

# Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



### Competition Time

*Angus, one of the editors' dogs, was recently attacked by an exploding cushion (See photo above.) Has your dog had any similar experiences inside your house or in the garden? Send us a photo of your experience. We will feature the photos in future newsletters. A small prize will be awarded for the photo which is judged to be best.*

*Send your photos to [smcgreyhounds@live.co.uk](mailto:smcgreyhounds@live.co.uk)*

Welcome to the August 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 Bruno

This is our Dog of the Month.



### Pampering Parker

Read about Parker's great day out!

## Kennel News

### Dogs In and Out

Since the last newsletter 86 dogs have come in. They are:

Dougie Bill Norman Mimi Anamcara Lassie Helen Queenie Flo Bella Elsie Kate Megan Trafford Jake Rum Timone Mia Ally Ted Scout Orla Maddie Nala Ellie-Mae Zena Stan Nina Liston Sarah Dan Lacey Robin Johnny Chief Mollie Maggie Katie Jimmy Tiger Melody Mac Tash Queenie Jack Fifi Duchess Stefan Panda Hattie Darby Treacle Raffles Andy Cuckoo Cleo Candy Ruby Lola Banner Duke Ian Fergie Nettie Polly Tara Harmony Bouncer Mermaid Conner Pal Gabby Marion Maz Leo Silver Taylor Flash Chico Hope Dolly Fifi Rosie Belle Maureen Gaston.

And 53 dogs have been adopted. They are:

Timone Lucy Zena Milo Nova Gypsy Flash Ellie Naia Lassie Nina Melody Rum Dan Ally Tony Harry Maddie Tiger Ruby Alpha Blake Chief Victor Anna Katie Raffles Fifi Duchess Molly Helen Cleo Cuckoo Smokey Henry Dardy Duke Ian Tash Queenie Bill Robin Maggie Flo Hattie Jake Harmony Mac Hope Chico Maz Scout Orla.

Jimmy reports that “Rehoming nationally is getting critical. All the rescues are full and few dogs are going out. If this trend keeps up we are possibly going into the bad old days. Hopefully the current financial situation will start to improve.”

### Woods

You will notice that great improvements have been made to the Baltree Woods. Thank you to the team who are working so hard. It is a pleasure to walk with the rescue dogs through this lovely setting.



## Dog of the Month

August's Dog of the month is a very special boy who requires a special home. Bruno needs an experienced and patient owner, in an adult only setting, where he can thrive. He is GRF'S oldest hound at 6 yrs old (7 in November) and has been in rescue for 18 months. This poor boy has been waiting patiently for so long and now deserves to put his paws up and enjoy his best life. Bruno is a medium sized hound with a glossy coat, and has a sweet baby face. He looks very cute. He is a playful soul who loves zoomies in the run and to play with his toys and burn off lots of energy. Bruno is a foodie - he loves his meals and is partial to a gravy bone or two. Since being kennelled with the lively Mia, Bruno has come out of his shell and his personality has blossomed. He adores her and they are just lovely together. There is a possibility with the right, measured introductions Bruno could maybe live with the right dog or he could be an only hound. He is alert on walks and has a high prey drive so he could not live with any small furry creatures. He is a good walker and loves adventure and to explore in Celia's wood with Mia. Although a good walker on the lead he can be cranky whilst on walks with a few male dogs here at GRF. This is caused by the stress of being in busy kennels for so long. He also has his quirks, his obsession for brooms and brushes is one. Bruno loves his favourite people and he is popular with volunteers. He will make a wonderful, loving pet. Having run his socks off, doing 112 races, he deserves a chance of a forever home. He should not have to face a lifetime stuck in kennels. We're not giving up hope and as he approaches his 7th birthday the perfect gift would be cosied up in a loving home. We believe the right home is out there for Bruno and it will transform his life: he deserves it. Could playful Bruno be the boy for you? For more information on this playful lad please call Celia on 07826 244765.



## Big Band Concert

We are delighted to report that the fund raising concert by the Inverkeithing Big Band in May was a great success. It raised over £1200 for GRF. Thank you to Phil Piper for all his efforts yet again organising the concert.

## Good Publicity

This is an abridged version of an article which appeared in the Courier. Thank you to the Courier for publicising GRF's work. To read the complete article go to <https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/perth-kinross/4473793/jkrowling-fife-greyhound-rescue-centre-in-crisis/>

### Greyhound Rescue Fife couple warn of crisis

Celia and Jimmy Fernie, who run Greyhound Rescue Fife say the centre is bursting at the seams with unwanted dogs. They currently have 55 canines, ranging in age from two to five years old.

The couple have temporarily reduced their adoption fee from £180 to £100, in the hope of encouraging people to rehome them. Celia, 77, and Jimmy, 86, say people are struggling to rehome dogs now as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. "People are too strapped for cash," says Celia. "Prices of dog food, vet fees and insurance have rocketed." The adoption fee of £100 covers neutering, vaccination and a collar.



Jimmy and Celia Fernie with greyhounds Scout and Orla. Picture: Steven Brown.

The Fernies have run the centre for 18 years. In that time they have successfully rehomed more than 1800 greyhounds. "We know where every dog has come from and where every dog goes," says Celia. "They are all in good condition. There are various reasons they've been handed over for adoption. Some are ex-racers and others have never raced. In the last two years the Greyhound Board has given us a contribution for their welfare, but with 55 dogs here now, we have no space to take in others."

Greyhounds are often misunderstood – they don't actually need much exercise and are very lazy, sleeping around 18 hours a day. "They're very gentle and sweet-natured," says Celia. "We've rescued greyhounds for almost two decades and never in that time have I, or any of my staff or volunteers, been bitten. They've got such a lovely temperament."

As well as greyhounds, Celia and Jimmy often take in strays of all breeds. They have nine of their own "house dogs" and they've cared for a one-winged rook for 12 years.

Centre volunteer Gillian Taylor and her husband Ewen rehomed her greyhound Ollie from the facility in September last year. "Celia in particular is an amazing match-maker," says Gillian, who lives in Lower Largo. "She always meets the person interested in taking a dog and will match them with one she thinks will suit their personality, even if it's not the one they initially showed interest in."

## Pampering Parker



Carol Young describes an interesting experience at a dog spa.

I'm not normally one that goes for all this fancy stuff, a dogs a dog as far as I'm concerned and facials, blow drying, mud treatments are for hoomans but when a new dog grooming shop (Hudson's Haven) opened near my home in Sauchie, Alloa I was more than a little intrigued about what happened behind the frosted glass and what was on offer for our 4 legged fur babies.

I started following on Facebook and the reviews were amazing full of glowing reports from happy hoomans and loads of cute photos of neat and tidy dogs.

My nosiness got the better of me and I ventured into this new and exciting world.

I was greeted by the owner Lynnemarie who I think could sense my fear and we chatted about dogs and what sort of treatments she could offer and more specifically about what she could offer Parker, a dog that gets brushed, but only washed if dirty (that's what rain is for right) and never blow dried or preened.

We decided on a soothing bath, brush, blow dry with a check on his claws and ears and then a de-shedding mud bath treatment to assist in the removal of all his old fur and to sooth any dry skin.

Along we trotted on Thursday morning - I was still a little sceptical about what could be achieved but Parker seemed happy enough to disappear into the back room with Lynnemarie without even looking back to see if I was following. I returned about 90min later to find this sweet smelling, shiny furred, dog lying like a prince on the couch. I had never seen his white fur so white or his black fur so glossy.

He had a clean face (normally has food remnants around his mouth and nose) and he honestly looked happy and contented.

What's next I wonder?

## Kinross Market

Caroline Reith is organising a stall at the Kinross Summer Market 26<sup>th</sup> August. The hope is to increase awareness of the Kennels and our gorgeous hounds as well as raise a bit of cash as well. She is looking for donations for the doggie lucky dip, children's' lucky dip and tombola. There will be a sale of dog related items both home made and donated. Donations can be left at the kennels or Caroline can collect. If you can help on the stall, let Caroline know and she will add you to the rota.

You can contact Caroline via Facebook Messenger.

## Fame at Last for the Dowd Dogs



Florence, Max, Tiger and Betty are now featured in the cover photograph of the Facebook Group for Retired Greyhound Chat. The dogs have had lots of experience modelling for Steve's photos.

## Blood Bank



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Pet Blood Bank UK tell us that their blood stocks are low. This a recent message on their Facebook page:

***Our blood stocks are still low !***

***We need more lifesavers to help fill our upcoming sessions. Unfortunately, we are still noticing a decline in the number of people bringing their dogs along to donate recently. As a result, our stocks for both positive and negative blood are critically low.***

***We need our lifesavers more than ever to ensure we always have blood available for any dog that might need it If you are able to bring your dog to donate at one of our upcoming sessions, please book an appointment via our app or by calling 01509 232 222.***

***To be a donor, your dog needs to be:***

***💎 Fit and healthy***

***💎 Confident and enjoy meeting new people***

***💎 Between one and eight years old***

***💎 Weigh more than 25kg***

***💎 Have never travelled abroad***



Brenda Findlay with GRF hound Brodie who recently gave his 19<sup>th</sup> blood donation. Well Done Brodie!

## Team Zay



In April TeamZay (a group of twitter supporters of animal rescues) organised an online auction in aid of Greyhound Rescue Fife. A staggering £500 was raised for the rescue. We would like to thank everyone involved in organising, supporting and donating.

## Monthly Dog Walks

### April

GRF monthly walks at Pittencrieff Park are always well attended, and today's didn't disappoint with 86 Greyhounds and honorary hounds joining us. We raised a total of £429.26 made up of £129.26 Pound A Hound, £141 raffle, £40 other donations, £46 from Jens collar charms, £10 from Jens fudge and £63 from Laura's bracelets.



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## May

A misty start at Silver Sands, Aberdour, but another good turnout with 61 greyhounds and honorary hounds in attendance. We raised a total of £217 split £92 pound a hound and £115 from the raffle and £10 from Sardine Fudge.



## June

At the start of the week I was beginning to get a bit concerned that it might be too hot at St Andrews for the monthly walk, but I needn't have worried - it was grey and miserable! The occasional downpour no doubt put a lot of folk off, but there was still a grand total of forty four hounds and honorary hounds who came along and got wet anyway. A grand total of £219.50 was raised - £70.00 pound a hound, £44.00 from T shirts, £31.50 toothpaste and £74.00 raffle.



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## July

Brilliant weather and another fantastic turnout (65 greyhounds and honorary hounds) for today's walk at Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy. We also raised a fantastic £388 for GRF - £104 pound a hound, £130 raffle, £104 from Arual Nosmoht keyrings, £10 from Jen Holden sardine fudge and a further £40 from Philip Piper concert tickets. Thank you to everyone who came along and made the walk another success.



**The next walk will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August at Dysart Harbour and Ravenscraig Park, starting at 11.00am.**  
**Note Change of Venue**

## **Lucky Number Draws**

### April

There were 146 numbers in the draw this month. That gave a total of £292 which will be split as £175.20 to GRF and £116.80 to the winner.

### May

There were 176 numbers sold. That gave a total of £352 which was split as £211.20 to GRF and £140.80 to the winner.

### June

There were 236 numbers entered into the draw. That gave a total of £472 with £283.20 going to GRF and £188.80 to the winner.

### July

There were 207 numbers entered into the draw. That gave a total of £414 with £248.40 going to GRF and £165.60 to the winner

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

### **Urgent Appeal for Volunteers**

With over 50 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.

### **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](mailto:greyhoundsmc@outlook.com)

### **With Thanks**

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