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NEWS

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*Welcome to the July edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter.
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IN: LADY LUCY SKIPPY SAMMY COLE LIVIA LES MISTY ANNIE PADDY BLUE

OUT: JENNY QUEENIE WEBSTER ANNIE MYA MISTY LUCY LADY MIRANDA MARY TOM

JIMMY'S TIP OF THE MONTH.

A very serious tip for this month. It is something that quite a few people do not know about. When you feed your dog, do not let him run free in the garden for at least two hours. If he turns too fast he can get a gut torsion. This is a FATAL OCCURENCE.
It is OK however to walk him on lead during this time period..



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



BUZZ is a gorgeous black boy with an absolutely super nature. He is very friendly and he loves the company of people. He cuddles you while you are walking him. He is very easy to walk. A great thing about him is that all the other greyhounds seem to like him. He is going to be a great family pet. He is castrated, microchipped and vaccinated.

His racing name was Mill Maximillion and he was born in Ireland in November 2014. One of three pups born to the Sire Pinpont Maxi and the Dam Mill Vida. He had 17 races winning 3.

Monthly walks

The July walk was at Perth on July 9th at the South Inch. No photo's available this month but they are on the GRF website.



The next walk is Sunday 13th August at Tentsmuir Forest. 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.

Last month I reported that I had been having fun digging holes in the lawn. This month I must report that I am not happy with my hoomans!!! They have only gone and fenced that bit of the garden off which means I can't continue my digging in that area. It's my favourite bit, I don't like digging anywhere else. It's just not fair!! I will have to come up with another plan now. They will just have to make sure they don't leave any of their belongings around or I will make sure I hide them where they won't find them in future!!! Grumph!!

More observations next month.



Take care **TH**

In loving memory of our boy Ace. 2005 - 2016

VETS CORNER

COURTESY OF CATHERINE DAVIDSON, PARKSIDE VETS – DUNDEE



The Greyhound – Breed related health problems

Greyhounds are members of the 'Hound' breed group which includes breeds originally used for hunting either by scent or sight. Despite their athletic ability and appearance, they do not need a lot of exercise – they prefer a few fast runs, rather than miles of walking each day, so can be suited to living in more rural environments.

Some potential health problems that Greyhounds can be prone to are:

- Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus (GDV) – commonly known as 'bloat', this is a condition where the stomach fills up with gas, and often food, and twists, trapping the contents. The signs include – abdominal distention, groaning, dogs adopting a 'praying' position and unsuccessful attempts at vomiting, with dogs often bringing up a white, foamy material. This is a true emergency and requires immediate veterinary attention.
- Periodontal Disease – infection and inflammation of the periodontium (the tissues that surround and support the teeth). This is as a result of plaque and tartar build up on the teeth, causing gingivitis then periodontitis and tooth decay. Greyhounds may be genetically predisposed to periodontitis, but also the soft, wet diets they are fed as young racing dogs, along with a lack of dental care make this a common problem in the breed.
- Osteosarcoma – bone cancer. This primarily affects older dogs and is found mainly in the long bones of the fore and hind limbs. Signs include a progressive lameness, muscle wasting in the affected leg and often the site of the cancer is hot and painful to touch.
- Von Willebrand's Disease – a deficiency in blood platelet function. This is an inherited condition which causes affected dogs to have poor blood clotting, making them prone to bruising and bleeding. Continued bleeding for hours after minor injuries eg a torn nail, superficial wound or loss of a tooth can all point towards a possible clotting problem. In normal dogs, bleeding should stop after 10-20 minutes.

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

Jenny Bubb kindly sent us this picture of her dogs Mac and Maisie keeping cool!!



This is M & M on their holiday in the Lake District. On an incredibly hot day they wore their "cool coats". Water is poured and absorbed in the coat and without wetting the dogs fur it keeps them cool

Lexi's Holiday at Morton of Pitmilly

Many of you may remember myself and Lexi from the dog show where we were delighted to have won the best in show final this year.

Having been on holiday with Lexi, this is a a breif story of our adventures on our holiday with Lexi and her human family.

Myself (Ashleigh), Lexi, my mum and dad went for a lovely holiday recently to a beautiful place called Morton of Pitmilly, Kingsbarns, Fife.

We had been before but it was a first time for Lexi and she was so well behaved as most Greyhounds are.

Lexi had some lovely walks through the countryside, saw some chickens and loads of wild rabbits.

Lexi has blossomed since we adopted her but It has taken 2 years to capture Lexi's ears up for a little longer then a few seconds. Her ears are normally one up and one down or both half up but the rabbits and chickens made her very excited so they deserved both ears up (they were like traffic signals). The first picture shows her beautiful ears up and alert.

I took some stunning pictures whilst there and one of the staff members asked if they could use one of my pictures for their Facebook page to show that Morton of Pitmilly accomodation is a dog friendly place.

Below are some of my holiday pictures of Lexi to show you how happy both me and Lexi were while we were staying at Morton of Pitmilly. We will definitely be taking Lexi back there again and would recommend it if you are looking for a place to take your hound on holiday.

I would like to say thanks to George for asking me to do this little article on our recent holiday for the newsletter.

Ashleigh and Lexi xx

This is the website for the accommodation if it any use. <http://www.pitmilly.co.uk/>
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mortonofpitmilly/>



Mum I have your upmost attention! I can put both ears up at the same time!



Never mind rabbits I am sure there are chickens in there!



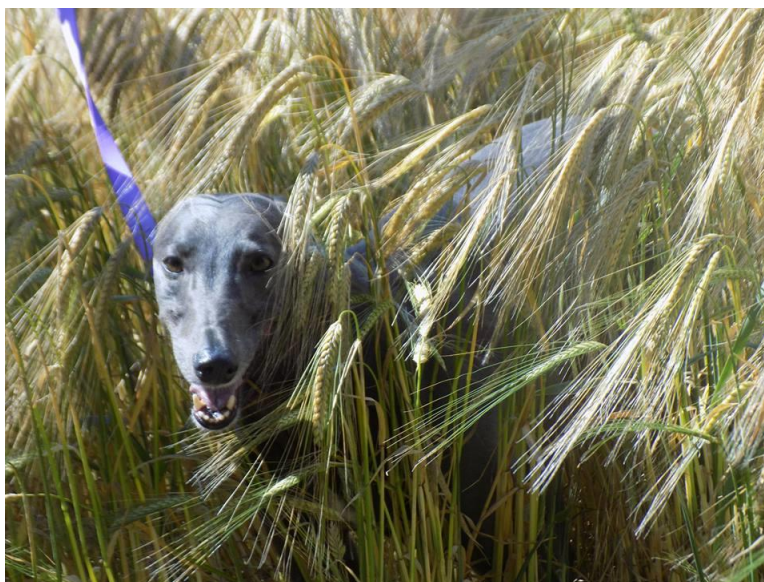
What will we do next mum?



I am going to turn right in to the field.



I am hiding even though I am on the lead!



I am having fun hiding!



Lexi zonked out after a hard day's holiday fun!



Stop the goal at all costs! (Chew the ball)



I thought I saw a bunny rabbit (I did see one honest!)



I think I smell dinner in the air!

(This is the picture used by Morton of Pitmilly on their Facebook page to show they are a dog friendly accommodation).



I smell rabbits in there somewhere!



The beautiful Lexi getting a cuddle from me (Ashleigh)!

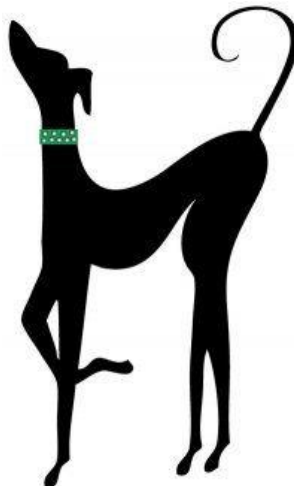
If you would like your hound's pics in future newsletters, please email them to me with a short description



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 June Quiz

1. 4
2. Puma, cougar or panther
3. Jane Fonda
4. Chihuahua
5. Charles Darwin
6. Visconti
7. Frederick Forsyth
8. Felix The Cat
9. Suffragettes
10. W H Auden



JULY QUIZ

Tribute song quiz

Name the song that:

1. Chris de Burgh sang about his wife
2. Roberta Flack sang about Don McLean
3. John Denver sang about his wife
4. Eric Clapton sang about Patti Boyd
5. Elkie Brooks sang about Janis Joplin
6. Don McLean sang about the painter of Sunflowers
7. Mike Oldfield wrote about John Lennon
8. Stevie Wonder sang about Martin Luther King
9. Phil Lynott wrote for his daughter
10. Elton John sang about Billie Jean King

Answers will be in the next newsletter





For our younger readers - This month we have a quiz.

1. Which big ocean lies between America and Britain?
2. In the children's book *The BFG*, what do the initials BFG stand for?
3. The pyramids are found in which country?
4. How many sides does a cube have?
5. What colour is Dory, the fish in the film *Finding Dory*?
6. Which fictional detective had a friend called Doctor Watson?
7. There are two species of Elephant, the Asian elephant is one, can you name the other?
8. What name is given to the spear thrown in athletics in competitions such as the Olympics?
9. Which very important job was once done by Barack Obama?
10. Which flower is the emblem of Scotland? And what about Wales?
11. What name is given to the famous English prehistoric circle of stones monument?
12. Which cartoon character was known for saying: 'What's up, doc?'?
13. Incisors and molars are types of what?
14. What number house does the British Prime Minister live in?
15. What kind of creature is a seahorse?
16. Which famous Victorian author wrote books such as *A Christmas Carol*?

Answers next month!!

Good Luck



With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter

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

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.

