

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



Rest in Peace, Misty

Thank you for reading the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

This issue is dedicated to the beautiful, Misty, who was taken from us far too early. I'm sure that you will all join me in offering our condolences to Linda and her family during this difficult time.

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 Betty

She is the dog of the month, find out more about this beautiful girl...



Toads!

Find out about a recent walk we went on with Barry & Sue and who wanted to eat all of the toads...

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed twenty-eight new dogs; Brook, Biggie, Charlie, Gem, Dwayne, Katie, Paul, Alex, Karis, Kady, Annie, Dynamo, Crystal, Evie, Jimmy, Poppy, Bailey, Sammy, Freya, Mecca, Cookie, Nala, Flora, Barney, Danny, Jackie, Jen and Star.. In the same time nineteen dogs have found their forever homes! These were Jack, Karis, Blitz, Poppy, Judy, Kady, Roxy, Freya, Dwayne, Mecca, Cookie, Brok, Angel, Bailey, Flora, Barney, Danny, Jackie and Jen.

Find out more about Star and her story at the end of the newsletter.

Dog of the Month

Betty



Betty is another perfect dog! She looks so pretty with her sweet face and white markings against her black coat and her nature matches her sweet facade. She always looks as if she is smiling and she is so happy to be with people. She loves to say hello. She is clean in her kennel and gets on well with other dogs too. She is a little bit shy but loves when people spend time with her and give her a tummy tickle. She does show her playful side sometimes and she is starting to show her wonderful personality. There is a fun loving character inside her quiet self just waiting to be brought out with love, kindness and toys by her new family. She will be a very popular choice so come quickly if you would like to welcome her into your home.

Monthly Walks

10th March, Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline.



Monthly walks take place on the second Sunday of every month and are great way to meet other owners and let dogs socialise with each other. The next walk is on 14th April at Lochore Meadows in Lochgelly. We hope to see you there!

Misty

By Linda



I first met Misty when I started as a volunteer at the kennels. She was in the red road with a black Male called fire, misty was known moon at that time. Her racing name was Forge Robin.

Misty came to her forever home on 14th December 2013.

She was a very quiet gentle girl, I think I was the only person to hear her bark and I could count on one hand how many times that was. She settled in very quickly. She loved to play with her numerous soft toys throwing them about till they landed in places she could not reach, she raced round the dining table as if it was a race track, I was always waiting for her to crash into a chair but she never did. She surfed the kitchen counters, just incase I had left something within her reach.

It took her a while to realise that she could lie on the settees but as with any other greyhound she loved it. Before going for a walk, she just had to stretch forwards then backwards and walk around the table then get her lead on, she didn't rush or get excited, then she would have to stand at the open door and have a look before eventually stepping out.

She could be very lazy and if I decided to walk a different path or try to go a longer walk than her usual, she would stop. No pulling her would work, she wasn't daft a biscuit didn't work. In fact she would not take any biscuits or treats outside the house. She didn't like the wind, or rain but had a choice of coats and snoods she could wear!

She walked by my side so sedately, often walking while I pushed my granddaughters in their double buggy. She never reacted to cats or small dogs and was very good with my small

grandchildren, who argued about whose turn it was to hold her lead. I took one and they had the other one, more than once she had three leads on just so we could all have one. Poor Misty didn't know if she was coming or going, but was so tolerant. She shared settees with my mum's small, furry dogs, Yogi and Didi. She came with me to our caravan in Pitlochry and paddled in the river. She thought the spare bedroom belonged to her (it did)!

She travelled well in the car, although initially she would not jump in and I invested in a ramp for her. She quickly decided jumping in was easier. I remember our first journey home it was wet and I used the window wiper which made her jump!

She was always at the living room door to greet me in the morning, but if I was out and returned home all she did was lift her head as if to SAY "you're back." She would then go back to sleep. She did react to the squeak of the fridge door and the smell of chicken. She would be in the kitchen waiting and watching.

Misty came to work with me at the kennels without any bother, she knew the coat and bag I used on those days and knew the routine. Usually there was an empty crate she would lie in and watch the kennel day go by. Weather permitting she would get a run at the end of the day which she really enjoyed and almost looked disappointed if we walked past the gates. Try explaining to your dog the ground is too hard with the frost, or too wet and boggy and just not safe for running!

On Tuesday 26th there were no crates but there was an empty space up at the red road. So she was to spend her day up there. I was cleaning that part of the kennel so she got out to have a sniff about while I tidied up.

It was up in the red road when I met her and where we said goodbye on that Tuesday. It was heartbreaking, so unexpected.

Misty was just eight years old, she had a happy, contented life with me in her retirement. She has left a big space to fill, which will be filled one day but just not yet.



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.

Barry 'n' Sue

Toads!

On a recent walk in the Highlands Barry and Sue came face to face with toads for the first time. Sue was interested but after we passed the first one she was already bored of them. Barry on the other hand.....OBSESSED! For anyone who knows Barry you will know how laid back he is. His personality completely changed when he saw the toads! Ears up and trying to drag Hannah all over the place, she kept him on a very short lead while we passed the first group thinking that would be it, we were very wrong! Sue and I had to walk ahead so that I could move the toads into the heather where they would be safe from Barry and other dogs. On that walk, which normally takes no more than one hour, took over an hour and a half and I moved around 50 toads into the heather (including the rather handsome chap pictured below). Certainly didn't expect that when we left that morning!



Typical Hound

The little spiky things with legs have come back! They went away when it got cold but they are back again! I so want to take one home with me but they always spike my nose! Mean little things.... I tried so say hello to one last night on my walk, I went over to say hello but my mummy pulled me away, I tried to get back to it but we went home. Mummy says that I never learn, not sure why because I learned very quickly that I get food when I put my face close to hers and cry!

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Star

Little Star is a lurcher and was off lead in Kilmarnock and was hit by a car. She required a leg amputation, had a head wound, tail wound and teeth knocked out. The vet wanted to carry out the work required on the dog but the owner told him just to put her to sleep. The Kilmarnock vet phoned GRF and said he would amputate the leg free and do the necessary aftercare free if we rehomed her to a good family. Thanks to the kindness of the vet she is happily enjoying life in the kennel. She is a super friendly little girl.



Dog Show

The annual GRF dog show is approaching quickly! This will be held at Caldwell's Farm on Saturday 2nd June 2019 from 11:30. Tickets are available at the kennels and on the April and May walks. £5.00 for adults and kids go free!

For those who haven't been before the show is always great fun, come and join us for food, competitions, great stalls and, of course, lots of beautiful greyhounds! All profits go straight to the kennels to help our homeless hounds, this is a great way to raise money and also awareness of the great work that all the staff and volunteers do every day.



With Thanks

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