

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



What a Greyt Gathering!

Hello and thanks for reading the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

Thanks to all of the kind folks who attended the Greyhound Trust Great Greyhound Gathering, GRF is £270 richer! We would like to thank Bert, Janet and Hector for this huge effort for the dogs, well done guys!

Also, boarding spaces are starting to become available now that the summer holidays are coming to an end.

I hope you enjoy this issue!

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 Aggie

He is the dog of the month for August, find out more about this beautiful girl...



Living with Blindness

Find out how Foggy lives with his eye condition and see him with his adorable doggles!

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed fourteen new dogs; Jojo, Tina, Bob, Emily, Risk, Gaga, Naiya, Boss, Cassie, Silver, Figo, Teddy, Merlin and Snow. In the same time eleven dogs have found their forever homes! These were Mindy, Bobby, Ollie, Mork, Flash, Cuddles, John Boy, Tim, Aggie, Rio and Teddy. Another amazing month at GRF!

A Massive Thank You!

Vicky Findlay our dog show judge and owner of Original Walkies Est 2005 had her pop up charity shop in Perth. Well it has now closed and all the money has been counted and a massive £2150 was raised. The money has been split to deserving animal rescues and Greyhound Rescue Fife has benefited as Vicky said it would. This time the money G.R.F received went to paying some vet bills which always mount up having 50 Greyhounds in our care.

The P.D.S.A. benefited again as any unsold stock went to them when Vicky's charity shop closed after its two week window.

Everyone at Greyhound Rescue Fife would like to thank Vicky and her team for all their efforts in achieving their goal of making over £2000 and for thinking about our resident Greyhounds as they await their forever homes.



Dog of the Month

Aggie



“Aggie is a pretty black female. She has a lovely face and a splash of white on her chest. She has a quietly confident personality and tends not to be fazed by things happening around her. She is a very friendly girl and is desperate to say hello to everyone who comes to her kennel. She is clean in her area and tends to get excited when she knows it’s time for her to go outside...her favourite activity! However she calms down once a walk has started and is good on lead. She gets on well with other greyhounds, especially her kennel-mate, Ollie who found his forever home this month. She likes to keep her kennel clean and loves when people choose to spend time with her, to get an ear scratch or grooming is just bliss! She is no trouble and would love you to choose her to be your companion.”

If you don’t have space for another one but know someone who does, please tell them about Aggie!

Living with Blindness

By Foggy Roberts

*Hello Readers,
I am a 7-year old brindle lurcher called Foggy and I came to GRF about 5 years ago, when my first Dad couldn't look after me any more. Auntie Celia and Uncle Jimmy had me checked by their vets and they said I had Retinal Atrophy, a congenital progressive blindness condition, which usually manifests at about 3 years of age. Early symptoms are reflective green eyes.*



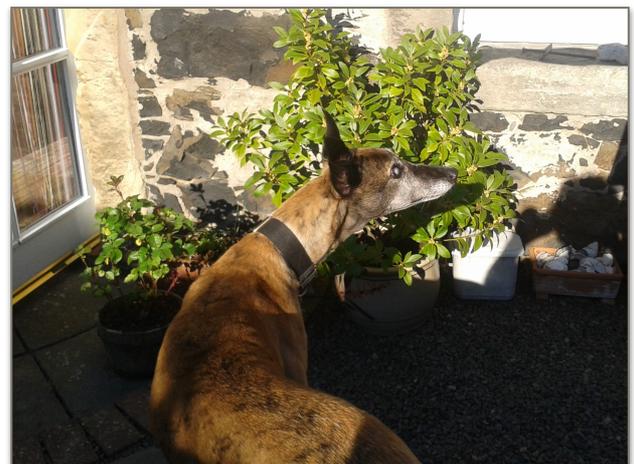
My new Mum and Dad had experience of looking after a lurcher with retinal atrophy so I chose them to be my new family, along with their 4 greyhounds, Kim, Bryn, Foxy and Jock.

My blindness has progressed quickly and I can't see much at all now. I have developed cataracts in both eyes, which makes them look white, but the vets say there would be little point in risking an operation to remove them as any improvement in vision would be minimal and temporary.

I'm fine as long as nobody interferes with my 'memory map' of familiar things indoors and outdoors. I also like routine in terms of when I get up, eat, nap, walk, get special treats and go to bed. I do bump into things now and then (known as 'Bang-a-Head, Foggy'), including the other hounds, but they have learned to make allowances for me and don't seem to mind. I can hear and smell far better than them. Mum has taught me words like 'steady' and 'woah' for safety.

I'm quite suspicious of dogs I don't know and exhibit what the vets call 'fear aggression', especially when I have my greyhound back-up team on hand. Mum doesn't approve.

I have developed my own vocabulary to tell Mum and Dad what I require them to do for me and they are pretty co-operative in the main. Mum says I'm so brave that she sometimes forgets I can't see, which is quite an achievement for a wee blind chap. I love my life.



Monthly Walks

12th August - 8th July at Ravenscraig Park, Kirkcaldy



The next walk is on Sunday 9th September at West Sands, St Andrews. Check the forum on the website or the Facebook event for more info, we hope to see you there!

Kev's Corner



Hi everyone, just another update of what I've been up to! I'm enjoying my walks even more at the moment because the kids are off school and I meet them all on my walk, that means I get more cuddles kisses and the odd lick of a lolly! It's been raining quite a bit here and everyone knows greyhounds melt in the rain, but my mum though I had something wrong with me when I didn't want to walk in the rain, so I got extra cuddles and treats!! When will she ever learn! Lol. I'm off just now but will speak to you all soon. Lots of love Kev xx



Barry 'n' Sue

Horses!

On our most recent trip to the highlands Barry and Sue made two new friends, well Barry made two new friends (Sue seriously did not approve!). On a big walk we reached a seemingly empty field, when we walked through the gate these big chaps came running over to us to say hello. Not knowing if they were being friendly or aggressive we quickly went back to the gate and got out of the field. When they got to the wall we quickly realised that they were just super friendly. They were both desperate to say hello to the dogs which Barry loved! We compare him to a horse all of the time so we think he thought he was finally with his own kind. While his tail was wagging at 100mph Sue was eyeing them up, after a quick sniff she decided that they were bad news and started to bark at them, the horses really didn't seem care as Barry was giving them a lot of attention. It was so lovely to watch!



Typical Hound

Today I found something that smelled really good on my walk today so I rolled all over it to get the lovely smell all over me. Mummy screamed - I think she wanted to roll in it but I bet her to it! When we got home mummy said I was really smelly (I'm assuming she meant smelled good) but then she took me to the torture chamber that they call a "bathroom" and covered me in water and the smell went away! I guess she was just jealous...

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Doggy Doos

Cheap Dental Chews

Just a quick tip this month. We found that dental sticks that were strong enough to be a challenge for our two were more expensive than ordinary ones, since we liked to give them one a day the cost adds up! Instead we have started to buy chunky carrots and turnips (often in the reduced section), slice the turnips and cut the carrots if they are too big, freeze them and use them as dental sticks. They love them and are a good challenge too! Over the time we have been doing this they have become much better at digesting carrot too, can hardly see any coming out the other end now!



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