



Greyhound Tails

Rugby and Coventry Retired Greyhound Trust



www.watchkennelsrgt.co.uk
Email: greyhounds@watchkennelsrgt.co.uk
Facebook: Rugby & Coventry Retired Greyhound Trust
Telephone: 01788 833 855



A branch of registered charity no 269668

SPRING/SUMMER 2013



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 72 branches nationwide and since 1975 has homed over 50,000 greyhounds.

Branch News

With the help of a good tidy round, a new shed to meet visitors in and new signs courtesy of RGT Head Office, the Branch and its greys have settled in well next door to the old Royvon Kennels. We are hoping to provide some larger paddock space soon for the greys to spend time in during the day as at the moment they have access to an enclosed yard in shifts, and a weekly walk up the lane and back for exercise.

We have noticed some of the greys are getting quite clingy to Mary as she is the only person they see on a daily basis – not good preparation for homing. Arrangements are being made for her to be able to have days off, but we need more volunteers to help with walking and grooming so the greys get used to meeting different people and are better socialised. So please get in touch if you can spare part of a morning on a regular basis – it's a really rewarding and enjoyable thing to do, as our Sunday walkers and Thursday groomers will confirm!

We've been told that the Branch will be able to stay at Stave Hall Farm for at least another six months whilst its sale proceeds. The prospective owner is a keen RGT supporter and is very happy for the Branch to stay where it is, subject to finding the right space in the plans for his own kennels. This is very encouraging and means that, once the sale is through, the Branch can begin to make serious long term plans with the new owner.

The new kennels are open every morning and visitors are welcome. Please ring Mary in advance, especially if you are coming for nail cutting or food.

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 have supported myself and the greys throughout the last year which has been a very difficult one for myself and the branch.

Amanda and Linda who walk the dogs on a Sunday morning and give them biscuits and extra cuddles.

Emma and Abigail who come up on Thursday mornings to groom and give the greys an extra bit of TLC.



Mary x

Greyhounds homed in 2013 - 20

Greyhounds Homed this Year - 4

What with the move and the weather, enquiries this year have been slow. Even so, we have had 4 adoptions so far in 2014 and six new arrivals already (not counting the SIX gorgeous puppy greys and their mum from next door who stayed with us for a short while)

Since we relocated we have found homes for 6 greys at the time of going to print. As you can see we eventually managed to find homes for 20 greys in the 11 1/2 months at Royvon. So homing 6 in 3 months at our new location is a great improvement. We are hoping that with the events we have planned we can start catching the public's attention once again and carry on the way we are going.

Dates for your diary - keep this page handy

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.

<u>Meet and Greets</u>		<u>Greyhound Walks</u>	
Saturday April 5 th	Pets at Home, Rugby	Sunday April 20 th	Ryton Pools 13.30 start
Saturday May 3 rd	Blooms, Dunchurch	Sunday May 18 th	Coventry War Memorial Park 10.30 start
Saturday June 7 th	Pets at Home, Rugby	Sunday June 15 th	Coventry War Memorial Park 10.30 start
Saturday June 28 th	Bilton School Community Fete	Sunday June 22 nd	Ryton Pools, GBGW Walk 10.00 start
Saturday July 12 th	Blooms, Dunchurch	Sunday July 20 th	Coventry War Memorial Park 10.30 start
Saturday Aug 2 nd	Pets at Home, Rugby	Sunday Aug 10 th	Coventry War Memorial Park 10.30 start
Saturday Oct 4 th	Pets at Home, Rugby	Sunday Aug 17 th	Ryton Pools 13.30 start
Saturday Oct 11 th	Blooms, Dunchurch	Saturday Sep 20 th	Great Greyhound Gathering, Nottingham Race Course
Saturday Dec 6 th	Dunchurch Christmas Fayre 09.00 - 12.00	Sunday Sept 21st	Coventry War Memorial Park 10.30 start
Saturday Dec 13th	Pets at Home, Rugby	Sunday Oct 19 th	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.

We are agreeing with Pets at Home, Gallagher Retail Park in Coventry dates in April, May, August and September for Meet and Greets to link up with their national charity days and raise funds for the Branch - keep an eye out for these!

Our first Meet and Greet of the year at Pets at Home on Saturday 1st February.

Thank you to Harry Hanson (seen here sitting on his chair) for organising these meet and greets for us.

They are on the first Saturday, every other month from February. See above.



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 Web Site. 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
Rugby,
Dunchurch
Warwickshire CV22 6NP



Currently supported by the Tote

Blondies 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 .

Other notices...

Due to it being a year since our last newsletter it is just not possible to insert all the Tote results and donations we have received in this newsletter as in previous issues.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everybody who has given us donations and continued supporting us through a very difficult 2013 for the branch.

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 of 9.30am - 12pm.

The Newsletter is now only published infrequently for handing out at Meet and Greets and for posting out, by arrangement, to those without access to the Internet. The best way to find out 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.

PLEASE CONTACT US

Centre Manager: Mary Ridgway
RGT Branch Kennels
Stave Hall Farm
Fosse Way
Rugby
Warwickshire CV23 0RL

Telephone/Voice Mail 01788 833 855
Callers are welcome any morning until 12.00 but
please make an appointment
E-mail : greyhounds@watchkennelsrgt.co.uk
Website: www.watchkennelsrgt.co.uk