

GRF



NEWS

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On the 31st August, we re-homed our 700th dog!

Hunter was the lucky boy concerned, and we wish him health, love and happiness in his new home with his new family.

Celia & Jimmy, you must be so incredibly proud to have reached this amazing number and we know that you couldn't do it without the support of all the marvellous Volunteers, so a **HUGE** well done to you all - you know who you are. Each, and every, dog who has been re-homed, by GRF, is eternally grateful.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Kennels, please do get in touch with Celia & Jimmy to see what help you could give - the dogs, and Celia & Jimmy, do rely on the Volunteers so, if you have a little spare time, please consider helping us out.

Here's to No. 800 ...

A Note from the Editor ...

GRF Newsletter:

As I posted on the Forum, due to ongoing family illness I have been unable to do my usual 'chasing-up' this month, hence the lateness of the Newsletter.

In addition to the Newsletter I have been working, with Michele, on the 2014 calendars.

We do not have an Interview with the Rover Reporter, again, this month - is this a section of the Newsletter that people would like to see continue? If so, could I **PLEASE** have some volunteers ...

Whilst I am more than happy to compile the Newsletter, I do need input from you ... without news, there will be no Newsletter ☹

The Newsletter is a great way for prospective owners to find out what is happening at GRF so, come on, help me out here with news, interviews and anything else you would like to see in **YOUR** Newsletter.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Susan.



OUR GREYHOUNDS NEED YOU !

Footnote:

Since writing on the Forum, I have had several volunteers for the Rover Reporter interview, so please keep them coming!

September Walk at Aberdour ...

A lovely walk, as always! Here are some photos from the day ...



The Lucky Numbers Draw, for September, was made after the walk:

Fiona advised that 60 numbers had been sold, giving us a prize fund of £120.00. This was split as £72.00 to GRF, and £48.00 to the winner. This month's lucky number was drawn by Celia and was No. 19 belonging to Elizabeth Stirling, a colleague of Fiona's. Congratulations to Elizabeth!

Fiona would, as ever, like to thank everyone for their continued support.

From the Dog House ...

Dogs in since August Newsletter:

Robin, Delta, Kev, Sherman, Rosco, Alfie, Rosie, Sonny, Bonnie & Rocky (10)

Dogs out since August Newsletter:

Hunter (No. 700), Robin, Dotty, Gromit, Myra, Mags, Dandy, Tigger, Star, Silver & Knight (11)

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?

Blade



Blade is a very nice big black boy, and is very friendly to all and sundry! He is a great traveller in a car, and is a good walker on a lead. He has no issues with our other greyhounds and is very clean.

Kitty



Kitty is the most beautiful black girl with white snowflake spots. She is a strange walker on a lead, as she **follows** you! She has a friendly nature towards people, and has no problems with any of our other greyhounds. She will be a special little pet girl.

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 ferniejimmyf@aol.com

Vet's Corner ...

Remember, Remember:



We are, as I write, into October and as these things appear to start earlier every year I would just like to remind our readers about the undesirable effects the noise of fireworks can have on our hounds.

Fireworks look magnificent as part of an organised display, however, loud sporadic noises, that don't have any obvious source, can be terrifying and confusing for your dog. They can also be extremely dangerous in the hands of people who don't know what they are doing.

Panicking animals can, and do, run away and get lost or injured.

The Scottish SPCA continues to urge animal lovers to join them in appealing to the UK and Scottish governments to tighten the laws on the sale, and use, of fireworks.

The current legal noise limit for a firework is 120 decibels and the SSPCA think that this is too high. To put it into perspective ... a pneumatic drill measures around 100 decibels, and people are advised to wear ear protectors when exposed to anything above 80 decibels. Animals have heightened senses, and their hearing is much stronger than ours. A dog's hearing is twice as sensitive as a human's, and a cat's three times.

So, here are a few tips for the coming weeks ...

- Possibly, the **most** important thing is not to let your pet sense your anxiety - if he/she senses that you are uptight, then he/she will follow suit. Stay calm, and do not make too much of a fuss!
- At nightfall, close windows and curtains. Put on a radio or TV to mask the sound of the fireworks.
- Pets should be kept indoors after dark - try and walk your dog during daylight hours. If this is not possible, make sure that your dog is unable to run away - keep them on their leads and, remember, greyhounds **CAN** jump fences.
- Some people use Pheromone Diffusers - these disperse calming chemicals into the room. If you are in any doubt, or have any concerns, then please speak to your vet.

Other News ...

Update on Jimmy:

We have all been worried about Jimmy since the news came that he had been admitted to hospital. I asked him how he was feeling in order that I could update you all. I am glad to be able to report that Jimmy is now feeling a lot better, but still has to visit the hospital every few days for check-ups - this will continue for at least another month.

Jimmy would like to thank everyone who has sent their good wishes, and for all the lovely get well cards - he has really appreciated this.

Baltree House:

Celia and Jimmy now have permission for electricity to be installed at the house, however, Perth and Kinross Council have asked for 4 weeks notice for SSE to cross Hatchbank Road !!

Consequently, and barring any other unforeseen hurdles, the house should be ready by the end of October.

Celia & Jimmy would like to thank SSE who have, throughout all of this, been extremely helpful, and have given a lot of assistance.

Bonnie:

Jimmy also tells me that Roy & Jill Elder's dog, wee Bonnie, is very ill right now - we are all praying that she pulls through. Our thoughts go to Roy & Jill and, of course, Bonnie.

2014 desk and wall calendars:

We have now, almost, completed work on the 2014 calendars, and hope to have these for sale at the November walk ... watch the Forum for more details.

Thanks, as ever, to Michele for all her hard work in this respect - without her dedication, the calendars simply would not happen.



Greyhound Coats:

Bert has advised that a new batch of coats has arrived. Coats are priced at £18.00, and are now available from the Kennels or from Bert (robert_mccurdy@sky.com). The coats are available in purple, red, royal blue, navy blue and dark green. At the time of writing, there was one fluorescent yellow coat available at a cost of £14.00.

When measuring your greyhound, for a coat, measure from the base of the neck (where the neck meets the shoulders) to the root of the tail.

The coats are purchased at no cost to the Kennel, therefore, all the money from the sale of these coats goes toward the upkeep of the Kennel and the welfare of our dogs.

These coats are lower than internet prices, so grab a bargain **AND** help our homeless hounds!

and finally ...

Our next walk (the penultimate of our, scheduled, walks for this year) will be held on Sunday 6th October in St. Andrews, where the Lucky Numbers draw will be made. As ever, we will be leaving the West Sands car park at 11:00am.

We look forward to seeing you there and remember ... doggies on leads, and pickupdapoo ☺

As ever, please keep an eye on the Forum for any last minute changes.



(from last year's walk)