

# Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



## Tanya has come on leaps and bounds!

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

We have some brilliant news to report about Tanya, she now weighs 21.4kg and is looking amazing! Between Isabelle and Barbara's fundraising efforts a whopping £3,519 has been raised to help towards her vet bills. any left over finds will help to look after the other hounds in the kennels. Thank you to everybody who has contributed!

### Halloween competition

Send us pictures of your hound dressed up for Halloween, the winner will feature in the next issue and get a big bag of treats! Read more about this later in this issue...



### Kennel News

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



### Meet Risk

He is the dog of the month for October, find out more about this handsome chap...



### Fireworks

Top tips on how to keep your hound calm on Guy Fawkes Night...

## **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**

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed their new dogs; Champ, Mabel and Paddy. In the same time twelve dogs have found their forever homes! These were Dixie, Cassie, Boss, Tina, Naiya, Champ, Mabel, Risk, Figo, Keira, Regan and Del Boy. Five homed on the same day, a new record! Another amazing month at GRF!

## **Your Stories**

Since this is a community newsletter we would like to include more of your stories. If you have recently homed a hound and would like to let us know how they are settling in, if you would like to share a story about a recent trip or any other story about your hound then please let us know and we can share it in the newsletter! Email your stories to [grfnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:grfnewsletter@gmail.com).

## **Halloween Competition**

As mentioned in the introduction we are running a picture competition for Halloween, send us pictures of your hound dressed up for halloween, the winner will feature in the next issue and get a big bag of treats! Either email your pictures to [grfnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:grfnewsletter@gmail.com) or simply comment on the Facebook post which will go live on the 31st! We look forward to seeing your entries!

## Dog of the Month

### Risk



*“Risk is a very handsome male greyhound! He has a statuesque build, very muscular with a stunning fawn coat which has light brindle markings. He adores the outdoors and going for walks is one of his favourite activities. He looks as if he could have a playful side too. He gets on with other greyhounds and he happily shares his kennel with a female, Figo. He really enjoys loving attention and he sighed and visibly relaxed with pleasure during his recent grooming session. He has a confident and happy personality too, and is an extremely good looking boy to be walking by your side. He would make a perfect addition to complete your family.”*

I’m happy to report that Risk found his forever home with Figo on the 14th October!

### Typical Hound

I’m not very happy today, I had a bit of an accident in the garden and cut my leg. I had to get it cleaned and wear a bandage and a sock! How am I supposed to lick it with all of this rubbish on me? Not only am I sore but I look so daft wearing this when we go on walks, I get so embarrassed when my friends see me! Sorry for my bad mood, I’m sure I will be happier next month and this sock is back on my humans foot, where it belongs!

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## Monthly Walks

9th September at West Sands, St Andrews



The next walk is on Sunday 11th November at Silver Sands, Aberdour. Check the forum on the website or the Facebook event for more info, we hope to see you there!

## Barry 'n' Sue

### Holiday time

Last month Hannah went on a trip to Florida so I took Barry and Sue to my mum's for a city break in Edinburgh and a weekend trip to the highlands! They enjoyed a long walk around Arthur's Seat and very quickly claimed the sofa that overlooked the garden, cat watching in comfort! We also tried a new training technique to get Sue to be less reactive around other dogs, giving her a treat for every dog we passed without reacting. By the end of the walk she walked passed a dog and didn't react then immediately looked at me for her treat, she had already improved a lot but this really seems to have helped her to completely relax around other dogs. They had a very relaxing and rewarding trip!

Here are a couple of photos of them with one of their presents Hannah got them from Florida!



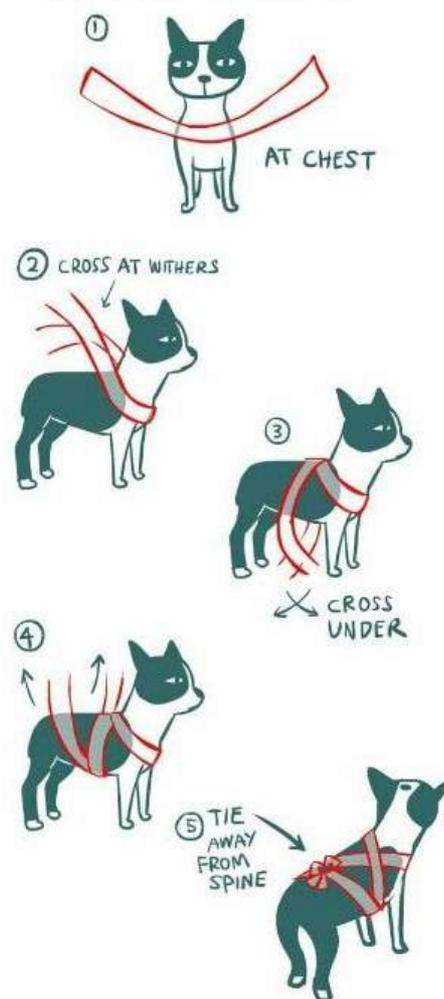
## Doggy Doos

### Dreaded fireworks

With Guy Fawkes Night quickly approaching many of us will be worrying about our hounds being scared, I have put together some top tips on how you can keep them calm on the night.

1. Exercise them during the day and, if you can, go for a longer walk than usual to burn off any extra energy. This way they will be ready to sleep and have a lot less anxious energy at night.
2. Create louder background noise, put on a film or music so noise from the fireworks are masked.
3. Do not react to the fireworks, this way they will feel that there is nothing to be scared of.
4. Sit beside them and let them cuddle into you, body contact is really comforting to dogs.
5. Surround their bed with blankets and toys to make them feel safe.
6. Try making a half wrap, pictured, or buying a Thundershirt (or similar product). It makes them feel like they are getting a big hug and relaxes them.

### HALF-WRAP



\* CHANGES PROPRIOCEPTION, THE WAY THE DOG MOVES, AFFECTS BEHAVIOR.  
 - IF DOG WANTS TO TAKE IT OFF, TAKE IT OFF.  
 - SENIOR DOG → 2-3 TIMES/DAY, 10-15 MINS. (SHORT SESSIONS!)  
 TOO LONG = HABITUATION; AWARENESS GONE.

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### With Thanks

I would like to thank Jimmy, Celia, Hannah and Steve for their contributions to this issue.