

# GRF



# NEWS

*Designed by Sally E Calder*

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*Changing the world  
one greyhound at a time!*

Hi everyone - this is my first edition, as Editor of GRF News, so please bear with me! Any comments / constructive criticism would be gratefully received. You can contact me (Susan) at [bobbynetherland@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:bobbynetherland@dsl.pipex.com). The newsletter will, from now on, be issued on, or around, the last working day of the month.

### **Special Thanks ...**

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Alex & Lynne for all the hard work they have put into the newsletter over the years, and for all the amazing work they continue to do for GRF, including the unenviable task of organising the annual dog show!

### **Dedication ...**

We would like to dedicate this issue of GRF News to little Frankie. Most of you will have read the sad news, on the Forum, that Frankie passed over the Rainbow Bridge on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Frankie won the hearts of everyone who met him, mine included. Celia & Jimmy battled hard alongside him and, in the final weeks of his life, Frankie was lucky enough to find his forever home. Sadly, Frankie's 'forever' was all too short and his Mummy, Barbara Douris, is understandably devastated. Thank you Barbara, for giving Frankie the chance to know a loving home. Below is the photo we all associate with Frankie ... run free sweet boy, you will **never** be forgotten.



### **Planning Application ...**

Unfortunately, we still have no definite news on our Planning Application for a Manager's house at our Baltree kennels. Keep an eye on the Forum and, hopefully, we will have some news by the next Newsletter.

### **Thank you ...**

Special thanks this month to Sam, who volunteered for us, with her daughter Hannah, and son Jamie. Sam has now moved to Gosport in Hampshire, and the kennels will never be the same without you. We all send you every good wish. Thank you for all your help over the years.

### **Great British Greyhound Walk - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June ...**

Thanks to Michele & Nic for organising GRF's walk.

We met at Camperdown Park, in Dundee, at 11am on Sunday past and were extremely fortunate in getting a dry hour! 25 hounds, 2 honorary hounds and accompanying humans took part in the walk, and a great time was had by all.

Jilly Cooper had donated a signed copy of her book, Animals in War. This was raffled at the walk, and was won by Tom & Alison McIntosh.



### **From the Dog House ...**

#### **Dogs in since March:**

Sue, Moe, Bonnie, Flint, Queenie, Sophie, Zac, Freddie, Pharaoh, Bloobloo, Buster, Sooty, Jess, Spot, Gerry, Norris, Spin, Ronan, Ace, Arnie, Billy, Jessie, Silvie & Flash.

#### **Dogs out since March:**

Rex, Frankie, Ben, Angie, Fred, Ellwood, Nita, Murphy, Bonnie, Zac, Sophie, Jacky, Sally, Queenie, Jess, Spot, Jewel, Mike, Libby, Sooty, Tyson, Gerry, Lily, Rocky, Queenie, Lucy, Norris, Len & Tobey.

#### **Can YOU help one of these dogs ...**

These two are our 'longest serving' kennel members .... PLEASE can you find it in your heart to give them the forever home they so richly deserve?

#### **Bob**



Bob is a great big softy - you could stand him on his head and he wouldn't complain (although we wouldn't recommend this !!). Bob is very laid back and easy going, he will be a great pet. He is easy to walk on a lead, and is neutered and microchipped.

#### **Kerry**



Kerry is a big white girl. She is very friendly, but quite strong on a lead. She gets on well with all other greyhounds, provided they don't try to take over her bed! She will make a good pet for a fit person.

**A Heartwarming Tail ...**  
*(courtesy of Michele)*

This is Annie's story written by Berrie Broderick. When you see Annie as she was, and Annie now, you wouldn't think it's the same dog. Berrie has worked wonders - just shows what love and care can do!

**Annie's story:**

The rain was dashing against the windows that dark night in March 2011 ... my sleeping lurcher, Ruby, sighed and turned over in her dreams, my grannie's clock ticking on the wall told me it was time to switch the laptop off, when an image appeared on the screen ... it was a white and black lurcher pup ... she had deformed legs, urine burns on her thin body and an empty look in her forlorn eyes ... she had been taken from a gypsy camp. There was something about this hound that grabbed at me, and I called my husband to look at her. We had been on the look out for a rescue hound ... she seemed as though she was asking for help, so we wrote to the rescue group in Ireland, offering her a home.

The next day they replied, saying that she was going to live in Scotland ... we thought that that was that, then two days later we got a phone call from a mutual friend asking us if we still wanted the pup ... of course we did! The lovely Scottish lady rang us explaining that she would let us have the pup as her old lurcher was now very ill, and she felt it was the wrong time to bring in a puppy ... we talked for ages.

Frantic phone calls then ensued over the next two days, between us and the Irish Rescue, and it was arranged that Annie ... that was the name they had given her, would leave Dublin with a shipment of rescue greyhounds and come on a ferry to Southampton ... could we drive down country and meet them some where? So that is what we did, and in a car park in Worcester we met Zoe ... the wonderful lady who had driven the van, and Annie ... Zoe told us how Annie had been taken straight to their vet and he felt that the little mite would be better 'PTS' ... he loaded his needle, then she looked at him and he changed his mind and said he would give her a chance ... he fashioned splints for her poor bent legs and prescribed various meds to help her.

We drove home with the little hairless hound with bent legs - she lay still on my knee the 100 miles back ... Annie recovered ... it took time ... she fitted in and seemed to do everything that was asked of her ... her heart was full of love for all who she met. Ruby and Annie became sisters ... We are so glad that on that dark wet night I stayed up late ... fate had a plan ... Now she is strong, has perfect legs, and runs like the wind ... the look in her eyes is one of the joy of living ... she is a delight, and has given us back more than we could ever have hoped for.



## **Vet's Corner ...**

### **Heatstroke / Exhaustion:**

With summer, supposedly, here we thought we would take a look at this problem. Dogs can very quickly succumb to the heat, and it **can** prove fatal.

What are some of the possible signs / symptoms of heat exhaustion?

- Excessive panting
- Tongue lolling
- Drooling
- Weakness
- Fainting
- Wobbly walking
- Heavy breathing

What can I do to prevent this happening to my dog?

- 1) Walk your greyhound early morning and late evening - do not walk far during the day. Imagine putting your bare feet on a boiling hot pavement - ouch ☹
- 2) Keep your greyhound indoors - do not allow him/her to lie outdoors in the sun. As with humans, even if the sun doesn't feel too hot it can, and will, burn.
- 3) Ensure that your dog has access to fresh drinking water at all times
- 4) If you have to travel with your greyhound, ensure that the car has been allowed to cool down before getting into it, and keep windows open / air conditioning on. **NEVER** leave your dog in a car on a hot day.
- 5) If your dog does succumb to heat stroke / exhaustion you need to take action quickly. Get cool water onto him/her, wet towels are good, and call the Vet.

## **Recipe ...**

On the subject of summer, and the heat, try out this month's Recipe - a cooling summer treat for your dog ...

### **Frozen yoghurt and Peanut Butter Treats:**

16oz natural yoghurt

½ cup peanut butter (can be melted in the microwave for about 30 seconds to make stirring easier!)

Mix together and scoop into ice-cube trays - easy ☺ Yoghurt aids greyhound digestion, and can help with greyhound gas !!

## A new feature ...

### **ROVER REPORTER ...**

(aka Boots from Rosyth!)



EACH MONTH, WE ARE HOPING TO HEAR HOW ONE OF OUR RE-HOMED GREHOUNDS IS DOING, IN THEIR FOREVER HOME, BY MEANS OF A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THIS, PLEASE E-MAIL ME FOR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND RETURN TO ME ALONG WITH A PHOTO.

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### **THIS MONTH, WE ARE TALKING TO JENNIFER BRUCE, WHO LIVES IN GLENROTHES, AND IS MUM TO EDDIE & WISP ...**

1) **How long have you had Eddie & Wisp?**

*I re-homed Eddie on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2012, and Wisp on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.*

2) **How has having Eddie & Wisp living with you changed your life?**

*I think I've become more organised and more responsible. Have definitely lost weight with all the exercise I've been doing. My house and belongings are now shared with two hounds, and I love it!*

3) **What is the best thing about owning a greyhound?**

*The unconditional love they give you. I also like the fact that I can talk to them and they NEVER answer back, and ALWAYS give me the answer I want to hear! They are amazingly affectionate and, despite being the second fastest land animal, they are also the laziest. They have no concept of personal space and are essentially lap dogs. I love this, it's as though they are eternally grateful for you taking them home.*

4) **..... and the worst ???**

*The fact that any animal that isn't a greyhound is a potential rabbit for Eddie. I've had a few issues with house training Wisp, and this has been a bit frustrating at times, but when Coronation Street is on, and they are cuddled up to me, all is forgiven!*

5) **What 3 words would you use to describe ..**

*a. Eddie - young at heart*

*b. Wisp - pretty wee girlie*

- 6) **What advice would you give to someone, reading this article, who may be thinking of adopting a greyhound?**

*These dogs will give you unconditional love, but you have to be prepared to give them the same in return. The dog won't fit in around your lifestyle, you have to fit in around the dog. You will get so much enjoyment out of owning a greyhound.*

*Be patient with your new dog - they haven't all had the luxury of living in a home like other rescue dogs, and need time to adjust.*

*Don't be put off by their size! Once they are curled up on your lap, you won't even notice that they are there!*



Wisp has also been trying her paw at Fly-ball, as Jen tells us ...

When out walking with the hounds, my dad got stopped by a woman asking him if he was interested in entering the dogs into a fly-ball competition. At first when my dad texted me I found the concept of this hilarious ... first of all, Eddie doesn't do chasing balls, but if there was a small dog this would be chase-able! For safety reasons I thought it best not to even consider Eddie.

Wisp on the other hand – she was still young, wasn't retired because of an injury and has so much energy sometimes I think she needs somewhere to channel it! However her retrieving skills leave a LOT to be desired.

Despite this, I arranged to go along to a session with Wisp and my other dog Roxy (a springer who lives at my mum and dad's house). To my surprise Wisp picked the sport up really quickly and was soon jumping over the hurdles, picking up the ball and running back to me with it! A new fly-ball champion in the making! Afterwards she slept for about 2 days straight - totally exhausted from all this exercise she had been doing.

I won't be making any money out of this sport, but feel it's a really good way of helping Wisp to get rid of some of her "puppy" energy and it goes to show you, Greyhounds can do SO much more than just run round a track!

### **Fun Quiz ...**

Here are a few doggy anagrams to test your brain .. !!

- 1) T N O R E P I
- 2) D H R Y O N G E U
- 3) N L P A I E S
- 4) P T W P H I E
- 5) R G I C O
- 6) H A H C I H U U A
- 7) S C H D A N D U H
- 8) S H L A A S P A O
- 9) H N O C I B S F E I R
- 10) B D R A O L A R
- 11) L G A E B E
- 12) O L D P O E

### **and finally ...**

- Due to the Great British Greyhound Walk, mentioned earlier, there was no scheduled GRF walk for June ... however, Celia & Jimmy have added an extra Sunday walk this coming Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. This walk will take us through Tentsmuir Forest near Tayport. We will leave from East Common car park at 11am. This is a new walk for us, so should be great ☺ **Remember** .. doggies on leads, and pickupdapoo !! Look forward to seeing you all there. Check out the Forum for additional information / last minute changes.
- If you know of any pet friendly hotels or pubs, please let me know - thought with it being summer, allegedly, it would be good to list some of these in our next newsletter!
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