

Greyhound Rescue Fife

"Adopting just one Greyhound won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that one Greyhound."



Happy New Year!

On behalf of everyone at Greyhound Rescue Fife I would like to wish you all a happy new year and thank you all for your support last year! Throughout the year GRF homed 112 dogs including Patch - the 1100th hound.

This edition is dedicated to Lassie (pictured above) who sadly crossed the rainbow bridge on 23rd November 2017, please join me in sending our love to her family.

Dog Walkers Needed!

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.



Kennel News

Find out who has found their forever homes and who is new at the kennels.



Meet Rollo

He is dog of the month for January, find out more about this fun boy...

Product of the



Month

Find out more about the Product of the Month, Greyhound Monkey

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed fourteen new dogs; Zander, Barney, Mitzie, Jenson, Spice, Ivy, Hattie, Minnie, Beth, Ellie, Tyson, Sonny, Cieran and Flynn. In the same time seven dogs have found their forever homes! These were; Fabby, Kim, Molly, Zander, Barney, Jenson and Belle.

Dog of the Month



ROLLO is our dog of the month for January, he is a very friendly black boy. He is very quiet and lives happily with his girl friend. He gets on well with the other greyhounds and is clean in his kennel. He walks well on a lead. He gets excited when he knows he is going a walk but as soon as the walk is under way he is a good walker on a lead.

In Memory of Lassie (Her Royal Houndess)

Queen Lassie

1st April 2004 / 23rd November 2017

Time of Crossing over the Rainbow Bridge 10:25 hours



Lassie

Lassie known by her racing name (Hayfield Lass) was one of nine pup's four boys and five girls born to her parents mum, Harsu Heather and dad Larkhill Jo on the 1st April 2004 in the UK she was no April fool Greyhound though.

Lassie was recorded in ninety three races winning twenty two of them at either Glasgow's Shawfield or Brough Park Newcastle. Lassie's first race was on the 4th October 2005 and her last was on 6th September 2008 before her trainer Pamela Weir retired her due to recurring injuries.

It was late October 2008 when we had contacted Celia and Jimmy to ask if they had a suitable girl to help our Billy. Celia's answer was I have the perfect girl that has just come in her name is Lassie she is black and is four and a half. The Kirkcaldy walk is on the first Sunday of November if you bring Billy along to it you can walk the two together and see how they get on. Well with only a few weeks of being retired Lassie found her forever home with us to complete our pack. Celia always said that Billy would blossom with a companion and she was right. He needed lots of tender loving care and encouragement. We could see Lassie was a strong and positive little Greyhound and her confidence flowing out it would help Billy find his. She was his guardian angel.

Lassie had her fan club where ever she went and was loved by everyone she loved it. She was a little madam at times, though she was a perfect ambassador for the breed. Over time we could see Lassie and Billy's personalities blossoming as they bounced off each other.



King Billy and Queen Lassie were so matched.



They also played together at times.

We were very proud of Lassie when she became a registered Therapet a scheme run by Canine Concern Scotland. It meant Lassie was able to visit care homes and help the elderly by letting them stroke and pat her. It was evident that she was helping residents with dementia and memory issues as some hardly spoke until Lassie visited and it help trigger memories. It was particularly rewarding seeing Lassie enhancing the lives of everyone around her. Another example of how this wonderful breed can transform from racers to a new life in their retirement.

In March 2015 both Lassie and Billy were in home boarding with Karen's Canines and Mikey Karen's Greyhound in Crossgates, Fife. This was the only time that Lassie was looked after by anyone else after we adopted her. As you can imagine her and Billy both lapped it up and loved sharing Mikey's bed settee.



Lassie lapping it up on Mikey's Bed settee.



Lassie being webmaster for the G.R.F website.

In May 2016 Lassie's companion Billy went to the bridge and we could see she was struggling without him. The annual dog show was just coming up and we were doing our usual work at it and Celia said at the show she had the perfect boy to help wee Lassie his name being Ace. As we were up in the area for a few days for the dog show we all went to Baltree to let Lassie and Ace have a meet and greet it went well and Lassie had a companion once again and our pack was complete again.



Lassie with her bandanna in memory of her pal Billy thanks to friends Susan and Mo.



It did not take long till Lassie and Ace settle in together



Lassie loved every opportunity to lie out in the sunshine.

One of Lassie favourite past times was to worship the sun in the garden and warm her paws up on the warm brick work of the house.

Lassie kept relatively healthy although she had S.L.O. (Symmetrical Lupoid Onchodystrophy) where her all her nails broke off at the nail bed and grew back calcified, crooked and clumpy. She also had Pannus in her right eye another auto immune condition like the nails. She then developed a cataract in the same eye a few years later and her sight became poor in that eye. She then developed a scratch on the eye surface of that eye which would not heal even after months of vet care and treatments. In the April 2017 four months after the scratch was diagnosed we were recommended by our vets and the Glasgow vet hospital that the best course of treatment for Lassie would be to remove her right eye. We went ahead with the procedure and it was hard for us and Lassie with postoperative care for ten days till the wound healed and all the swelling went down around her face. It was the right decision as she became happier in herself again and became her bouncy self again and she was still our Lassie and just as beautiful.



Lassie at the dog show last May just a month after her eye surgery.

Lassie liked nothing better than her food and her walks with us. She loved her car journeys in her (mobile kennel) to visit friends and explore new places and new smells and to reply to them (Pee on). She loved going on holiday and visiting family down south. Lassie loved going to our static caravan that we called her second luxury kennel she just wanted to go where we were going. Lassie was a good weather dog that would just about run backwards if it was raining and did not want to go out, She would walk round or jump over the puddles in her way.

Lassie took unwell with what appeared to be an irritable cough and was treated by our vet Boyce and Houston. Over the period of a just a few days Lassie deteriorated and her breathing got heavier and more laboured the vet was not happy and was going to do a chest x-ray her chest. On Thursday 23rd November 2017 Lassie was to get her chest x-ray, she was weak now and when we got her to the vets her legs gave way under her and her and her breathing had got worse overnight. The vet got her through the back of the surgery and on to oxygen therapy but sadly this did not give Lassie any relief. We discussed with the vet Lassie's immediate condition which was grave and we jointly decided that it would be kinder to let our Lassie go with the dignity that she deserved. She had the will to survive but this was not enough and sadly this was her last race as she went over the bridge at 10:25 on the Thursday morning 23rd November 2017. Lassie was thirteen years and eight months old which was a good age for a wee Greyhound.

Lassie loved her nine years of retirement with us after her racing career ended in her new human, hound pack.



Sleep tight precious and enjoy the salmon fillets with Billy and your pals.

R.I.P. Lassie (H.R.H.) Her Royal Houndess Queen Lassie

You were a special lady and are sadly missed by us all.

Lots of love

George, Morag & Ace (Now the king as Lassie gave up her title to him)

Ashleigh and Lexi's Corner

"Here are some beautiful pics of Lexi on New Years, we stayed in a lovely cottage near Elie called Goodall Cottage and Lexi thoroughly enjoyed wandering around the big garden, we even had a little flurry of snow it didn't settle on the ground but it did settle on Lexi's head."



Competition Time!

Does your hound pose for your photos? We're looking for the funniest picture of a GRF hound. Our favourite picture will feature as the cover page picture for the February issue. The winner will also receive a copy of "Goblin" by Ever Dundas, a story about an outcast girl who grew up during WW2 in London.

Oh....and there are dogs in it! :)

Send all entries to dylan_rendall@yahoo.co.uk with the subject "GRF Competition" by 10th February.

Good luck!



Typical Hound

We have found another letter that has been sent to an agony hound....

And another thing

I don't know if it's anything to do with the weather or they are just getting even more ditsy as the years go by, but my two leggers are being even more stupid than usual. First of all it's all about finding my coat and my snood and then it's all about finding their coats and their snoods and then, as if I hadn't been kept waiting around long enough already, it's all about finding first one glove and then another glove and finally, just as we are halfway out of the house, there's a panic about those black plastic bags they're obsessed with. Any help you can give me about how to train them a bit better would be really appreciated.

Once again, best wishes - Put Upon Hound.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH - GREYHOUND MONKEY

Greyhound monkey make and sell blankets, coats and pyjamas. They come in a range of colours, patterns and sizes all starting from just £20.

We bought Barry and Sue's pyjamas here and we have to say the quality could not be better!

Greyhound Monkey have kindly sent a donation to GRF, to view their range visit - www.greyhound-monkey.com



Monthly Walks

Sunday 10th December - Kirkgate Park, Kinross.



Barry 'n' Sue

Over the Christmas break we took a trip up to the Highlands to see the snow (before it came here!) to let Barry and Sue experience it for the first time. While Barry seemed to like the snow his reaction was nothing compared to Sue. She was leaping and prancing and doing zoomies around me, all while I was holding on to her lead! Once the snow arrived in Fife she was just so happy, on her walks she would randomly hop and prance about, such a happy wee girl!



Eric

Eric is a lovely, playful boy who has been at the kennels since 2015, he needed a bit of additional training and socialising but he is all ready to go now. We took him for a wee wander and a play with a tennis ball, we found him to be one of the happiest and playful dogs we have met, he is going to be a fantastic pet. Can you offer him a home or know someone who will?



Doggy Doos

The grit on the roads and pavements this time of year can damage your hounds paws and can cause serious health issues if ingested. When you return from your walk it is a good idea to give their paws a quick wipe to remove any grit before they do. To recondition their paws rub some coconut oil on them and you will quickly notice an improvement.



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