

# GRF



# NEWS

## DOG SHOW SPECIAL

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That's another dog show over and what a day it was!! Increased sponsorship, increased attendance, which ultimately led to increased money raised for the kennels!! If you don't already know we raised just over **£2500!!!!!!!** And raised greyhound awareness to a multitude of people.

Congratulations obviously goes to **DEWEY** who is our new Best in Show winner and further information on how he got there and the show itself can be found in this dog show special edition of the newsletter, I hope you enjoy.

### Thank you

As many of you would have seen from this years show it has grown some "arms and legs" since last year and so it would be difficult to put on a show of this size without the help of others.

First of all thanks must go to Katherine Fotheringham and her family for allowing us to not only take over their facilities on the day but also part of their lives in the build up to the show!! Apart from the facilities they also organised all our tables, chairs, sound system and ring set up.

At this years show many will have noticed that not only the amount of our raffle prizes had increased (including the value of several of them) but also we had obtained enough items to be able to provide prizes for our first 6 in every class, including the final!!! So I am truly indebted to Michele and Nic for all their hard work behind the scenes in

obtaining so many excellent gifts.

Thanks also to Fiona who not only came along on the Saturday to help set everything up (as did all mentioned in this article) but also once more for providing us with some excellent trophies for our Junior handler competition and best in show winners along with rosettes for the first 6 in every class along with a multitude of items for both our raffle's and tombola.

A special mention must go to our judge on the day Job Gevers, Job was our judge last year and enjoyed it so much that he agreed to do again this year. What you may not know that Job stays in Holland and flew across specially for the show!! Such is his admiration for our cause that not only did he pay his own way here but before the show began he presented us with a donation of **£500!!!** From then on we knew it was going to be an excellent day, thank you very much Job and look forward to seeing you again next year.

## Thank you cont.

Thanks also go to George for putting together an excellent programme for this years show. Having done this last year I certainly know how much hard work goes into this, particularly as many of the items tend to come in last minute. On the day we sold out of all our programmes!! So for those of you who didn't manage to get one and would like to read some of the excellent articles George has placed an electronic copy of this on our forums page, thanks George.

Apart from the people mentioned above we also had some tremendous support from the following people who gave up their time on Saturday to help set up the arena thus ensuring everything was all set to go once people started arriving on the Sunday morning. So thanks George, Gordon, Fiona, Moira, Bill, Mary and of course Celia and Jimmy !!



I must also mention and thank many of our friends and family who not only helped put up with our stress levels!! But also supported our event in many ways from selling raffle tickets at work to home baking and helping out behind the stands on the day.

First of all thanks to Linda (Braid) and Marie for their sterling work behind the refreshment counter. I know it was tough for Marie as she is extremely wary of dogs in general!!

Thanks also to Stuart and Linda Ferrier who only just returned from their holidays a couple of days before the show but went straight into doing home-baking on arriving home!! Their support and suggestions in the build up to the show and both their efforts on the day was much appreciated.

Thanks also to Steven, Ross, Ryan and Neil for their general help on the day, they all turned their hand to a number of jobs on the day which helped make the show run smoothly. Such is their support for our event that Neil gave up the opportunity to play in a semi-final hockey match as he had volunteered to do our show first!! So thanks go to all of you.

It certainly makes life easier having a team like this helping out as we know that we can just delegate them these tasks and they will do an excellent job thus allowing us to concentrate on the show itself. So all of you thank you very much and hope that you will "volunteer" to do again next year !!!

What a lot of people may not know that apart from giving up their time on the Sunday to help out all the above also paid for the privilege to do so and purchased tickets for the show!! I am not sure how many other organisations could manage that!!!

## Dog Show 2009

The show started off as it did last year with our Best Junior handler class (for kids under

16 and any breed of dog). We had 18 entries for this. The kids proudly walked their dogs round the ring several times, before our judge Job Gevers 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 !!



- 6<sup>th</sup> SADIE with their owner Billie
- 5<sup>th</sup> LUNAR and Erin
- 4<sup>th</sup> SAMMY and Victoria
- 3<sup>rd</sup> FREYA and Keir
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SOLO and Ross

and our Best Junior handler for 2009 and our first dog into our Best in Show final was

- 1<sup>st</sup> FLY and Ryan,

Fly is an 8 month old black and white Lurcher who was adopted from a Borders charity.



The first 3 in this category not only received their certificates, rosettes and prizes but also trophies for them to keep. However nobody in this category went away empty handed as all entrants received a free goody bag containing treats and toys on exit of the ring.

### *Best Male Greyhound*

Our next class was the eagerly awaited best male greyhound class. Such was the demand for this class that we needed to split the numbers into two groups and have a semi-final and a final. In total we had 33 entrants for this category.

After deciding whom our 10 finalist would be in our best male greyhound final, Job then had the harder task of deciding the winner. In the end he decided on **DEWEY** a beautiful 2-year-old blue greyhound that is still looking for his forever home at our GRF kennels.



- 1<sup>st</sup> DEWEY with Lorna
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GIP and Norman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ROCKY and Sadie
- 4<sup>th</sup> SOLO and Erin
- 5<sup>th</sup> BILLY and Michele
- 6<sup>th</sup> RED and Esther

## *Best non-Greyhound*

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

We had 22 entries in this category which saw TONY a 2-year-old white and fawn whippet walk away with first prize and into our final.

- 1<sup>st</sup> TONY with Heather
- 2<sup>nd</sup> BO with Jody
- 3<sup>rd</sup> POPPY with Ryan
- 4<sup>th</sup> TARA with Graham
- 5<sup>th</sup> COCO with Heather
- 6<sup>th</sup> DORA with Loraine



After this event we had the first of two "Homeless hound parades" which featured a number of our dogs from either our Seafield or Union farm kennels. Jimmy took over the comparing of this and introduced them to everybody and gave a bit of background to each one. If anybody is interested in any of these dogs (as well as others on our web site)

then please contact Celia or Jimmy on 01592 890583



After our pre booked ticket raffle which saw some excellent prizes handed out 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 22 entries for this class ensuring a busy ring!! After much deliberation the "Magnificent 7" won the day!!!

- 1<sup>st</sup> RED, SKY, JACK, AEISHA, URIA, FIN & BROOK with Ara
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ROCKY, MISTY & TONY with Fiona
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ZAK, TARA & TONY with Claire and Graham
- 4<sup>th</sup> JAKE, MANDY & AMY with Helen
- 5<sup>th</sup> DUKE, STAR & BONNIE with Fiona
- 6<sup>th</sup> WILLIAM, CARRIE, HOLLIE & RORY with Denise

Ara, then nominated Aeisha a 9 year old fawn Saluki, rescued by the Claire hound sanctuary in Fife for the best in show final.

### *Best Loveable face*

It was now time for one of our most popular categories, that of best loveable face which is open to all breeds of dogs. We had 42 entries for this class!! Our largest turn out of the day. So once again we needed to run two semi finals and a final before deciding on the winner, a black 5-year-old male greyhound called BOB, which was rescued by GAL.

- 1<sup>st</sup> BOB with Heather
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SOLO with Ross
- 3<sup>rd</sup> TONY with Heather
- 4<sup>th</sup> AMY with Victoria
- 5<sup>th</sup> MISTY with Rena
- 6<sup>th</sup> KYM with Diane



### *Best Female Greyhound*

We now arrived at one of our most competitive class of the day. With 5 winners now into our final we just needed one more dog that of best female greyhound. This class attracted 30 entries and was one of the most difficult to decide on as there was a number of potential candidates including last years winner Jemma. However, it wasn't to be 2 years in a row as a beautiful 3-year-old white greyhound rescued by GRF went on to take the first prize.

- 1<sup>st</sup> PIPWENA with Jane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DUSTY with Caroline
- 3<sup>rd</sup> MISTY with RENA
- 4<sup>th</sup> MISTIE with Fraser
- 5<sup>th</sup> TINA with Karen
- 6<sup>th</sup> LEXY with Samara



We now had our 6 finalists for our best in show final but before we got there we had the second of our "Homeless hounds" parade with Jimmy once more taking over the comparing. This was followed by our main raffle which saw some excellent prizes handed out including some very expensive bottles of whiskey, so thanks to all who donated.

We then got our judge for the day Job to do our monthly lucky number draw. In total this month we sold 58 numbers (our highest ever to date!!), this made a prize fund of £116.00 split as £69.60 to GRF and £46.40 to the winner. Job picked out number 81, which belongs to Karen Hamilton, congratulations Karen.

After all this we then had a small matter of deciding who would be our best in show 2009. Each finalist were introduced into the ring one at a time

To a packed crowd round the ring Job then announced that it was a difficult decision as there was 6 excellent finalist of which anyone of them could have walked away with prize, but after much deliberation he announced that DEWEY was our 2009 best in show winner with PIPWENA being named as runner up.

- 1<sup>st</sup> DEWEY
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PIPWENA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BOB
- 4<sup>th</sup> TONY
- 5<sup>th</sup> FLY
- 6<sup>th</sup> AEISHA

Unfortunately out of the six finalist DEWEY is the only one still looking for his forever home, lets hope that this will help his chances, do you have it in you to give our 2009 best in show winner a forever home, then please contact Celia or Jimmy 01592 890583



*Prize Winner's*

This year for the first time we ran a shooting inflatable which was hired from Dunfermline Athletic football club, who supply the prizes for the 3 age group categories which were under 12, 13 - 16 and adults. Below are a list of the winners who will shortly be notified by DAFC of their gifts.

#### **Under 12's**

Winning a signed football with a score of 80 was Rory Elder from Dalgety Bay.

## Under 16's

Winning a Dunfermline home shirt with a score of 50 was Sammi Denholm from Ladybank.

## Over 16's

Winning 4 tickets for a home Dunfermline match with a score of 50 was Billy Pierrepont from Penicuik.

Well done guys you will be hearing from the club very shortly.

### *Wii Ski Jumping*

Our winners of the Wii ski jump competition where

**Adult:** *Rhona Laing* with a distance of *254m*

**Child:** *Heather Smith* with a distance of *317m*

Both win 2 x Odeon tickets (Rhona donated her tickets to Ross because of the sterling job he did in running this particular stand).

Congratulations guys.

### *Sponsors*

At this years show we had several companies who came along to see what our show was all about and each of them have already expressed an interest in coming along next year. Thanks guys we couldn't put on a show of this size without your support. Below is a brief list of the companies on display at this years show.

### Kingdom Trophy foods

We welcomed Stephen and Linda from Kingdom Trophy Foods to their first GRF dog show. They specialise in manufacturing premium pet foods, dog advice and micro chipping and provided a variety of dog foods at our event. They also donated 2 large bags of dog food for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed best in show finalist. Thank you guys and look forward to seeing you again next year.

e: [KingdomTrophy@aol.com](mailto:KingdomTrophy@aol.com)

w: [www.kingdomtrophy.co.uk](http://www.kingdomtrophy.co.uk)

### K9-Active

We also welcomed Zena and Keith to their first GRF dog show. Their company K9-Active offer a wide range of products for the active outdoor hound: backpacks, Frisbees, water toys, collapsible bowls, raincoats, lifejackets, reflective gear and all the things your best friend needs for your next adventure. They donated a Hurtta insulated rain jacket for our best in show winner. An excellent prize and one I am sure DEWEY will enjoy wearing!! Thank you and hopefully we will see you both again next year.

e: [sales@k9active.co.uk](mailto:sales@k9active.co.uk)

w: [www.k9active.co.uk](http://www.k9active.co.uk)

### Vodabone

We once again welcomed Gillian back to her second show. Gillian has given tremendous support of our event from the very beginning and so we where pleased to see that she also came along with one of her colleagues Jinty to also do dog chipping this year.

Vodabone have supported our show from the very beginning and once more provided bags of doggy treats for each of our class winners and also supplied a large box of dog biscuits for our best in show winner

### Phoenix Trading

Another new company to come along this year was Shona Gibson who's company was different from the above mentioned as they did a comprehensive range of greeting cards, invitations, thank you packs, gift wrap tags and charity Christmas cards. Certainly this seemed popular and we may look at doing something similar at future shows. Thank you Shona for coming along and donating 10% of your sales we hope to see you once again next year.

e: [sar55blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sar55blueyonder.co.uk)

t: 0774 658 6989

### **Obituary - Paddy**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 "Gold Card" or as he was more affectionately known as Paddy passed away. Paddy was born on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2002 from a litter of 8 dogs out of Droopsy Vieri and Creskill Lady. Like most greyhounds that come to GRF he had a short racing career before arriving in our kennels in 2007. After what to him must have seemed like an eternity he eventually found his forever home with a lovely couple called Eleanor and Dave.

He regularly came along to our monthly walks and many of us who watched his progress with interest on the forum enjoyed meeting up with him. He was just a big loveable lad who enjoyed his new home to the full. He took part in our inaugural dog show and was a best in show finalist winning our "best six legs" competition.

Recently however, he was diagnosed with a bone tumour in his shoulder, which was aggressive and progressed rapidly through his body leading to breakdown of his organs, and at 10:45 on the 27<sup>th</sup> April Paddy was put to sleep. God bless you big Paddy, the angels have just increased by one ☹️



**26/10/02 - 27/4/09**

### **Next walk**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Pittencrieff Park,  
Dunfermline 11:00





*DEWEY BEST IN SHOW 2009*

David McNie Photography provided many of the photographs provided in this month's newsletter. If you would like a copy of any of these pics then you can get in touch with David on 07831536695

**And Finally.....**

Some more pics from the big day, hope you enjoy



