

GRF



NEWS

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Welcome to the November edition of the Greyhound Rescue Fife Newsletter. Edited by Kaz and Pat Brundell

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Dogs in and out since the last newsletter

IN: ACE, WILMA, RUBY, GEM, STORM, DORA, EAGLE, CHARLES. (8)

OUT: DODGER, KYLE, BOBBY, LORNA (1000 😊) SARAH, NOEL, BUCK, GEM, STORM, ALBA, McCAW, RAVEN.





BOARDING

Armadale track has closed plus we are keeping all the dogs inside in the warm so, unless already booked, we are not boarding any more dogs until April

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

**Davie who has sadly left Elaine and Steve
Archie who sadly left Heather Dennis
and
Cheryl who sadly left Phil Beaumont in September**

. *Run free sweet Babies*





CALENDARS AND RGT CHRISTMAS CARDS

The calendar files are with the printers and we eagerly await their call. If you wish to place an order for calendars please comment on the thread on the forum or on GRF page on Facebook. Wall calendars are £7.50 and desk calendars £5.00. (same price as last year ;-)

Calendars will be available from the kennels, at the December walk and from us in Dundee. We are happy to post anywhere, postage charged at cost. Many thanks to all our sponsors who have covered all production costs and to Steve and Julie for photography of the homeless hounds.

Michele

We would like to add our grateful thanks to Michelle for the hard work she puts into organising the GRF calendar every year. It is no easy task but every year Michelle obtains sponsors for every page so all the proceeds from the calendar goes to GRF.

Thank you so much Michelle and also all the sponsors and Steve and Julie for their wonderful photography.

Retired Greyhound Trust Christmas Cards are available at the kennels. There is only a limited supply of these beautiful cards so get in quickly or they will be gone. Contact Jimmy for prices etc.

Monthly walks

We had a bright crisp day for the walk at Silver Sands, Aberdour



The next walk is the last walk of 2016 at Loch Leven Kinross on Sunday December 4th. We would really encourage as many of you as possible to turn out for this walk. GRF Calendars will be ready to collect at the walk so please come along and show your support for GRF

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!)

Sofa News from TH



Let me introduce myself. My name is Tippikal Hound or **TH** for Short. My best game this month has been "Hide the one of the two leggers slippers" I hid it a couple of weeks ago. He has searched everywhere including the garden but hasn't found it yet. Hee Hee!!!. My sofa mate and I know where it is but we are not letting on. We also thought it would be great fun to start getting festive and empty the tissue box, and between us we made a nice scene of newly laid snow on the living room carpet. We thought it looked cool but the two leggers didn't seem to appreciate our efforts. They are a strange pair.

More observations next month.



Take care **TH**

In loving memory of our boy Ace. 2005 - 2016

P.A.W. – Paws Across the World



Each month we feature a Greyhound/Lurcher Rescue from across the globe. This month our article has kindly been sent by Hayley and Richard Pattrick from Norfolk Greyhound Rescue.



NGR were formed last Sept by myself and my husband Richard. We had previously been volunteers for another charity for nearly nine years. But things had become stale and they no longer rescued the Irish GH., which they did when we first helped out.

We feel very passionate about rescuing Irish GH dogs., they have a very had time.....We have two main sister rescues whom we work with. PAWS animal rescue and HUG homes for unwanted greyhounds. We do take a few dogs directly from owner/trainers, but not very often. We are a very small charity really, but we work differently to other rescue. Once the dogs arrive in the UK and they are in the care of NGR we do not kennel our dogs. We place them into foster homes or they go straight to their new forever homes.

This so far has worked really well., and no dogs have been returned. Our first dogs arrived on New Year's Eve and since then we have successfully had 65 adoptions. We have the help of several dedicated volunteers, who do home checks, some foster Dianne and Ray Davies are the techy boffins, and work wonders with our website. Everyone is good at something different and we all work well using our own unique skills.

We have talks, and fund raise a lot. We hold quizzes and attend dog events all over North Norfolk through the summer months. Its hard work, but we all love to do it and we all volunteer for free, nobody is paid within the charity. Any and all monies raised are put back into the charity funds.

For more information on Norfolk Greyhound Rescue check their website at

www.norfolkgreyhoundrescue.co.uk

Or their page on Facebook.

TAILS FROM THE WILDERNESS

by Blue Arrigal

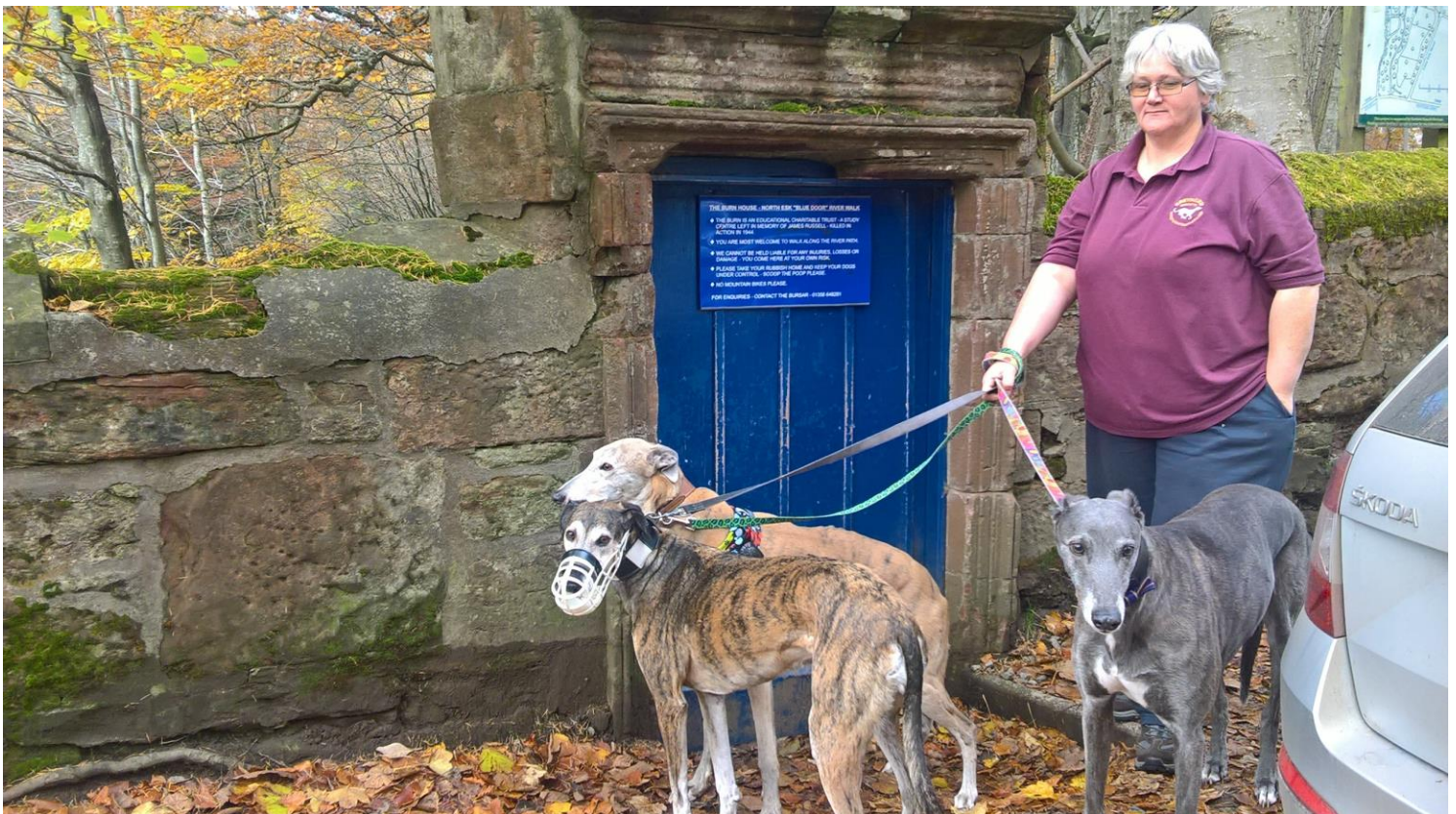
Heading out of Edzell on the B966 towards Fettercairn you cross the River North Esk and chances are you won't really pay great attention to the blue door set in the stone wall.

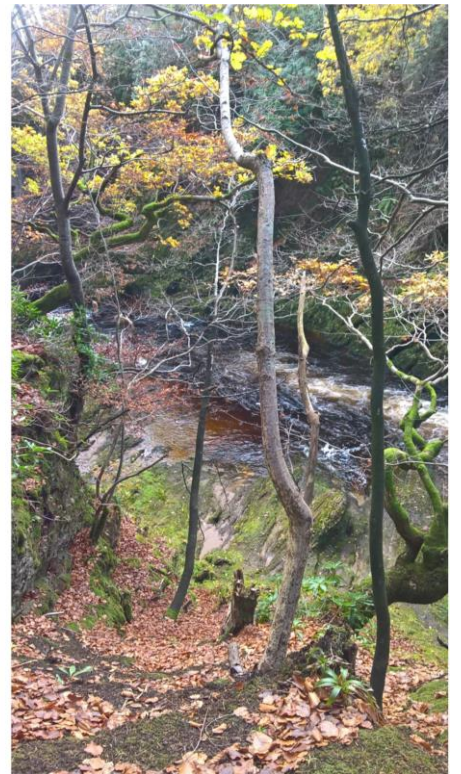
Next time stop!

Behind the door is a spectacular walk along the river and at this time of the year gold and yellow with autumn sycamore and beech leaves.

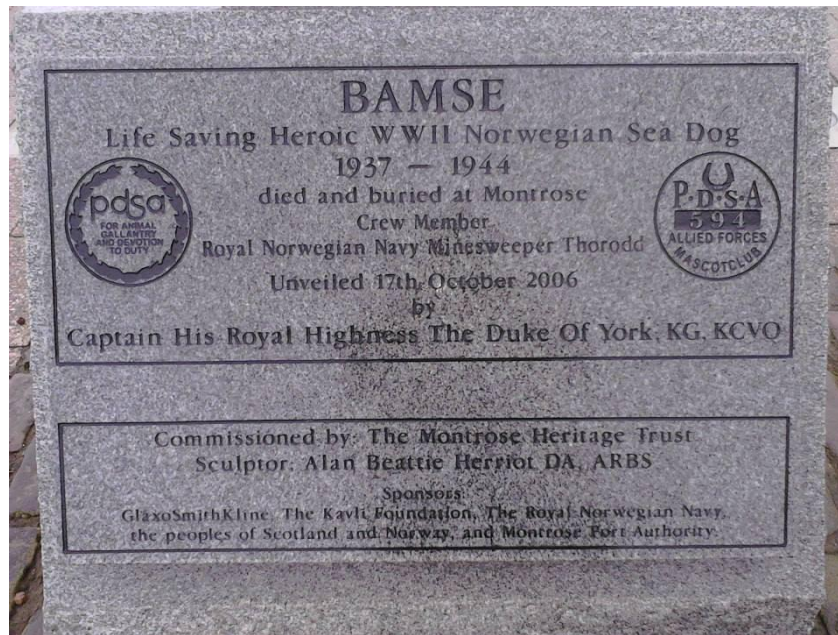
The walk follows along the river until you come to the Rocks of Solitude. Return the same way or come back via the Glen Esk road.

BAMSE





BAMSE World War II Heroic Seadog



Update to “A warning to us all” (July Newsletter) from Marion Roberts

Further to my article, printed as a warning in the July 2016 newsletter, I have an update. After 6 months I hadn't heard if I was to be prosecuted so I contacted the police officer for her report number then contacted the office of the Procurator Fiscal in Dundee. I was informed that the case was closed and that no prosecution would proceed. It's worth checking.

I then contacted the Dog Warden who issued the Dog Control Notice, as she had indicated that some relaxation of the conditions may be possible if we remained trouble-free for 6 months. I was looking to have muzzling made discretionary, such that Foxy would wear a muzzle in all situations where we were likely to meet other dogs but not in situations when we were unlikely to meet other dogs. She would still be on lead at all times. The warden was tentative due to other greyhound-related complaints in recent months but she agreed to amend the DCN. When I received the amended notice, she had removed the muzzling condition entirely. It pays to communicate.

I am grateful and wiser but no less contrite. I blame only myself for what happened. I hope you never go there but, if you do, please consider the following:

- 1) Be as honest as possible.
 - 2) Be absolutely clear that GRF made you aware of the potential risks/responsibilities of owning an ex-racing greyhound and that, on this occasion, you made a mistake.
 - 3) Be prepared to produce your rehoming agreement and microchip paperwork.
 - 4) Communicate with the authorities – I have found them co-operative.
 - 5) Never, ever, ever, give up on your greyhound. It wasn't their fault.
- Foxy's muzzle is still her default dress code.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

In case you haven't seen the post on the forum, Evelyn Robinson has kindly arranged to do the Christmas Market again this year.

The date is Saturday 26th November, 4pm – 7pm

Please look out any unwanted gifts that could be used as raffle prizes, and leave at the kennels, Evelyn has plenty of wine but anything would be appreciated as the more Evelyn has the more money can be raised for the greyhounds.

Evelyn has raised some amazing amounts in the past with this Christmas Market so please show her your support.

You can contact Evelyn via the forum.



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 (don't forget a treat for your four legged friends)

Answers to last month's Quiz

1. Bram Stoker
2. Clowns
3. Ghosts
4. Hell
5. Robert Louis Stevenson
6. Poltergeist
7. Countess Elizabeth Bathory
8. Banshee
9. Exorcism
10. Michael Jackson (Thriller)
11. Gail Porter
12. Jamie Lee Curtis
13. Anne Widdecombe
14. Crypt
15. 1921
16. 1933
17. Gregory Peck
18. The Wicker Man
19. Dario Argento
20. Stephen King

NOVEMBER QUIZ

1. Border, Leicester and Corrie dale are all breeds of what?
2. Name the most intelligent family of birds with respect to reasoning power?
3. What is the name of the dog in the famous five series?
4. Which bird is the international symbol of happiness?
5. Rock hopper, jackass and emperor are all type of what?
6. Which bird is often described as being a thief and is thought by some people to bring bad luck?
7. This animal was mentioned in 'Alice in wonderland' and was last sighted in Mauritius. Name the animal.?
8. Which living bird has the longest wingspan?
9. Which animal is the emblem of the USA.'s Republican Party?
10. To which bird family does the jay belong?

Answers will be in the next newsletter





For our younger readers



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With grateful thanks to all who helped with this newsletter

The next GRF newsletter will be published mid-December

If anyone has an article they would like included in future newsletters, please feel free to email Kaz Brundell on kbrundell@btinternet.com.

This is your newsletter so if you would like to see something else, or something taken out, please let me know.

Your feedback is important so let us know your thoughts.

