

GRF



NEWS

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*Changing the world
one greyhound at a time!*

As promised in the last Newsletter here is an update, from Alex Morrison, on the plans, and sponsorship opportunities, for this year's dog show ...

**The 6th annual GRF Dog show sponsored by Moffat,
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Tickets for our show will be available from our next dog walk (Pittencrieff park, Dunfermline) and there after 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 alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com and I will send you back the relevant payment details etc. Once again kids under 16 will be free and advanced adult tickets will cost **£3.50** (cost **£4.00** on the day). Full details of the show, program and how to get there is now on our web site.

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 events section on web site). 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, 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 their wares on the day. So look out those favourite recipes now and help raise monies for our cause (as well as increase our waistslines !!).

Once again we will have our own GRF stall. So if you are looking for some GRF merchandise on the day this is the place to go. Some of our regular faces will also be back watch this space and our web site for regular updates on the show.

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 (£50)

Classes for sponsor include:

Best Junior handler

Best male Greyhound - **SOLD**

Best female greyhound

Best non-greyhound

Best family of dogs

Best Loveable face

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.

Trophy 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.

Rosettes 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.



Thank-you's ...

Scottish Water:

On 23rd February, we had a visit from Scottish Water staff volunteers. They gave us tremendous assistance walking and feeding the dogs, moving a log path for us and sinking a porosity test hole and filling in some others. All in all a fantastic group of helpers.

Celia and Jimmy would like to thank them for their kind help, and to thank Scottish Water for allowing them to come.

The team who attended were Brenda McLeod, Michael Colquhoun, Sharon Reilly, Dawn Chapman, Laura Wiseman, Liam Balloch & Susan Deuchars.



GRF Blog:

A **BIG** thank-you, also, to Sean for all his hard work in setting up the GRF blog - this is greatly appreciated, and is a great source of information. You can access the blog from the menu on the GRF website.

From the Dog House

Dogs in since January Newsletter:

Abbie, Lady, **Meg (winner of the Oaks !!!! Our first Classic winner)**, Sabre, **Bob, Molly**, Billy, Trudy, Teenie, Toffee (Madam's daughter), Cracker & Roxy.

Red = now re-homed (and pictured in the "out" section below) ...



Dogs out since January Newsletter:

Johnny, Gypsy, Sue, Joey, Vader, Tiny, Meg, *Bob, *Molly, Toby, Daisy & Phil.





*Bob & Molly went out together, to Swansea - our first ever Welsh re-homings! We look forward to hearing how they are settling in.

Can YOU help one of these dogs ...

PLEASE can you find it in your heart to give one of our dogs the forever home they so richly deserve?

Patch & Trina are brother & sister, and love being together. They are siblings of Fred & Wilma (Flintstones ... !!), who we re-homed. Wilma was, of course, the water loving dog who appeared on STV with Jimmy & Celia - if you haven't seen the clip, **DO** watch it!

Patch



Patch is a great character, and owner of the waggiest tail in the kennels! He is an easy going big boy who is very pleased indeed if you take him out. He is not at all difficult on a lead. Patch is a big, friendly, bundle of fun.

Trina



Trina is a beautiful little white brindle girl. She is very friendly, and just wants to be with someone all the time. She is not difficult to walk on a lead, and would be totally content to just lie on your couch!

As ever, if you would like more information on the dogs featured above, or indeed any of our other dogs in 'Please Choose Me', please contact Jimmy or Celia on 01592 890583, or by e-mailing ferniejimmy@aol.com

Vet's Corner ...

Separation Anxiety:

'Separation Anxiety' is a general term that can cover anything from barking and whining to destroying objects whilst you are out of the house.

The proper introduction of your rescue greyhound into your home environment is critical if separation anxiety is to be kept to a minimum. Greyhounds are very intelligent, and soon pick up the correct habits if shown properly, and patiently.

As all of your home will be strange to your retired greyhound, a gradual introduction to everything should be made. I would recommend that, if at all possible, the dog should be brought home at the beginning of a holiday to allow time for this crucial introductory period. It is very important to instil confidence in your dog, in order that he / she is able to cope in your absence.

Remember ... a greyhound has never been more than a few feet away from another greyhound in his / her entire life. Please also remember that a change of circumstances may make your dog stressed and more liable to exhibit signs of separation anxiety.

Avoiding Separation Anxiety:

Many adopters are under the misapprehension that, because greyhounds spend many hours in kennels during their racing careers, they can be brought home and left, for hours on end, by themselves. This is not the case, greyhounds love company - either human, or that of other dogs and, although they can be left for short periods (longer in time), you cannot expect to bring a greyhound home one day and then leave him / her whilst you go out to work, nine 'til five the following day, without coming home to find a stressed dog, who has probably whined & barked, and probably had a toilet accident and chewed some of your belongings.

In the kennels, greyhounds are normally kennelled in pairs (usually a dog and a bitch) - they sleep together and exercise together. During the day, the kennel staff are constantly in and out - feeding, grooming and exercising the dogs, so they are used to company - both two, and four, legged!

Routine is very important to your greyhound.

To begin with, leave him / her for 5 or 10 minutes at a time to build up confidence. He / she needs to learn that you **will** return. If all is well on your return, be sure to reward with a treat. Build up the time you leave your greyhound gradually.

If you are planning on leaving your dog for more than 3 or 4 hours, you should arrange for someone to call in to give him / her a comfort break, and something to eat - this will break up their day. If greyhounds are to be left for longer periods, it may be sensible to consider adopting a pair - even then, however, settling in time must be allowed for.

With Bootsie, we find he is happier to be left in his crate - we put his muzzle on, and he is happy in there whilst we pop out for a brief time - again, we had to build this up very gradually, and now he just walks in! On the odd occasion I have to be out for a day, we have a wonderful dog-walker who takes Bootsie out - we do get a HUGE welcome upon our return! We also find that it is a good idea to leave a radio on, whilst we are out, for company.

ROVER REPORTER

(aka Bootsie from Rosyth!)

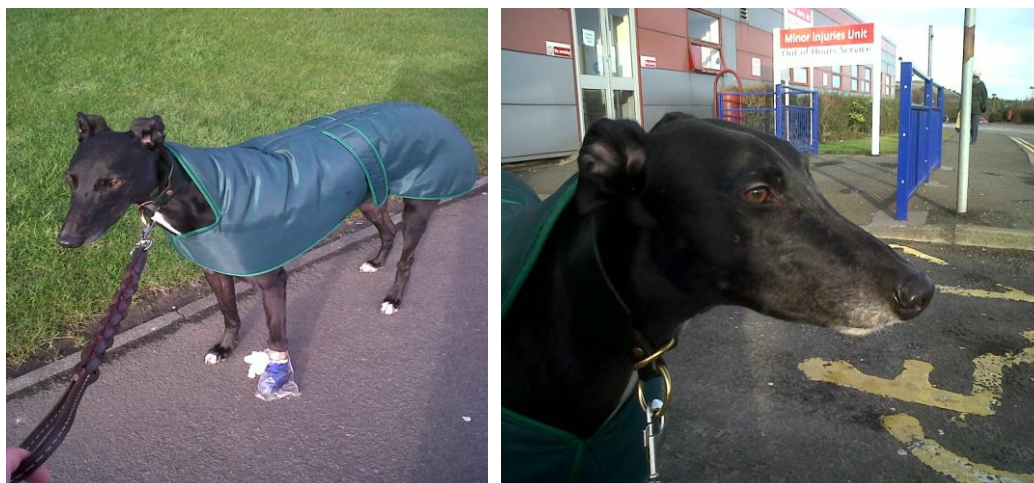


EACH MONTH, WE ARE HOPING TO HEAR HOW ONE OF OUR RE-HOMED GREYHOUNDS IS DOING, IN THEIR FOREVER HOME, BY MEANS OF A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THIS, PLEASE E-MAIL ME FOR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND RETURN TO ME ALONG WITH A PHOTO

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☹ UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE AN INTERVIEW FOR THIS MONTH ☹

Given that we had no volunteers for this month's interview, Bootsie thought you might like to see a couple of photos of his 'poorly paw' !!!



As you may have read, on the Forum, Bootsie got a badly cut paw which needed treatment by the vet - he then got another bit of glass in the original cut, which needed further treatment. This is healing now, and he has a rather smart new black & silver boot. There is **SO** much broken glass around - if only people would clear up after themselves ☹

The first photo is of Bootsie wearing a make-shift boot over his bandage, and feeling very sorry for himself! The second was taken outside Queen Margaret (Dunfermline) Hospital's Minor Injuries Unit - the day after Bootsie hurt his paw, I sliced my finger on a glass ... !!! Still, it got me out of the washing-up for a while - every cloud & all that ☺

Other News ...

Lucky Numbers Draw:

Fiona Sutherland will update us on this at the next walk.

Manager's House:

Celia & Jimmy are waiting for their building warrant, and hope to get the building of the house underway in April - watch this space!

Blizzard Coats:

Bert has left a supply of blizzard coats at the Kennels - there are red and blue coats, sizes 26", 28" and 30". These cost £18.00 and, from personal experience, worth every penny! The total sale price goes to GRF, so not only are you keeping your hound cosy, but you are assisting the work of GRF ...

Great British Greyhound Walk:

Will take place, this year, on Sunday 23rd June - watch the Forum for more details.

and lastly, but most definitely not least ...

Our Sunday walks start again this coming Sunday, 3rd March, at Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline. We look forward to seeing you there, and remember ... doggies on leads, and pickupdapoo 😊

Below is a list of this year's planned events:

- March 3 - Dunfermline, Pittencrieff Park
- April 7 - Kirkcaldy, Ravensraig Park
- May 5 - Perth, North Inch
- **May 12 - Collessie, GRF Annual Dog Show**
- June 2 - Lochore Meadows Country Park
- June 23 - Great British Greyhound Walk - venue tba
- July 7 - Kinross, Loch Leven Kirkgate Park
- August 4 - Tayport, Tentsmuir Forest Car Park
- September 1 - Aberdour, Silver Sands Car Park
- October 6 - St. Andrews, West Sands Car Park
- November 3 - Glenrothes, Riverside Car Park
- December 1 - weather permitting, tba

All walks will start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

Remember - all dates are provisional. Please check the Forum for any changes.

