

GRF



NEWS

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August 2013

Changing the world one greyhound at a time!

My goodness, where do the weeks go ?? Christmas will be upon us before we know it and, on that very subject, there is a piece about the 2014 Wall & Desk calendars later in this Newsletter!

The big news of the month, however, has to be the, hugely successful, Summer Fete kindly organised by Kerri (pictured below). There were a number of stalls indoors and, thanks to a good day, we were able to spend the day outside at the barbeque, which was run by Michele & Nic.

Kerri would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who got involved, and helped raise the amazing amount of (total to date) £877.00. Jimmy, Celia and all the homeless hounds would like to say an equally **HUGE** thank you to Kerri for all her hard work on their behalf.



A great day out was had by all, as you will see from these photos of the day ...





Thank-you's ...

Kerri & Girlie:

The weekend prior to the Summer Fete, Kerri took Girlie (*since re-homed, and now known as Willow*) to Pets at Home in order to advertise the forthcoming event. Whilst there, Kerri and Girlie collected £92.47! Thanks to Kerri, Girlie and all the kind people who donated to our cause.

Linda Cowan & Townhill Reiki Share:

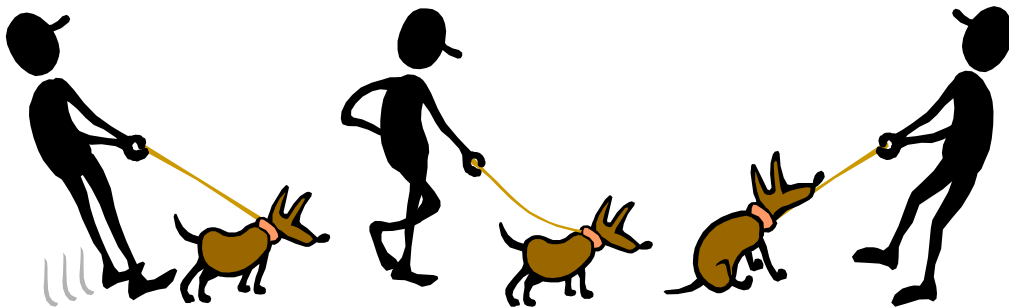
We had a visit from Linda Cowan, and four of her ladies, from The Townhill Reiki Share. They gave Reiki to several of our dogs, with quite amazing effects. Even big Lucky was totally happy and relaxed after it! The ladies also gave an extremely generous donation of £250.00 for our homeless hounds. Everyone at GRF would like to thank Linda and the ladies for their help, and hope that they will return again soon.

Pets at Home:

Pets at Home's Spring fundraising drive resulted in the Falkirk store donating £994.79 to the GRF homeless hounds, and the Kirkcaldy store doing the same by donating £593.99. We cannot thank the staff, at both stores, enough for their fantastic efforts and help.

August Walk at Tentsmuir ...

The August walk was held on Sunday 4th August at Tentsmuir - sadly, I have no photos from this walk, and there is no report on the Forum ☹



The Lucky Numbers Draw, for August, was made after the walk:

Fiona advised that 60 numbers had been sold, giving us a prize fund of £120.00. This was split as £72.00 to GRF, and £48.00 to the winner. This month's lucky number was drawn by Jimmy, and was No. 79 belonging to Nova Davies - many congratulations Nova! This was the second month in a row that Nova had won with her, very, Lucky Number 79 - she is hoping for a hat-trick !!

Fiona would, as ever, like to thank everyone for their continued support.

From the Dog House ...

Dogs in since July Newsletter:

Angus, Hunter, Girlie, Ikey, Iris, Myra, Jack, Mags, Gromit, Posy & Frodo (11)

Dogs out since July Newsletter:

McLeod, Maisie, Trina, Lightning, Buster, Girlie, Daisy, Toby & Frodo (9)

Can YOU help one of these dogs ...

PLEASE can you find it in your heart to give one of our dogs the forever home they so richly deserve?

Lassie



Lassie is a very beautiful black greyhound girl. She is very loving, and a great bundle of fun. Lassie is an easy walker on a lead, and travels well in a car. When she meets you, Lassie will shower you with cuddles. A definite character!

Iris & Ikey



These two are brother and sister, and need to be re-homed together - can you help?

Iris (left) is a gorgeous little blue girl. She is an excellent walker on a lead, and gets on great with people and greyhounds alike! Iris is Ikey's sister, and he pines without her.

Ikey (right) is a little blue and white boy. He is very nervous until he knows that you are not going to hurt him. He is a good walker on a lead. Ikey hates to be parted from his beloved sister Iris so, if you want Ikey, you will have to take Iris as well!

Ikey has the most beautiful greyhound eyes that we have ever seen.

Following the Summer Fete Steve, the greyhound, posted on the Forum ...

Can YOU help Steve to find his forever home ?

I would like to thank Kerri for organising my day out ... had a good time today, met some strange people ;-)



Allowed a bit of close quarter appreciation ...



Some kind person left out a convenient watering hole just for me ...



Phew ... all this socialising is exhausting!



Right, out the way if I could only speed up this human holding me back!



I'm sure I can smell Burgerssssssif I lie in wait here someone may drop me a bit!! I had a cunning plan to situate my hooman next to the BBQ ...



Hmmmmmm..... wonder when my next day out will be ZZZZZZZzzzzzzzzzz

A lovely piece of news:

Finally, Maisie has been re-homed ☺ She went off, to her forever home, with McLeod (*now known as Mac*), and the pair are settling in well - indeed, they even have their own blog!

As you will know, from previous Newsletters, I have been on a personal mission, for some time, to find a home for Maisie and no-one can have been more delighted than me the day I saw her lovely face in the 'Lucky Ones'. Be happy with your new family Maisie & Mac - look forward to seeing you soon.



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 ferniejimmyf@aol.com

Vet's Corner ...

Ticks:

As Ticks are particularly common in late Summer and early Autumn, I thought we would take a look at these horrible parasites ...

Ticks are small blood sucking parasites which measure a few millimetres, in size, before they feed. They attach themselves to dogs and feed from your dog's blood. The tick that most commonly affects dogs in the UK is called **ixodes ricinus** (also known as sheep or deer tick).

Why treat my Dog for Ticks?

- When the tick is feeding, it is annoying and irritating for your dog.
- Ticks can cause unpleasant skin reactions and lumps that can become infected and sore.
- Ticks can carry dangerous infectious diseases, such as Lyme disease in the UK.

How do I tell if my Dog has a Tick?

Ticks are small brown parasites with rounded bodies that become engorged and swollen after the parasite has fed on your dog's blood.

Preventing Ticks

- Try to avoid tick prone areas, such as moorland or woods.
- Use a preventative product - most of these products are prescription only, and are generally in the form of 'spot on' medication. Many of them will also cover your dog against fleas. Ask your vet to help you choose the best product for your pet.
- Check your pet thoroughly after walks.

Removing Ticks

If you find a tick on your dog and are unsure about removing it, take him/her to your vet, and they will be able to remove it for you. Do not mess around with ticks if you do not know what you are doing.



Removing the tick yourself

- If you have a 'Tick Twister', or similar tick removal device, slide it under the tick and turn anticlockwise. **Do not pull.**
- If you do not have a Tick Removal device, you can buy one from your vet or pet store.
- Be careful to remove the whole tick, as leaving legs or mouth parts behind can result in skin reactions.
- Do not handle the tick unless wearing gloves.

Remember prevention is better than cure, so if you have found a tick on your dog ensure that you get preventative medication to stop him /her picking up any more.

ROVER REPORTER

(aka Bootsie from Rosyth!)

EACH MONTH, WE ARE HOPING TO HEAR HOW ONE OF OUR RE-HOMED GREYHOUNDS 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

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We did have a volunteer for the interview this month, however, due to technical difficulties we are unable to bring you this - we hope to have this for you next month.

I thought, therefore, that I would use this space to tell you about the Rover Reporter's success at the St. Columba's Hospice 'Bark in the Park' fundraiser which was held in Inverleith Park, in Edinburgh, on Sunday 25th August.

We had gone along with a friend, primarily to take the dogs for a walk, but I decided it would be a good idea to enter Bootsie in the 'Best Large Dog' class - we duly paid our £5 entrance fee and Mo entered the ring with him, fully expecting him to do his usual howl/yowl/bark routine. For once he did not 'Bark in the Park' (oh ye of little faith Isobel Taggart ... !!!). Indeed, Bootsie behaved impeccably and we couldn't believe it (well, we could really!) when he was announced the winner ...

It has to be said that the classes, and judging, were taken very seriously - the Judge checking muscles, mouths, ears, etc! We are two **very** proud Mummies ☺

It was a lovely day, and great to see such a good turn-out for such a great cause. It was also fabulous to see all the different breeds of dogs ... from Chihuahuas to St. Bernards! One of Mo's colleagues, from work, won the 'Best 6 Legs' class with his son & St. Bernard.



Other News ...

Jimmy & Celia's Baltree House:

On the 26th August, Jimmy & Celia posted the following unfortunate news on the Forum:

“We're afraid that entry into our new house will be delayed for some time. Mr. Muirhead, on the other side of Hatchbank Road, has refused the electricity company access over two metres of his property to connect to the transformer. The electricity company have no right in law to access his land. Anybody got some candles? The saga continues.”

This is indeed a blow - we all fought so hard to get Jimmy & Celia the planning permission to build the house, and now this. How can anyone do this to a charity?

Jimmy & Celia - we are all behind you, and hope that this matter can be rectified as soon as possible to allow your house to be ready for you to move into before another winter of travelling.

2014 desk and wall calendars:

We have had a very slow response to our request for photos ☹ Please, if you would be interested in having your hound appear in the 2014 calendar, don't leave it until the last minute, as this takes time to organise and arrange sponsorship for.

For people who are new to GRF ... each month in the calendars, and the covers, are sponsored which pays for all costs involved, and the printing of the calendar. All the money raised from sales, therefore, goes to our homeless hounds.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please do get in touch with Michele via the Forum.

There is space on the wall calendar months for a company's name, contact details and logo. Michele can email you pages from the 2013 calendar in order to let you see the layout if required.

Last year, sponsorship for the wall calendar was £30.00 per month, and £50.00 for the cover. The desk calendar was £15 per month (including cover).



Saturday 31st August:

GRF will be at Pets at Home, in Livingston, on **Saturday 31st August** between 10:30am and 5:00pm.

We will have some Greyhound Awareness literature and, of course, our book of Greyhounds with all the photos of dogs currently in our care. If you are interested in Greyhounds, or own one, please come along and give us some support - bring your Greyhound, and show the public these magnificent dogs. Every greyhound owner can play a part in helping to re-home our homeless hounds, so come along for a chat. We would be delighted to see you and your Greyhound.

and finally ...

Our next walk will be held on Sunday 1st September at Aberdour, where the Lucky Numbers draw will be made. As ever, we will be leaving the car park at 11:00am.

We look forward to seeing you there and remember ... doggies on leads, and pickupdapoo ☺

As ever, please keep an eye on the Forum for any last minute changes.

