

GRF



NEWS

## AUGUST 2017

*Welcome to the August edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter.  
Edited by Kaz Brundell*

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### News from the kennels

### Dogs in and out since the last newsletter

#### **IN:**

ANNIE PADDY SANDIE ZUKO JESS HARRY MOLLY BELLA ALICE CANDY ROSIE DODGER WOODY G  
IBSON SMIFFY

#### **OUT:**

GOLDIE HARRY MOLLY BELLA JESS ZUKO ALICE KAISER JAKE BELLE BRACKEN COLE

We have had 11 dogs rehomed in 14 days so it has been extremely busy.

### DOG WALKERS

We are always looking for dog walkers **but please don't just turn up.** Give Jimmy or Celia a phone first to arrange an induction day and get all the info. John – The GRF Webmaster has also set up a Calendar on the forum which hopefully in the future will make it easier for everyone to check when help is needed and book themselves in. However, anyone new to dog walking at the kennels must get an induction first.

Celia and Jimmy's contact details are on the GRF website

### JIMMY'S TIP OF THE MONTH.

When Celia and I do a home check we often arrive at a house with stairs. The family ask if the dog can go up and down stairs. Often, they can but often they can't.

If the owner wants the dog to learn to go upstairs we always carry a bundle of his favourite treats. We lay one on each step while he is watching (and drooling). Often this is all that is needed to get him up the stairs. When he gets to the top he turns around and wonders how on earth he got up there! To get him back down sit on the top step and show him the treats. Come down the steps one at a time on your bottom placing a treat behind you. He comes down one step to eat it. Repeat the process one step at a time until he is at the bottom.

This doesn't always work, of course, but look on it as good training for when you are my age and that is the way a lot of my old buddies are probably coming down stairs.

### BOARDING



A reminder that 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 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



GRF dog of the month for August is Cole (racing name Droopys Five) – however we are happy to report that Cole was rehomed on 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Well done Cole, be a good boy and have a great life in your forever home

## Monthly walks



The August walk was at Tentsmuir Forest on August 13th.



**The next walk is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at St Andrews – always a very popular walk. 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 greyful 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.

Well since last month I have had to curtail the excavations in the lawn. According to the doggie doctor, I pulled a muscle in my back – it was very painful for a few days and the doctor gave my hoomans some pain killer stuff to put on my food. She said I had to have complete bed rest (my hooman's did ask the doctor how they would tell the difference – cheek!!), and I even had to miss out on the usual weekend visits from my pals Frodo, Tara, Blue and Mafi. I am feeling more myself now, so I will give it a few more days for my back to recover fully and hope to restart the excavations shortly – much to my hooman's annoyance. He He !!

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



## Preventative Health Care

### Part 1 - Vaccinations

Vaccinations protect your dog against disease which can cause pain, distress and are often fatal and prevent disease from being passed on to other animals. They contain a harmless form of the virus or bacterium that causes a disease and stimulate your dog's immune system. If your dog then comes into contact with the disease for real, its immune system remembers how it dealt with the vaccine, so can fight the disease.

Dogs should receive a 'primary' vaccination course, consisting of 2 vaccines, given 2-4 weeks apart, then regular booster vaccinations throughout its life as the body's immune response gradually fades over time.

Current diseases that dogs are vaccinated against in the UK are:

- Canine Distemper
- Canine Parvovirus
- Infectious Canine Hepatitis
- Leptospirosis
- Parainfluenza and Bordetella ('Kennel Cough')

There is currently widespread disinformation surrounding pet vaccines. If you are unsure or have any questions, you should discuss it with your vet, but here are a few things to consider before making a decision:

- Dogs are not vaccinated for the same diseases every year
- Depending on the data from the vaccine manufacturer, most animals will receive a full booster every 3 years and in the interim years will receive a 'partial' booster containing only the vaccine(s) that require annual top ups
- Viruses change over time, so by regularly vaccinating your dog, they will be covered for emerging strains that may not have been around a few years ago
- Vaccines are rigorously tested and checked to minimise the risk of them doing harm
- Before vaccination, all the diseases listed above were common and it is because of vaccination regimes, that cases are now relatively rare

There is nothing worse than going through the trauma of losing a pet to an illness that could have been avoided through a simple vaccination. We would always advocate that prevention is better than cure.

Catherine Davidson

**This monthly article is 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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## THE GREAT GREYHOUND GATHERING - MUSSELBURGH

I am Billy the Greyhound. I am a very lucky hound. Since May this year, I have been adopted into a wonderful family. There is my dad, Bert, for those of you who don't know him as dad. There is my mum, Irene (she owns these amazing furry slippers that I try to run away with sometimes) and then there is Lady Gaga. She is my friend. My best friend. I think she likes me - just look at the picture of us cuddled up on the same bed



Lady gaga tells me this is her second year at the Scottish Greyhound Gathering. She said it was at the same place last year, Musselburgh Race Course. BUT she said this year was more fun. I can only imagine that's because of Me!

So, this was my first time here and it was a blast. We got there really early so we could get organized as my dad said I was going in for some of the classes. The Greyhound Classes. I was entered in 3. First, was the Best Condition and let me tell you there was lots and lots and lots of hounds in for this one! The judge had a really hard time trying to decide. I got 4th in this one and my dad and mum said... I was robbed. Then I was entered in the Shiniest coat - well just look at me I am so shiny! My dad looks after me very well. I got 5th place in this one and my dad and mum said ... I was robbed. My last class was best RGT hound and in this one I got 6th place....Guess what my dad and mum said.....Yes, I was robbed. Bark Out Loud. I don't even know what that means!



In between these fun classes, I was over posing at the GRF stall. This was where my pals Laddie, Janet and Hector were. They seemed to get lots of visitors to the stall. Dogs stopped for a drink of water, a few biscuits and some were even trying on new coats. Yellow ones, green ones, blue ones, red ones - lots of lovely coats. I now know that when a coat is sold all the money goes towards helping the kennel dogs. You see, they are still waiting for a home. I do hope they get a home soon



My dad also has a board at the stall, I got a picture of it.... Give a £1 to help feed a hound. Lots of people did give a pound and lots of people bought coats too. We raised lots of money. Thank you to all those people for helping us!



We had a great day. I loved being with my family at the Scottish Greyhound Gathering. I loved when my dad took me into the ring and showed me off - he is very proud of me.



I loved being able to help raise money for the hounds who are still waiting for their forever homes BUT most of all I loved going home with Lady Gaga and my parents at the end of a very busy day.

My name is Billy and I am a very lucky hound.

Ps. If you didn't get to the Scottish Greyhound Gathering this year - please come next year. I would love to see you. B x

## **Glamis Castle Dogs' Day Out 2017**



What a busy wee day!

Gordon and I were up early and off to Glamis Castle to represent GRF at Burns' Dogs Day Out, no easy feat considering we had also been at the Great Scottish Greyhound Gathering at Musselburgh the day before.

Poor Gordon did not know what had hit him when he was asked to get out of his bed at 7:30am for the second day in a row! We arrived at the fantastic location in the midst of an unexpected heatwave and set about arranging our stall. Our table was laid and shelter was erected (ably assisted by the lovely Averil and Ann in the morning and Liz and Mike in the afternoon). Just as we stood back to admire our handy work, normal Scottish Weather service suddenly resumed with a massive downpour! Cue lots of panicking, moving of prizes and erecting of more gazebos! We were all organised in time for the general public attending at 11:00am and we cracked on with spreading the word about Greyhound Rescue Fife. Our stall sold Tombola tickets (always popular ... even the dogs were playing!) and the Water or Wine game, which became

increasingly popular as the day went on. We had a constant flow of people asking questions and admiring the dogs. Lots of information was shared and many myths were dispelled, meaning lots of people went away realising that Greyhounds are more than just racing dogs, and make ideal family pets.

Gordon, Barney and Ruby also took part in the Guinness World Record attempt for "Most Dogs Wearing a Bandana". The previous total was 764, today there were 860 dogs in bandanas! Gordon made friends with a tiny little Chihuahua called Alan during the attempt too, proving that Greyhounds can indeed get along with small breeds

After Liz and I met the Man in Charge, John Burns and put in a good word for GRF. He jotted some info down in his wee notepad so hopefully the kennel dogs might see a wee treat coming their way!

On the day, we raised just over £120, but more importantly raised awareness of these fantastic dogs amongst those who wouldn't have necessarily thought of greyhounds as pets.

I haven't had a chance to get out to GRF with the cash yet either but as schools go back on Tuesday, I should manage this week coming.

Fiona



Many thanks to Fiona and all the helpers and hounds spreading the word for GRF

# Lexi's & Ashleigh's Corner

We are all having a greyt time at the Hill of Tarvit, we arrived on Saturday 12th August and are here for 2 weeks, Lexi is having a greyt time as it is dog friendly, she is enjoying all the new smells on her walks, she has been on St. Andrews beach and even went in the sea, also the G.R.F dog show champion went to another dog show at a horse riding event and she got first for waggiest tail, best 6 legs and prettiest female, she also got a second for most appealing eyes xx



Lexi after she unpacked all her toys at the Hill of Tarvit



Lexi on St Andrews beach, here she is after she went in the sea



Me, Lexi and the Kelpies at St Andrews



Lexi with all her winnings from the dog show at Pittenweem



Beautiful Lexi relaxing in the garden

Many thanks to Ashleigh and Lexi for more lovely photo's and news on our  
Champion of 2017

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

## PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

### *ITS ALL A BIT OF FUN WITH YOUR HOUNDS*

A photographic scavenger hunt for everyone to get out and about with your hounds. This is a free fun event which will hopefully get lots of hounds out and about meeting people and spreading the greyt word about what wonderful pets we make.

To share your photos, create a new thread on the forum and post your photos there with the number and description. Photos can be funny, serious, creative....

Please do join in. It doesn't matter how many photos you get taken, it's all about spreading the greyt word and having fun.

I did post this a while ago but wasn't going to be about to help with photos or whatever... so it's all go now. 50 things to photograph your dog/s doing and if you don't have a dog furry cuddly toy stand-ins accepted.

- 1 Learning to knit
- 2 Wearing hat and sunglasses
- 3 Browsing GRF website
- 4 With a tanker lorry
- 5 Posting a letter in a mailbox
- 6 Playing tennis
- 7 With a phone box (bonus point if it is an old red one.
- 8 Standing in water (point per submersed paw lol)
- 9 With a road sign showing an animal
- 10 With a John Deere tractor
- 11 With a left hand drive car
- 12 Behind the steering wheel
- 13 With a flag flying on a pole
- 14 At a sporting event
- 15 With a campervan
- 16 Eating spaghetti/ noodles with chopsticks
- 17 At a wishing well
- 18 With a green car
- 19 Watching tv or listening to the radio
- 20 In the pet shop
- 21 With a car transporter
- 22 With an anchor
- 23 At a fast food restaurant
- 24 With a cow
- 25 With a Royal Mail or delivery van (bonus point if the driver is next to you)
- 26 With a video tape
- 27 With a cassette/ audio tape
- 28 With a vinyl record
- 29 Beside a cannon
- 30 Wearing a tie/bowtie
- 31 Eating a vegetable
- 32 Playing a board game
- 33 Planning a trip with a map
- 34 Stopping the sofa/bed from flying away ;-)
- 35 Drinking from a cup/mug
- 36 Walking your human
- 37 With a horsebox/horse trailer

- 38 With a unicorn
- 39 With a dog soft toy
- 40 At somewhere prehistoric
- 41 With a windmill
- 42 Wearing a hi-vis vest/coat
- 43 Sunbathing
- 44 Out in the rain (coats allowed but bonus if no coat ;-)
- 45 Watching the world through the window
- 46 Counting your treat money
- 47 By a statue
- 48 With your best doggy friend
- 49 Roaching (= laying on your back with all legs in the air)
- 50 Sleeping in a weird position

### **Tara, Frodo, Blue and Mafi**

**For instructions on how to post your photo's on the GRF website see the Forum.**



***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 July Quiz**

- 1. Lady in Red
- 2. Killing me softly with his song
- 3. Annie's song
- 4. Layla
- 5. Pearl's a singer
- 6. Vincent
- 7. Moonlight Shadow
- 8. Happy Birthday
- 9. Sarah
- 10. Philadelphia Freedom

# AUGUST QUIZ

**All the answers relate to the date 20<sup>th</sup> August**

- 1) Born 1924, who is the country singer who had a number 1 hit in the 60's with distant drums
- 2) Died, 1912, William Booth, what organisation did he found?
- 3) Died 1989, George Adamson the British naturalist, murdered by bandits in Kenya. **What was his wife's name?**
- 4) On this day 1913, what was first cast by Harry Brearly in Sheffield?
- 5) On this day 1924, which British runner refused to run at the Paris Olympics because it was a Sunday?
- 6) On this day 1940, who was struck on the head with an ice pick **in Mexico by an agent of Stalin's?**
- 7) On this day 1940 who said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"??
- 8) On this day 1956 What was opened at Calder Hall in Cumberland?
- 9) On this day 1968, Soviet troops invaded which country?
- 10) On this day 1989, What was the name of the Thames pleasure cruiser that sank killing 51 people?

**Answers will be in the next newsletter**





## For our younger readers

### Answers to the July Children's Quiz

1. The Atlantic
2. Big Friendly Giant
3. Egypt
4. 6
5. Blue
6. Sherlock Holmes (created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)
7. African Elephant
8. Javelin
9. President of the United States
10. Thistle. Daffodil.
11. Stonehenge
12. Bugs Bunny
13. Teeth
14. Number 10 (Downing Street)
15. Fish
16. Charles Dickens

### How many did you get right???

**On the next page is a pretty parrot picture to colour in.**





With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter

**The next GRF newsletter will be published around the middle of September**

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

**FOR EXAMPLE – DOES ANYONE DO THE QUIZ??  
IF NOT, I WILL TAKE THEM OUT**

**DO THE KIDS ENJOY THE YOUNGER MEMBERS PAGE??**

