

# GRF



# NEWS

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## *Changing the world one greyhound at a time!*

While we currently await findings of our recent application for our Janitor's house we had the small matter of our 5<sup>th</sup> annual dog show with most of this month's newsletter being taken up by this. We also have some nice tasty dog treat recipes and finish with a dog quiz which should keep everybody occupied for a while along with some further photos of our special day. I hope you enjoy and apologies about the delay in putting this together.

### Kennel update

At the time of writing we still await the outcome of our recent application for a brick built manager's house at our Baltree kennels. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your kind letters sent into the council supporting our application. We had around 200 letters of support !! With no objections. We also had a visit from our MSP Roseanna Cunningham who was impressed by our facilities and what we do for the greyhounds and also wrote to the local council in support of our application. So let's hope common sense prevails at last !!

We had another two ladies, Moira Kerr and Mo Thomson from SSE giving us assistance on their volunteering day. They were a marvellous help and walked the dogs for miles over the day. All at GRF would like to thank them for giving their voluntary day to help our dogs.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual GRF Dog Show 2012

After months of preparation we had another magnificent day at our 5<sup>th</sup> annual greyhound dog show with just under **£2,500** raised!!!! Thanks goes to all those who helped make this another successful day for GRF. Special thanks must go to our show sponsor's William and Linda Moffat

who once again agreed to sponsor our show. Without their continued support it would be difficult for us to put on a show of this magnitude we are much indebted.

Thanks also to all of you who pitched in to help before, during and after the show as the saying goes "many hands make light work" !!!! and a final thank you to our superb judge Vicky Findlay who on the day had the unenviable task of choosing our class winners. This was no mean feat giving the number of well groomed dogs on show on the day !!



- Hall Hire sponsored by [Molly the Whippet](#).
- Class trophies sponsored on behalf of '[Frankie's fan club](#)'
- All Rosettes sponsored by [Dolly & Captain](#).

### ***Best Junior Handler***

(Sponsored in memory of [Malbay Nikita](#), GRF's very own TV star)

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 20 entries for this which was more than normal, so much so this class was delayed as we needed to put together extra "goody bags" (which all kids get for entering this class) !!

The kids proudly walked their dogs round the ring several times, before our judge Vicky Findlay

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 !!

- 1<sup>st</sup> BOOTS & Callum**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FREYA with Keir & Cara**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BLOO & Kyle**
- 4<sup>th</sup> BLANCA & Sebastian**
- 5<sup>th</sup> TONY & Heather**
- 6<sup>th</sup> ROXY & Flynn**



### ***Best Male Greyhound***

**(Sponsored by BOOTS and his new family)**

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 30 entries for this which was up on last year and had some excellent looking greyhounds parading round the ring. In the end Vicky chose a beautiful blue greyhound aptly named BLOO !!!!

- 1<sup>st</sup> BLOO & Linda**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> KELL & Steve**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> LOLA & Kayla**
- 4<sup>th</sup> EDDIE & Jennifer**
- 5<sup>th</sup> BILLY & Morag**
- 6<sup>th</sup> ROCKY & Seth**





### ***Best non-greyhound***

**(Sponsored by Trophy Pet Foods)**

Our third category of the day produced another fine turn out of dogs (21) 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> IZZY & Shirley**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ASH & Angela**

**3<sup>rd</sup> LOLA & Kayla**

**4<sup>th</sup> TOBY & Michele**

**5<sup>th</sup> BORU & Sarah**

**6<sup>th</sup> ALFIE & Adrina**



**Best Non-Greyhound IZZT & Shirley**

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 our Rocking horse raffle which had been running for a few month's in the lead up to the show



**Our rocking horse prize winner Peter Clark**

### ***Best family of dogs***

**(Sponsored by BLUE the Greyhound)**

After our raffles 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 24 entries for this class equating to 60 dogs in total !!! because of this we decide to split the group into choose and pick 5 from each group and then decide on our top six  
After much deliberation Vicky eventually chose the trio of BOOTS/EDDIE/WISP

- 1<sup>st</sup> **BOOTS/EDDIE/WISP & Jen**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **KELL/BOSS/LUCY & Steve**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **HOLLIE/CARA & Rachael**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **CLADABH/NICK/LOLA & Kalya**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **ROCKY/MISTY & Fiona**
- 6<sup>th</sup> **SAM/LOLA & Jake**



**Best family of dogs BOOTS/EDDIE/WISP & Jen**

### **Best Golden Oldie (new class for 2012)**

**(Sponsored by Andy Hall)**

A new class for this year was that of golden oldie for dogs 8 year's and over in total we had 23 "auld yins" entered. After another long deliberation FRANK was chosen as our first ever golden oldie winner.

- 1<sup>st</sup> **FRANK & Lucy**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **JAKE & Elaine**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **ROCKY & Heather**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **SOX & Susan**



5<sup>th</sup> MISTY & Rebecca

6<sup>th</sup> KERRY & Callum



**Best Golden Oldie FRANK**

***Best Female greyhound***

**(Sponsored by The McCurdy family)**

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 30 female greyhounds taking part leading us once more to do our 2 semi finals and a final. From the final 12 dogs Vicky eventually chose SOPHIE a beautiful fawn greyhound owned by Catrina and was crowned princess of our show. We now had our 6th and last finalist.

**1<sup>st</sup> SOPHIE & Catrina**

**2<sup>nd</sup> STAR & Thersea**

**3<sup>rd</sup> RUBY & Susan**

**4<sup>th</sup> MARIAH & William**

**5<sup>th</sup> TIA & Shug**

**6<sup>th</sup> QUEENIE & Beth**



**Best Female Greyhound 2012 SOPHIE**

Before our Best in show final we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> homeless hound parade which was then preceded with a birthday surprise for Jimmy who has reached the young age of 75 !! (although even he hasn't seen a Hibs team lift the Scottish cup!!! sorry had to get in somewhere :O) !!). After a chorus of Happy Birthday we got down to our main show raffle before eventually getting to our last event of the day our Best in show final.





## ***Best in Show 2012***

(Sponsored by James Wellbeloved)

Unfortunately this year (for the first time) our winner of the non-greyhound class did not stay to our Best in Show final. Although we could have went with just the 5 as we had 6 prizes and rosettes decided to put the runner up of our last class (female greyhound) also into the final. The rational for that was it was the last class before the final and people from that class would more and likely still be there. However, in future year's if this happens again we will go to the runner up in that specific class and so on until we get a dog for the final.

Once we got all 6 dogs sorted for the final we introduced them into the ring one by one each doing a few circuits of the ring before Vicky eventually decided on the winner, which was certainly a difficult decision and I believe very close at the end However it was the winner of our new class for this year the golden oldies who eventually was declared our 2012 Best in show winner



**1<sup>st</sup> FRANK & Lucy**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SOPHIE & Catrina**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> STAR & Theresa**



**Best in Show 2012 FRANK**

## From the Dog house

While the dog show was great celebration and advertisement for greyhounds in general unfortunately we still have many in our kennels looking for their forever homes. This month we highlight a few who are still looking

**MIKE** is a character. He is black and absolutely and unconditionally loves everybody. Whether you like it or not he will want to give you a big kiss. He is easy going and once he is in your house you will never want to be without him again.



**SPOT** is a very loving tiny girl. She is desperate to be everybody's friend. An easy walker on a lead. She has spent a couple of nights in a house and was clean. She is not an aggressive dog and really is a fun loving little girl.



**JEWEL** is a very nice little black girl. She is absolutely super friendly towards people, who always get a resounding welcome from her. She walks very easily on a lead, travels well in a car and gets on extremely well with all our other greyhounds. A nice little potential pet. She has a very funny Mohican haircut.



If you wish to know more about any of our dogs then please contact *Jimmy/Celia* on **01592 890583**.

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## RECIPES

### Biccy treats

Recipe By Beverly Coble (Kizkiznobite)



- 1 lb pigs liver
- 1lb of cornflour
- 6oz potato flour or semolina
- 1 egg plus milk if more liquid needed
- 2 large carrots grated or 1/2 cup grated carrot 1/2 cup of grated apple
- 1 clove of fresh garlic
- 1 tsp of poppy seed

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
  2. Dry liver with paper towel. Cut into chunks and puree it either in a blender or food processor.
  3. add the rest of the ingredients...it need to be like a pastry dough
  4. roll out and cut and bake ...about 15 mins...
- vary taste with dried apricots...diced apple etc

### Liver and Kidney cake

Recipe by Jamie Shanks

This is done generally using just liver but I was low on liver and had some kidney so put that in too. I don't have exact guidelines for doing this but there is not much too it, just prepare and chuck it together then cook it!





## Ingredients

- One packet of liver
- Two packets of kidney
- A good few eggs
- Wholemeal flour

## Method

Put the liver, kidney and an egg or two into the blender (you probably won't get it all into a blender on one go so might have to do it in segments).

Blitz until it has the consistency of a thick smoothie. Please note it's awful thick and will test your blender's motor. Also check regularly that stringy bits of fat haven't twined themselves around the blade. Next, fold in the flour. Add the flour in parts till it's about 50% flour to 50% meat.

You will now have a thick sticky goo that you can spread into a big slab onto the baking tray, when I did it, it was about an inch thick once spread evenly on the baking tray.

Put into a preheated oven at 150c for around 2 hours. Once cooked it kinda resembles a non risen bread. Cut into small squares and put into freezer for when you need them

Do you have any recipes that you would like to share with our readers then **why not** send in to [alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com](mailto:alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com)

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## Vets Corner

Some tips from our own web site

### If your dog is off his food.

We have a Greyhound named Fritz. Some time ago he went off his food. We thought there might be a bitch on heat, locally. However, as time went on we started to worry. He was taken to the vet and given blood and urine tests. Nothing was apparent and by now we were force feeding him. An x-ray followed without determining the cause, A flummoxed vet sent him to the Dick Veterinary College where he became a patient for some time, receiving an endoscopy. Nobody could find the cause. By now we were very worried and he had lost a lot of weight. The vets could find no answer. The bill had now reached £1200. One vet tried a shot in the dark and suggested antihistamine

tablets, a side effect of which makes a dog hungry. A packet was bought for £5 and before the day was out he was eating like a horse and has never looked back. Advice- try the tablets first!!

### Laminate floor phobia.

I am writing this article in the hope that it may help a reader who has a similar problem and so they don't have to go through as much worry as we did!

It all began in January, with one of our Greyhounds, Blue Bob. Blue has always been a very complex dog who often displays strange behaviour which is due to past abuse. It was a normal day where nothing had changed and nothing had happened. Blue quite suddenly became noticeably 'edgy' and 'odd'. He started to peer at things and it looked like he was watching things that clearly were not there. He would follow these 'things' around the living room and under the sofa and would become very animated. A lot of strange behaviour often goes un-noticed in our house as we tend to take in the most 'damaged' of dogs who all have their own little behavioural problems. However, this began to get a lot worse and it became somewhat un-nerving! The first thought was 'Do we have a ghost?'. Strangely, he was fine when he was upstairs and was just his usual happy self. The next day he wouldn't even venture downstairs. I tried everything from coaxing to bribing with his favourite pilchards in tomato sauce but he would get halfway down the stairs, turn and bolt back up. Eventually I had to carry him but as soon as he got downstairs he looked petrified, but he had to go outside to the toilet, so he had no choice.

Once he'd been outside, I couldn't get him back in via the kitchen. It was all becoming incredibly strange and very traumatic for him so I phoned the Dogs Trust to speak to the behavioural therapist who worked with Blue before we got him, for advice. She was completely baffled and had no idea what the problem was and eventually asked if the house was haunted! As the kitchen had become a clear no-go area for Blue, she suggested getting him in and shutting the door and feeding him with his favourite treats. I tried this but it was becoming far too traumatic for him. My next option was to phone the vet and get him booked in for a joint appointment with Susan Johnston (his vet) and Kim (his behavioural therapist). Kim was pretty baffled with the pattern of behaviour and as he was showing no obvious signs of pain, it was initially thought to be behavioural. However, when he was seen by Susan, she cracked the problem in seconds. Blue had hurt his back! We have wooden floors downstairs and she concluded that he had slipped on the floor and hurt himself, and as a result of this, had suddenly developed what's now known as 'Laminate Floor Phobia'. It explained all his strange behaviour and seemed to mask any signs and symptoms of pain. She prescribed painkillers and advised us to beg, borrow and steal some carpet off-cuts so a carpet 'path' could be laid between the stairs and the kitchen. We put some down when we got home and the problem was almost instantly solved. He trotted downstairs and into the living room quite happily! It took him a while to get back to normal and we bought a small rug to sit at the bottom of the stairs so he could get his footing.

We have to add meat to their dry food every day now to keep him coming into the kitchen happily but he can sometimes still be a bit wary. Blue is the type that will not forget anything in a hurry and has been left with a strange habit. He refuses to drink in the kitchen and will only drink

upstairs from a bowl in my bedroom or a bowl in the garden. We've tried numerous things to help but now we just leave him to it. If that's where he wants to drink, it's no problem!

It was a very upsetting few days and took lots of hard work to get him back to normal but thanks to Susan, the vet, it was so much easier. Hopefully this tale might help someone and spare them the worry it caused us. Apparently, the floor phobia is becoming quite common, especially in older dogs and it shows how pain can manifest itself in many ways.

**By Fiona E Reekie.**

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## **Fun Zone**

What dog name is (primarily) associated with each the following books/TVshows/stories/historical situations or people? Where fictional 'actor' dogs are concerned the fictional name is required, not the dog's real name.. Other than where stated, the answer is a single dog.

1. The Adventures of Tintin?
2. Sputnik 2?
3. Stephen King's rabid eponymous St Bernard?
4. Doctor Who?
5. Bill Sikes, Oliver Twist?
6. Call of the Wild (novel and movie)?
7. Hagrid's 'cowardly' boarhound, of Harry Potter fame?
8. Three-headed hound of Hades?
9. US Army WWI most decorated war dog, and highest ranking?
10. HMV (His Master's Voice) early logo?
11. Dorothy Gale?
12. Milo's dog, The Phantom Tollbooth's 'watchdog'?
13. Stolen Jules Rimet Trophy, 1966?
14. US President Bill Clinton?
15. King Arthur?
16. Elizabeth Dalloway's dog, in Virginia Woolf's novel Mrs Dalloway?



17. Odysseus's faithful hound in Homer's Odyssey?
18. Enid Blyton's Famous Five?
19. BBCTV's Blue Peter - first dog - bonus point for second dog?
20. Mrs Pumphrey's pekingese James Herriot's vet stories?
21. Johnny Quest?
22. Paul McCartney, and supposedly inspiration for a Beatles song/song title?
23. Lord Byron?
24. Bob Carolgees and Tiswas (UK 1970s-80s TV show)?
25. Agatha Christie's novel Dumb Witness?
26. Sooty and.. ?
27. Punch and Judy shows?
28. Bulldog in Tom and Jerry cartoons - bonus point for his baby son bulldog?
29. US President Barack Obama?
30. Farmer Maggot's (three) guard dogs in Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings?

### **And finally!**

Over the summer months due to work commitments it has become increasingly difficult for me to keep the newsletter going monthly. However over the last year it has been getting busier and busier like anywhere I suppose reduced staff but same workload ! Because of all of this I am now looking for somebody to possibly take over the newsletter and put together month to month (or even bi-monthly if you prefer). If anybody would like to give this a go or would like further information what is involved then please get in touch. In the meantime I will still continue but the newsletter is likely to become more irregular and I would feel I am not doing it proper justice by throwing something together last minute.

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## Finally Finally !!!

Some more pictures of our recent dog show



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Funky Scotland



DogCrafts



Trophy Pet Foods