

# Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



## Thank You for your Generosity!

Many of you will have heard about Tanya who recently arrived at the kennels in a poor state, Isabelle Freyahound set up a crowdfunding campaign to raise money towards her vet fees. So far this has raised a whopping £2,536 so we would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far and a massive thank you to Isabelle for setting this up! Find out a wee bit more about Tanya and how you can help her in this issue.

This issue is dedicated to Kev and Maisie who were both taken from us far too soon.

## 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 Cassie

He is the dog of the month for September, find out more about this gorgeous girl...



### Maisie's Seizures

Find out how Maisie dealt with her seizures and how Mac was on hand to help...

## Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed one new dog; Tanya (as we are closing the unheated kennels before winter so need to minimise uptake). In the same time six dogs have found their forever homes! These were Snow, Bob, Silver, Indi (number 1,200!), Scarlett and Arthur. As you can see Indi is the 1,200th dog homed by GRF which is an absolutely phenomenal number! This would not have been possible without the hard work from Jimmy, Celia, the staff, volunteers and anyone who has welcomed a hound or two (or more!) into their homes!

## Tanya

Tanya is a 9 month old lurcher who was brought in to Greyhound Rescue Fife on the 4th September after being neglected with no food or water for who knows how long. As you can see from the pictures she is severely underweight, she also has a gut infection which is now being treated. She seems to be so grateful for all the help she has been getting and loves everyone who comes to visit her. To help GRF with the vet fees, which are likely to be very expensive, Isabelle Freyahound has set up a crowdfunding campaign which has already raised £2,536! Tanya is not out of the woods yes so if you would like to donate, here is the link - [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/isabelle-andrews-5?utm\\_term=p3eGp42XJ](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/isabelle-andrews-5?utm_term=p3eGp42XJ) (if the link doesn't work just copy and paste into the bar on your browser). On behalf of everyone at GRF, thank you for donating, every penny truly helps.



Tanya on arrival



After just two weeks at GRF

## Scottish Water

We would like to say a big thank you to Scottish Water who came to help out at the kennels and also created a lovely video of their day and published it on their Facebook page - click [here](#) to watch.

## Dog of the Month

### Cassie



*“Cassie is a delightful, small female greyhound. She is a youngster, not yet three years old and she has a docile and gentle nature. She is very new and she is a little shy as she is still getting used to the sights, sounds and routines in the kennels. She will still come to say hello to you if you choose to stop by. She has a lovely sweet face and she gets on well with other dogs and presently shares her kennel with Del-boy. With patience, fun and love from her new family, I’m sure her confidence will grow and her fun-loving side will start to appear. She will make a super and loving addition to her new family.”*

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

## Maisie's Seizures

By Jenny Bubb

Mac and Maisie joined our family in August 2013. Mac had been a bit of a nuisance in the kennels as he was reactive to, well, everything. Maisie was a ditzzy sweetheart and a beautiful all-round character. Both settled into family life easily and Mac soon realised it was to his benefit to behave himself - he hated being told off and responded brilliantly to praise and treats for good behaviour. We all told him what a clever boy he was and his behaviour seemed to improve daily.



Then, in 2015 Mac started to change, he and Maisie would be sleeping peacefully in their beds when suddenly Mac would spring to his feet and bark ferociously, right in Maisie's face. She wasn't doing anything wrong, so Mac would be told off and he would skulk back to bed. Poor Maisie would glance at him and then us as if to say "what did I do??" She'd be praised but Mac was under no illusion, he was "in the dog house". His Mum was not impressed! This continued at least once a week and I could not understand why he was being so naughty.

One day I was recovering from a small operation when I decided to take an afternoon siesta. The scene I left in the living room was peaceful and calm, Maisie was fast asleep, Mac, also asleep with his two feet in the air, Daughter relaxing on couch. All was well in the world. I went to bed and fell into a deep sleep.....I woke about 20 minutes later, all hell was breaking loose downstairs, I could hear my daughter yelling something about "fits" and "Maisie" Mac was running about and barking frantically it was it was complete chaos.

I found Maisie having a full blown fit, her face grotesquely distorted, her eyes were wide and she was lying sideways on the floor and paddling her feet as though swimming. Mac was giving me his best "Of course, NOBODY listened to ME" look. The fit must have lasted for about 10 minutes, although in the panic we were not really timing it. I was on the phone to the vets who were great, talking us through what to do and they arranged an immediate appointment.

The fit itself wasn't the worst part, it was the hours afterwards where Maisie was very disorientated and she would pace around the room, panting clearly not knowing who or where she was. The vet gave me some medication to prevent the fits and also some rectal medication to use if the fit was a long one.



We fell into a routine. If a fit started Mac would give a little "woof" to let us know. He would be thrown into the hall, with a cushion, if he was lucky, everyone would grab a bit of furniture to move it out of her way and we just waited till she was back.

It took some time to get the medication just right, it takes time to build up in the body. One day Maisie had several fits occurring every hour and a half, I was on the phone direct to

her vet each time. Another time she had to have an overnight stay at an emergency vet to control consecutive seizures. She was insured so cost was not an issue but I started to question whether I was doing the right thing for her.

Eventually the medication finally reached the correct level and we have our carefree little hound back. She's gets her four tablets twice a day and she seems fine.

So, possibly Mac had been trying to stop Maisie's seizures developing. He was being a "good boy" after all. We're very proud of him and of course love our "Maisie Dawg" to bits.



Since Jenny provided us with this interesting article Maisie sadly crossed rainbow bridge, I'm sure you will all join me in offering our condolences to her family, she was a beautiful girl who was taken from us for too soon and will be missed by all who knew her. Rest peacefully Maisie.



## Monthly Walks

12th August at Tentsmuir



The next walk is on Sunday 14th October at Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy. Check the forum on the website or the Facebook event for more info, we hope to see you there!

## Kev's Corner



April 2010 - September 2018

*"I just wanted to let you all know that our brave, handsome Kev has just passed away. We gave him our all and tried to keep him with us as long as we could but his body had had enough, he just couldn't fight anymore. He was so brave right up till the end. He was our Mary poppins dog (almost perfect in every way!) we are going to miss our boy forever, we loved him so much! You guys have helped us through so many hard and worrying times and for that I would like to thank you all so much! Xxxxxxxx"*

Im sure, again, that you will all join me in offering our condolences to Kev's family during this tough time and also thank them for giving Kev such a happy life, right up until the end. Rest peacefully Kev.

## Barry 'n' Sue

### Gotcha Day!

The end of last month marked one year since Barry and Sue came home with us, the time has absolutely flown by! They have come on so much since then and we fall in love with them even more every day! Sue can still be nervous around other dogs but is much less reactive now and Barry loves every dog he meets - he even gave a pony a kiss on the nose the other day! As you have probably gathered from our wee stories no two days are the same with these two and we are loving every second of it, from the long walks in the highlands to the quiet evenings on the sofa with them on our laps - apparently they think they are lapdogs and somehow manage to make it work! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jimmy and Celia for allowing us to welcome them into our lives, we could not be more grateful!



### Typical Hound

Mummy and Daddy took me to a big fenced off field today and let me go off lead, I normally only get to do this in the garden! I was having a look around until mummy said "On you go, have a good run!" So, I trotted off and had a good sniff, I then realised that I had been awake all morning so had a good lie down on the grass. Mummy wanted me to get up and run....I'm retired! They were saying that it was a waste of money, not sure why... I had a lovely time!

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## Doggy Doos

### Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

This month's tip has been taken from the Greyhound Rescue Fife website, many of you will already be aware of this but I feel that it is an important message to share.

*Basically you will struggle to find a more gentle and loving dog than a greyhound. However he is a DOG and this point must never be forgotten. It is rare to hear of a greyhound who has bitten a human but in most of these rare cases it has resulted from the same cause. When he is sound asleep he is a dog and if he is suddenly disturbed in his sleep his first reaction could be to defend from attack. In the wild, nature would force him to do this and before he has fully awakened this reaction will have kicked in. This means he may accidentally bite his beloved owner before he realises what he has done. To the uninitiated this is a dog attacking a human, which it is certainly not. Solution? Do not waken the dog violently, (children can do this accidentally) let him waken up and your friendly boy will be back in the land of the living. The moral is "let sleeping dogs lie".*

For other tips like this visit [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com) and click "Help and Tips", it is a great resource that helped us when we adopted Barry and Sue.



### With Thanks

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