

Greyhound Rescue Fife

"Adopting just one Greyhound won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that one Greyhound."



The Sun is Shining!

Hello and thanks for reading the GRF newsletter! It has been a very warm few weeks here in Fife, even my sun worshipping pair have been struggling a bit. This has also been a very busy few weeks with the dog show which you will find out more about later...

Pictured above is are three of the lovely family of four; Rusty, Callie, Lama and Daisy.

I hope you enjoy this issue!

Dog Walkers Needed!

We are always looking for dog walkers but please don't just turn up. Give Jimmy or Celia a phone first to arrange an induction day and get all the info. John – The GRF Webmaster has also set up a Calendar on the forum which hopefully in the future will make it easier for everyone to check when help is needed and book themselves in. However, anyone new to dog walking at the kennels must get an induction first. Celia and Jimmy's contact details are on the GRF website.



Kennel News

Find out who has found their forever homes and who is new at the kennels.



Meet Eric and Gus

They are the dogs of the month for May and June, find out more about these lovely boys...



Dog Show

See the winners from this year's GRF Dog Show...

Kennel News

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed twelve new dogs; Regan, Mikey, Bobby, Khloe, Lily, Zoe, Judy, George, Lulu, Sparky, Aggie and Beauty. In the same time six dogs have found their forever homes! These were Kim, Boris, Joe, Tommy, Tess and Beauty.

Dog of the Month

May - Eric



“Eric is a lovely blue and white dog. He is stunning. He is mildly strong on lead but can easily be trained to walk properly. This boy loves people and is very pleased to meet everybody. He is a bouncy boy when he knows a walk is imminent and he loves to be outdoors. He adores being stroked and groomed too and he will stand quietly, enjoying the attention. Eric responds well to new experiences and stimulation. He is used to being taken for longer walks in the surrounding areas and he reacts well to meeting new dogs. He will settle well with a family which has time to spend with him, giving him fun and new experiences. With this, he will make a most brilliant and handsome pet. A good traveller in a car and a dog who looks very nice walking beside you.”

June - Gus



“Gus is a gorgeous, elegant and calm big boy who is an absolute delight! He is a little shy and quiet at the moment as he gets used to the new routines and life in the kennels. He walks beautifully on lead and gets on well with the other greyhounds. He loves when people stop to speak to him and spend time to give him a walk, ear scratch or brush his coat. He really is no trouble at all. He is compliant and doesn’t make any fuss as well as being clean in his area. He is a fantastic, handsome boy who would make a lovely addition to your family.”

Typical Hound

Wow, it is roasting! What I would do to lie in some of that snow to cool off! I’ve been spending most of my time sunbathing in the garden but the shady spot by the fence has been by favourite spot recently. My Mummy had the cheek to get me up to go for a walk earlier.... yeah right, nice try! I have decided that this summer will be spent sunning myself and I will not be interrupted. The only trip that has been worth it was to the dog show where I got to see my doggy friends, Uncle Jimmy and Auntie Celia.

Anyway, the garden is calling, see ya!

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Dog Show

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the dog show as you raised an amazing £2,763.90 for the kennels!!! Secondly I'm sure that you will all join me in thanking everyone who helped organise the event! Last but not least I would like so say a huge thank you to our sponsors, especially Moffat Catering Equipment who were our main sponsor for the show.



**The Catering Equipment
Company**

Once again this show was judged by Vicky Findlay from Original Walkies. This year saw a very high standard of dogs entered into the various classes. The results from this years dog show are as follows;

Dogs name first, handlers/owners name in brackets

Best Junior Handler - sponsored in memory of Nicci

1st - Peggy (Cameron)

2nd - Quinn (Ewan)

3rd - Lady (Alex)

4th - Dougie (Kerrie)

5th - Gordon (Duncan)

6th - Billy (Mia and Marcus)



Best Male Greyhound - sponsored in memory of Mikey

1st - Kev (Ian)

2nd - Mikey (Ailsa)

3rd - Reuben (Richard)

4th - Alfie (Hazel)

5th - Ace (Morag)

6th - Pinza (Heather)



Best Non-Greyhound - sponsored by The Aitken Family

- 1st - Skye (Catherine)
- 2nd - Barkley (Lindsay)
- 3rd - Libby (Blanche)
- 4th - Finn (Lindia)
- 5th - Tia (Evelyn)
- 6th - Oscar (Denise)

**Best Family Of Dogs - sponsored by Lady Gaga, Billy and Laddie**

- 1st - Louis, Jake and Rita (Rachel)
- 2nd - Keesha and Scholls (Keith)
- 3rd - Honey, Jack, Peggy and Harry (Sarah)
- 4th - Lama, Rusty, Daisy and Callie (Steve and Elaine)
- 5th - Kerry and Danny (Christine and Steve)
- 6th - Zeeva, Nera, Lexa and Zander (Rosie and Rachel)

**Golden Oldie - sponsored by Jo Goss**

- 1st - Mac (John)
- 2nd - Blue (Michele)
- 3rd - Cassie (Carol)
- 4th - Patch (Karen)
- 5th - Billy (Elaine)
- 6th - Mizzi (Lindia)



Best Female Greyhound - sponsored by Moira

1st - Chloe (Gillian)

2nd - Zoe (Evie)

3rd - Peggy (Emma)

4th - Misty (Linda)

5th - Teigan (Marion)

6th - Lady (Douglas)



The winners of each of the classes then went on to the final

Best Of Show Final - sponsored by The Moffat Catering Equipment Company

1st - Kev (Best Male Greyhound)

2nd - Chloe (Best Female Greyhound)

3rd - Mac (Golden Oldie)

4th - Jake (Best Family Of Dogs)

5th - Skye (Best Non Greyhound)

6th - Peggy (Best Junior Handler)

Congratulations to all of our winners!



Many thanks to our judge, Vicky Findlay (Original Walkies), and to all of you who entered.

Monthly Walks

8th April - North Inch, Perth



The next walk is on Sunday 10th June at Riverside Park, Glenrothes. Look on the website for more info, we hope to see you there!

Kev's Corner

My name is Kev, I won the best of show 2018. I must come from a family of good lookers because Lexi who won best of show last year is my cousin, and she is pretty special too!

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am 8 years old and found my forever home with my sister Peggy on February 10th 2014.

I was a very quiet boy and found everything very scary. I was in the kennels for a long time.

My favourite person in the family is my dad, I even go with him to the fridge. In time I began to enjoy cuddles and kisses which is just as well because I think I am the most cuddled and kissed dog out there.

My favourite food is chicken and dog treats. My hobby is raiding the bin when my silly family leave the kitchen door open. They will never learn!

I live with my dog sister Peggy, my humans mum and dad, and my human brother and sister.

I love big walks in the forest, and I love to bark at the cats. I'm sure they laugh at me.

I had problems with my right back leg which was very sore, and in February 2018, my mum and dad took me to Edinburgh vet school where a scan revealed I had an osteosarcoma on my knee (bone cancer). Mum and dad could not believe it but they tried to be brave for me. The vet said I had to have my leg amputated and then had 4 cycles of chemotherapy. The vet said I may only have 6 months to 2 years to live! Mum and dad made sure I live my life to the full getting all the treats I want and go in the garden everyday as I can't walk for long now.

I've got lots of fun memories to make so I will keep you all posted.

Lots of love, Kev xxx



Barry 'n' Sue

Highland Hounds

We are just back from a wee trip up north to our family caravan, Barry and Sue loved it as usual! This is the first time that they have been up for an extended period in the summer, they probably didn't recognise the place without 6 inches of snow! On arrival Barry would not settle walking from window to window wanting to explore straight away, Sue found her spot on the sofa and made herself comfy. Usually on walks Barry will stay by our side and Sue will walk in front of us however when we are in the highlands Barry is up front, keen not to miss a thing, Sue puts her muscles to work and charges on dragging me behind her!

Since it was really warm we decided to see if they would be a fan of swimming so we took them to a local loch. First we tried Sue. She enjoyed paddling in the cool water so I took her deeper (encouraged by treats), she was slightly unsure as she couldn't really see where she could put her paws, at this point I supported her with her harness to show her that she could float. Her legs started kicking and she was swimming! With me still holding onto her harness she swam beside me around the shallows of the loch until she decided she needed a break when she swam back to a depth she could walk in.

All this time Barry was with Hannah, watching nervously. We had our doubts about Barry swimming as he hates getting wet or even slightly dirty - we can take them on the same walk and Sue's paws will be covered in mud while Barry's are still pristine! I took him to the edge of the loch, at this point he spotted two ducks padding past so he picked up his speed and trundles straight into the water! This didn't last long however as when he was about knee deep he looked down, realised he was wet and returned to dry land straight away to get cuddles from Hannah!

Sue had another swim though, well.....three more!



One Year On

Queenie found her forever home on 21st June 2017, she has been letting us know how she has settled in.



Hello to you all, it's Queenie here.

Thought I would drop you a wee postcard to let you know how I am a year on from my rehoming day. I was very poorly when Celia and Jimmy rescued me. They looked after me and made sure I was healthy until my mum and dad offered me a forever home. I was a wee bit wary at first as the greyhounds, Meg and Milo didn't know how to take me and my lurcher ways but I soon won them round.

I've got a part-time job at my dad's work where I meet and greet people and generally entertain. I get long walks and time for plenty sniffs. We have a caravan and I have discovered the delights of the sand under my paws. I find my tufty golden hair gathers a fair amount of sand so the beach is sometimes taken into the caravan....

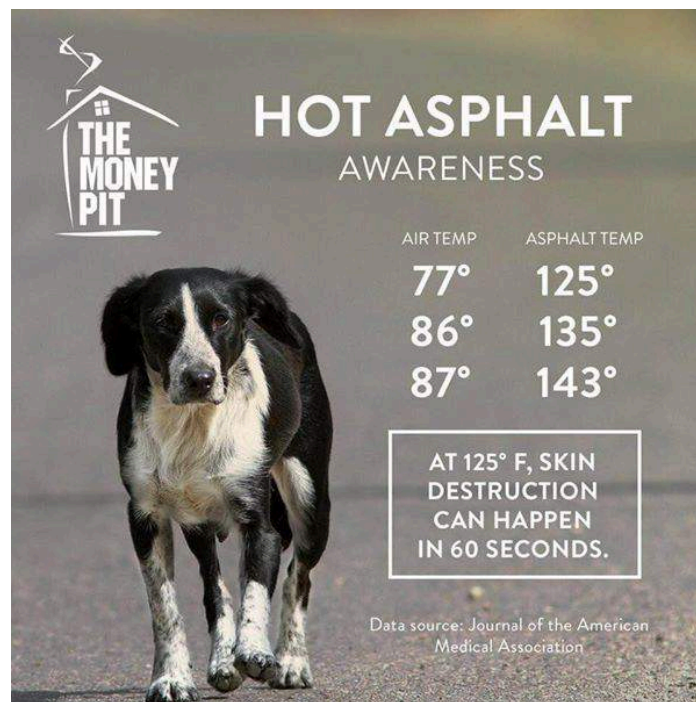
We've travelled all over Scotland and I've had many adventures including meeting 'The Unknown' in Borgie Forrest (a big iron man) and watching dolphins on the Black Isle. We have recently moved to a house with a big garden so have been running around with the greyhounds and chilling in the sunshine.

Life is good and I've landed on my paws here. Mum and dad think I'm a bit loopy compared to the greyhounds (what with me being a lurcher). I want to say a big thank you to Celia and Jimmy, without them I wouldn't be here living this wonderful fun life.

Big kisses from Queenie

Doggy Doos

With the weather getting warmer (at long last!) the pavements can get uncomfortably warm for our hounds' paws. The graphic below shows the temperatures where burning can occur. Unfortunately this is in Fahrenheit but there is a very simple way to check at the time of your walk. Hold the **back** of your hand against the pavement, if you struggle to keep it there for **5 seconds** then it will burn paws! If this is the case stick to grass if you can, put on their booties if you have them or try to keep their main walks to mornings and evenings (check the tarmac has cooled enough in the evening as it can hold heat well). If your hound/s is/are anything like my two however they would rather laze about in the garden of days like that anyway!



(77f is 25c - when tarmac may be hot enough to burn paws)

Source: The Humane Society of Knox County



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