

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



Celebrating the Fourth of July in Boston

Welcome to the July edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Sheila and Eion.



Kennel News

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



Meet Smokey

This is our Dog of the Month.



Jubilee at Baltree

Bunting galore at the kennels.

Kennel News

Since the last newsletter

53 dogs have come in. They are:

PAT APPEY TED ZUMA BEAUTY LULU TIA GREG VICKIE TIGER MILLER REECE DELIGHT RAZZLE SID DECIBEL ESTELLA HERO NORA CAMMY ZOE LADY HAILEY STAR MISKA ROSE RUBY BOB ANNABEL OLLIE HENRY VICTOR JELLY BOYSIE BIZ BLUEY JAGUAR SHILOH BELLA TESS SKY GROUCHO MADONNA VINCE LUNA TATU CHEROKEE JO LUCY MILLY MOPSY DELPHI PLANE.

And 36 dogs have been adopted. They are:

GUCCI PATSY IMOGEN SWIFT GIRLIE TED JO DAKOTA ZEUS(posthumously) MURPHY TODD NORA GYPSY ISABELLA SPIDER ESTELLA ZUMA RICKY RYAN GHOST JELLY CALYPSO TIGER ANNABEL VICKIE GREG TESS DICAPRIO SANDY HERO BIZ DECIBEL RAZZLE SPARKY DELPHI JESS

There was bad news on April 3rd when dear Zeus died of necrotising fasciitis. He contracted the flesh eating infection and died two days later. It is extremely aggressive and very difficult to diagnose. In 24 hours all the flesh was going in his leg. It had passed above his leg and the last chance to amputate his leg had gone. He simply had to be put to sleep. He was adopted posthumously by Celia and Jimmy.

There was better news on 7th June when Sandy was rehomed. He is rehoming number 1700. We are now on our way to 1800.

Dog of the Month

Smokey is a handsome, big, black boy with some white markings. A very friendly boy who loves his food and walkies. He will make a fine pet.

Please call Celia on 07826244765 if interested.



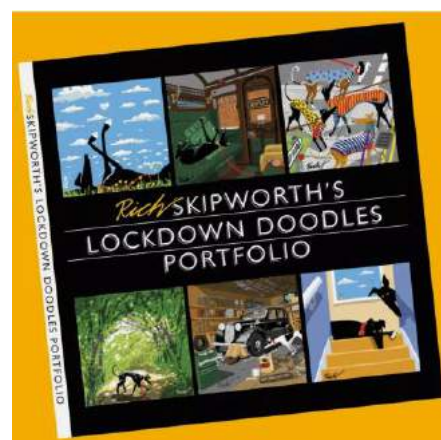
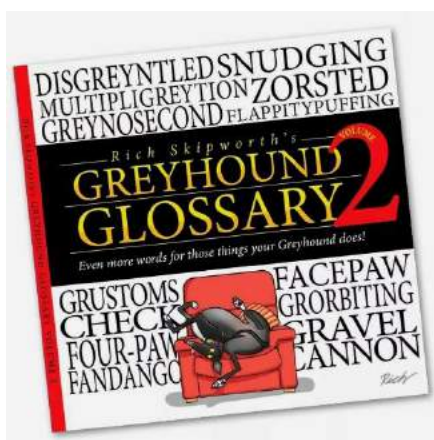
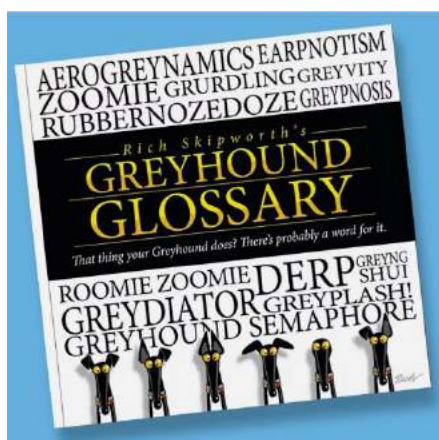
Fundraising

Inverkeithing Community Big Band Concert

The band's concert on 15th May was, as usual, a huge success. The venue was excellent and the music most enjoyable. Many people turned out to hear the band and support GRF. Thanks to Phil Piper for organising this concert and paying all expenses so that all the money raised from ticket sales and the raffle went to GRF – an amazing total of just over £2000. Thank you, Phil – Ashy and Sonic will be proud of you.

Calendars etc

Michelle reports that 47 Richard Skipworth calendars were sold raising £165. She is planning another fundraiser in a few months offering volumes 1 and 2 of Rich Skipworth's Greyhound Glossary and also his Lockdown Doodle Portfolio. Price will be £15 each.



Lucky Number Draws

April

There were 144 numbers entered into the draw. This gave a total of £288 which was split as £172.80 to GRF and £115.20 to the winner.

May

There were 152 numbers entered into the draw. That gave a total of £304 which was split as £182.40 to GRF and £121.60 to the winner.

June

There were 150 numbers entered into the draw. That gave a total of £300 with £180 going to GRF and £120 to the winner.

Thanks to Fiona for organising the draws and thanks to all who take part.

Go Fund Me

Isabelle Andrews set up a Just Giving page for GRF on 29th May. After a couple of weeks it had raised £1351. Isabelle presented a cheque for this amount to Celia and Jimmy. By the end of June a further £400 had been donated. Isabelle says she is in awe of Celia and Jimmy who are so totally devoted to the welfare of the dogs with the kennels now full with 62 dogs and adoptions slower due to cost of living rises, it's a worrying time for them and that's why she set up the page.

The Just Giving page is live for 120 days from 29th May so there is still an opportunity to donate.

Here is the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/isabelle-andrews-450>



Greyhound Pebble Art

Colin Burns has been redoing his garden and made some greyhound pebble art.

He tells us it was as simple as tracing a greyhound image onto squared paper, then drawing squares in the sand before transposing the sketch to the sand and adding the pebbles.

We think that the result looks splendid.



Taking your dogs abroad

Emma Monaghan gives some advice on transporting your dogs by air. She writes:

In November of last year, we stumbled upon our dream home, it checked all the boxes, most importantly a big garden for Scottie and Libby to run around in. But there was one problem, the house was more than 3000 miles away from Edinburgh in Concord, Massachusetts. In a matter of days, we went from not even looking for a house, let alone one in another country, to having about a month to figure out how to get ourselves, all our stuff, and two dogs moved to America. After a few days of research, we determined that the only option for getting two large dogs to the US was for them to fly in the cargo hold and meet us in Boston.

The whole process felt super daunting and overwhelming so we decided to use a pet moving company, PetsAbroad UK, to make the whole process a bit easier. They took care of everything from outlining the requirements for the dogs to enter the US and filling out the necessary paperwork to communicating with the airline and booking the dogs' flights. One of the first steps was getting both dogs vaccinated against rabies at least three weeks before they left so that they could enter the US without having to quarantine. While our normal vet didn't offer this, we were able to have Vetkind come to our flat and vaccinate both dogs. Once the vaccinations and paperwork were complete, we had to wait for the airline to confirm the dogs' booking which they wouldn't do until 10 days before our requested travel date.

The day before their flight, Brendan and the dogs drove from Edinburgh to London and I flew from Edinburgh to Boston to anxiously await their arrival. Scottie and Libby spent the night at PetsAbroad's kennels about 10 miles from Heathrow and on the day of their flight both got a small breakfast, some play time and their fit to fly examinations before making their way to the airport. Once at the airport, they got a final bathroom break before getting set up in their custom crates which were provided by PetsAbroad and built according to the size of each dog. They couldn't bring much with them in their crates to keep them safe but they were allowed a bed or blanket, something that smelled like us to keep them calm, and they had access to water. The flight from London to Boston was about 7.5 hours and once the pair landed in Boston, they were moved to the cargo area where I was waiting for them.

We also expedited the process by working with a customs broker who completed all customs paperwork for us ahead of time. This meant that instead of going to the international terminal to walk through customs on the dogs' behalf, I could go straight to the cargo area and hopefully be reunited with Scottie and Libby quicker. It ended up taking about two hours from the time they touched down to when I finally got to see them and the whole journey seemed much more traumatising for me than it was for either of them.

Since arriving in the US in January, both Scottie and Libby have adjusted incredibly quickly to their new lives and have stolen the hearts of many. Most people they meet have never seen a greyhound before, so they're both trying hard to be the best ambassadors for the breed. At the beginning of February, they experienced the first snowstorm when we got about 2 feet of snow in 24 hours and now they're enjoying the summer heat as it's about 25-30 degrees most days.



Libby, Scottie, and Enzo asking for more treats



With their Uncle Enzo



Libby enjoying the sun

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Platinum Jubilee at Baltree

The Platinum Jubilee did not go unmarked at the kennels. Jemma and her daughters Emily and Ciarra produced some lovely bunting featuring the dogs who are looking for homes. This was hung outside at the runs on the actual day and then moved inside afterwards.





Not to be outdone, Celia and Jimmy produced a vintage flag from Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee.



Dog Walks

April

For the April walk, GRF went to West Sands St Andrews. There were 46 greyhounds plus two other dogs. Between the raffle and pound a hound we raised £191.



May

For the May walk, GRF went to Silver Sands Aberdour. There were 40 greyhounds plus two other dogs. Between the raffle and pound a hound we raised £150. A further £18 was raised from the sale of T shirts.



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June

For the June walk, GRF went to Dysart Harbour and Ravenscraig Park. There were 50 greyhounds plus three other dogs. Between the raffle and pound a hound we raised £179.20.



The next walk will be on Sunday 10th July in Beveridge Park Kirkcaldy starting at 11.00am.

The Baltree Vet

For a week in June GRF were pleased to welcome Edinburgh University veterinary student Callum. He was a great help and got involved in every aspect of the rescue from cleaning, feeding, grooming, supporting/assisting with medical issues, walking, organising vaccination certificates and more. He was a real asset to the rescue and just got on with it without being asked. We wish Callum well in the future and look forward to seeing him again at GRF soon.



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Urgent Appeal for Volunteers

With a record 62 dogs in kennels at the moment, GRF desperately needs more volunteers to help walk the dogs, either in the mornings or the evenings.

Even if you can only help out for an hour, that can be a big help.

To find out more about volunteering, contact Celia – 07826244765.

Easyfundraising

When doing your online buying please don't forget to shop through Easyfundraising. There are new retailers eg Next joining the scheme all the time and specials offers and competitions all the time. Please remember it costs you nothing extra to shop via Easyfundraising but will raise funds for the homeless hounds. We have now raised over £2300.

To find out more and join the other GRFers raising money this way please follow this link:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greyhoundfife/>

There is a pinned post on the forum with more information about this.

Curtains

Many of you will know that Sheila and her friend Maria have, for several years, made dog beds from curtains and duvets. We bring the beds to the kennels where they are sold for £8 each – all profit for GRF as we have no overheads. Please hand in curtains to the kennels. (NB Please do not bring duvets as we have an endless supply of these from another charity.) There are now some lovely beds at the kennels which you can buy for your dogs.

Contributions Welcome

If you would like to tell fellow greyhound owners anything about your dogs and what you do together, please email us. greyhoundsmc@outlook.com

With Thanks

We would like to thank all contributors for their help with this issue.