

GRF



NEWS

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***Changing the world
one greyhound at a time!***

Welcome to the (somewhat late) December Newsletter. Well, that's it all over for another year - the food eaten, the wine drunk, the presents opened, the bells rung in and our very own Celia awarded a British Empire Medal in Her Majesty the Queen's New Year Honours List ☺



What wonderful news and how greatly deserved although Celia, being Celia, thought that Jimmy was winding her up when the letter arrived from Downing Street !!



Each and every one of us who support GRF, in whatever way, and every one of those greyhounds in your care at present, and for whom you have found a home would like to say a huge thank you for your tireless dedication and hard work - you might not think you deserve this recognition, but let us tell you - you do. It takes a very special couple to give up everything to do what you do 24 hours a day seven days a week, so

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!!

Christmas at Baltree ...

Sean posted the following, on the Forum, at 6pm on Christmas Day:

“I'd like to start by thanking every single person who has so kindly donated to us over the past year. I cannot begin to tell you how much all of us appreciate it here (especially the hounds!), no matter how small your donation, every penny helps towards giving the dogs a comfier, cosier life at Baltree.

The prime example of this being the fantastic doggie Christmas dinner we could provide for every single dog at the kennel!



I'd also like to thank everyone who came to volunteer for us today, it truly was a great turnout and everything was done in record time! Many thanks guys!

I hope you will all join me in wishing Jimmy and Celia a very happy Christmas - if it was not for these two wonderful people none of this could have ever happened, they both do amazing work and have touched the hearts of not only me and everyone at the kennel, but all around the country, and even the world, people are hearing of your efforts.

A very special "thank you and happy Christmas" goes out from the bottom of my heart to Jimmy and Celia.”

Sentiments echoed by us all Sean, and already addressed on the previous page!

Thank-you's ...

Celia & Jimmy would like to thank everyone who kindly gave the dogs Christmas presents, or money, this year. They keep nearly 50 dogs safe thanks to the kindness of everyone who has donated, whether the donations be large or small.

They would also like to say a big thank-you to Elaine and Steve for making a wonderful Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Celia, Jimmy & the dogs would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2013.

December Walk at Silver Sands in Aberdour ...

The 'secret' December walk went ahead on a beautiful, but exceedingly slippery, Sunday morning.

There was an amazingly good turn-out, although I think some of us ended up taking a different route to the others !!

Thanks to Jimmy for organising the monthly walks.

Here are some photos from the day ...





Lucky Numbers Draw:

56 numbers were sold this month, giving us a prize fund of £112.00. This was split £67.20 to GRF, and £44.80 to the winner.

Celia drew the winning number at the December walk. It was number 68 and belonged to Fiona herself! Fiona generously decided that the dogs could do with the money more than her, so donated her cheque to GRF meaning that they got the total amount this month.

To take part in the Lucky Numbers Draw, you need to choose a number from the available numbers, if you email Fiona on grluckynumber@yahoo.co.uk she will give you a list of all the free numbers. It costs £2 per number per month and 60% of that goes to GRF, with the remaining 40% to the winner.

Thanks to Fiona for organising this, and to everyone who takes part - it helps raise much needed funds for the homeless hounds.

Raffle:

Thanks, as ever, to Kate & Rab Conn for organising the raffle at each of our walks - again, this brings in much needed funds.

Any donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

From the Dog House

Dogs in since November Newsletter:

Peggy, Jock, Trixie, Mary, Squeek, Jojo & Jewel.

Dogs out since November Newsletter:

Megan, Kerry, Peggy, Billy, Crystal & Rosie.

Can YOU help one of these dogs ...

PLEASE can you find it in your heart to give them the forever home they so richly deserve?

McLeod



McLeod is a gorgeous fawn boy with a super friendly nature. He is a good traveller, and is easy to walk on a lead. He gets on very well with all the other greyhounds, and will make a very beautiful and family loving pet.

Mark



Mark is a really nice black greyhound. Slightly unsure at first, but becomes extremely friendly very quickly. After an initial rush of excitement he is good on a lead. He is good with the greyhounds around him. An excellent traveller in a car.

As ever, if you would like more information on the dogs featured above, or indeed any of our other dogs in 'Please Choose Me', please contact Jimmy or Celia on 01592 890583, or by e-mailing ferniejimmy@aol.com

ROVER REPORTER

(aka Bootsie from Rosyth!)



EACH MONTH, WE ARE HOPING TO HEAR HOW ONE OF OUR RE-HOMED GREHOUNDS IS DOING, IN THEIR FOREVER HOME, BY MEANS OF A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THIS, PLEASE E-MAIL ME FOR A COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND RETURN TO ME ALONG WITH A PHOTO.

bobbynetherland@dsl.pipex.com

THIS MONTH WE ARE TALKING TO MARY WHO LIVES IN ROSYTH WITH HER GREYHOUNDS, MISSY AND PANCHO ...

1) **How long have you had Missy & Pancho?**

I have had Pancho and Missy about 4 months now.

2) **How has having Missy and Pancho living with you changed your life?**

WOW changed big time, for starters I have dropped a dress size (nice one) have 2 lovely hot water bottles at night. Met loads of people on our walks and made new friends. Down side is had to buy new socks as every time I put one on my feet went straight through (Pancho struck again).

3) **What is the best thing about owning a greyhound?**

They are so loving and cuddly, never lonely with a grey around. Gets you off the sofa and enjoying seeing things in town you would never notice before.

4) **..... and the worst ???**

Trying to get them out the door when its raining. There is not really very much downside to owning a greyhound.

5) **What 3 words would you use to describe ...**

Missy: Very confident and loves her comfort, especially lying beside me to watch tv.

Pancho: A bit of a wimp, and has an appetite for socks and licking walls. Very cuddly and also loves lying with me.

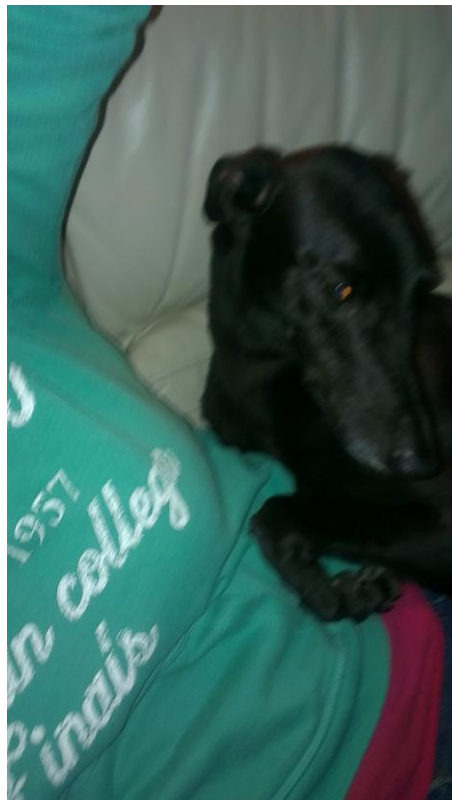
6) **What advice would you give to someone, reading this article, who may be thinking of adopting a greyhound?**

Go for it, you will not regret it. I have had dogs all my life (never a greyhound) and these must be the most enjoyable pet ever.

7) **Any funny hound stories?**

I used my neighbours garden (all fenced in or so I thought) just to let them get a 3 minute off lead. Trust these two to find the tiniest gap at the bottom and do an escape. Missy ran right round me and put the brakes on right at our door as if to say “cmon let me in” Pancho kept going (he is a bit dafter) and stopped half way down the road when he realized we were not behind him. I shouted “biscuit son” and he bolted back and straight inside. Funny now but omg my knees were shaking, had visions of touring Rosyth on a greyhound hunt.

Another funny is Missy cocking her leg to pee and Pancho getting it on his head as he investigated!



Other News ...

Vet's Corner will resume in the next issue of the Newsletter (due 31st January).

Christmas Cards:

Please save your Christmas cards for Kaz & Pat ... Kaz is intending making gift tags over the coming year to sell for fundraising on eBay, at Boot Sales and at the Kennels for next Christmas. Please give your used cards to Kaz or Pat at the next walk, scheduled for March.

Kerry:

Wonderful news that our longest serving resident, Kerry, found her forever home at the start of December, and in time for Christmas - be happy Kerry ☺

Remembering all the hounds who passed over the Rainbow Bridge in 2012:

Sadly, part of re-homing and loving a greyhound is his / her inevitable death at some point in the future. Many of you have, in the past year, lost a dog or had to make the impossibly hard decision to let your beloved pet go. Our thoughts are with you, and the little souls who run free over the Rainbow Bridge - free from pain and never, ever forgetting your love and kindness. This picture, posted on the Forum by George & Morag, seems to sum it up ...



and finally ...

Here are a couple of pics of Bootsie (aka the Rover Reporter) with his Christmas presents - he got more than us this year!!! This dog did not know what to do with a toy when he first came home. We will have had Bootsie for a year on the 26th January and adopting him was the best thing we have ever done.

