

# Greyhound Rescue Fife

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

## 20 Years and Counting!

2025 Marks the 20 year anniversary of Greyhound Rescue Fife. This is a remarkable achievement demonstrating the commitment of Jimmy and Celia over the years.



Welcome to the January edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter which focuses on examples of fund raising by many volunteers.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Sheila and Eion.



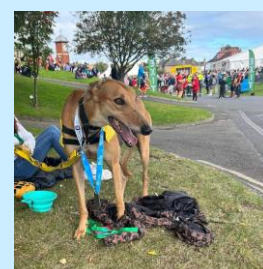
## Kennel News

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



## Meet Lily

This is our Dog of the Month.



## Maxwell Walks the (Kilt) Walk

Lots of other fundraising activities inside.

## Kennel News

### Dogs In and Out

Since the last newsletter 53 dogs have come in. They are:

John-Boy Willow Buster Spice Danny Red Charlie 1 Smokey Bryan Georgia Jota Mo Dom Jane Blazer Baz Blue Pat Nala Dev Sonic Ash Tiptoe Gilly Ruby Nicky Lemon Allie Charlie 2 Rocker Nicky Cindy Trip Jooles Wilfred Verity Errol Eva Foxy Mabel Raquel Beau Kopa Saffy Missymoo Olive Grangey Winnie Lassie Rose Jenny Ally Ed.

And 57 dogs have been adopted. They are:

Dave Hawk Ben Sparkle Tiger Buster Penny Mia Scout Spice Smokey Pat Jane Isla Red Mo Bob Charlie 1 Tiptoe Lemon Silly Sonic Matt Jota Rocker Crash Queen Rosie Dec Maxwell Ash Nikki Dottie Dom Ruby John-Boy Dev Tony Connie Charlie 2 Bryan Beau Gabby Spike Nala Blue Jooles Nicky Fifi Jeff Morris Willow Mabel Blazer Ally Errol Verity.

*Jimmy and Celia say Thank You to all the kind people who donated money at Christmas to help the homeless hounds.*

### Dog of the Month

Lovely LILY is 4 years old and quite simply lush!!!

She is large for a girl, statuesque, but that means more greyhound to love. LILY has a shiny black coat and terrific white markings, a sweet little triangle marking on the back of her neck, 4 long white socks on her legs and a long tail that looks as if it's been dipped in paint. Dark eyed LILY is an exquisite looking greyhound and the photos we have of her do not do her justice.

On her arrival, she was shell-shocked and shy, but now she is used to kennel life and is building trust. Prior to going out for her walks, LILY now wags her tail with excitement. She loves her daily ambles in the woods. LILY loves her grub too, and her bowl is always licked clean.

LILY walks well and is friendly/neutral with the other greyhounds. Eager to explore, she pulls a bit and can be strong on a lead to start with, so might benefit from a harness.

At the park LILY was a good girl, although quite excitable and skittish, up for this new adventure. When she saw other dogs LILY ignored them and there was no reaction. She was perfectly controllable but did have a habit of walking under her handler's feet! Not so now. LILY walks very well on lead.

A fantastic companion in the making, giving LILY a bit of time and patience at the start of your relationship will reap rewards for the rest of your life together.

Could you offer a loving home to wonderful LILY? Call Celia on 07826 244765 for more details.



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## Rainbow Bridge!

A memorial Rainbow Bridge has been set up in Comrie - the initiative of Donna Dickie. The opening day was a beautiful occasion with many people attending. Collars and other items were placed on the rails; ashes were scattered; roses given to the waters below and more plaques added to the memorial rail. Donna (pictured cutting the ribbon) thanks Ronnie Collins, Alan Kenney and the Fife Woodland Trust, Bob Haugh who owns the land and allowed the bridge to be built and Ellie Linden who donated her lovely Rainbow Bridge books to explain to children the passing of a pet.

The Bridge is behind the White Gates Pub in Comrie KY12 9HD.



## Xylitol – Warning!

Mark Mackenzie has alerted us to the dangers of some brands of peanut butter.

A new type of peanut butter and other types of nut butter is being sold with less sugar but it contains the sweetener xylitol. This is what is used in sugarless gum and it can be deadly to dogs. Many of us use peanut butter as a dog treat, to fill a kong or to disguise medications. Do check the ingredients in any jar of peanut butter you consider buying and, if it contains xylitol, do not buy it. It could be very dangerous.

## Fundraising

GRF volunteers organise and take part in a huge variety of fundraising activities. We feature some examples here.

### Trip's Day Out

Janina Hall tells us about Trip's Christmas Day Out

Santa's little helper, Trip, was tasked with representing Greyhound Rescue Fife at a workplace Christmas market. She did a brilliant job drawing in all the crowds and helping us raise over £2000. Trip was extremely well behaved and coped well with the large crowds and even the noise of a brass band playing nearby! She is a very sweet natured girl who remained calm throughout the whole day and enjoyed greeting everyone she met. We could not have wished for a better role model.

(Note: At the time of writing Trip is still looking for her forever home. Contact Celia if you are interested in adopting her.)



### Useful Food Donation

Before Christmas Kathryn Henderson handed in wet food donations which she and her adopted GRF hound Deano had collected from residents of Burntisland. Well done Kathryn and Deano: the kennels residents will enjoy some tasty meals.



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## Kinross Festive Market

This year's Christmas Market at Kinross proved more problematic than usual. Due to the adverse weather conditions - snow and strong winds - the market was moved from its usual main street location to an inside venue. Our stall organiser, Caroline Reith, thanks KLEO (Kinross Local Events Organisation) for facilitating this and ensuring that the market could go ahead.

Despite the weather lots of people did turn out and the GRF stall raised £343. Thank you to all those who donated tombola prizes and home-made crafts. And a special shout out to Evelyn Robinson, Ellen Reith and Michele, Janina and Mary Law for their help on the day.



One happy customer was Star. Kirsty McGarva says she loves the new snood from the stall.



### Jimmy Jazzles

Jimmy Jazzles can always be relied on to provide an interesting selection of greyhound related craft items at the monthly walks. Here is a selection from a recent walk which raised £30 for the kennels.





Jimmy Jazzles designed some very attractive Christmas cards which unsurprisingly sold out very quickly, raising £70 for GRF.

# Christmas Cards

Breaking News

## SPECIAL OCTOBER WALK DEAL

\*£2.50 per card

**SPECIAL DEAL**  
5 for £10

**ONLY 73 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!**

Woof, Woof.  
Woof! \*\*

**Sold Out!**

## 2025 Calendar

Those of you who have purchased a 2025 GRF calendar will agree that it is one of the best so far. Mary Rodgers has done great work in producing the calendar again this year. She writes:

I am delighted to announce that we have raised £1838 on calendar sales this year (with a little bit more still to come in). I would like to thank Bruce Clark Printers, Dundee and Darren Dawson Photography for their unlimited patience and support. Also Steve Down, Jemma Kettlewell, George Petrie and John Radcliffe and all who sent me photographs. Your help was much appreciated.

Big thanks to our sponsors – the Whippet Coats, Husse Pet Supplies, Holy Cow Vegan Café, Underdog Training, Jimmy Jazzle and Jan Buckley in memory of Bert and Irene.

And last but not least thanks to Celia and Jimmy Fernie for their dedicated work over the last 20 years. But most of all thanks to all our stars, the stunning dogs, without whom our lives would be the poorer.

Thanks to all those mentioned and to many more who help at GRF every day.

## Nat West

Michelle Law kindly forwarded this report from GRF dog Ben about his day at Nat West.

Hello. It's Ben here from Greyhound Rescue Fife and Oh Boy, do I have news for you!! YES. I'm happy to report that I was out doing some fieldwork today at Natwest in Edinburgh. Yes, I was sent to promote volunteering and adoption. They chose me as GRF mascot!

It's fair to say I did a spectacular job. Everyone loved me. Not only did I attract a lot of attention, I stole hearts and got lots and lots of cuddles. I even persuaded someone to buy some treats.

I was on my best behaviour and I'm proud to say the event was a huge success. £300 was raised from the games, raffle and tombola! WOO HOO!!

(Editor's note. Ben was adopted on 5th July 2024 – didn't he thoroughly deserve to find a forever home after all his hard work?)







## Strathearn

Strathearn Vintage Ploughing Association hold an annual ploughing match. This year Jim Tainsh and family were the hosts. £500 was raised from spectators. By tradition the hosts decide where this money goes and Jim and Jennifer decided to donate it to GRF. The photos show some of the SVPA handing the cheque over to Celia and Jimmy.





## Bake Sale

Mags Montignani told us that her granddaughter decided that they should hold a bake sale to raise funds for GRF. All the goodies were homemade with her help and she raised £135. Doesn't the stall look beautiful?



## Kiltwalk

Michelle Law and her sister raised £330 through sponsorship for their Kilt Walk. They were accompanied by Maxwell who was then at the kennels awaiting adoption. Michelle said Maxwell was the real star of the show who settled down quickly once the walk started.

(Editor's note. Maxwell was adopted on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – didn't he thoroughly deserve to find a forever home after all his hard work?)





### **Whippet Coat Ltd Donation**

Whippet Coat Ltd donated a beautiful greyhound winter coat which was raffled and raised £100 for GRF. The winner was Mags Montignani. Thank you to all who bought tickets and to Whippet Coats and Fiona Smith (of Lucky Numbers fame) for organising the draw.



### **Greyt Greyhound Gear Donation**

Greyt Greyhound Gear have made another very generous donation of £500 to GRF. This donation came from profits from sales of their excellent coats which are modelled here by Steve and Julie Dowd's greyhound pack. GRF really appreciates the continued support from Greyt Greyhound Gear.



## Great Global Greyhound Walk

GRF would like to say a huge thank you to Silverburn Park for allowing us to hold our Great Global Greyhound Walk event there. Not only did they allow us to use their facilities but they also made a £15 donation from sales of greyhound cookies from the Cottage Window Café.

We had 99 hounds in attendance – the biggest number we have seen on a GRF monthly walk. As well as the walk there were various fun activities and a total of £682.40 was raised for GRF.

£270.20 from the pamper hamper, treats, dog merch and dog show.

£260 from raffle, toys and donations

£112.20 from Pound a Hound

£25 from a Greyt Greyhound Gear coat auction with the coat donated for this event.

Thanks to all, especially to Freya (Winter Sparkle) for compering the show.

Readers may be interested to know that this year's Great Global Greyhound Walk broke all records.

511 walks in 42 countries with 11,383 greyhounds taking part.









## Monthly Dog Walks

### July – Lochore Meadows

Summer had pretty much finished only to come back with a vengeance for the start of July's GRF Monthly Walk at Lochore Meadows! We raised a total of £291.35 - £90 from Mary Rodgers' tote bags, £89 from the raffle and £112.35 from pound-a-hound.

Thanks to everyone who came along and made the walk a success. We counted about 64 hounds and honorary hounds.



### August - West sands, St Andrews

Brilliant weather at August's GRF Monthly walk - West Sands, St Andrews.

A total of 47 hounds and honorary hounds joined us, and we raised £181 between the raffle, pound-a-hound and the last few tote bags.





### September - Silverburn

This month the GRF Monthly Walk was part of the Great Global Greyhound Walk-See separate article. A record 99 hounds attended.



### October -Dysart Harbour

A lovely crisp, bright day for the GRF October Monthly Walk at Dysart Harbour/Ravenscraig Park, Kirkcaldy. A total of 50 hounds and honorary hounds attended, and raised £69 for GRF through Pound-a-hound. Thank you to all those who came along and joined us.





### November - Beveridge Park

A good turnout for the GRF November Monthly Walk at Beveridge Park - a total of 51 hounds and honorary hounds. We raised £88 from pound-a-hound, £90 from the raffle and £30 from the sale of Christmas cards. Thanks to Astrid McIntyre for running the raffle this month.



### December - Silver Sands

The sun came out for the GRF Monthly Walk at Silver Sands, Aberdour. A total of 45 hounds and honorary hounds came on the walk, raising £65.90 through pound-a-hound and £208 through the raffle, Christmas cards and stockings. Thanks to everyone who came along - see you all next year!



**The next walk will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 11.00am at Pittencrieff Park Dunfermline.**



## Lucky Number Draws

The lucky number draws have had a great year, surpassing last year's total by over £1000. The total amount taken was £7052 which was divided into £2820.80 to the winners and £4231.20 to GRF. Thanks to all who bought the numbers and particular thanks to Fiona Smith for her tireless work in organising and publicising the draws every month.

**Winners - GRF Lucky Number Draws - 2024**

Month	Total numbers in draw	Total taken	Amount to GRF	Amount to winner	Winning number	Winner's name
January	302	£604	£362.40	£241.60	152	Kerry Watson
February	309	£618	£370.80	£247.20	155	Kayleigh Berry
March	321	£642	£385.20	£256.80	56	Kate Bubb
April	292	£584	£350.40	£233.60	110	Mary Rodgers
May	289	£578	£346.80	£231.20	92	Pamela Howat
June	285	£570	£342.00	£228.00	54	John & Margaret Cowie
July	262	£524	£314.40	£209.60	215	Nina Campbell
August	271	£542	£325.20	£216.80	148	Pamela Mackenzie
September	275	£550	£330.00	£220.00	90	Steven Whyte
October	300	£600	£360.00	£240.00	34	Heather Smith
November	301	£602	£361.20	£240.80	1	Sarah Douglas-Munn
December	319	£638	£382.80	£255.20	126	Andrea Farquhar
<b>Total</b>		<b>£7,052</b>	<b>£4,231.20</b>	<b>£2,820.80</b>		

## 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 special 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.