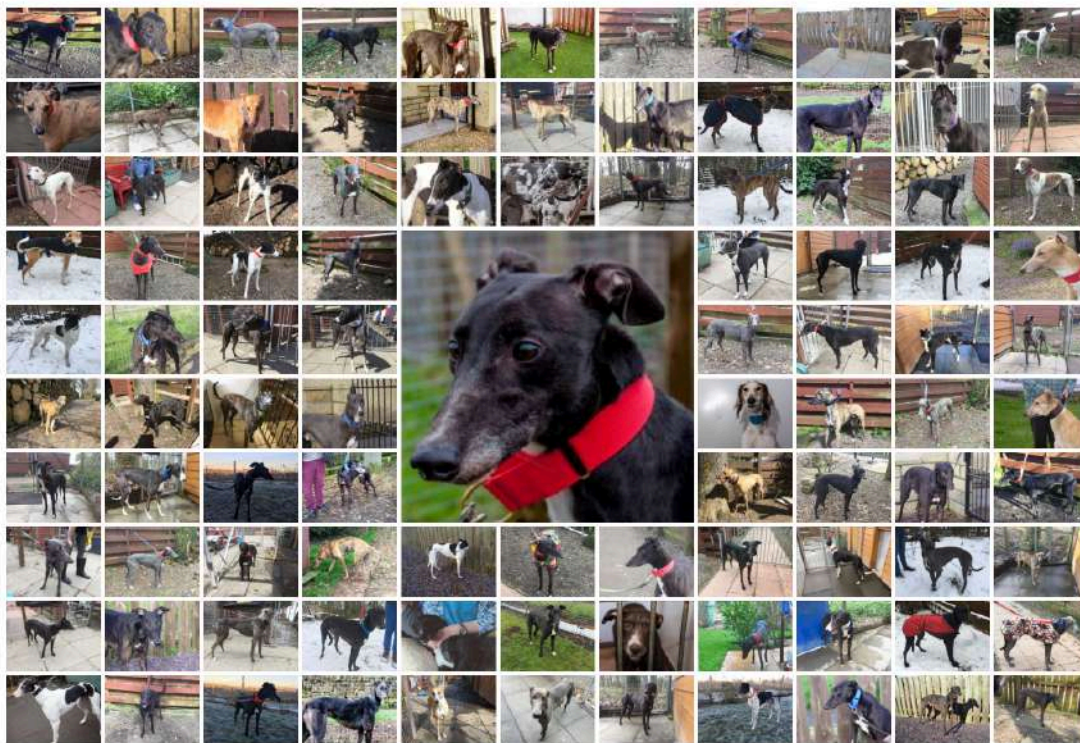


Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



The Last GRF Newsletter...of 2018

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

2018 has been a very successful year at GRF with 99 dogs (pictured above) finding their forever homes! With many highlights including a lovely visit from Scottish Water, the annual show and raising £3519 for Tanya - who has now found her forever home.

We would like to thank you all for your support over 2018 and we wish you all the best for 2019!

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 Yogi

He is the dog of the month for December, find out more about this adorable boy...



Rawhide

You may want to read this before buying a rawhide treat...

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed twenty-two new dogs; Blue, Barney, Apollo, Deacon, Roxy, Betty, Lacey, Sarah, Tara, Angel, Hayley, Yogi, Bertie, Quest, Maguire, Jake, Ariel, Jeff, Lass, Aria, Blake and Jack. In the same time fifteen dogs have found their forever homes! These were Paddy, Tanya, Bella, Jojo, Connor, Hayley, Echo, Pharaoh, Emily, Lacey, Deacon, Bertie, Blue, Sarah and Paddy.

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.

Halloween Competition

Back in the last newsletter we announced a Halloween competition to find the scariest picture of your hounds. It was a difficult decision but we have decided that Woody has won, pulling this scary face!

Enjoy your treats buddy!



Dog of the Month

Yogi



“Yogi is a very handsome male greyhound with the most adorable eyes and face. He enjoys his exercise and is enthusiastic and bouncy before he starts but walks very well on lead once he gets going. He has a lovely playful nature. He gets on with other greyhounds and is coping well with all the sights and sounds and busy environment of the kennels. He needs a bit of house training but this can easily be achieved once he is in his new home with a consistent toilet routine. He will bring a lot of joy and bucketloads of love to his new family.”

Typical Hound

I am so full! I'm not complaining or anything but ever since all of my family came over the other day I have been given so much food! I honestly don't think I could eat another bite! I've been lazing about more than normal just trying to digest! OOOFT! SO FULL!!!

Gotta go.....Daddy is opening the fridge!!!

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Monthly Walks

14th October, Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy.



11th November, Silver Sands, Aberdour.



9th December, Loch Leven, Kinross.



Check the forum on the website or the Facebook for more info on our 2019 walks once they have been planned.

Thank You!

Jan Buckley has already raised over £500 for the Greyhound Rescue Fife by selling Greyhound jackets and raincoats. Her handsome hound, Billy, has hinted that there may be a January sale so keep an eye on the forum and Facebook page for updates!



The GRF stall at Kinross Christmas Market raised a whopping £579.69. We thank Christine Chatilla for taking up the reins and organising and running the day. She was very ably assisted indeed by Gina and Bert and all the helpers who kindly gave up their time to run the show.

Unknown to most we were given an extra £20.50 This brings the Greyhound Rescue Fife stall total up to £600.19, a great total. Well done indeed everyone.

Our friends Barking Mad also set up a stall supporting our homeless dogs. It was run by John and Elaine Warburton, the management team at Barking Mad. They also raised a magnificent sum totalling £465. That was extremely kind of you John and Elaine and we appreciate your time and the work involved in doing this.

This means that our dogs have been donated the amazing, huge total of £1065.19 by the combined efforts of the two teams.

We never thought that so much would be raised at a Christmas market.

Thanks to the two fantastic teams and we wish everyone involved a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Celia and Jimmy would also like to thank the McIntyre family, John, Antonia, Amber and Astrid for buying us a large set of expensive solar lights. Not only did they buy them but they also fitted them around the path which goes round the gallops.

At this time of year the night walking in pitch dark is terrible but with the aid of the lights it is now easy to walk round the runs.

Thank you folks for a great present.

Finally, Celia and Jimmy would like to thank Marion for buying us a HUGE box of muzzles to help us through a spate of chewed muzzles at the kennels. This is a very nice Christmas present for the dogs and we thank Marion very much indeed for her kindness.

This is a present which will be greatly used indeed.

Isabelle Freyahound has done a fantastic job once again, raising almost £1000 using online crowdfunding. At the time writing you are still able to donate, [click here!](#)

Barry 'n' Sue

A Stressful Month!

Over the month of November we had a very busy and stressful month, all is okay now but it was not a fun month at all - and was the reason why I did not write a newsletter last month.

It all started with Sue, a small lump appeared on her lip. It didn't seem to cause her any discomfort and she was acting normally. We decided to take her to the vet to be on the safe side. They said that it could either be an inflammation or a tumour, to see if it was just an inflammation she went on a course of antibiotics for 5 days. If anything the lump just got bigger so we went back to the vet. At this point the vet confirmed that it was likely a benign tumour so booked her in for surgery to have it removed. Even though the vet was certain it was benign we were both worried all day. She came home that evening after she had recovered and cuddled us all night, she also had painkillers which she took like a wee star. The post-op appointment was promising - the vet said that she was healing well and the lab had confirmed that the tumour was indeed non-cancerous!

At last came the day for her to have the stitches removed, we were relieved that this would be our last visit to the vet for a long time.....or so we thought! Barry was playing in the garden and had managed to snap one of his claws in the grass. He didn't seem to be in pain unless we touched it but the amount of blood that came from it was unbelievable! We gave it a good wash and applied pressure with a bandage to stop the bleeding. Thankfully the vets were happy to see him at the same time as Sue and they managed to bandage him up and treat the pain. Poor wee man screamed the place down - he did get his own back though when he kicked the vet in the head!

Sue's stitches were removed with no issue and has healed well and Barry's claw has healed up nicely too.



Doggy Doos

Rawhide

It may surprise you to know that rawhide chews can be extremely dangerous for your hounds and are responsible for many dog deaths every year. Rawhide is the inner proportion of skin (normally from cows) that can not be used for clothing or furniture, it is seen as an industrial waste product which is why it is so cheap! The process used to make them involves adding toxic chemicals, glues and other compounds which can be harmful to your hound (see image below). They can pose choking hazard or become lodged in the digestive tract and may then require an emergency removal. In addition to this they can also cause vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach torsions and exposure to heavy metals (due to manufacturing methods). Being a pet product they are not subject to the same environmental health legislation as our food is.

Veterinarian advice is to completely avoid rawhide chews, to find out more click the link below.

Source : [NatureGnaws](#)



With Thanks

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