waistlines !!) 3 Once again we will be running our GRF stall. So if you are looking for some GRF merchandise on the day this is the place to go.

Sponsorship opportunities:

To help us maximize exposure and revenue from our annual dog show we once again have some excellent sponsorship opportunities whether for individuals or for companies there is something for everyone.

All sponsorship will be acknowledged on our web site (with any company links) and show program along with any adverts and logos. A thank you certificate will also be sent to every sponsor.

Show class sponsorship (£40)

Classes for sponsor include:

Best Junior handler

Best male Greyhound - **SOLD**

Best female greyhound - **SOLD**

Best non-greyhound - **SOLD**

Best family of dogs - **SOLD**

Best Golden Oldie - **SOLD**

Hall sponsorship (£100)

Included in this price is all of the above sponsored items plus any advertisement around the hall and 4 free tickets for guests.

From the Dog house



BOSS is a very happy, bouncy boy. He looks out for people and everybody is his friend. Not a difficult dog to walk on a lead, he loves going for walks with people. He would be your best friend for his entire life.

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

RECIPES

Milk Bone Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup powdered milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 cups whole wheat flour

Make them yourself:

In large bowl pour hot water over the margarine. Stir in powdered milk, salt, and egg. Add flour, 1/2 cup at a time. Knead for a few minutes to form stiff dough. Pat or roll to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into bone shapes. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes. Cool. They will dry out quite hard. Makes about 1 1/4 pounds of biscuits. Costs around 15p per pound. (Variation: increase margarine to 1/2 cup and add 2 teaspoons sugar)

Cheesy Bacon Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 stick margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup brown sugar

1 egg, slightly beaten
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups regular oats, uncooked
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
2/3 cup wheat germ
1/2 lb. bacon, cooked crisp, drained, and crumbled

Make them yopurself:

Combine flour, soda and salt; mix well and set aside. Cream butter and sugar; beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour mixture, mixing well. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 for 16 minutes. Cool on baking sheet for a minute or so before removing to cooling rack.

Do you have any recipes that you would like to share with our readers then why not send in to alexmorrison@sky.com

Fun Zone

When the Titanic sank in the ocean, four gentlemen and four young ladies floated on to an island. After a while, all of them fell in love with each other. Each person loved one and only one.

The girl that John loved fell in love with Jim. The girl that Allan loved fell in love with Bill. The gentleman that Rose loved fell in love with Mary. Gloria loved the gentleman who loved rose. Gloria did not like Jim and John. Bill did not like Mary. Jill did not like the gentleman who loved her.

The question is: Whom did Allan love?



There was a burglary in the Silver City jewelry store again. A famous clock was stolen. Three suspects: Robert, Scott, and Tommy were caught and questioned.

Robert said: Tommy did not steal

Tommy said: Scott is innocent

There was no record about what Scott said.

Later on the police found out only the thief told the truth. Who stole the clock?



Eight eggs look identical except one is lighter. How can you weigh only 2 times on a balance scale to find out which one is lighter?



Date for the Diary

- Sunday 1 April. **Loch Leven, Kinross**. Leaving Kirkgate Park at 11am.
- Sunday 6 May. **Perth North Inch**. Leaving Bells Sports Centre car park at 11am.
- **Sunday 13 May. GRF 5th Annual Dog Show**. At Caldwell's Farm Equestrian Centre, Collessie, near Auchtermuchty. Doors open 11am. THE EVENT OF THE YEAR.