

GRF



NEWS

*Designed by Sally E Calder*

**April 2015**

*Changing the world  
one greyhound at a time!*

Well, it's hard to believe that Easter has been and gone ... hopefully you all managed to keep your dogs away from the chocolate. It is such a difficult time of year, with so much of it around - the combination of toddlers and chocolate is a dangerous one, as we discovered whilst visiting Mo's family on Easter Saturday. Little Cooper, who is 18 months old, was having an Easter egg hunt and it was all we could do to stop Bootsie muscling in on the action!!! Actually, that is one of the (many) ways in which Bootsie has helped me - I no longer keep chocolate in the house 😊

Anyway, I hope you all had a very happy Easter with friends, family and hounds, and that the Easter Bunny was good to you all.



There's plenty news in the coming pages, and an interview with Alex Morrison who is, once again, organising our annual Greyhound Rescue Fife Dog Show - hard to believe that this will be our 8th.

Alex puts an enormous amount of work into the organisation of the Show, so let's all make sure that the date is in our diaries and let's make this a bumper year for turn-out, fundraising and re-homings. That date is ...

**SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2015**

**Susan Mathewson, Editor**

## **The Rover Reporter's Interview ...**

The Rover reporter, this month, caught up with Alex Morrison, owner of two GRF Greyhounds and organiser of our Annual Dog Show



**RR - We approach our 8th Dog Show, so how did it all start?**

**AM** - At the time, GRF had a small Kennels just outside Kirkcaldy and were always near the breadline from month to month and so not quite sure how it all ended up, but I seem to have fallen into the role !!! I blame that “fly Fifer” for using his Jedi mind tricks on me!!! 😊 I sort of remember being at one of our dog walks, and we were trying to think of some ideas to raise money for the Kennels. I naively thought we were doing some “brain storming”, and threw in the idea of a Dog Show, to which Jimmy said "thanks Alex, I will leave this with you!!!" ... and the rest, as they say, is history.

**RR - So, after falling foul of the 'Jedi mind tricks', how did you go on from there?**

**AM** - I had a look at other Dog Shows and, without knocking them, I wasn't overly impressed and thought that there was room for improvement. I decided that if I was going to do this, then I wanted to do it right and make it the best we could and have people talking about the GRF Show, and wanting to come back for more. So I started off by initially working out what I would improve on these other shows, and also what it was I wanted to achieve from putting the Show on. I also wanted it to come across as professionally as possible (or at least to look that way!).

**RR - So what were some of the main things you wanted to do Alex?**

**AM** - There were a number of things I wanted to get across in the Show. Obviously raising funds for the Kennels was one, but wasn't necessarily the main aim. I thought if we could make it a good experience for everyone then that part would take care of itself. I also wanted to make it a fun family day out, so that people who had Greyhounds could come along and discuss various things with other like-minded people.

The first main part, however, was to try and find a venue especially with the unpredictable Scottish weather! So we wanted to try and see if we could hire a suitable indoor venue. I had been to another Greyhound Rescue Dog Show that had been held in a sports hall, which I didn't think was ideal, especially as they needed a dog clean-up group throughout the show and, on top of that, many of the dogs didn't seem too keen on the laminate style flooring. Although they did have refreshments, along with a few knick-knack stalls, there wasn't really much there to keep the attention of everyone. So I certainly thought we could improve on that.

We put out a 'call to arms' on the Forum to look out for possible indoor venues, and that's when Katherine got in touch to tell me about her Dad's farm, and the indoor horse riding arena, at Caldwell's farm near Collessie in Fife. Once we had been to visit, and saw the space available, we knew this was going to be our venue, and it has been ever since!

**RR - Were there any pressures on these early years?**

**AM** - The early Shows, in particular, were difficult mainly because I had a plan in my mind of how I wanted the Show to go, and wanted it to be the best and ensure that everyone got something out of it, as well as to promote the cause of the Greyhound. Unfortunately this all costs money. So, for the first Show, there were a lot of favours done with many of the original organisers helping out and donating things like the Rosettes, Prizes, printing, etc. There were, however, still other cost implications and I remember at one stage thinking that I had been overly ambitious, considering that I had never done anything like this before! I thought that, maybe, I was going to be one of the first people to host a fundraiser and make a loss! So it was certainly quite stressful, and nail biting at times, despite Jimmy saying they would cover any costs. But obviously I didn't want that to happen, and hoped it would come good. I remembered, at the time, an old film called 'Field of Dreams' starring Kevin Costner in which one of the memorable lines from it was 'if you build it they will come', and I'm so pleased to say they did 😊

I certainly have to say a big thank you to many of my family and friends who worked tirelessly in those early shows, and provided the bulk of our home-baking and Tombola items. But as the show has grown, so too has our crowd of helpers who now contribute immensely to these areas.

**RR - Has there been any one Show that has stood out?**

**AM** - Each Show has had its merits, although the first will always be special - I remember being interviewed, and photographed, by the local press! However, I think the second one really blew us away with the sheer numbers that turned up, with cars parked all over the farm - one of which was even parked in the owners' driveway! I got a bit of grief for that. I think we raised twice as much as the previous year and it was then I realised that this was going to be an Annual event.

**RR - Have there been many changes over the past 7 years that the Show has been held?**

**AM** - We have tinkered slightly, here and there, but essentially what you see today is what we started with at the first Show. With 6 Classes, a Final and 2 Homeless Hound parades. We tinkered with some of the Classes, such as 'Best Six Legs', which didn't really go as planned! We also have tried fringe Show events such as bouncy castles and 'Beat the Keeper', but because we couldn't combine with the main two areas they didn't really work. Local companies themselves have come and gone, but think we now have a core group of companies that keep coming along year after year such as Trophy Pet Foods, Sabrin Miller and Fly Collars, the latter has supported our event since inception.

**RR - Have the previous 7 Shows lived up to your expectations and goals?**

**AM** - There are a lot of myths out there about Greyhounds, such as 'they are ferocious animals', and nothing is further from the truth. So one of the goals of the Show was to show the real breed and I think, over the years, the Show has succeeded in doing this. I know of many who have brought their Grannies, Aunties, Uncles, etc. to the Show, with many of them mentioning afterwards that they didn't realise how laid back and friendly Greyhounds could be. So it's really about breaking down the perception of Greyhounds.

One other area that has been successful at our Show is getting local businesses, big or small, to come along to our event to help promote themselves, and sell their goods. In return they donate either monetary contributions or by giving Prizes / Raffle Prizes for our show. All this has helped us in ensuring good quality Prizes not only for the first 6 in each class, but also ensuring that many of our Raffle Prizes are well worth winning. So, to all those companies who have contributed and supported our show since inception, we thank you very much.

**RR** - Over the past few years you have introduced Sponsorship Packages - has this helped in making things easier?

**AM** - In these early years we were still working on the borderline until the actual day of the show. Thus various bills had to wait to be paid after the show, which was when we came up with the idea of looking at introducing smaller Class Sponsorships, as well as a main Show Sponsor. The Class Sponsorships have gone down really well, with people buying for all sorts of reasons - sometimes in memory of someone, birthdays, and even businesses. Since starting these, they have sold out at every Show and certainly help us plan better.

**RR** - You also now have a main Sponsor - can you comment on that?

**AM** - Whilst we introduced Class Sponsorships, we also wanted to try and find a main Sponsor whose sponsorship would essentially cover the running costs allowing anything else raised to go as profit to GRF. Initially, I wrote countless letters to many of the bigger businesses in and around the Fife, Perth and Dundee area without much success. Just when we thought we wouldn't get a main Sponsor, along came Willie & Linda of the Moffat Catering Equipment Company to our rescue! After a few e-mails back and forth, they agreed to be our main Sponsor, and have been for the past 4 years. This took a lot of stress out of organising the event, and now allows us to plan much more thoroughly for our Shows, so we are certainly extremely grateful for their support.

**RR** - With so many beautiful dogs at the Show, how do the Judges manage to decide?

**AM** - With great difficulty is the short answer! We have been very fortunate over the years to have some excellent Show Judges particularly Job Geever, in the early years, who lived in Holland and flew over especially to Judge our Shows, and allowing us to say that we had an International Judge for our event 😊 He also donated substantially to GRF over the years, both at the Show and outwith, and we thank him very much for his commitment. As we do all our Judges - it is always much appreciated that they give up their day to come along and decide on our Show winners which I know, from experience, can be a difficult job especially when I restrict them to only 6 Prize winners!



**RR** - What do you think makes the GRF Show so special, and stand out compared to others as it is always certainly well attended?

**AM** - I don't think there is any one thing, more a combination of things. Certainly, having an excellent team working with you with the same ideology and goals helps, including the Rover Reporter's own family! But people like Michele & Nic, who organise Prizes for the Show and also run our Children's stall, George & Morag who contribute immensely by putting together our Show Programme and advertising material, Katherine for initially finding us the venue and now running our Tombola stall and, obviously, I have to mention my own brother George who provides all our 'printing services'. All of these people make life much easier to put the Show together. So this would certainly be one reason why our show is the best (I might be slightly biased here!).

I think the fact that we also give out Prizes to the first 6 in each Class, along with Rosettes and, although it is meant as a fun Dog Show, it is professionally run along with having one of the best 'must-win' Raffles around! So all of these things combined, I feel, make this the Show to come along to. This can be seen with many of our guests coming back year after year and promoting our Show to others.



**RR** - You have two Greyhounds of your own - have they ever participated in any of the Shows?

**AM** - Yes, but it is difficult with myself, Lynne and our kids usually busy during the day doing other Show things. Jemma did win our inaugural Best Female Class, and finished Runner-up in our Best in Show Final! Prior to that, she also won Best Female in two other Greyhound Dog Shows! Corky, on the other hand, got 6th in Best Male Greyhound, but did win Best Male at another Show, although he did have a "stookie" on at the time, so think he might got some sympathy votes for that one 😊 Both are now eligible for the 'Best Golden Oldie' Class at this year's Show 😊 Hopefully we can find the time to enter them for that this year!

**RR** - Have there been any disappointments over the 7 years of the show?

**AM** - Maybe not re-homing as many dogs on the back of our Show, especially from our Homeless Hound parades. But then again, you could probably argue: "do you want to give someone a dog on a whim?" Hopefully the Show itself gives people the background information on this majestic breed, and shows them in a different light.



**RR** - Do you see any challenges for future Shows?

**AM** - I think there will always be some challenges, which is why we try and keep things fresh with different local companies coming along. Probably the biggest challenge is not so much at the Show, but re-homing Greyhounds in general, especially as you get people bringing dogs back after a few weeks for all sorts of stupid reasons, which doesn't help. There is nothing worse than a dog finally finding its 'forever' home, only to be brought back to the Kennels a few weeks later - what signal does that send to the poor dog?

Yes you may get some teething problems in the beginning, but nothing more than you would get with any other dog breed. The thing is that if you just make a bit of effort in the beginning to help re-educate them into their new environment you, and they, will reap years of joy and satisfaction (along with losing your sofas to them, and learning to sleep on the edge of your bed. Ours didn't take long in re-educating us!)

**RR** - Is there anything else you want to mention about the Show?

**AM** - This year's Show takes place on Sunday 31st May with the first Class, as always, being 'Best Junior Handler' - this starts at 11:30 (doors open at 11:00). Full information is on the website and, nearer the time, we will be looking for volunteers to help out on the day, along with donations to our Tombola, Raffle and home-baking. So let's make this another good one for GRF.



(Alex Morrison on right)



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The Moffat Catering Equipment Company are Delighted to Be Sponsoring The Greyhound  
Rescue Fife 8th Annual Dog Show!

The organisers' intend that this family friendly event will help raise awareness of the plight of Greyhounds in a relaxed atmosphere, and allow people not only the opportunity to talk about their dogs but show them as well. Although the Show will have a predominantly Greyhound slant to it, some Classes will be open to other breeds as well.

If you do not have a dog, then this is the ideal opportunity to come along and see these majestic dogs 'strut their stuff', learn more about them and expel many of the myths.

Advanced ticket for this whole day event costs only £4.00, with accompanying kids going free (16 and under). Tickets can be purchased at any of the Fife Greyhound Dog walks, or from Jimmy & Celia at the Kennels.

The Show takes place indoors in a sandy horse-riding arena. There are car parking and toilet facilities. We also have the use of the adjacent field for anybody wanting to walk their dogs during the day. Full directions and map are available on our web site. We will also have hot / cold drinks, sandwiches, crisps and confectionery for sale. GRF Merchandise, Tombola, home-baking, Kids' lucky-dip will be available for sale on the day.

We will also have several commercial companies, who will have various dog treats for sale - these commercial companies help sponsor our event, and we would encourage as many of you as possible to visit their stands to find out what they have to offer.

### **Programme:**

Doors open at 11:00, with the first Class starting at 11:30. The winner of each Class will go into the 'Best of Show' Final. Your dogs can be entered into as many classes as you want. If you have several dogs at the show, and you wish to enter a particular Class we hope to have walkers available to take your dog round the ring.

**Show order:**

- Best Junior Handler
- Best Male Greyhound
- Best Non-Greyhound
- Homeless Hound parade
- Best Family of Dogs
- Best 'Golden Oldie' (dogs aged 8 years and above)
- Best Female Greyhound
- Homeless Hound parade 2 (and Raffle)
- Best in Show Final

**Best Junior Handler:** This class is open to all kids 16, and under, allowing them the opportunity to show their dogs off (open to all dog breeds).

Class sponsored by: Jo Goss

**Best Male Greyhound:** As the title suggests, for Male Greyhounds only - a highly competitive field is expected to see who is crowned Prince of the Show!

Class sponsored by: Bootsie (aka The Rover Reporter) in celebration of his Mummies' 50th Birthdays.

**Best Non-Greyhound:** Open to all breeds except Greyhounds, allowing the 'best of the rest' an opportunity to reach the Final!

Class sponsored by: Alex & Lynne Morrison in memory of Breac

**Best Family of Dogs:** Open to owners with 2 or more dogs of any breed, the winners of this Class will nominate one of their dogs to go into the Final.

Class sponsored by: Alan and Fiona Bruce, Longforgan

**Best 'Golden Oldie':** Back due to popular demand, and for all dogs aged 8 years and over. The winner of our 2012 event came from this class! The class is open to all dog breeds.

Class sponsored by: Paws and Claws

**Best Female Greyhound:** The penultimate class, and probably the most competitive of the Show - who will be crowned Princess of the Greyhounds (open to female Greyhounds only).

Class sponsored by: Alan and Fiona Bruce, Longforgan

**Best of show:** The final which is open to all winners of the previous classes - who will be crowned King / Queen of the dog world?





**Prizes:**

Rosettes and Prizes will be awarded to the first 6 dogs in each class (more than any other Dog Show!), with the first three also receiving a certificate. All winners will also have their photograph taken in front of our Sponsors' wall.

We would like to thank the following Sponsors for their generous support:

Trophies sponsored by 'Her Royal Houndess Lassie (Lassie grey)'

Rosettes sponsored by 'His Royal Hound Billy (Billy hound)'

Hall Hire sponsored by 'Foggy the fridge magnet'

Winners Bandanas sponsored by the 'Rover Reporter & his Granny, Chris Mathewson'

So far, this year's show has got off to a tremendous start with all our Sponsorship Packages selling out in record time. So, to everyone who has bought one of our Packages, we thank you very much. Tickets are now on sale, and can be purchased from the Kennels or from Alex Morrison at the upcoming dog walks. We always appreciate it when people buy their tickets in advance, as it allows us to gauge better our refreshment items.

We are also now on the look-out for items for our Tombola and Raffle, which can be dropped off at either the dog walks or at the Kennels. A lot of work is currently going on in the background, and we will make further announcements on the Forum.



Last year was a record breaking year and, whilst we never set targets from Show to Show, it would be good if we could have another successful one in 2015!



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

Since the last Newsletter, dogs in and out of Baltree are as follows:

#### **DOGS IN:**

Bonnie, Ruby, Danny, Emily, Abbey, Tony, Foggy, Skye, Grace, Candy, Rose, Sam, Conna, Oscar, Frosty, Sootie, Sandy, Bob, Barney, Bonnie & Sheba (21)

#### **DOGS OUT:**

Mattie, Maggie, Hawk, Nancy, Lily, Maxy, Tiny, Tony, Bonnie, Abbey, Kaz, Ruby, Emily, Grace, Foggy, Blue, Rose, Sam, Scholl, Skye, Jimmy, Maddie, Buster, Conna & Oscar (25)

**Can YOU help one of these dogs find their forever home ...**

**Sky**



**Sky** is a lovely little girl - she is quite young and nervous. Sky wants to play with you, but is very shy until she really gets to know you. She walks fine on a lead, and is the sister of **Gem**, and we'd love to find them a home together. A most beautiful little girl, she is vaccinated and spayed.

**Gem**



**Gem** is the sister of **Sky**, above, and we want to re-home them together. She is shy, but not quite as shy as Sky. After a while she will come slowly up to you and then she is a little black ball of fun, and not at all bad to walk on a lead. Gem is also vaccinated and spayed, and will grow into a fantastic little pet greyhound.

and ... if you're planning a little further ahead:

### Prince



**Prince** is a magnificent brindle boy. He has had a very bad leg break, and has had his leg fixed by a vet, and is now in our Kennels. He will only get out to the Kennel door, for the toilet, for the next month and, two months after that, he will have his walks very gradually increased until he has fully recovered. Prince is one of the friendliest greyhounds that we have ever met, and should be ready for re-homing around mid-July. He is a wonderful big boy.

*As ever, if you would like more information on the dogs featured above, or indeed any of the other dogs in the 'Please Choose Me' section, then please contact Jimmy or Celia on mobile number 07826-244765, or by e-mail at [fernijimmyf@aol.com](mailto:fernijimmyf@aol.com)*

### **Trials of a Greyhound Rescue ...**

#### **On March 5th, Jimmy & Celia posted on the Forum: 'A Bad Day at The Office'**

*"Not the best day that we've ever experienced.*

*In the morning it was confirmed that Foggy, our wee lurcher, has retinal atrophy and is going blind. He is very young, and didn't deserve that. He will have a lifetime in a totally black kennel.*

*In the afternoon it was confirmed that Gaga, 3 years old, has bone cancer in her leg. She also has an ASBO. It is not fair. The only glimmer of hope is that x-rays have not shown any evidence of cancer elsewhere. Because of this, we have agreed to have her leg amputated tomorrow morning in the hope that she may still have a long life. Who would want a three legged dog with an ASBO? Angels are few and far between. Another poor wee soul destined to spend the rest of her life in prison.*

*Either way we'll look after the pair of them for as long as it is required, which we hope is for a very long time."*

This, of course, followed on from the post on 28th January that Fire and Gaga had received ASBO's for killing a small dog ~ both had been on leads but were not, as GRF require owners to do, muzzled.

We are pleased to report that Gaga came through her operation well, and has since been looked after by the wonderful Shorna and her husband Dougie. Stewart Davis has offered her her 'forever' home along with his other GRF dog, Millie. We thank Shorna & Dougie for all the tender loving care they have given Gaga during her recuperation, and we all hope that she will have many happy years with Stewart & Millie. Be happy Gaga - you so deserve your second chance, and we look forward to hearing, in due course, how things are going for you and your new family.

Another Angel stepped forward, in the form of Marion, and gave Foggy his forever home 😊 Marion is a great friend of GRF, having given Jock a home after he had a tumour (as many of you will remember) ~ she must be doing something very right, as Jock is now a bouncing, healthy Greyhound boy!

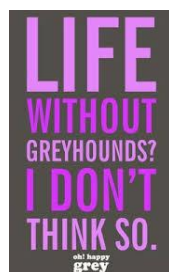
Marion sadly lost her Greyhound Dylan (as reported in the last Newsletter), and she felt that it was meant to be that Foggy should be with her ... she believed that her beloved Dylan had left them in order that they could share what they had learned, from his retinal atrophy, with another wee chap who was likewise afflicted.

We are pleased to report that Foggy is settling well in his new home ~ thank you, again, Marion. Dylan, thank-you for teaching Marion so well ~ you will live in on in your family's hearts forever, and Foggy will be forever grateful to you.

Well folks, this means that we are now looking for another Angel, who is willing to take on the beautiful Fire, with his ASBO ...

We have also experienced a spate of dogs being returned to the Kennels for many reasons - some genuine, and some not so. It is extremely frustrating for Jimmy & Celia as, once a dog is re-homed, they take in another one ... if the original dog is then returned, space can become a problem.

Think carefully before you re-home a dog - it takes time and patience, as many of these dogs have never lived in a home before. Giving up on your dog because he has had a 'few accidents in the house' is not fair on that dog ... they WILL learn, given training, and will give you unconditional love, and loyalty, for their lifetime - IT IS WORTH IT.



Now, after each re-homing, Carole Robinson, who is a dog behaviourist, has freely given her services to check up that any problems can be talked over and, hopefully, resolved. Carole's knowledge is a great asset and hopefully she can sort out problems quickly, so that they don't escalate so highly that the dog is returned to Kennels.

Remember, if you are experiencing any problems, you can seek advice on our Forum, from Carole or from Jimmy & Celia - do not suffer in silence.



## Monthly Walks ...

### **March - Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline:**

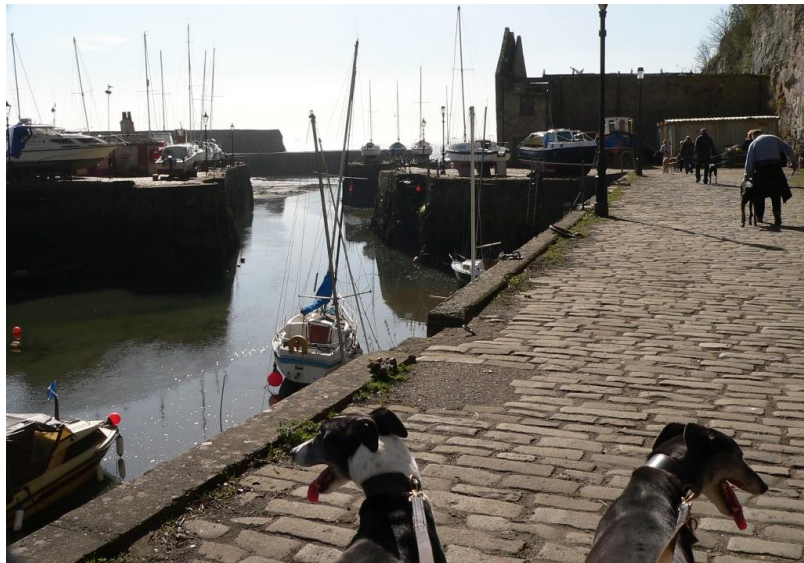
It was time for our first walk of 2015! Traditionally, our first walk takes place in Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline, and this took place on Sunday 1st March, starting at 11:00am. Below are some photos, taken by Steve, from the day.





## April - Ravenscraig Park, Kirkcaldy:

Our second walk of the year took place on Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday - the weather was amazing for the Easter weekend! Again, here are some photos, taken by Steve, of the walk.







As always, many thanks to Steve Dowd for his excellent photographs - they are a great reminder of the day, and lovely for people who were unable to attend.

### **Lucky Number Draws:**

The January, February and March draws were made at the walk on 1st March. Each month, there were 58 numbers sold giving us a total of £116.00 per month split as £69.60 to Greyhound Rescue Fife, and £46.40 to the winner. All three numbers were drawn by Steve Dowd, and the winners were as follows:

- January - No. 49, belonging to Agnes Rennick
- February - No. 11, belonging to Linda Spinks
- March - No. 46, belonging to Calum McInroy

Agnes, very generously, donated her winnings to GRF ~ thank you Agnes!

In April, again 58 numbers were sold giving a prize fund of £116.00. This was split as £69.60 to GRF, with £46.40 going to the winner. Celia drew the Lucky Number this month, which was No. 18. belonging to ... Fiona, who very kindly donated her winnings to GRF ~ thank you Fiona!



Congratulations to all our winners 😊 and, as always, Fiona would like to thank everyone who continues to support the Lucky Number draw, and raise funds for our homeless hounds.

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

Well, with Easter past the weather is heating up. Indeed, on Easter Sunday the temperature reached 21 degrees in St. Andrews! The queues outside Janettas ice-cream shop were astounding ... Bootsie used to adore the occasional ice-cream but since he had Pancreatitis and is on a special diet this is a treat, sadly, now denied to him 😞



Our great Scottish / British weather has become very unpredictable over the past years and we can, and indeed have had, four seasons in one day. One needs to carry both sun-screen and a waterproof on outings ... and that's just for the dog!

On a serious note, however, we should remember that it is very important not to leave dogs in cars on hot days. A car, because of the amount of glass, retains heat and quickly becomes like an oven. Dogs left in cars, even for very short periods, have been known to die from the heat.

If your dog does over-heat, cool him / her with damp towels, and ensure that he / she always has access to fresh drinking water. Pets at Home have an excellent range of vessels for carrying water, which also act as a bowl for drinking out of.



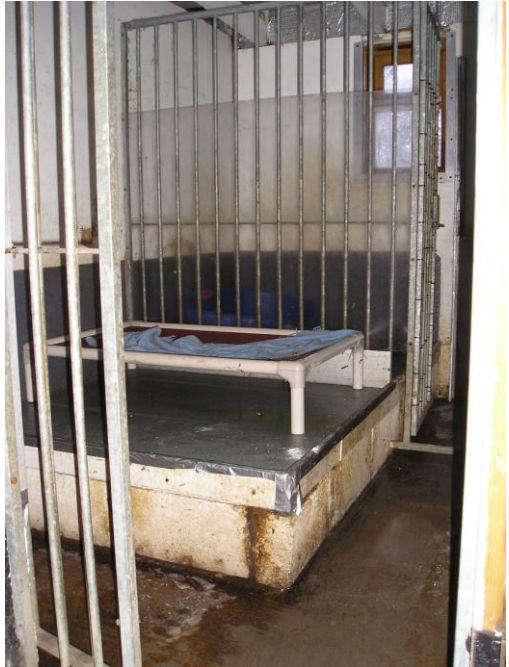


## **The Rover Reporter's News Round-Up ...**

### **Kennel Refurbishment:**

Jimmy tells us that the Kennel refurbishment is going well and he hopes to be able to report, in the next Newsletter, that all the work has been completed - the estimated finishing date is the 10th April. The concrete Kennel will obviously be both warmer, and safer, for our dogs. Below are a few photos of the stage we are at:

**Original Dog Kennel**



**New Dog Kennel**



**New Kennel Exterior**

### **Stamps:**

Kaz Brundell noticed that the Retired Greyhound Trust accept used postage stamps as part of their fundraising, and has agreed with Jimmy & Celia to collect these, and send them on to RGT periodically. Whilst this does not directly benefit GRF, we receive vital funding from RGT so it will help us indirectly and will also help all Greyhound Rescues, that are branches of RGT, around the UK.

So before you throw those envelopes away, please save the used postage stamps and ask your friends, family and colleagues to do the same. You simply need to tear off the corner of the envelope which has the stamp on it. Stamps can be left with Jimmy & Celia at the Kennels, or can be handed to Kaz at any of the Greyhound walks. Thank you.

### **The Hourglass Factory:**

Have a look on the internet at 'The Hourglass Factory'. You will find that it is a very highly rated novel by the lady author, Lucy Ribchester. Lucy just happened to re-home Buster last August!

What with JK Rowling, and Ben Aitken, GRF is quite a literary society 😊

Congratulations, and wishing you much success, Lucy from all at Greyhound Rescue Fife.

### **£1 Pledge Chain Letter - Keep It Going:**

On the 10th February, Karen started the above by pledging her £1 to GRF as after getting Pat, now known as Dale, from GRF her life got even better with a greyhound around!

This is a FABULOUS idea, as everyone can spare £1 ... we had a fair number of pledges on the Forum - do you have an update on how much we've raised, to date, Karen?

### **Wool:**

You may remember that, in the last Newsletter, Kaz appealed for spare wool for Fiona Bruce. Fiona recently posted on the Forum:

*"Thank you to all who handed in donations of wool, with special mention to Kaz Brundell. I took in 11 crocheted blankets to Tayside Cat Shelter yesterday. If anyone has any more spare wool, it will all be gratefully received!"*



If anyone does have any spare wool, please hand it in to the Kennels for Fiona.



### **Fundraising by Plant Selling:**

Moirira posted on the Forum on 15th March:

*"I'm all set up now for a season of selling plants from home as a fundraiser. I anticipate selling mainly to family, friends, neighbours, etc. However, if anyone wants to pop in, if living nearby or are passing through area, please feel free to e-mail for my address, which I would prefer not to put on the open forum (we're near Kennoway in Fife)."*

*For information, at the moment I have polyanthus, potted bulbs and a small range of herbaceous just coming on. Later on I'll be producing summer bedding so I'll keep updating this post."*



### **Nationwide Community Match Scheme:**

On 24th March, Jimmy posted on the Forum:

*"In the recent Nationwide Community Match Scheme, Greyhound Rescue Fife is the winning organisation for our area, as voted by Nationwide Customers. The winning award was a brilliant £500.00!!"*

*"Thanks go to Nationwide for putting up the award, and to everyone who voted for us - it is a lovely thing to receive."*



**and finally ...**

Let's end where we began ... with our Dog Show.

There is a link to the Dog Show poster online - please print this out, and distribute it wherever possible ... perhaps your local pet shop, vet, or your office Notice board, and let's try and get the event publicised as widely as possible.

As a HUGE thank-you to Alex, for his continued hard work, let's make 2015 the best Show yet!

**Your Rover Reporter, Bootsie x**