

GRF



NEWS

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Welcome to the February edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter. Edited by Kaz and Pat Brundell

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12 EXTRA DOGS IN THE KENNELS GIVING US 56 DOGS !!!!

With all the extra dogs in the kennels things are very busy and Jimmy and Celia have been a bit short of volunteers to walk the dogs, especially at weekends. If you can spare an hour or two in your week to help with walking the hounds, please give Jimmy and Celia a ring on 01577 850393 or 07826 244765 or you can email them on fernijimmyf@aol.com or leave a message on our forum. They cannot do all the walking themselves. For organisation purposes, please do not just turn up at the kennels, please contact them first to see when they need extra help.

BOARDING Armadale track has closed plus we are keeping all the dogs inside in the warm so, unless already booked, we are not boarding any more dogs until April

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

10TH GREYHOUND RESCUE FIFE DOG SHOW

BREAKING NEWS..... BREAKING NEWS..... BREAKING NEWS

We can officially announce that our 10th anniversary dog show will take place on

Sunday 14th May at our usual venue of Caldwell's Farm.

So put this date in your diary as we would like to see as many people/dogs as possible there for this special anniversary show. Tickets for the show will be on sale shortly and will be available at our kennels and dog walks leading up to the show. Due to the ongoing commitment of Moffats the catering company who once again are our main show sponsors, we can keep advanced tickets at the same price as previous years at £4 for adults with children under 16 free (on the day entry cost will be £5 although kids would still be free).

Many people who have attended our previous 9 shows I am sure will testify what an excellent day this is, not only because it allows everyone to win some of our fantastic prizes in our show classes, tombola, raffle etc. but also allows everyone to catch up with one another and discuss all things "Grey" ☺. The show helps us promote not only the plight of the greyhound but also expel many of the myths surrounding them and in turn helps raise much needed funds for our current incumbents at our kennels, ensuring their stay with us is as comfortable as possible until they find their forever homes. All money raised at this event goes directly towards GRF.

Further information on classes along with some sponsorship opportunities will be put on our web and social media sites in the coming months. We will also have a link on our web page dedicated to show information shortly. As they say watch this space !!

Alex Morrison



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GRF DOG OF THE MONTH



MYLO is a beautiful brindle boy who is very friendly. He loves people with a passion. He is good on a lead and loves being chauffeur driven. He gets on very well with the other greyhounds and lives well in his kennel in which he is quite clean.

**His racing name is Indalo Hawk. A failed racer but wonderful pet.
He has great ancestry - with Head Honcho and Frightful Flash.
He was born in Sept 2012 and was one of 6 puppies, all boys.**

JIMMY'S TOP TIP OF THE MONTH

Your dog is limping on slabs or concrete but not grass. ??

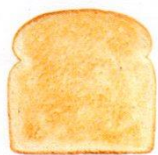
The simple possibility is that your dog has a corn. Greyhounds are the only dogs who get corns. Just lift the limping leg and look at the pad. You may see the corn or some object lodged in the pad. Greyhound corns however grow downwards and you may not see it yet. Rub human toothpaste into the pad and the corn will show up. Get the vet to pare the corn and your dog is fixed.

However, if the corn does not show in the toothpaste, then get him to the vet.

THE DOG TREAT CALCULATOR

Feeding your dog ...

... is like you eating



1 piece of toast



1 portion of french fries



1 packet of crisps



2 steak pies



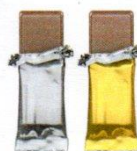
2 plain biscuits



2 iced cupcakes



Three cubes of cheese



2 chocolate bars

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HELP A VET HELP A PET

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Fishy Oaty Biscuits



200g cooked rice - cold
200g rolled oats
200g plain flour

3 tablespoons cod liver oil
3 tablespoons sunflower oil
1 egg
Water

Mix dry ingredients together.
Beat in egg, oils and enough water to make to a dropping consistency.
Spread mixture onto large baking sheet.
Bake for approx 45 mins at 200 degrees C, 400 F, gas mark 6.
When golden brown mark into squares and allow to cool.
They freeze well so will last a while.

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Please check out Val's website and web store. In February she has a great fundraising offer on for rescues, place an order for any of Val's goodies through GRF by contacting Michele (marfykiwi@sky.com) and GRF will receive a donation for every order

Monthly walks



The walks for 2017 are now on the GRF website and are now held on the **second** Sunday of the month. The first walk is Sunday 12th March at Pittencrief Park, Dunfermline and the walk starts at the new time of 12.00 midday.

Please come along and support Greyhound Rescue Fife – these are always a good way of meeting other owners and their dogs and having a chat and exchanging tips, and for anyone thinking of adopting a greyhound, and want to meet some owners and hounds, you would be warmly welcomed. There is always a raffle at the end of each walk, and in March the winner of the Super Duper Hamper raffle and the other prizes will also be drawn.

Dog Show tickets will also be for sale and often people bake cakes and biscuits to sell on the day to raise more funds

Please check on the forum before setting out for a walk in case there has been any change.

With *greytful* thanks to Steve and Julie Dowd for organising these walks and to Michelle and Nic for organising the walk raffles again this year.

GRF FUNDRAISING

Niel McGill will be running the Glen Scotia marathon (Mull of Kintyre) on March 25th for the doggies.

If you would like to support Niel you can make a donation in any of the usual ways or by clicking the PayPal on the GRF website. Please state where it says 'Enter description' that it's for Glen Scotia marathon (Mull of Kintyre) so that we can make sure your money gets to the right persons.

IF YOU HAVENT YET SPONSORED NIEL PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN SPONSOR HIM BY USING THE DONATIONS PAGE ON THE GRF WEBSITE – JUST REMEMBER TO STATE IT IS FOR THE GLEN SCOTIA MARATHON WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR PAYMENT.

A note from Niel

I have signed up for the Glen Scotia Mull of Kintyre Marathon on Saturday 25th March to raise funds for the GRF. This will be my second marathon - as I participated in the Loch Ness Marathon in 2015, finishing in approx. 4 hours 9 minutes - and my first one run for charity.

The Mull of Kintyre marathon is the first of its kind in this location so it is a historical event. I hope there will be a good turn out as I plan on getting a running t-shirt printed up with **GREYHOUND RESCUE FIFE** in big letters to raise awareness of the organisation.

The running course begins and ends at Campbelltown. Details of start times, etc., still haven't been issued to runners so I will know more in time and the Glen Scotia distillery is the official sponsor of the event.

If anybody would be interested in sponsoring me for this 27 mile run, I will leave a sponsor sheet at the kennels in the kitchen area. I won't be collecting money until just after the event so anyone who wishes to contribute can do so up until late March.

Any donations, no matter how little, are welcome. In the last sponsored event my partner and I, Karen, took part in (The West Highland Way hike) one of my sponsors was 50p. All contributions are welcome and much appreciated.

Well back to training.

Super Duper Hamper Raffle



GRF was donated a box of groceries to make up a hamper and raise some money for the homeless hounds. We have added a couple of bottles plus some McKays goodies. (Many thanks to Michelle and Nic for organising this)

Second Prize

Barb King, knitter extraordinaire, has donated one of her super warm hand knitted dog coats to help raise funds for the homeless hounds. This will be second prize in the hamper raffle. On Barb's first trip from Scarborough to visit the kennels she adopted Gabby and on this trip, yes you've guessed it, they went home with an extra dog again. Roma, now known as Mazie, has found a super home with Toby and Gabby. Barb says Mazie is a super ambassador for greyhounds as pets.



Second prize beautifully modelled by Tara Lurcher

Third prize is a lovely leather collar and lead



Tickets are now on sale at £1 for a strip of 5. You can buy tickets at the kennels or if you cannot get to the kennels, you can email me at kbrundell@btinternet.com and I will tell you how you can buy tickets (via PayPal or cheque).

Sofa News from TH



Let me introduce myself. My name is Tippikal Hound or **TH** for Short.

Well the new furniture arrived and if the hoomans thought I was going to keep off it they were soon shown that it wasn't going to happen. They must have known that because the sofa has covers on so I don't make it dirty!! It's just the right size for me, I can lay on my back with legs in the air. The only annoying thing is that my sister gets up there and there is no room for me so I have to resort to the dog bed!!! I have to wait for her to get down and then jump up there quick. All so tiresome !! zzzzzzzzz!!

More observations next month.



Take care **TH**

In loving memory of our boy Ace. 2005 - 2016



Each month we feature an article from across the globe. This month we have Hector's Greyhound Rescue



Hector's Greyhound Rescue is a relatively newly-formed Rescue run by experienced volunteers, the majority of whom have worked together for some years. We gained charity status in July 2016. Hector's was founded by Hayley Bradley who first became involved in greyhound rescue work in 2002. The Rescue was named after Hayley's first greyhound, Hector, who had a huge impact on Hayley and all of those who met him. When she rescued him he had a broken tail, was severely emaciated and scared of his own shadow, however, he recovered and lived happily with Hayley until he died peacefully of old age.

Hector's rescues and rehomes greyhounds and other sighthounds in Shropshire, Cheshire and North Wales. Greyhounds are rescued by us for a variety of reasons: some are no longer required by the racing industry, others are taken directly from trainers, some are received from dog pounds after being picked up as strays and others are handed in directly by owners who can no longer keep them.

Our priority is always to rescue desperate hounds who have found themselves in desperate situations, those that are suffering or at risk of dying. For this reason, we can and do take dogs from all over the country. We have taken dogs from Scotland and Ireland and we even "bought" a greyhound advertised for sale for just £20 - not much for a stunning young greyhound's life. Hayley is often seen travelling the motorways on a mission to collect a greyhound whose life is at risk.

Hector's Greyhound Rescue place all our rescued dogs into experienced foster homes where they live alongside resident dogs as a family pet, although occasionally we have to pay for a temporary kennel place if we don't have a foster home available. Foster homes enable the dogs to be socialised and house-trained but, more importantly, they are assessed and profiled so that they can be rehomed into a home best suited to their needs. Hector's will be available for advice and support for the rest of the life of the greyhounds we rehome. If required, our foster carers offer close support to a new owner as they will have got to know the dog very well.

All Hector's Greyhounds are health checked, neutered, receive often much needed dental treatment, vaccinated and microchipped etc. Many spend only weeks with a foster carer, but those that need a lot of rehabilitation, or are difficult to rehome, can spend a long time in foster care.

All of Hector's volunteers are unpaid and we rely solely on our volunteers' fundraising efforts and kind donations from the public.

www.hecorgreyhoundrescue.org
www.facebook.com/Hectors-Greyhound-Rescue

GRFAS to be known as Grass or the Greyhound Rescue Fife Angling Society



Michelle, Nic, Pat and myself often fish on the River Tay in Dundee by the Bridge View Station Restaurant. Often the hounds come with us. We don't catch anything impressive, only small flatties, codling etc, (and the odd Eel much to Nic's disgust and quite a few funny little crabs) but we always have a great laugh and lots of fresh air for us all.

(The Bridge View Station Restaurant has a café where you can buy hot food and drinks and they don't mind us using their toilet facilities)

We have also met other hounds while we are there, and always have a chat and promote GRF.

Often people come to chat when they see the Greyhounds or other anglers stop by for a blether. If anyone fancies joining us, drop me an email and I will let you know when we are next meeting.

So we formed this little group and decided between us that Celia would be the patron!!

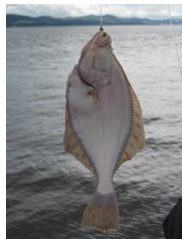
Celia does know ☺

If you go angling with your hounds, why not send us a photo which will appear in the next newsletter.

At the end of the year we will ask Celia to pick the best one and the winner will get a little trophy.

(Obviously, as founder members, we will not be included in this little competition)

It's all for fun, so if you enjoy angling please feel free to join us, or join in the competition.





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 (don't forget a treat for your four legged friends)

Answers to January Quiz

1. 1000
2. False
3. 4
4. True
5. The Milky Way
6. Hydrogen
7. False (it is Donald Duck's)
8. 3
9. True
10. Honey

February QUIZ

Name the famous Sidekick of each of the following. Example, we give you "C3P0" and your answer would be "R2D2"

1. Batman
2. Secret Squirrel
3. Dangermouse
4. Sherlock Holmes
5. Inspector Morse
6. Arthur Daley
7. Captain Hook
8. Xena, Warrior Princess
9. Fox Mulder
10. Beavis

11. Seeley Booth
12. Frodo Baggins
13. Postman Pat
14. Rocky J Squirrel
15. Don Quixote
16. C Montgomery Burns
17. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell
18. Ford Prefect
19. Dr Frankenstein
20. Asterix
21. The Green Hornet
22. Radioactive Man (from The Simpsons)
23. The Lone Ranger
24. Tintin
25. Buffy the vampire slayer

Answers will be in the next newsletter



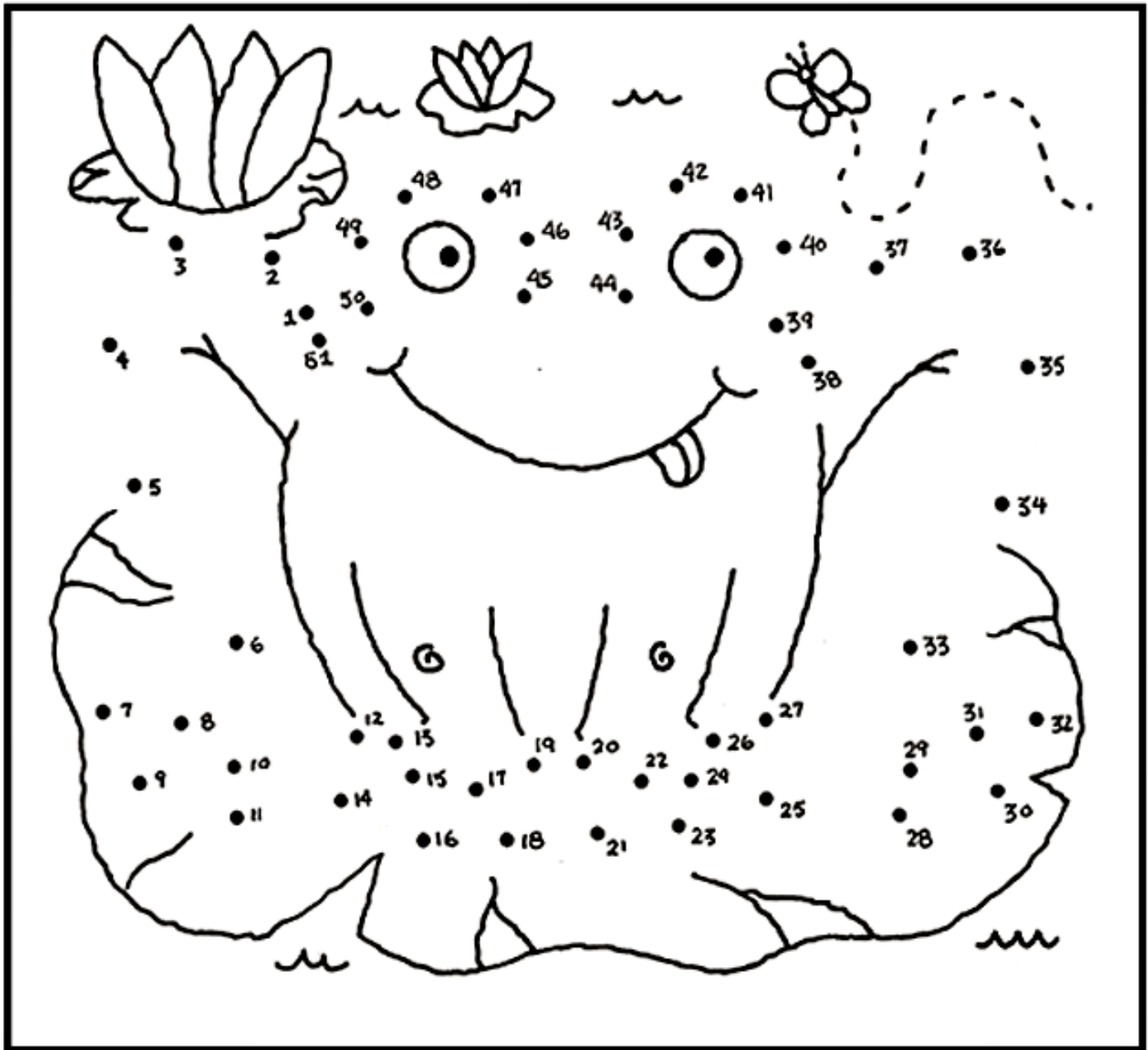


For our younger readers

January General Quiz Answers

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| 1. How many years are there in a millennium? | 1000 |
| 2. True or false? The horse is the fastest land animal. | False – The Cheetah is fastest |
| 3. The Beatles music band featured how many members? | Four |
| 4. True or false? Scarlet is a bright red colour. | True |
| 5. What galaxy is Earth located in? | The Milky Way |
| 6. What is the first element on the periodic table of elements? | Hydrogen |
| 7. True or false? Mickey Mouse's middle name is Fauntleroy. | True |
| 8. How many sides does a triangle have? | Three |
| 9. True or false? Harry Potter's middle name is James. | True |
| 10. Bees create what sweet substance? | Honey |

Who's on the Lilly Pad?





With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter

The next GRF newsletter will be published mid-March

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, please let me know.

Your feedback is important so let us know your thoughts.