

# GRF



# NEWS

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*Changing the world  
one greyhound at a time!*

This month we give an update on the recent RBS community force project as well as our recent coffee morning in Kinghorn. In the run up to Christmas we give you some potential gift ideas as well as taking a fun look at the anatomy of the greyhound. I hope you enjoy

## Kennel update

We would like to start this month's newsletter by saying a big thank you to all who supported our cause in the recent RBS Community force vote. In particular Michele and Nic for putting together an excellent résumé for our cause which as you know was to supply water to all our "outhouse" kennels. We had an overwhelming response in the last week which certainly touched us deeply and we appreciate all the hard work put in behind the scenes both electronically and word of mouth by all our followers. As I write we are still currently awaiting the official result however work has begun on digging the foundations for the pipe work in order to have this completed before winter sets in. Look out for further updates in future newsletters and on our forum.



## Incomers

BOBBY, FAITH, SALLIE

## Outgoing

MAJ, SANDY, WINNIE, BETTY, BLUEY, MISSIE, SUKIE, ZIPPY.

These last 8 now takes our running total to **530 greys** who have now found their forever homes !!! not a bad amount for an organization that is entirely reliant on volunteers and donations !

Unfortunately the month ended on a sad note when one of Jimmy & Celia's greys passed away at the rip old age of 14 ! Polly was one of those rare greyhounds who never once barked and was 100% house clean from day 1. Run free over Rainbow Bridge Polly you will be sorely missed.

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## Thank You

GRF would like to say a Huge thank you to Lynne Cullinane and friends for their hard work in organizing our recent coffee morning at Kinghorn. This was extremely well attended and a fabulous day was had by all. Along with the coffee morning and Bert's GRF merchandise sales Lynne's event raised a magnificent **£1177.40 !!!!!**

There are certainly some happy dogs back our kennels who much appreciate all the hard work put into organizing this event and raising such a brilliant amount of money, below are just some of the pics of the day.





GRF would also say thank you to two young ladies from Stirling High School Eco Club, Aimie McMeekin and Nicole Coyle who held an event for GRF and raised a tremendous **£47.48** to help our homeless greyhounds. Aimie (in pink) is going one stage further and is being sponsored to have 18 inches of her hair cut off to raise even more money for our dogs. What a kind young lady. Unfortunately Jimmy would have liked to have joined her but ---- :0)



November seen the last of our monthly walks for 2011 (although keep an eye on forum as depending on weather may have an impromptu walk in December !) and there was no better place to have it than on the beach at St Andrews with the weather ensuring a lovely stroll. We would like to thank Fiona once again for doing

our lucky number draw which raised **£127.20** for GRF (Oct and Nov draw). We would also like to thank Kate once more for organizing our raffle which raised **£70.40**, and not forgetting Tracey whose cake sale raised another **£32** on the day. Certainly a few people may have to some extra dog walking after enjoying these fabulous delights !!!! and a special thanks to everyone who came along to this walk and made it a special day.

## Merchandise

As we write Christmas is only 6 weeks away!! And many of you may be wondering what to get family and friends well worry no more !! as GRF may have the answer, below is a list of some of the items we currently have for sale. Remember all profits from these sales goes to support our greys. So you can *"kill two birds with the one stone"* by finding that ideal gift and helping GRF in one go !!!

### T Shirts



The shirts cost **£7.50** and can be found in various sizes from small to XXL but get in touch with Michele with regards stock or see our forum for further details



We also have beanies or a beanie and scarf set in various colours and what better way to keep you warm this winter. Black beanies cost **£7.50** and the set (available in black/red or black/orange) is **£12.50**

Also do not forget our 2012 calendar which is selling fast (had to do another re-print ! ) and is also on sale for **£7.50** (Postage costs 1 or 2 calendars 1st class £1.96, 3 or 4 calendars 1st class £2.48)



For all the above items please contact Michele at [marfykiwi@sky.com](mailto:marfykiwi@sky.com)

However that is not all ! we also have for sale the following promotional items



Baseball cap £10



GRF Mug £4.50



GRF Mouse mat £4



Tax disc holder & windscreen decals £1 each



T shirts small - XL £10



Christmas cards (6 pack) £5



Reversible fleece lined jackets £38

For full details of our regular merchandise items please contact either Bert McCurdy at 01501 751178 or Jimmy at [FERNIEJIMMYF@aol.com](mailto:FERNIEJIMMYF@aol.com) We also have one or two other items such as dog coats and snoods please get in touch for prices of these.

Many of you may remember Sabrin Miller, who re-homed one of our dogs and was at our dog show this year, selling beautiful paintings and sculptures of greyhounds. Sabrin is offering painted portraits of your greyhound at a very reasonable set price of **£70**, from which **£10** would be kindly donated to GRF. If you want to have a peek at a small selection of her work then you can look at [www.aircollective.co.uk](http://www.aircollective.co.uk) All canvases will have rings and cords on the back ready to hang. Just send Sabrin a favourite photo of your greyhound along with any specific requirements or questions

before deciding. Sabrin can be contacted at [sabrinmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:sabrinmiller@yahoo.com) or at **01250 875611**.

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### From the Dog house



ZIPPY is a fun character, he loves to be by your side. He's not difficult to walk on a lead. He is super friendly with people and gets on well with the other greyhounds. He would settle well in a home.

*Do you have it in you to give ZIPPY a new home Then contact Jimmy/Celia on **01592 890583**.*

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### Lucky Number draw

As mentioned above the October and November draws were both done at our St Andrews walk.

October saw **56** numbers sold giving a prize fund of **£112.00**. Split as **£67.20** to GRF and **£44.80** to the winner.

November saw **50** numbers sold, giving a prize fund of **£100.00**. Split as **£60.00** to GRF and **£40.00** to the winner

October winner was: **no.44** belonging to Loraine McMillan

November winner was: **no.51** belonging to David Davies

Thanks to everyone who participates in this it raises much needed money each month for our dogs. If you have not had a go at this then why not have a flutter in our next draw and help make December's draw a bumper prize pot !! Contact Fiona for further information and a draw number [grfluckynumber@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grfluckynumber@yahoo.co.uk)

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## VETS CORNER

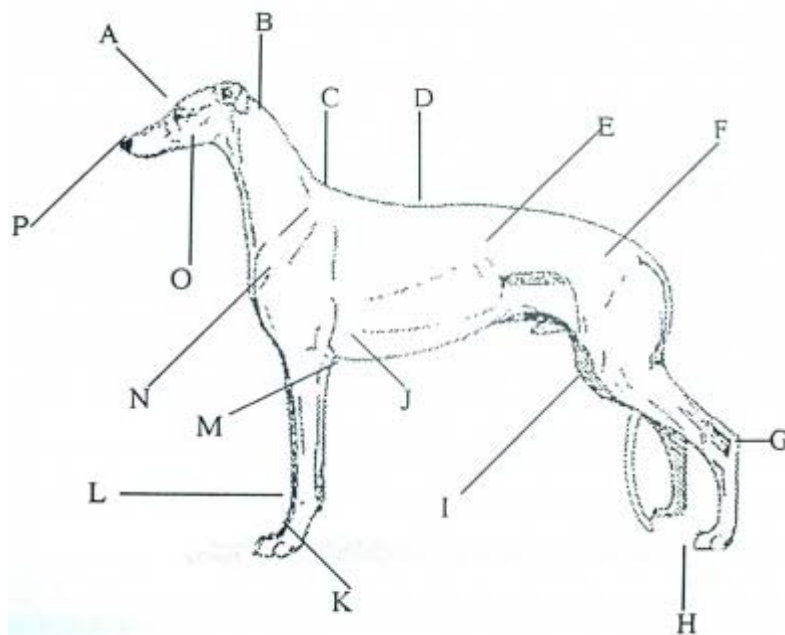
### **A Humorous Look at the Greyhound Anatomy**

by Lori Amato and Ellie Goldstein

Being the proud owner of greyhounds for the last five years it has come to my attention that when referring to parts of the greyhound's anatomy to describe the location of an injury, the following description no longer cuts it with my veterinarian! Sultan got cut on "the pointy thing on the back leg." Really described it well, did I not? I should know enough to have said, "Sultan cut his hock."

The following list shows the correct terminology when referring to the greyhound anatomy - to be used when talking with veterinarians and dog "knowledgeable" people (See list 1).

There is another way to define the greyhound anatomy as well - the day to day way when you live with one of these lovable creatures. (See below) Please note—to determine your dog's height you measure from the floor to the shoulder (withers).





## Anatomical Chart

A: Stop      B: Crest      C: Wither      D: Back      E: Loin      F: Croup  
G: Hock    H: Toes      I: Stifle or Knee      J: Brisket      K: Pastern      L: Wrist  
M: Elbow      N: Shoulder      O: Cheek      P: Muzzle

## The Greyhound Owner's Compendium of Uncommon Uses for Common Parts of the Anatomy

**Eye:** Doe-like, capable of conning the average owner out of half the food on his plate. Can convince the owner of total innocence even though the Times newspaper lays shredded on the bed.

**Ears:** Capable of hearing a can opener a mile away. Can never make up their minds if they should be back, up, down or sideways.

**Mouth:** From it come smiles, chatters, barks, whimpers and whines. Can inhale edibles in a flash.

**Nose:** Used to nudge open cabinets to get goodies. Always ending up where it does not belong. Sneezing on owner's glasses is another specialty...

**Brain:** Constantly looking for trouble to get into. Wheels always spinning and turning.

**Crest:** The part of the neck that is supposed to stop the collar before it shoots over the greyhound's head.

**Withers:** Where you're supposed to measure the dog's height if he'll stand still long enough.

**Shoulder:** The envy of Mr. Universe.

**Elbow:** The pointy object that grinds into your body as your dog settles on your lap

**Tush:** Potent exhaust system. Usually presented to humans for scratching.

**Tail:** Whip - deadly for anything at coffee table height. When it makes contact with skin, it can bring a grown man to tears.

**Hock:** Pointy thing on back of leg.

**Chest & Waist:** What most people would kill for. Waist thickens with age.

**Toes:** Dirt and mud collectors.

I am sure all at GRF can maybe add to a few of these !!!!

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## **RECIPES**

### **Archie Squares**

2 cups whole wheat flour

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup powdered dry milk

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. brown sugar or honey

6 tbs. meat or bacon drippings, cold right from refrigerator

1 egg, slightly beaten

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup Ice water

Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly oil a cookie sheet.

Combine flour, dry milk, garlic powder and sugar. Cut in meat drippings until mixture resembles corn meal. Mix in egg. Add enough water so that mixture forms a ball.

Using your fingers, pat out dough onto cookie sheet to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. Cut dough into squares appropriate for your dog size. Prick each cookie with fork.

Bake 25-30 minutes. Remove from tray and cool on rack. Store in airtight container.

### **Bad Breath Banishers**

2 cups brown rice flour

1 Tablespoon activated charcoal

3 Tablespoons canola oil

1 egg

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped fresh mint

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped fresh parsley

$\frac{2}{3}$  cup low fat milk

Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly oil a cookie sheet.

Combine flour and charcoal. Add all the other ingredients. Drop teaspoonfuls on oiled sheet, about 1 inch apart.

Bake 15-20 minutes. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator.

Do you have any recipes that you would like to share with our readers then why not send in to [alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com](mailto:alexmorrison1965@btinternet.com)

### Dates for the Diary

Keep an eye on our web site/forum for updates of forthcoming events.

### Fun Zone

Unfortunately I have stored the answers to last month's quiz questions in a safe place!! so safe that even I could not cheat !! However, I cannot remember/find where I stored (must have been that bang on the head I got!!). If I come across I will post on the forum.

This month in the run up to Christmas we have a festive word search and secret message, see if you can get all of the answers and the message. On this occasion I have put the answer below ! However you will need to copy and paste the text box, highlight the box and change font colour (if this works will use in future !)

<b>Answer</b>
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## Christmas Word search with a hidden message

When you have found all the words, write down all the unused letters (starting top left and working from left to right) to find a hidden message.



carol singers    three wise men    Nativity play    decorations    cake

Mary    ivy    shepherds    chestnuts    mistletoe    presents

reindeer    stocking    children    cracker    chimney    Rudolph

angels    manger    sleigh    tinsel    turkey    candle    lights

Joseph    infant    bells    fairy    holly    Jesus    party    cards

Bethlehem    Christmas    snow    star    toys    tree    Santa Claus