

GRF



NEWS

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

Dogs in and out since the last newsletter

IN: COSMO

OUT: MISSY, BILLY, ARNIE, KELLY, SMILEY, SNOW, DINKY AND KENNY

A very quiet spell in the kennels but it is allowing us to regroup so we don't want a big intake at the moment. We have been overstretched for many months so a temporary lack of incomers is wonderful. We are about to be hit again soon.

JIMMY'S TIP OF THE MONTH.

If you have a waggy tail dog then the chances are that sooner or later he will hit the end of his tail and open it up. Even bandaged up he will often hit it and open it up again. It needs a protector on the end. These can be purchased but you can make an effective one yourself.

Bandage your dog's tail and stick the ends to the tail with sticking plaster. Get a tiny plastic lemonade bottle and cut the bottom off. Put the dog's tail into the neck of the bottle and adjust until the bottom of the bottle covers the tail.

Stick the neck of the bottle over the plaster on the tail and the tail is now protected and ventilated.



BOARDING



A reminder that we can once again take a small amount of boarders at £8 per dog per night from April onwards. This is only for greyhounds who have been rehomed from GRF. It is a wee perk for our own people and an extra amount of income for the kennels. However, rescue dogs come first so we can only take boarders when space allows.

GRF DOG OF THE MONTH



TOM is a beautiful black greyhound. We cannot say he is totally housetrained but he is a very clean dog indeed. He rarely pulls on his lead after a 15 second bounce around when he knows he is going walkies. A very good traveller in a car. He will certainly make a very good pet dog.

Monthly walks



Some photos from the May Greyhound Rescue Fife monthly walk at Ravenscraig Park, Kirkcaldy. This month's walk was registered as part of the Great Global Greyhound Walk. Given the torrential rain we put up with on the A92 on the way to the walk, the weather was remarkably kind to us! We had a total of 21 dogs on the walk.





The next walk is Sunday 9th July at Perth. Check the website and forum for more details

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 often a raffle at the end of each walk,

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,

Sofa News from TH



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

I don't like it when it's hot. Fortunately, the last couple of weeks have been cooler. The hooman has been cutting the grass regularly and I have been helping by digging holes for him. He doesn't seem that appreciative of my efforts though, and every hole gets garden furniture put over the top so I have to start another one.

Still I get my own back by pinching his slippers and hiding them in the garden, especially when its raining. He he!!

More observations next month.



Take care **TH**

In loving memory of our boy Ace. 2005 - 2016

VETS CORNER

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Keeping dogs cool in the Summer Heat & preventing heatstroke

Summer can be a difficult time for dogs as they struggle to keep themselves cool. Unlike humans, dogs cannot sweat through their skin and so rely on panting and releasing heat through their paw pads and nose to regulate their body temperature.

Dogs can suffer fatal heatstroke within minutes during hot weather, so here are a few tips on keeping them cool:

- Make sure your hound has access to clean water at all times and carry water with you on walks
- Walk your dog during the coolest times of day – in the early morning and late evening
- Dogs' paw pads can burn on hot pavements so, as a general rule, if it is too hot for your hand, it's too hot for their paws
- Swimming can be an excellent alternative to walks in hot weather but remember that not all dogs like to swim, so don't force them and never throw a dog into water
- Never leave your dog alone in the car, even with the windows open. According to the SSPCA, if it is 22c outside, within an hour the temperature inside the car can be 47c

Signs of heatstroke in dogs include excessive panting, drooling and collapse. If you suspect that your dog may be suffering from the condition, contact your vet immediately. First aid measures that may help include: moving them to a cool place, wetting their paws and ears with cool water, placing ice packs/frozen peas wrapped in towels in the armpits and groin and using air conditioning or a fan on them. Never put your dog into cold water or cover them in cold towels: the cold water can send their bodies into shock and the towels rapidly warm up, trapping in the heat.

Dogs that develop heatstroke can end up with swelling of the brain, seizures and often die if treatment is not sought quickly. Prevention is better than cure!

Catherine Davidson

This is a new monthly article kindly supplied to us by Catherine Davidson from Parkside Vets in Dundee. If anyone has any particular doggy medical subject they would like Catherine's advice on that can appear in future newsletters, please email me and I will ask Catherine for you

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PHOTOS OF YOUR HOUNDS

Joanne Fischbacher has sent us some photos of her boy Len in various places from trips in their van.



At Lands End



Len eating his breakfast at Glenshee, don't worry he had two 13.5 tog duvets and a bed with fleece blankets to keep warm. We did 3000 miles around the coast of Scotland in my van. Len was brilliant company and we had many great walks with stunning scenery



Len about to share a pork pie in Melton Mowbary with one of our best mates.



This was Len winning at the Central and West Fife show

If you would like your hound's pics in future newsletters, please email them to me with a short description

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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)

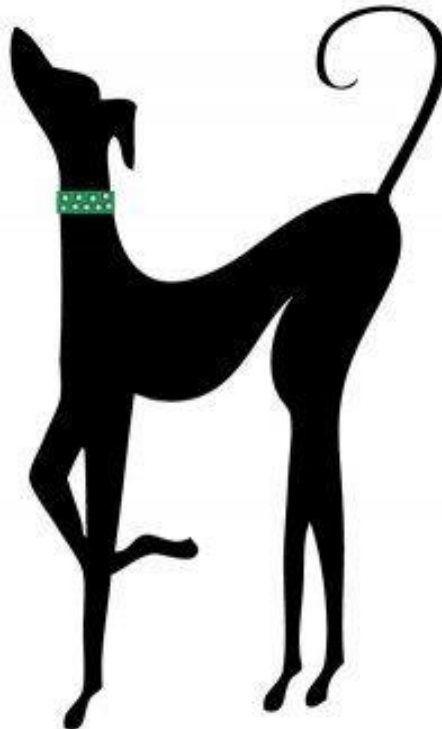
Answers to May Quiz

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 Measels
18. Dun Kirk
19. Timmy

JUNE QUIZ

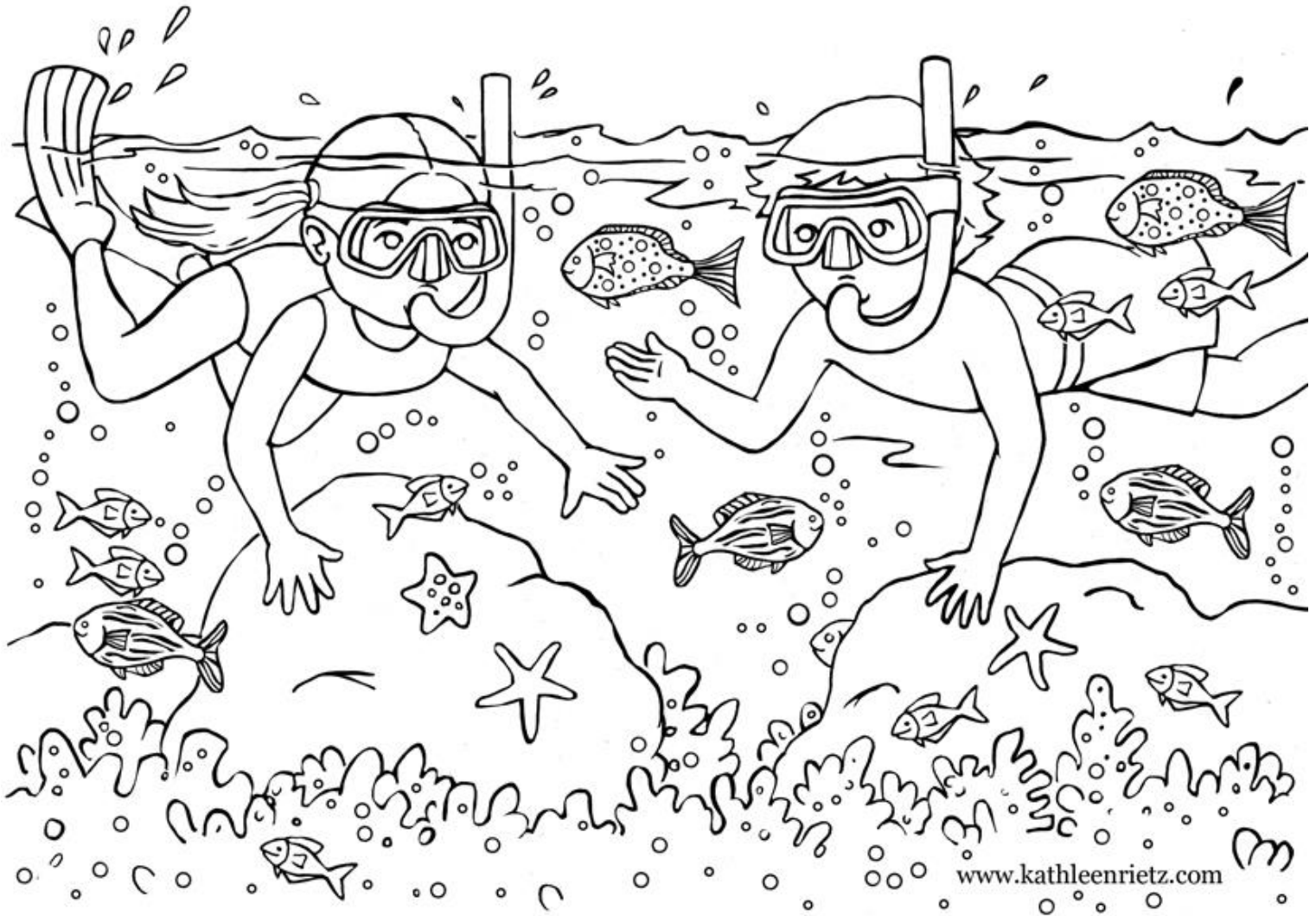
1. How many canine teeth does a human have?
2. What is another name for the mountain lion?
3. Who was the female star of the 1965 film Cat Ballou?
4. What is the smallest breed of dog?
5. Who made a voyage of discovery to the Galapagos islands aboard HMS Beagle?
6. Who directed the 1963 film The Leopard?
7. Who wrote the 1974 thriller The Dogs of War??
8. Which cartoon cat was the first to make the crossing from screen to comic strip?
9. Which group of British campaigners were affected by the Cat and Mouse Act?
10. Who collaborated with Christopher Isherwood on the Verse drama The Dog Beneath The Skin?

Answers will be in the next newsletter





For our younger readers - a fishy picture to colour in.



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With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter

The next GRF newsletter will be published around the middle of July

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.

