

GRF



NEWS

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On the 21st May GRF moved into their new purpose built kennels at Baltree and what kennels they are !! Celia and Jimmy have excelled themselves and found a fantastic tranquil facility which can only benefit the dogs.

These new kennels move GRF onto the next level. This kennel combined with our overspill kennels at Union farm and our foster "parents" allows us to look after approx. 66 dogs with potential to expand this further in the future !! Which ,makes us the biggest greyhound rescue sanctuary in the country !!!! Not bad for an organisation that has only been running for 4 years !!! In this month's issue we look at some of the facilities at Baltree along with some of our regular features

On 21st May GRF purchased its first fully owned kennels, which will be a sanctuary for all abandoned greyhounds for years to come. Negotiations for this site have been ongoing since early in the year when we were given notice (or not as the case may be!) to vacate our Seafield kennels. So it was great relief to everyone on Celia and Jimmy's return from holiday that the deeds were signed and we wasted no time in moving all our dogs and stuff from the dilapidated kennels to our new purpose built greyhound ones.



The delighted Celia and Jimmy

As many of you will be aware the last few months at Seafield have been horrendous with our then landlord making life difficult throughout. However, in some strange way he has actually helped us grow from strength to strength. If he hadn't evicted us we wouldn't have been looking for new premises and would have missed out on Baltree altogether!!!



The new GRF kennel block

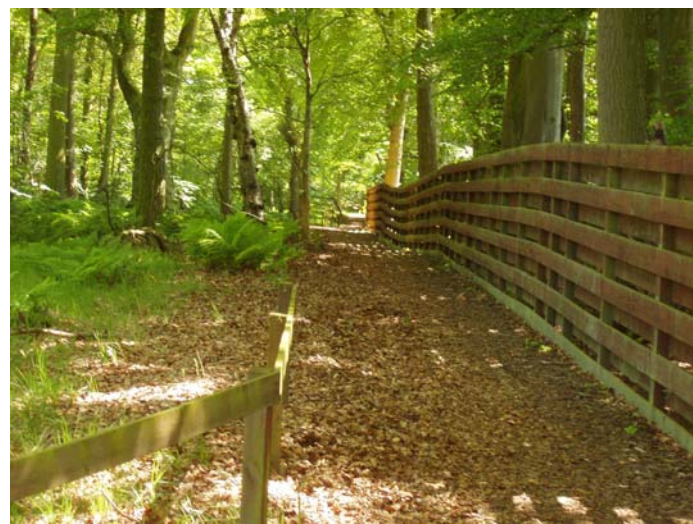
Did you know: That greyhounds come in 19 different primary colours and in over 55 different colour combinations!!!!

The kennels themselves come with their own woodland walk, which is situated, adjacent to the facilities. Each kennel can house 2 dogs and come with their own individual runs, so the dogs are not stuck indoors all day! Although currently the only way to clean outside is the same way as the dogs use !!!! The block itself also has toilets and cooking facilities along with an office. Although, the latter is still in the process of tidying and setting up. This should now make it perfect for arranging set hours for the kennels in the future.

As you will see from the pictures we have quite a bit of fencing to maintain and over the next few months we would like to start doing this so if you can help in some small way. Then it would be much appreciated, keep an eye on the forum for further information on this.



Just a few of the kennels with the "inmates" names on the doors



View of the woodland walkway



Jimmy giving the tour in the other direction

Outside the kennel block we also have several various sized runs where our dogs can get off the lead and do what they like best and run free (that's just 2nd to sleeping !!!) and GRF would like to extend that facility to all our friends and supporters and allow them to bring their dogs along to have a quick run in the safety of a well fenced area.

As I am sure by now you will have seen what a perfect facility and area this is to look after our dogs.

Obviously as you can see our facility is much bigger than we had previously and although that allows us to save many dogs and look after them in warm dry conditions it does present us with a slight problem to which we hope that you maybe able to help.

However as in all new moves we do anticipate it may take a few months before we have everything set up to how we would like it to be, ensuring that the dogs are

well looked after while presenting a professional front to potential adopters. But it can be no coincidence that since moving to our purpose built greyhound facility that we have been overwhelmed by the number of dogs we have re-homed, long may it continue !!!!

It was meant to be Baltree!

As we have already said we took possession of our kennels on the 21st May and our first dog to be re-homed was a dog called YOGI with the earmark LAY 3 whose racing name was "BALTREE ALI" and was born and reared at these kennels and is the only Baltree dog that GRF have ever had !!!!!!!!

Over the whole of May we re-homed a staggering 18 dogs !! Including our best in show winner DEWEY ! Unfortunately over this period we also took in to our kennels a further 16. Fortunately we now have the space to help keep these dogs, while the kennels are not a hotel ! They do now allow us to save many more greyhounds. In total we have now re-homed a staggering 268 dogs and are now homing in on that 300 mark.



Some more Run's

In the future it is planned to build more kennels in each of these runs and thus extend our capacity. We also hope to have the grass cut in the near future !!



Kitchen facilities along with our greyhound Jacuzzi !!



Just a snap shot of one of our runs

Next month we hope to bring you some photos and details of our other facility at Union farm. This is another purpose built kennels with some excellent facilities and staff and as with our Baltree kennels you are all welcome to visit.



Just another reason to visit Baltree

So I am sure we can all agree from these photographs that we now have an excellent facility, run by excellent people and all devoted to rescuing greyhounds, but don't take our word for it why not come out and visit us and see for yourself, we now don't have the restrictions we did have at Seafield and we have our own car park !

Thank You

The winners of the dog show themed quiz sheet are:

1st Prize - Sandra Riddell, Ladybank.

2nd Prize - Mrs Jean Malcolm, Ladybank.

The draw was made at Stratheden Hospital, Cupar by Mrs C Cronin.

The total raised was £71. Many thanks to all who participated and also a big thank you to Moira for helping sell sheets at the St. Andrews walk.

Did you know: That greyhounds double suspension gallop is more typically cat-like than dog like !

The Pet shop boys where at it again!!

Celia, Jimmy and all the greyhounds would like to thank Sebastian, Myles and Alistair, for another tremendous collecting feat, raising £18.95 for the dogs.

Well done boys - you are all champions.

Even Dr Who supports Greyhound Rescue Fife's cause (at least Dr Who number 6!!)



Colin Baker Proudly wearing his GRF badge why not get yours to. They will be available to buy at all our monthly walks and hopefully soon at our kennels.

Lucky Number - June 2009 Draw

Well, what can we say, Gordon won again!!! Celia picked the winning number which was number 4; netting a tidy sum of £49.60 for Gordon with the remaining £74.40 going to GRF. Anyway, Gordon has donated his winnings to GRF, therefore, this month all the money goes to GRF, ie, all **£124.00** !!!!.

The draw has been running for 8 months now and here is a list of the winners and amounts raised so far (name, winning number, money to winner and money to GRF):

Nov 2008 - Ian Wallace - 72 - £37.60 and £56.40
Dec 2008 - Gordon Smith - 4 - £40.80 and £64.20
Jan 2009 - Fraser Smith - 29 - £36.00 and £54.00
Feb 2009 - Alex Morrison - 65 - £37.60 and £56.40
Mar 2009 - Anne Atkinson - 57 - £38.40 and £57.60
Apr 2009 - Olive Drummond - 33 - £40.00 and £60.00
May 2009 - Karen Hamilton - 81 - £46.40 and £69.60
Jun 2009 - Gordon Smith - 4 - £49.60 and £74.40

In summary, a total of £816.00 has been raised to date split as £236.00 to the winners and £580.00 to GRF (this includes the two donations from Gordon).

We would like to thank everyone who participates in the monthly draw because without your contribution, this money would not be raised.

To take part is simple, all you need do is choose a number from the available numbers and arrange to pay £2.00 for that number per month for as many months as you want. You can pay each month at the walk, you can pay by Standing Order directly into the bank account, you can pay by cash in advance or by cheque, whatever you prefer. If you wish to choose a number email grfluckynumber@yahoo.co.uk and we'll let you know what numbers are available and arrange how you wish to pay.

Good luck with all future entries!
Fiona/Gordon

Advertising

The newsletter has been running successfully for a number of months now with past issues available to download from our web site. Between our paper copies and electronic copies we have 200 - 300 people reading our newsletter each month. We hope to extend this by getting people to leave copies of our newsletter in various places such as pet shops, vets or even workplaces. Thus giving maximum exposure of GRF to as many people as possible. Because of this we now would like to start offering spaces in our newsletter for advertising to all companies. Further information can be obtained from myself at alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com So if you are a small company (or even large !) and would like to promote your goods via our newsletter then please get in touch. As in all things we do at GRF all monies raised through this adventure will obviously go to ensuring our dogs are well cared for while they are with us.

Sponsor a Kennel

Just a reminder we are still running our sponsor a kennel on our web site, you can sponsor one of our 12 kennels. Please remember that it's the kennel that you are sponsoring, not the dog. The names of the dogs are below each kennel. If the dog in your kennel goes to its forever home you can continue to sponsor the same kennel and the new occupant of the kennel. Please click on the picture of the kennel that you would like to sponsor and you will see a picture of the dog or in some cases dogs as sometimes they are kenneled together in one kennel. If you would like to sponsor a kennel there is no minimum amount as every little bit helps. There is no limit to the number of persons sponsoring one

Kennel at a time and all will be listed below their chosen kennel on the website.

To Sponsor a Kennel Please Go to The Greyhound Rescue Fife Website And Click The Link Sponsor A Kennel
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Thanks to all these Sponsors!

Heven Dog Rescue, Nicola Watson, Mary Wilson, Ged Hardy, Fiona Khaled, Nanette Jackson, Nick Flemming, Tracey Lowe, Shirley Winton, Jenny James, Duncan Lowe, Jim Stephen, Myles Lowe, Nicola Barn, Alistair Lowe, Sebastain Lowe, Sophie, Lesley Greer, Sasha, Mary Dear, Lucki, Craig Morrish, Brogan, Heather Rendall, Jack, Norman Gater, Kyla, Jane Price,

From the Doghouse

This months dog still looking for his forever home is JACKIE

JACKIE is one of the most beautiful looking greyhounds we have ever seen. He is white and blue fawn. He is a happy-go-lucky guy who absolutely delights in human company and he is housetrained. When he is going his walk you have 15 seconds pandemonium and then he settles down to walking nicely. He is neutered and gets on well with large dogs. He will make a super, beautiful pet greyhound.



Do you have it in you to give Jackie his forever home then contact Celia/Jimmy

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Football winners

For those of you who were one of our prize winners in our DAFC shooting competition at our recent dog show, Kelly Armstrong the new DAFC community coach will be getting in touch with you all shortly. The delay in this was due to the changing of community coaches over the last month.

With regards the dog show, one of the companies that came along Trophy foods have informed me that any referrals for order that they receive from our dog show They will donate the referrer's discount to GRF and recently we received a cheque for £10.20 from our first one, thanks Stephen and Linda.

How to pick up your dog.

What I am about to say mainly applies to larger dogs as smaller ones don't have enough body mass to cause them distress, but since most people reading this will be Greyhound lovers then it will certainly apply to you.

When you need to pick up your dog, perhaps to place him on the vet's examining table, pass your left arm between his front legs and your right arm under his rear end. (See pictures below.) In this way the weight of his chest and front end is securely supported on your arm. There is no risk of him slipping, or his weight being thrown on to his neck. If you are left-handed, or if it simply feels more comfortable for you, then reverse your arms so that your right arm goes between

his front legs and your left under his backside.



CORRECT WAY. See how secure Locksie is in this position. She is several inches from the ground though it is difficult to see that in this picture, and she is quite comfortable. Her whole chest area and front end is supported firmly in my arm.



WRONG WAY ALSO. Again I won't even try to lift her in this position. She is totally unbalanced and if she slips forward she will slide out of my arms and on to the floor. Also, some of her weight is supported by her stomach.

Greyhound Snug



WRONG WAY. I won't even attempt to raise Locksie's feet from the ground in this position. This is the worst way of all to pick up your dog. All the weight of her front end is taken on her neck



100 gram *Chunky Knit Yarn* (Sold in 200 gram balls)
1 pr *size 8* knitting needles (4mm)
1 pr *size 6* knitting needles ($4 \frac{3}{4}$ mm)
Finished size 15 inches long, neck 11 inches, chest 22 inches

Using size 8 needles cast on 65 stitches.

Knit 20 rows of K1, P1 rib
Change to size 6 needles
1st row - Increase in first stitch, rib 30 stitches, increase in next stitch, K1, increase in next stitch, rib 29 stitches, increase in next stitch, K1 (69 stitches)

Rib 5 rows

Next and every following 6th row increase as 1st row working an extra 2 stitches before the centre increase. (ie 32 stitches, 34 stitches etc) Gaining an extra 4 stitches every 6th row .

Continue as above until 103 stitches.

Rib 5 rows

Cast off in rib.

Stitch sides together leaving a gap at a suitable point to allow for the collar loop to go through. Probably about 6 inches from the neck end.

Dates for the diary

Future 2009 Dog walks

5th July Riverside Park, Glenrothes
2nd Aug Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy
6th Sept West Sands, St Andrews
4th Oct Pittencreiff Park, Dunfermline
1st Nov Riverside Park, Glenrothes
6th Dec Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy

And finally !

Logic Zone

Walkies

Can you solve the puzzle ?

The dogs of Jacobs Terrace were all treated to their daily walks and on their return were given some items as a treat.

What are the dogs names ? what breed of dog are they ? what did they have on their return and where were they taken for their walk ?

1. George, a terrier, went for a walk to the duck pond, where he wanted to jump in, but he did not eat steak.
2. The dog taken for a gentle stroll along the beach enjoyed biscuits on his return, this was not fizzy
3. Dog Chocs were eaten by the Labrador, who was either Jack or Paddy.
4. Fizzy, the Poodle, did not walk to town.
5. Jack ate the can of dog food when he returned from his walk.
6. The bull terrier thoroughly enjoyed his walk in the field as he was allowed to run free.

Answer to this problem can be found in next month's newsletter.

If anybody has any ideas, suggestions or items they would like put into our monthly newsletter then please feel free to get in touch with myself either at one of the monthly walks or by e:mail

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