

GRF



NEWS

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*Welcome to the October edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter.
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News from the kennels

Dogs in and out since the last newsletter

IN: WILL, BOBBY, SHAN, VEGAS AND BUCK

OUT: TIGER, FROSTY, TINY, WILL, JAKE, SHELLEY, RAVEN AND SIMON

Kyle

A few weeks ago we took in a lovely big black greyhound called KYLE. We were told he had a leg injury. The leg was wagging about so we thought that it was broken. Unfortunately, when we took him to the vet it was discovered that he had totally snapped the main tendon. The two halves had sprung deep into his upper and lower leg meaning they could never be joined again. Thus the poor boy's leg just moved loosely around.

A group of vets looked at the problem and all agreed that it was impossible to fix. The only solution was

amputation.

His leg has been amputated and one hour after amputation he was standing looking at the vet. He's a wonderful big boy. He has lost a back leg. The leg has now completely healed up and he is ready for rehoming so we were looking for a very special forever mummy and daddy to look after a very special big boy, who has just turned 2 years old.



What a gorgeous looking lad. And the great news is that he is going to Join Amanda and her gang of four very soon. Thank you Amanda and good luck Kyle.



BOARDING

We now have a boarding license and we can take a small amount of boarders at £8 per dog per night. This is only for greyhounds who have been rehomed from GRF. It is a wee perk for our own people. However, rescue dogs come first so we can only take boarders when space allows

Sadly, the following dogs have recently left their owners to go over the bridge.

Becky who has sadly left Julie-Ann Alexander

and

The beautiful Josie – Sorely missed by Celia and Jimmy

Sending Celia and Jimmy and Julie-Ann and family all our love. Run free sweet Babies



Monthly walks

Our walk on 2nd October was at Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy. A lovely day as the following pictures show.



The next walk is at Silver Sands Aberdour on Sunday 6th November. It's a great opportunity to have a get together and a chat as we walk round (both for the humans and the hounds lol). There is loads of parking and as usual Michelle and Nic have lots of raffle prizes plus the monthly Lucky Number Draw takes place at the walk thanks to Fiona. Numbers at the walks have been depleting this year and as well as a good walk, it is your chance to ask other Greyhound owners for advice on any queries you may have, especially if you are a new Greyhound owner. Come on everyone, let's get behind these walks and get the numbers back up to the figures they used to be. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to get these walks organised with the local authorities so please come along and show your support for Greyhound Rescue Fife and help spread the word on how great greyhounds are as pets.

Please remember that all dogs must be on leads and to pick up after your dog. There will be a raffle after the walk so bring your pennies and if anyone has any prizes for the raffle, please bring them too. Remember that all walks are weather dependent so check the forum before you go just in case it has been cancelled (which is very rare!)

Sofa News from TH



Let me introduce myself. My name is Tippiikal Hound or **TH** for Short. This month I have a few tips for my adopted humans on keeping me happy as they seem to be taking a long time to learn the rules.

1. If you don't want me to finish that packet of McVities digestive biscuits, don't leave them where I can get to them (other biscuit brands are available but are just as yummy). I will automatically assume they are for me.
2. If you have a cup of tea and it is left on the table, I will assume you don't want it and will

finish it for you so if you do want it then please drink it.

3. When I hear the squeak of the kitchen cupboard opening, I assume it is because you want to give me a doggy treat. If this is not the case, then please oil the cupboard door so it no longer squeaks – that way you will not disturb me from my comfy place on the sofa.

More observations next month.

Take care *TH*



In loving memory of our boy Ace. 2005 - 2016

P.A.W. – Paws Across the World



Each month we feature a Greyhound/Lurcher Rescue from across the globe. This month our article has kindly been sent by Bob Lawrence in Arizona, USA, who regularly checks the GRF forum.

The official name of the organization is Arizona Adopt A Greyhound Inc. or AAGI for short. The Group was founded in 1990 and is a non-profit corporation. Our sole purpose is to find homes for retired racers. Kari Young is the AAGI director and has put together a wonderful staff that helps find homes for the dogs and that foster them until homes are found. At one time AAGI worked with and had kennels at the Phoenix Greyhound Park which was closed about 5 years ago. At that time, we lost the access to the kennels and from then on all of the hounds up for adoption stay with a foster family until they find their forever home. Once the track in Phoenix closed AAGI began bringing dogs from Tucson Greyhound Park which closed on June 25th of this year after being open since 1949. They were the last of the four tracks in Arizona to close. Our group has been busy this year with the track closing. For the last few years we were getting 8 dogs twice per month but this past summer it was 12-16 three times a month. Our volunteers did a great job of helping find homes for the Greyhounds and we actually began taking dogs from other adoption groups that could not find them all homes. Kari has a flair for matching the right dog with the right adopters and all new homes are checked by the organization before any dogs can be adopted. We now have a waiting list of people wanting Greyhounds. All of our volunteers are very special people and truly love finding forever homes for these retired racing dogs. Many of the volunteers are owned by several Greyhounds.

Once the track in Tucson had sent us the last of their dogs AAGI began working with another Greyhound rescue group in California and now bring the puppies in from tracks in Mexico. We send our truck and a couple of drivers to California and they bring back eight dogs every two weeks that we find homes for. All dogs get checked by the veterinarian when they arrive, get spayed, neutered, vaccinated, checked for fleas and ticks, get ears cleaned, etc. They also get cat tested by Mobley one of our volunteer's cats.

Over the last 25 years AAGI has helped find homes for over 2700 Greyhounds. The group does a lot of fundraising with our largest event of the year being Wienermania where we partner with Happy Trails Dachshund Rescue. This past April we had 300 Dachshunds register for the events at Wienermania. There were races, a costume contest, and several other events for our short legged friends.



With grateful thanks to Bob for this article and pictures.



TAILS FROM THE WILDERNESS – walks to venture out on by Blue Arrigal

Moncrieffe Hill Wood- looked after by the Woodland Trust, Scotland and situated across the motorway from Bridge of Earn and Perth. The views in all directions are amazing. The hill features two hillforts and has a lot of history with battles between Pictish warlords being fought there. Moncrieffe is a “Marilyn”.

From Wikipedia “A **Marilyn** is a mountain or hill with a prominence of at least 150 metres (492 ft), regardless of absolute height or other merit.” There is also a sculpture trail with many amazing wooden carvings.

Lunan Bay- a spectacular beach north of Arbroath.

Auchterhouse Hill- part of the Sidlaws north of Dundee. Another walk giving great views of the area with the remains of hillfort earthworks at the summit. It is possible to lengthen the walk to include Craigowl (the one with all the radio masts etc.) which is also a Marilyn.

Pitlochry and Loch Faskally- a circular mostly forest walk. It can be started in Pitlochry, crossing the river by suspension bridge near the dam then heading past the theatre and on around the loch.

Cambus O'May- an Aberdeenshire forest situated just off the A93 between Ballater and Dinnet. There are several routes to walk from a short stroll by the loch to nearly 2 hours through the pine forest. The forest is home to red squirrels, Capercaillie and black grouse. Nearby is the Cambus O'May Cheese Company (sells direct to the public and make sure to ask for a taste).

Muir of Dinnet- one of Scotland's natural nature reserves. Take the B9119 road off the A93, turnoff is between Ballater and Dinnet. A must is a visit to the Burn O'Vat, a cauldron created around 15000 years ago by melt water and boulders being forced to form a whirlpool as their path was impeded by harder rock. Other walks pass through birch woods, around lochs and across bogs.

If you have some walks you think others might enjoy please send us their details to share with everyone. Thanks



Moncrieffe Hill sculpture and track, Cambus o'May, Auchterhouse Hill looking towards the mouth of the Tay and Fife, Lunan Bay

THOSE DREADED FIREWORKS!!!



Dogs (and other pets) can get extremely distressed around fireworks night. The bangs and flashes can unsettle them so it's important to understand how you can help to calm them down. There are a number of things you can do to help them feel safe and relaxed and minimise the disruption, both for your pet and your household.

Not all pets are affected by fireworks but if you're not sure whether your dog is stressed by fireworks, his symptoms may include some or all of the following:

- Salivating and drooling
- Trembling and shaking
- Scratching to get into the house or out of a room
- Hiding in corners or under furniture
- Whining, barking or howling
- Whimpering and excessive or abnormal attention seeking
- Loss of bodily functions - bladder and/or bowel
- Refusal to eat

If you are unsure of your pet's behaviour or if you know your pet is stressed by fireworks, please seek veterinary advice well before fireworks season.

Walk your Dog During Daylight Hours - Leading up to bonfire night, walk your dog during daylight hours when fireworks are less likely to be let off. Start the routine a week or more before fireworks season so that your dog becomes used to this change in routine.

Provide a Den or Hiding Place Where your Dog Can Feel Safe - It may mean moving their bed beneath a table, or providing a cardboard box with blankets and toys as some dogs feel more secure in enclosed spaces. Make sure that their bed is away from windows and doors to ensure they are as far as way as possible from where the noise is loudest and close the curtains so they can't see flashes of light.

Remain calm - Try to remain calm yourself so as not to unnerve your dog and feed them tasty treats during any loud noises so that your dog will begin to associate the noises with positive things. Classical music has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety in both humans and dogs so turn up the volume on some nice, soothing classical music to help soothe and drown out the loud bangs.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

In case you haven't seen the post on the forum, Evelyn Robinson has kindly arranged to do the Christmas Market again this year.

The date is Saturday 26th November, 4pm – 7pm

Please look out any unwanted gifts that could be used as raffle prizes, and leave at the kennels, Evelyn has plenty of wine but anything would be appreciated as the more Evelyn has the more money can be raised for the greyhounds.

Evelyn has raised some amazing amounts in the past with this Christmas Market so please show her your support.

You can contact Evelyn via the forum.



Vicky Findlay and her team at Original Walkies Est. 2005 Ran their Pop Up Charity Shop for homeless animals in Perth in August.

On the 6th of August Vicky Findlay and Original Walkie's Est 2005 opened their pop up charity shop for two weeks to raise funds for animals in several rescues chosen by her and Greyhound Rescue Fife was one of the lucky ones to be chosen.

Those of you that attend our dog shows will perhaps remember Vicky was our Judge for a few years until she moved up north. Vicky's and her team at Original Walkies always goes that extra mile for helping animals in need and everyone at G.R.F is grateful for your hard work and help that you offer to help our homeless Greyhounds.

This is the second time that Vicky has run a shop to help animals as this picture was from 2006 when she had her last pop up charity shop.



The Charity shop in Abbot Street was opened by the St. Johnstone mascot Brogan and this is Vicky pictured with Brogan.



There was even a re-homed G.R.F dog called Queenie that went along to the shop with her owner. Queenie was the winner of the dog show in 2013. This is her with Brogan.



The shop raised the amazing sum of £1257.92 pence over the two weeks it was open and a huge thanks to the all Original Walkies team Jess, Lynda, Audrey, Karen and Annie for mucking in. Without the help of all these people and companies listed below the shop would not have been such a success. So to everyone who cleared out their clutter, to the little old man who came in and donated £20. To St. Johnstone Football Club for lending us Brogan the Beagle, Write On Sign and Display for the massive window sign, Perthshire Advertiser, RadioTay and Small City Big Personality PERTH for their support. Perth Concert Hall for lending us clothes rails, PDSA-help a vet to help a pet, thank you for filling your van with all the bits and bobs we have left.

This is the PDSA man filling the van with left over stock to help others.



When the pop up charity shop closed after the two weeks and all the monies were in Vicky and her team went out shopping and this picture shows what they bought. One of Vicky's dogs sits guard over it.



The first delivery went to Brown Street Kennels Dundee,



The second drop off was to Scottish SPCA Petterden Centre in Dundee,



This was the drop off at Bandeath dog shelter,



This pick up was for the cat's protection league,



There was even a donation of toys for Bonnie in Burghead,



Then of course there was this donation of food presented to Jimmy and Celia at the Greyhound Rescue Fife Kennels.



You can see from the picture what the donation means to Jimmy and Celia and the Greyhounds.

We are all delighted to accept this wonderful donation of food for our Homeless Greyhounds at Greyhound Rescue Fife and we thank Vicky and Original Walkies Perth for choosing G.R.F. as one of your chosen rescues to benefit from your wonderful pop up charity shop. Thanks to everyone involved in running and setting up the shop and making it a great success told by the huge amount of money you raised to help the homeless animals. You are all amazing thank you!!!

Special Appeal for Poppy **From Michelle Hall**

Hello friends. Poppy belongs to my friends Catherine and Billy and this weekend the shocking discovery was made that Poppy has cardiomyopathy heart failure.

Although Poppy is not a Greyhound, she is still a dog in need of help
Poppy is not an old dog, in fact she is just 11 months old. As a puppy she, her mother and siblings were rescued from an empty swimming pool in Spain. Poppy was adopted and came to live here in Dundee, Scotland.

Emergency treatment at the vets on the weekend cost over £400 and Poppy will be having a heart scan to determine more about the nature of her cardiomyopathy. When there is more news we will share it with you to keep you up to date.

At the moment Poppy is on three types of medication and no exercise which you can imagine for such a young dog is hard. Fortunately, the weather is cooler lessening the strain on Poppy's heart. If you are a local to Dundee, Catherine will be having a Car boot stall at Hilltown Market to raise money for Poppy's vet bills on Saturday 22nd October. There are also plans underway to hold an auction so perhaps you might have something to donate or who knows get a few Christmas presents from it.

Many thanks on behalf of Poppy, Michele



If you are on Facebook, check our Poppy's page

HELP MEND POPPYS BROKEN HEART





Trivia Quiz

Each month we will have a quiz or puzzle just for a bit of fun. So have a go while you enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit.

Answers to last month's Quiz

1. New Zealand
2. 1/6
3. 4th
4. Wind, Solar, Hydro power, Biomass and Geothermal.
5. Saturn
6. MMIX
7. Lodge
8. A
9. 43rd
10. Leading Lady
11. Let it Be (8 May, 1970 UK, 18 May, 1970 USA) The album Abbey Road was first released 26 Sept 69.
12. Candlestick Rope Lead Pipe Revolver Dagger Spanner
13. Sneeze
14. Pebbles
15. Wiltshire
16. 23rd April
17. German Measles
18. Dun Kirk
19. Timmy

OCTOBER QUIZ with a Halloween Theme



- 1 Name the author of Dracula
- 2 Coulrophobia is a fear of what?
- 3 Phasmophobia is the fear of what?
- 4 Stygiophobia is the fear of what?
- 5 Who wrote The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde?
- 6 What ghostly phenomena gets its name from the German for noisy spirit?
- 7 Which Belgian noble woman was sentenced to death for bathing in the blood of servant girls she had murdered in order to keep her young?
- 8 In Celtic mythology the wailing of which supernatural being is an omen of death?
- 9 What rite is used in a number of religions for the expulsion of so called evil spirits?
- 10 Who had a hit single which began and ended with Vincent Price?
- 11 Who hunted down the ghosts of Hollywood celebrities in the Dead Famous TV series?
- 12 Who is the famous daughter of Psycho star Janet Leigh with a Halloween connection?
- 13 Who said there was something of the night about Tory politician Michael Howard?
- 14 Which of the following is not a novel by prolific Welsh horror writer Guy N Smith? Night of the Crabs, Day of the Crabs, Carnivore, Crypt

- 15** In which year did Max Schreck play a bushy browed vampire in Friedrich Murnau Nosferatu?
- 16** Which year saw the release of the original RKO version of King Kong?
- 17** Who played the American ambassador to London whose son was the spawn of the devil in 1976?
- 18** Which film saw Britt Ekland shed her clothes in an attempt to seduce a virginal police officer?
- 19** Which Italian director was responsible for the films Suspiria, Tenebrae and Inferno?
- 20** Which well-known horror writer wrote the story on which the Shawshank Redemption was based?

Answers will be in the next newsletter





For our younger readers

Halloween picture to colour in.



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Halloween Alphabet Challenge

Can you come up with a Halloween themed word for each letter of the alphabet?



A	_____	N	_____
B	_____	O	_____
C	_____	P	_____
D	_____	Q	_____
E	_____	R	_____
F	_____	S	_____
G	_____	T	_____
H	_____	U	_____
I	_____	V	_____
J	_____	W	_____
K	_____	X	_____
L	_____	Y	_____
M	_____	Z	_____

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With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter



The next GRF newsletter will be published mid-November and will hopefully have news of the 2017 calendar. Keep any eye on the forum for announcements too.

We will also have details of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Fishing Club – Dundee Branch – all a bit of fun on the River Tay.

Please remember to keep your hounds (and other pets) safe around November 5th

If anyone has an article they would like included in future newsletters, please feel free to email Kaz Brundell on kbrundell@btinternet.com.

This is your newsletter so if you would like to see something else, or something taken out, please let me know.

Your feedback is important so let us know your thoughts.

