### Greyhound Rescue Fife

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



### **Happy New Year!**

Thank you for reading the official Greyhound Rescue Fife newsletter!

It's been a quiet month at the kennels, well as quiet as it can be! So as you can imagine there is still a lot of news to report. For those of you on facebook I have started a new feature called 'Dog of the Week'. This is where we choose a dog that has taken grabbed our attention at the kennels and let everyone know about them. It would be great if you could share these posts with your family and friends. We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter.

#### **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 Tommy He is the dog of the month, find out more about this handsome boy...



Nail clipping
Find out more ways
to keep your
hound's nails
trimmed...

#### **Kennel News**

Since the last edition the kennel welcomed six new dogs; Molly, Emma (black), Boo, Sparta, Scotty and Dec. In the same time five dogs have found their forever homes! These were: Roddy, Brock, Luna, Emma (black) and Kenny.

If you would like to home a dog from Greyhound Rescue Fife call Jimmy and Celia on 01577 850393 or 07826 244765 or you can email <a href="mailto:ferniejimmyf@aol.com">ferniejimmyf@aol.com</a> to arrange a suitable time to meet your new member of the family!

#### **Dog of the Month**

#### **Tommy**



Tommy is an exceptionally handsome brindle boy. Sadly, he arrived with a broken wrist but he is now coping well with gentle exercise to regain strength and flexibility in his joint and is expected to make a full recovery. He is very clean in his kennel and will always let you know if he needs a toilet break. He is a very gentle character and gets on well with humans and hounds. A real favourite with staff and volunteers. A gentle, loving lad who will make the most fantastic pet.

#### **Easyfundraising**

When doing your online buying please don't forget to shop through Easyfundraising. There are new retailers eg Next joining the scheme all the time and specials offers and competitions all the time. Please remember it costs you nothing extra to shop via easyfundraising but will raise funds for the homeless hounds. We have now raised over £2300.

To find out more and join the other GRFers raising money this way please follow this link: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greyhoundfife/

There is a pinned post on the forum with more information about this.

#### **Monthly Walks**

The programme for this years walks is as follows:

Sun 08/03/2020 Pittencrief Park - Dunfermline

Sun 12/04/2020 Lochore Meadows - Lochgelly

Sun 10/05/2020 South Inch - Perth

Sun 14/06/2020 Riverside Park - Glenrothes \*

Sun 12/07/2020 Ravenscraig Park - Kirkcaldy

Sun 09/08/2020 Blairadam Forest - Kelty

Sun 13/09/2020 West Sands - St Andrews

Sun 11/10/2020 Beveridge Park - Kirkcaldy

Sun 08/11/2020 Silver Sands - Aberdour

Sun 13/12/2020 Loch Leven – Kinross

Monthly walks take place on the second Sunday of every month and are great way to meet other owners and let dogs socialise with each other. All walks start at 12pm.

#### **Dog Show**

We are pleased to announce that this year's dog show is taking place on Sunday the 31st of May at the usual place, Caldwell's Farm. More details and ticket information to follow.

#### **Typical Hound**

The white fluffy stuff came back the other day. I don't know who puts it there but I just woke up and it was all over the garden. I went out to investigate, I had forgotten how cold it made my tootsies! Daddy came out with me and made it into balls for me to catch but it kept on disappearing when it landed! It's already gone again but I hope I get to see it again soon!

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<sup>\*</sup> this will be registered as a GreatGlobalGreyhoundWalk

#### Barry 'n' Sue

#### Our top five things about Barry and Sue.

#### **Barry**

- 1. Every morning at 6am, Barry will come into our bedroom and jump on our bed to give Hannah kisses (he will sometimes wake her up with kisses)
- 2. He is the friendliest dog I have met, he can't walk past someone without saying hello. He has a dorky happy walk after he's met a new person or a dog.
- 3. He can go from being a quiet, calm boy to a crazy nutter, throwing his toys around the place in a heartbeat.
- 4. He lives for a good cuddle.
- 5. His full, loving heart. He is always looking after his Susie.

#### Sue

- 1. She loves nothing better than when the whole family is together. When someone is out, she will look out the window for them and when everyone is in, she will cosy up for a cuddle.
- 2. Her love for food. She will lie on the cold, hard tiles in the kitchen in hope crumbs will fall.
- 3. Her sense of adventure. She has pulled her Daddy through many puddles and mud just to have a good sniff.
- 4. Her wonderful noises. From her impatient sighs to her weird "horse impressions". She is full of many strange sounds.
- 5. Her madness. Whether that is zoomies in the garden or barking at Barry to play more, she is a crazy cookie!



Share your favourite five thing about your hounds on the forum or Facebook group!

#### **Curtains**

As many of you know, Sheila and a friend make dog beds out of duvets and curtains which they sell for £8 each to raise money for GRF. If anyone has curtains which they no longer require, could you bring them along to the kennels for them to pick up. They need to be in reasonable condition and of fairly strong material.

NB please don't bring duvets - we have an endless supply of these from another charity.

#### **Doggy Doos**

#### **Quick Tip**

Something we quickly realised after adopting Barry and Sue that we all found traditional nail clippers terrifying (us and the dogs!). So, we did a little bit of research into alternatives. By far the best solution we found were dog nail grinders. It works just like a mini dremel tool so you can gradually grind the nail down to the appropriate length. We use the torch on our phones to shine through the nail so we can see the quick (blood vessel in claw) so that there are no nasty accidents, some even come with small led lights for this purpose. It can be a bit noisy so give them time to get used to it and at their pace, even if that means one paw at a time.

Click <u>here</u> for more information on the options.



#### **Your Stories**

Since this is a community newsletter we would like to include more of your stories. If you have recently homed a hound and would like to let us know how they are settling in, if you would like to share a story about a recent trip or any other story about your hound then please let us know and we can share it in the newsletter! Email your stories to grfnewsletter@gmail.com.



#### **With Thanks**

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