

Greyhound Tails

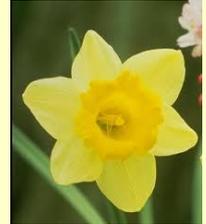
Rugby and Coventry Retired Greyhound Trust



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Spring 2013

This Edition's Top Dog

TED'S SURVIVOR

WHITE/FAWN DOG 07.04.08

'TED' is an extremely handsome and lovely boy. He has a couple of unique black patches in his coat which make him even more lovely.

Ted has also appeared with Mary in the January Edition of 'Dogs Today' Magazine welcoming Royvon Dog Hotel and Training to the area as the new owners of the kennels.



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. Other items can also be purchased from us. 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 etc

Call Us On 01788 833 855

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Branch News

All those involved in the homing process at the Branch deserve a pat on the back because in 2012 a total of **54** retired greyhounds were found homes – the best since 2008 - well done and thank you!

We now have a couple of star volunteers helping with grooming two mornings a week – very many thanks to Kate and Emma. Mary is managing the Branch as well as looking after twenty eight greyhounds and the Royvon Dog Hotel guests so she would welcome even more help. Please get in touch if you could spend a couple of hours at the kennels on a regular basis – it is an important job for the Branch and hugely enjoyable. For everyone else, please remember to make an appointment to collect food or have nails clipped etc. as there is always a lot going on and it's difficult to just drop everything. Use the Branch number on the front page, NOT The Royvon number!

Our apologies for the later than usual Newsletter edition - the Committee do realise the Newsletter is vital to keep in touch with adopters, supporters and enquirers. In order to achieve bi-monthly editions, future Newsletters will continue the present slimmed down format, without the Meet the Dogs pages, as these are kept up to date separately on the website.

With regret, this edition will be the last one posted out free to those not receiving e-mail copies as the Branch can no longer support the full cost of producing and posting printed copies. However, if you would like to receive printed copies of each edition plus Meet the Dogs, why not become a subscriber for a minimum donation of £2.00 per month? If so, please complete and return a Standing Order mandate using the Donation Form attached to this Newsletter.

There are now 150 members on our [Facebook](#) group and it is fast becoming the easiest way to keep up to date, ask questions, start a discussion or just share your own greyhound tales - please join up if you are not already a member. Don't worry though, there is no intention to stop producing the Newsletter.

Julian Ingleby

Homing News - Who's Gone Where

MAYS LITTLE ROSE Rose has found her forever home at last with Derek and Nessa Makepeace and their other grey Harry. Sadly Harry's canine companion died and he was feeling lonely so Derek and Nessa asked me to find him a new mate while he was in for boarding with us. Rose was my first thought. She has settled in very well and keeps Nessa on her toes by thieving anything she possibly can and has given old Harry a new lease of life.

RODEO RON Ron has found a lovely home with Loz Taylor. Loz does a lot of call outs with his job and wanted a new canine companion to keep him company as his old dog had sadly died. Ron now goes to work with Loz and has the whole of the back seat to himself in the truck. He has taken to being on the road like a duck to water.

DANGEROUS RAY & SUMER LOVIN have found a lovely home with Malcolm Allen. Malcolm's wife sadly died at the beginning of the year and his previous dogs at the end of last year. Malcolm knew that this brother and sister pair would be ideal as soon as he met them. I have received text messages and photos of the pair since they have been in their new home and I look forward to seeing them when they come back for their holidays soon.

EXMOOR ROVER has found her perfect home with the Jakeman family and their old dog Twiggy. Twiggy was very sad after losing her other 2 four legged friends and needed a companion and Clover has proved to be just that. They are all now looking forward to their upcoming caravanning holidays.

Greyhounds Homed this Year 5

Out of the healthy number of enquiries since the last Newsletter only five actually adopted a greyhound, with other Branches or Dogs Trust benefiting instead. We also had two adoptions where the dogs were returned after a few days – often a stressful time of adjustment for both adopter and dog as many of us know.

Would you be willing to 'buddy' a new adopter by being at the other end of the phone to offer support? If so, please get in touch with us.

Dates for your diary - keep this page handy

Saturday 20th April—BLOOMS OF RUGBY MEET AND GREET 13.30 onwards

Sunday 28th April - COVENTRY WAR MEMORIAL PARK WALK, 10.30 (start at Visitors Centre)

Saturday 25th May - BLOOMS OF RUGBY MEET AND GREET, 13.30 onwards

Sunday 26th May - NEWMARKET RGT EXTRAVAGANZA, Newmarket Racecourse (see RGT website for details)

Sunday 16th June - COVENTRY WAR MEMORIAL PARK WALK, 10.30 (start at Visitors Centre)

Sunday 23rd June - RYTON POOLS COUNTRY PARK WALK, 13.30 start. All greyhounds with us will be recorded nationwide as part of the Great British Greyhound Walk, and don't forget your car park change!

Saturday 28th June - BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY FETE 11.00 start

Sunday 7th July - KENILWORTH DOGS TRUST OPEN DAY Hatton, Kenilworth— come on, let's show 'em!

Sunday 21st July - COVENTRY WAR MEMORIAL PARK WALK, 10.30 (start at Visitors Centre)

More events booked for 2013 will be announced on **Facebook** and in the next Newsletter. If you have any new fundraising ideas or can help at events please get in touch. Our events are such good ways of showing that greyhounds make great pets and raising much needed funds for their welfare.

What's Been Going On

Saturday 1st December **DUNCHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR.** Always a success and this was no exception with lots of greyhounds attending with their owners and £600 taken on our stall. It was good to see so many familiar faces too.

Saturday 15th December **BLOOMS OF RUGBY MEET AND GREET.** My goodness but it was cold! Worth it though as we had lots of Blooms' patrons stopping off for a chat and learning about greyhounds as pets. Thanks again to John and Joyce Dorricott.



Last Autumn's Coventry Walkers getting ready to set off

Future Newsletters will feature items seen in Facebook, especially photos, to brighten up editions. Please send us your photos and contributions if you are not on Facebook as we will have a Christmas prize for the best item!

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

Icemaide Nikki



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

CONGRATULATIONS

January TOTE Result 1st Prize Mrs J Leetham 2nd Prize K. Webster
February TOTE Result 1st Prize M. Randle 2nd Prize S.Hatchett

Money Boxes & Donations

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO.....

Harry Hanson £3.82	Jane White £34.83
E.Allen (Tuck Shop) £50.00	Jordan Family £5.74
Clarke £10.00	Collection box at kennel £160.31
Liz Pickworth £25.00	Clark £20.00
Lily Peeps £8.10	Mandy Randle £12.87
Charity shop Dec/Jan/ Feb £1800.00	

The Charity Shop always needs more stock - please get in touch with us!

PLEASE CONTACT US

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