

GRF



NEWS

June 2016

Welcome to the June edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter. This is the first newsletter edited by myself and husband Pat, with the help of some very kind folk in GRF and elsewhere so we hope you enjoy this publication.

Kaz and Pat Brundell

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News from the kennels

Dogs in and out since the last newsletter in March

IN:

Dan, Daniel, Trigger, Woody, Jack, Nanny, Martin, Penny, Lionel, Charlie, Jenny, Tiny, Bess, Cassidy, Minnie, Jake, Smash, Thistle, Mima (RIP sweet little girl), Gary, Blue, Boo, Maxy, Louis, Ace, Nuzzle, Tiger, Minx, Lorna, Mya and Barley

OUT:

Sally, Nancy, Mitzie, Trina, Coco, Beryl, Pricey, Sooty, Roo, Bluey, Candy, Woody, Sunny, Fire, Linda, Martin, Tilly, Wee Bob, Kaz, Fred, Steve, Bluebell, Honey, Cara, Mandy, Jenny, Roger, Starley, Saxon, Billie, Gary, Heidi, Lionel, Jake, Daniel, Tiger, Smash and Ace.

Thank you to everyone who has adopted one of these gorgeous Hounds and taken them into your loving homes.

Thank You !!

Sadly, the following dogs have recently left their owners to go over the bridge.

Emma, Kim, King Billy, Vince, Duke, John, Badger, Lady, Bryn and Mima.

They will all be over the bridge playing together and looking down on you all with love in their heart.



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Monthly walks

Our monthly walks continue and the next walk is on July 3rd at Riverside Park, Glenrothes. For those that have not been before, the post code is KY6 3EP.

The walk starts at 11:00 am. Please remember that all dogs must be on leads and to pick up after your dog. There will be a raffle after the walk so bring your pennies and if anyone has any prizes for the raffle, please bring them too. Remember that all walks are weather dependent so check the forum before you go just in case it has been cancelled (which is very rare!)

Walking Volunteers at the kennels

Celia and Jimmy are still looking for volunteers to walk the dogs, especially during the week. This involves giving up a couple of hours from about 10 – 12 to walk the hounds and occasionally help with the feeding. This frees up other staff to do other duties in the kennels. If anyone can help, please ring Celia or Jimmy on 01577 850393 or 07826 244765 or you can email Jimmy at ferniejimmyf@aol.com

Sponsored Walk

***Karen Reid and partner Neil are walking the West Highland Way to raise funds for GRF.
Starting out on Saturday 16th July walking from Milngavie to Balmaha 20 miles.
Sunday Balmaha to Inverarnan 21 miles.
Monday Inverarnan to Bridge of Orchy 19 miles.
Tuesday Bridge of Orchy to Kinlochleven 21 miles and finishing
Wednesday 20th July by walking from Kinlochleven to Fort William 15 miles.***

If you would like to support Karen and Neil, you can make a donation in any of the usual ways. Please state that it's for their West Highland Walk so that we can make sure your money gets to the right persons.

Come on folks, they are doing this to raise funds for GRF. We must support them

**In Memory of Billy (His Royal Hound)
21st May 2005 / 2nd May 2016
Time of Crossing over the Rainbow Bridge 01:15 hours**



Billy

Billy known by his racing name (Kennmac Bill) was one of seven pups born to his Mum Meelick Rosie and his Dad Droopys Scholes on the 21st May 2005 in Ireland. Billy's Grandfather, was Top Honcho and his Great Grandfather, Head Honcho both champions in Australia. Billy was recorded in three races winning one on the 13th October 2006 before eventually being brought to Scotland by Leigham Sim with Billy's kennel mate Indi. They both were transferred into the care of Celia and Jimmy at Greyhound Rescue Fife at the old Kinghorn kennels. Thankfully Indi is still happily living with Celia and Jimmy's and their growing pack in their house.



Celia with Billy and Indi.

Billy was being fostered by Catherine Rennie and her family in Dunshalt when we went to meet Billy on the 30th April 2008. We were honoured that Billy came and greeted us when we arrived as he was timid to say the least. Billy even went out for a walk round the village with us, so you could say that Billy had decided we were alright and he adopted us and he would be our first dog. On the way home in the car Billy lay with his head on my lap for the whole journey home to Clydebank. On arriving home, it took Billy about half an hour to work up the courage to come into the house and then you can say the rest is history. He needed lots of tender loving care.

Billy was lacking confidence due to ill treatment during his time in racing so we had to work on Billy over the months and years to get his confidence back. He was always gentle, docile; caring in fact he was just perfect as he was never confrontational in any way. Our three nieces were quite young and all at primary school at the time when we were adopted by Billy. They adored him, as did his fan club where ever he went. He was a true gentleman and a perfect ambassador for Greyhounds. When we brought lassie home to stay forever with us both Billy and Lassie's personalities blossomed by bouncing off each other.



King Billy and Queen Lassie were so matched.

Billy with all the love and care had become a trusting and loyal Greyhound and we were proud of him when he became a registered Therapet a scheme run by Canine Concern Scotland. Billy was able to visit care homes and help the elderly by letting them stroke and pat him. It was evident that he was helping residents with dementia and memory issues as some hardly spoke until Billy visited and it triggered memories. It was rewarding seeing Billy progress to being a confident dog and being able to enhance the lives of everyone around him.

In 2011 Billy had Phenomena which could have taken him from us but he fought to survive. During his battle he lost 10% of his body weight and his temperature was 105.c so was critically ill but he survived although it left him with scars on his lungs. The following year Billy got a 5th place rosette in the Male Greyhound class at the 2012 G.R.F. dog show, it was like winning the show for us after what Billy had been through.



Billy just after his phenomena

Billy like many Greyhounds developed a couple of corns on his two front paws which meant ongoing visits to the vets to get them paired back. Billy was so good he just lay on the table while the vet worked on his corns and no sedation was needed. Any time Billy had to visit the vets the staff always made a point of speaking to him as he was one of their favourites as he was never any bother.

Billy liked nothing better than his food and his walks with his (Queen) Lassie whether it was local walk or a car journey in his (mobile kennel) to visit friends and explore new smells. He loved going on holiday with us to Minto (near Hawick), Dorset and Devon visiting family and finally to our static caravan that we called his other luxury kennel. He was a good weather dog that would just about run backwards if it was raining and he did not want to go out. He would kick you with his Royal Paw if he wanted attention or if you stopped petting him. He just had a Royal presence that will never be replaced.



Billy at Minto in the Scottish Borders.

Billy just enjoyed his life with us after we saved each other he was a life saviour and we will always be indebted for ever what you did in the eight years and 2 days that we were together. It was not long enough though.

In March 2015 we put Billy and Lassie into home boarding with Karen's Canines and Mikey, Karen's Greyhound in Crossgates, Fife. This was the only time that Billy was looked after by anyone else once he adopted us. Billy and Lassie allowed Karen to look after them while we went to a friend's wedding.

As you can imagine they both lapped it up and loved sharing Mikey's bed settee.



Billy lapping it up on Mikey's Bed settee.

Both Billy and Lassie liked nothing better than a doggy play date with their Greyhound pals Rosco and Sandie our friends Jimmy and Jeanie's dogs when we met up for a day visit.



Billy and Lassie on the couch with Rosco and Sandie at our caravan.

On the 27th April 2016 Billy took unwell with what appeared to be a recurring chest condition and was treated for it by our vet Mr. Houston at Boyce and Houston, Clydebank with antibiotics and diuretics.

Billy was being seen daily by Mr. Houston and Billy seemed to be responding to treatment slowly. However, on Sunday 1st May 2016 Billy deteriorated and had to be taken as an emergency to the small animal hospital Glasgow. He was admitted at 23:00 hours on the Sunday 1st May to intensive care and put on 100% oxygen therapy as his blood oxygen saturation level had dropped to 80%. Further ultra sound tests confirmed the worst that he had massive amounts of fluid were still in the lungs. A chest drain confirmed the fluid in the chest cavity to be blood, and one litre was drained off with no benefit to our Billy.

This all pointed to the vets that Billy had a bleeding tumour in his lung and we had to make the kindest decision for Billy to put him out of his pain and help him run his final race over the Rainbow Bridge. Our Brave boy Billy put up a brave fight again but this time we could not help him win his fight for life. So on Monday 2nd May 2016 at 01:15 Billy joined the angels in Doggy Heaven and joined all his pals that are there already to run and play pain free.

R.I.P. Billy (H.R.H.) His Royal Hound King Billy
Billy is one of the "Heroes of 16" Gone and will never forgotten.
You were a special boy and are sadly missed by us all.

Lots of love
George, Morag & Lassie



RIP Billy



9th Annual GRF Dog Show

On Sunday 29th May we had our 9th Annual GRF Dog Show at Caldwell's Farm, Collesie, Fife. What a fantastic day it was.

Here are some pictures and the winners list for the day,



Junior Handler
Peggy with Owner Cameron



Male Greyhound
Gordon with Owner Fiona



Non Greyhound
Tony with Owner Fiona



Best Family
Ruby/Barney with Owner Liz



Lovable Face
Sophie with Owner Kate



Female Greyhound
Ruby with Owner Liz



Our Final top six



Our Best in Show Winner
Gordon with owner Fiona and Jimmy
Congratulations.

Junior handler	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
dog	PEGGY	NICKY	GORDON	SOPHIE	LOLA	ALFIE
owner	CAMERON	SUMMER	DUNCAN	HARRISON	STELLA	ROBBIE
Male greyhound						
dog	GORDON	JAKE	DANIEL	BARNEY	MIKEY	SCHOLLS
owner	FIONA	SAMANTHA	ISLA	MIKE	KAREN	KEITH
Non-greyhound						
dog	TONY	BUNDY	TIA	MUCK	DOTTIE	DEACON
owner	FIONA	JEMMA	EVELYN	CALUM	ABBY	BRIAN
Best Family						
dog	RUBY/BARNEY	SAM/LASSIE	SOPHIE/NIRATI/AZEELVA	MIKEY/DILLABELLA	ROSCOS/SANDY	SAM/LOLA
owner	LIZ	AILSAL/LOUIS	YOUNG FAMILY	PETER	JIMMY	JAKE
Loveable Face						
dog	SOPHIE	DOUGIE	BUNDY	SANDY	LASSIE	STARLEY
owner	KATE	ANNETE	JEMMA	JIMMY	MORAG	TINA
Female greyhound						
dog	RUBY/BARNEY	BONNY	KEESHA	DILLY	NINA	CANDY
owner	LIZ	FIONA	AGGIE	ISPBEL	FRASER	KELLY
BEST IN SHOW						
dog	GORDON	PEGGY	TONY	RUBY	BARNEY	SOPHIE
owner	FIONA	CAMERON	FIONA	LIZ	MIKE	KATE

Happy Birthday!

We also had a special presentation for Jimmy – a late birthday gift from us all at GRF. Jimmy has been a lifelong Fife Flyers Ice Hockey fan, so we arranged for him to be presented with a signed shirt from the current team and a photo collage of Jimmy with some of the team of 1951, presented to him by two players from the past, Chic Cottrell and Freddie Wood. Along with this was also a personalized number plate – JF02 GRF



From Jimmy :

I was utterly swept away by my superb birthday presents. It was a total surprise to me. The personal number plate JF 02 GRF is fantastic. I am going to have to update my wheels very soon so guess what the registration is going to be 🍀 That is a fantastic present. Secondly, everyone who knows me knows that I am a Fife Flyers Ice hockey addict. When I saw Chic Cottrell and Freddie Wood (two ex-Flyers players who I know very well) at the dog show I thought that Freddie had persuaded Chic to rehome a greyhound. Little did I know that they were there to present me with a framed, autographed team jersey and a photo collage of me with some of the Flyers team of 1951. This was my first ice hockey season. The photo brought back some rare childhood memories. It all made the 9th show a magic show for me. I sincerely wish to thank everybody who kindly donated to give an old geezer a very happy day indeed. Thank you one and all.



Special thanks must go to Alex Morrison and his team who yet again organised the show. This takes months of work and Alex makes it all look so easy. Thanks too to all the helpers in setting up and taking down the show and for manning the stalls, refreshments, entry desk, registration desk, raffle ticket sales and car parking.

We raised the fantastic sum of £2800.00 and we had one dog rehomed on the day.

Thanks also to George Petrie and Steve Dowd for some great photo's. There are too many photographs to put on this newsletter so if you haven't seen them yet, check out the forum and our Facebook page.

Thanks to Trisha Macpherson of Lomond Hills Veterinary Clinic for kindly being the judge at this year's show.

Thanks to Willie and Linda Moffat at The Moffat Catering Equipment Company for being our show sponsors once again .It makes a huge difference to everyone at Greyhound Rescue Fife.And thanks to all the other sponsors who kindly support us every year. Without their kindness and generosity, the show would not happen.

Sofa News from TH



Let me introduce myself. My name is Tippikal Hound or **TH** for Short. I spend a lot of time on the sofa observing those strange two legged folk who I adopted. They are a strange pair; I am sure my fellow hounds have noticed the same. For example, the other night I was fast asleep on the sofa, it was about 10pm when the two leggers woke me up to announce it was bed time and I needed to go out for a wee!! Bedtime!! I was already asleep and how do they know if I need a wee or not. Anyone else had problems with their two leggers!! Honestly, why can't they just leave me to sleep in peace.

More observations next month.
Take care



TH



There are many Greyhound, Lurcher, Galgo and Podencos rescue and welfare organisations in the UK and across the world and we thought it would be interesting to feature other organisations each month. For our first month, we feature GRIN - Galgo Rescue International Network



Galgo Rescue International Network (GRIN), is one of the earliest U.S. rescue organizations devoted to the Galgos. Veterinary technician, Abby Christman, after learning about the plight of the galgos, began working with Operation Scooby, an initiative formed by three veterinarians who helped organize volunteer teams for Scooby's clinic. Her first team of volunteers, with Operation Scooby's assistance, made their initial visit in 2005. In 2006, Abby was invited to join the Operation Scooby Board. Shortly after her first trip, GRIN was organized. GRIN is a registered non-profit with a diverse group of volunteers who have come together entirely through their love of greyhounds and their determination to fight for an end to the violence and mistreatment of the Galgos and Podencos in Spain.

GRIN's mission has several facets but has never wavered from their original mission to raise awareness of the Galgos and Podencos plight and provide aid to the Spanish shelters directly through fundraising and by providing both medical products and ancillary supplies to the clinics.

The mission has evolved to actively supporting educational initiatives in Spain. While it is immensely satisfying to see the lives of the animals change through adoption, GRIN believes that a change in culture and tradition begins with new generational beliefs that can only be learned through systemic change of attitudes and values. Educational efforts that help bring about these changes are of great interest and a mission focus.

GRIN has a number of exciting new projects on the "bucket list" for 2016. Each of the 7 board members takes a "pet" project to spearhead and accomplish for the year. Recently, when asked what she felt best about, Abby said she could recall many great moments but that her (7 times) "working like a dog" vacations in Spain in the clinics while heart-breaking, were fulfilling and gratifying and tops her list of personal best times. Hard to beat that one!



For more information on GRIN and their work, go to <http://www.galgorescue.org> or search for GRIN on Facebook

Tails from the Wilderness



as dictated by **Blue Arrigal**

Have you ever been out with your 2legger and noticed someone furtively trying to hide a wee plastic box under a tree or bush? Chances are they're a geocacher trying to replace a cache without being mugged.

Geocaching is a world-wide (including Antarctica) treasure hunt using a GPS (Global Positioning System) enabled device to take you to a hidden cache. **Geocaching.com** is the website with details of the 2+ million hidden caches. It is free to register and there are free apps. for smart phones to get you going if you don't own a GPS.

So what is a cache? Physical caches are some sort of weatherproof container (plastic box, 35mm film container, phial...) containing at least a paper log to record your visit. Bigger caches might contain a writing implement or swaps, wee items left by a previous cacher you can exchange for something of your own.



Most excitingly you might find a Trackable- these have unique codes etched onto them and their movements can be logged on the Geocaching.com website. Trackables may have a travel related aim (e.g. visit every European country) and cachers move them from one cache to another to help achieve this.



This trackable set off from California in November 2013. It was found in Scotland earlier this year and is now in Germany having travelled over 21000 miles.

In comparison Blueberry Fruit Tree is just a novice having been set free in November and travelled just 224 miles



The next time you want to get out and about and your 2legger isn't keen, try and tempt them with a suggestion of geocaching. There's a cache out there waiting for you.



Trivia Quiz

Each month we will have a quiz or puzzle just for a bit of fun. So have a go while you enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit.

Scottish Quiz

1. What title is given to the Scottish equivalent of a mayor?
2. Which famous Scottish battle took place in 1314?
3. In which Scottish town was marriage by declaration abolished in 1940?
4. After being arrested in 1605, who said that he wanted to blow the Scots back into Scotland?
5. Which Scottish inventor give the first public demonstration of television?
6. Where would you find a chanter and a drone?
7. What is the name of the Pouch worn in front of a kilt?
8. Which Scottish phrase was the title of a number one song in 1958?
9. Which stick-and-ball game resembling hurling, is popular in the Scottish Highlands?
10. Which Scottish mathematician invented logarithms?
11. Of all the teams in the English and Scottish football leagues, which is unique in having a letter in its name which no other club has?
12. What is the Scottish equivalent of the Coroner?
13. Who is the most capped Scottish footballer of all time?
14. Lollius Urbicus was responsible for building a defensive wall to keep out Scottish tribes, what was it called?
15. What is Scotland's longest river?
16. True or false: Scotland Yard was originally the name of a medieval house used by Scottish Kings visiting London?
17. Which body of water in Scotland contains more water than all the English and Welsh lakes put together?
18. Which Scot played for Torino in 1961-62?
19. What Scottish foodstuff did Robert Burns address as the Great Chieftain o' the puddin' race?
20. Who was the Scottish schoolteacher created by Muriel Spark?

Answers will be in the next newsletter



For our younger readers

Here is a lovely picture of two greyhounds for you to colour in. Have fun.

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Line Art by Color-Your-Own.com

With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter - you know who you are!!



The next GRF newsletter will be published mid-July. If anyone has an article they would like included in future newsletters, please feel free to email Kaz Brundell on kbrundell@btinternet.com.

And as it is holiday season, if you have a holiday with your hounds, give us a report of where you went, how dog friendly it was etc.

