

Greyhound Tails

Rugby and Coventry Retired Greyhound Trust



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What we do...

- *Since 1975 the RGT has been finding loving homes for retired racing greyhounds. We take them in when they retire and look after them until a suitable home can be found for them.
- *We are a branch of the only nationally registered charity that concentrates solely on the rehoming of greyhounds.
- *All our dogs are neutered, micro chipped and have current vaccination certificates. They are also up to date with worming and flea treatment when homed and come with a lead, collar, house collar and muzzle. We offer full support and advice for prospective/existing owners.

Why do we do it ?

- *Because we know that GREYHOUNDS MAKE GREAT PETS and deserve a new life of retirement after racing.
- *Despite popular misconceptions they are gentle and adaptable making them ideal family pets, many require little exercise and they can live happily with other pets, sometimes even with cats, hens, rabbits, rodents
- *The RGT now has 75 branches nationwide and since 1975 has homed over 60,000 greyhounds.

Branch News

As autumn arrives and winter looms ahead, it's an ideal time to highlight what has been happening in the branch. We are still no further forward in terms of a permanent home for the kennels but we have no complaints where we are – Kirsty and Dave are real greyhound devotees! There seems to be a steady flow of enquiries and adoptions with the total at the time of going to print being 20 greys homed. Harry recently celebrated his 12th Birthday is happily settled in the kennels where he remains happy and stress free, whilst long stayer Billy has benefited from some promotion by head office in a bid to find him his forever home. Then we have our favourite apple munching naughty boy Pedro who is now an official RGT sponsor dog.

Julian and Sharon went along to BBC Coventry & Warwickshire on Good Friday to be interviewed by DJ Annie Othen in a bid to highlight the number of black Greyhounds needing homes. Sharon's greys Olly & Duffy joined them in the studio and won the presenters heart.

The meet and greets have been a huge success again this year we've had Harry's meets at Pets at Home, Rugby plus our regular spot at Blooms. We have now done two at Just for Pets at the Arena Shopping Park, Coventry which have been a massive success, there are two more planned during the remainder of 2014. Pets at Home, Rugby has now closed for refurbishment so Harry's meet and greets will not go ahead until it reopens. We had our usual stall at the Bilton School Fayre which turned out to be a wash out due to a morning of torrential rain although once the sun shone we did receive a few visitors. We also attended the Pet Show at Stoneleigh which was a huge success – there is a full page feature further on in this newsletter. Heidi Warwick along with gorgeous black boy Clyde represented the branch at the annual Great Greyhound Gathering in Nottingham late September; they didn't place in the Branch Greyhound class but certainly did us proud.

So that is just a small taster of what's been happening in the world of the Rugby & Coventry RGT, should any important news arise before the next publication we will post details on the website, Facebook and post out a bulletin to those without online access.

We have secured discounts with Premier Boarding Kennels in Corley along with Bannerbrook Pets in Tile Hill, Coventry – details can be found in the classified section of this newsletter.

Mary and Julian



I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the other members of the branch team. Julian, Gary, Sharon, Joyce and John (committee) who continue to support me and the greys. The Sunday walkers who come up no matter what the weather and give the greys biscuits and extra cuddles. Emma and Abigail who come up on Thursday mornings to groom and give the greys an extra bit of TLC.

Finally, to all the friends and supporters of the branch thank you for your continued support. Mary xXx

Greyhounds homed in 2013 - 20

Greyhounds homed to date this year - 20

Enquiries at the start of the year were very slow. This has steadily picked up and by the end of September we have already matched the total for 2013.

The Pet Show, Stoneleigh Park 2nd to 3rd August

The branch were fortunate to be invited along to this year's Pet Show at Stoneleigh Park. We were given a perfectly placed stand in the Dog Breed Village. After much work by Mary and Julian; head office provided us with some fantastic display equipment such as personalised pull up displays signs, bunting, sticky bugs and stickers plus a couple of large collection buckets. The organisation was excellent with the timing of cover and number of hounds on the stand at any one time – hats off to Julian and Mary.

Friday evening had Mary, Gary, Julian and I setting up the stand (or should that be Gary and Julian while Mary and I supervised) in readiness for the opening of the show on Saturday morning.



Saturday morning dawned with Julian and I covering the kennels for Mary which allowed her and Emma to take Craigy boy along to the show. Gosh we now appreciate just how much Mary does at the kennels every day!

Meanwhile at the show Mary, Gary, Emma along with Craig, John & Joyce with Coach & Robbie, Joan & Paul with Dom & Dottie, Linda with Blue & Tilly, Jo Batchelor with Teejay, Amanda, Sue with Inka & Archie and me bringing up the rear with Olly & Duffy.

The dogs were such fantastic ambassadors and really sold the breed. The rain came and came so did the thunder and lightning but it didn't deter anybody, luckily for us our stand was next to one of the main doors to the Market Place so it became very busy and the hounds really lapped up the attention, this also led to a lot of interest in the hounds.

Sunday soon came around and it saw Julian opening the show with kennels hounds Jim & Misty. The sun shone today and certainly brought the crowds in their droves. Helping out on the stand were Jo Chima, John & Joyce with Coach & Robbie, Sue with Inka & Archie, Faye, Abigail, Gerard with Lulu, Linda, Mary, Gary and Emma with Billy Boy & Lacey and me again with Olly & Duffy. We also had the added bonus in the name of Samuel Zelma-Jackson (Media and PR Manager for the RGT) whom we must thank for the display goodies.



Everybody did the branch proud giving out advice and information, helping with enquiries and generally chatting to the public about the hounds. Overall though the hounds did a wonderful job of showing people what great pets they make. As the show was drawing to a close we were approached by the Confused.com team along with Marc Abraham (TV Vet) who all informed a very shocked Mary that we had won the prize for 'best dressed stand' this really was the icing on the cake. Some of the team had their photo's taken and Billy Boy, Lacey & Olly had their own little photo session with pictures being shared far and wide. Finally in the last hour all the freebies started coming in thick and fast, we had carrier bags galore with no end of goodies for the dogs. Even the hounds got in the spirit of things and decided to wear the RGT bugs on their heads! Sam also took time out to do a brief video and take pictures of Billy Boy to help raise his awareness as he has been in the kennels for far too long. He was lucky enough to feature not only in a couple of issues of Racing Post but also on the main RGT Facebook page.



Breakdown was down to Mary and Gary, Emma, Linda, Sam along with yours truly packing everything away then it was all off home for a well earned rest. As for the stars of the show well they were all totally

exhausted. Overall this was a fantastic show and we really look forward to doing it all again next year. So lets all say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to Mary & Julian along with everybody else who made this show a huge success ... Sharon x



JUST FOR FUN

Dogs are miracles with paws

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a dog licking your face

Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them

Maybe you've been looking for love in all the wrong places. A dog will treat you better than anyone you'll meet at happy hour.

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as much as the dog does

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue

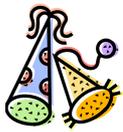
A dog can express more with his tail in minutes than his owner can express with his tongue in an hour

Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails

You own a dog; you feed a cat

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A dog doesn't care if you're rich or poor, big or small, young or old. He doesn't care if you're not smart, not popular, not a good joke teller, not the best athlete, not the best looking person. To your dog you are the greatest, the smartest and the nicest human being who was ever born. You are his friend and protector.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARRY



The branches beautiful kennel hound Harry (Blondie's Harry) celebrated his 12th Birthday on Wednesday 6th August, we could not let this go unnoticed so Mary came equipped with party hats, banners and cup cakes for all the houndies to enjoy after their dinner!

Harry took it all in his stride and enjoyed every minute of his special day as did his kennel mate Bill (Caribbean Bill) they are such a happy pair of greys.



Recent Homings

The number of greys homed was quite slow at the start of the year due to moving kennels, but have really picked up steadily. September was extremely busy in terms of enquiries and adoptions, so long may this continue.

- January **Clyde (Toogoodforyou)** was homed by Heidi Warwick and lives happily in Rugby.
- March **AI (Applesford AI)** went off to live with Nicholas Holmes in Shipston on Stour.
Nikki (Icemaidd Nikki) finally found her forever sofa with Alison Constable in Wolston.
Mary (Watch Mary) is now living with Joanne Payne and Beau the Whippet in Daventry.
- May **Bertie (Bluefoxbabe)** won the heart of David Ashworth in Leamington Spa.
Aofie (High Aofie) was homed by Helen Gant in Leicester and shares her home with Leon.
- June **Katie (Topper Queen)** now lives with Heidi's Mum Julie Savery and also lives in Leicester.
Poppy (Impala) won Sue Appleby's heart and found her forever sofa in Rugby.
Georgie (Angies Best) lives in Leamington Spa with Louise Askew and her 2 sons.
- July **Archie (Headford West)** Sue Hughes from Rugby decided it was the right time to find a brother for Inka the Lurcher after sadly losing Spice in late spring, they all get along so well.
Queenie (Go on Queen) trotted off to her forever home with Karen Hocking in Coventry.
Rosie (Rivermist Sophie/Sophie) won the hearts of 1st time dog owners Jay and Helen Trivedi in Coventry.
Murphy (Brehon Law/Dennis) and **Rose (Itai Sonia/Sonia)** have gone to live in beautiful North Wales surrounded by mountains and sheep with Camy Butler.
- August **Jim (Aghaburren Jim)** now lives with the Phelan family in Coventry and is their 9 year old son's pride and joy.
- September **Shugs (Roscoes Shugs)** and **Floyd (Floyds Norky)** shared a kennel and went together to live with Ges Gillard in Leicester.
Birdie (Roscoes Birdie) is now happily living with Anne Bruce and her 2 Whippets in Daventry.
Lacey (Soft Lace) won Anne Hartley's heart and also lives in Daventry.
Kylie (Soul Leader/Mona) our waggy-tailed bouncy girl has settled in well with Peter Johnson and lives in Leicester.

Dates for your diary

Meet and Greets are our best way to raise awareness of greyhound adoption and show off our lovely greys - these are generally at 13.30 - 16.00 so please come along and help. We also have a calendar of Greyhound Walks because greys just love to meet each other and their owners swap greyhound tales.

Meet and Greets

Greyhound Walks

Saturday Oct 11th Blooms, Dunchurch
1.30 pm to 4pm
Saturday Oct 18th Just for Pets, Ricoh Arena
10am to 3.30 pm Shopping Centre
Saturday Nov 15th Just for Pets, Ricoh Arena
10am to 3.30pm Shopping Centre

Sunday Oct 19th Coventry War Memorial Park 10.30 start
Boxing Day Coventry War Memorial Park 10.30 start

Please check on the Website or Facebook for more events currently at the planning stage.

Rugby & Coventry RGT Tote

DON'T MISS OUT ! JOIN NOW TO HELP US MAKE 'LOADSA MONEY' + Maybe win some as well !!!

**Each Month we have prizes of £60.00 & £40.00
As our numbers increase we will have Bonus Prizes too!**

Standing Order Forms are available from the Kennel and our website, cash/cheque payments can also be sent to Mary at the Kennels but must be received by 15th of each month to remain in the draw. On entry you will be allocated a number. Each Number costs £5.00 per month and the draw takes place at the kennels. The Tote is run by Ian Randle. Please return completed Standing Order Forms to him at:

Ian Randle F.C.A.
Rugby & Coventry RGT Tote Organiser
21 The Hall Close
Dunchurch
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Currently supported by the Tote



HARRY (BLONDIE'S HARRY)

NB: If you wish to know your Number/s please apply to Ian Randle as we are not publishing a list on the grounds of confidentiality.

We will list current tote winners again from the next issue of the newsletter hopefully.

Information & Classified

The place to come to find useful links and to buy, sell, swap or simply give away hound related stuff: If you would like to have a feature in this section please email watchnews@outlook.com

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Steve and Andy at Bannerbook Pets have kindly offered a 10% discount off orders with this newsletter or by quoting 'Rugby & Coventry RGT'

We are still asking for donations for the charity shop (no electrical items please). They can be dropped off at the kennels during our opening times

FOR SALE: LADIES BROWN HI-TEC WALKING SHOES SIZE 7 WORN JUST ONCE £15 ONO PLEASE CONTACT SHARON AT WATCHNEWS@OUTLOOK.COM

We aim to publish the Newsletter on a quarterly basis and these can be posted out to those without access to the Internet. The best way to keep up to date with what's going on is to follow us on Facebook or take a look at the website where you can see our latest retired greyhounds looking for a loving home. Finally, we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everybody for their continued support and donations.

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Callers are welcome any morning between 9.30 and 11.45 and 12.15 to 1pm but please phone in advance to make an appointment.