

Newsletter

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Hello to you all,

The Dogs

The latest lucky dogs to settle in to their new homes are; Mary now Merry, Madge, Snoop, Willow, Tammy, Flash now Hector, Charlie, Tom, Baz, Sid, Pearl and Thomas. We wish them all the best in their new homes.

We are very sorry to hear that Chance and Charlie have passed away since we last wrote.

Sid

Sid has been with us since 2003, he was homed with his brother Sam in October of that year but unfortunately neither dog settled and came back to us. He was with his trainer Krys until earlier this year when we moved him in to a space at Jenny's. Sid has now been homed to Paul and Sue along with their other Greyhound and is settling in great. He now has his first taste of home life at 7 years of age. Thank you to Paul and Sue for giving him a chance and to Krys for all of her help. We wish him well with his new family.

Appeal from Ronnie aged 9

I am a Brindle boy who mixes well with other dogs and have even learned to live happily with a cat. My owner has to move home and is not allowed to take me with her, so I am desperate to find a new family. If you are able to help Ronnie please contact us.

Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all of our stall holders, the volunteers who organised and helped on the day and to those of you who came along and supported us, enabling us to raise a fantastic £505!

Prize Draw

This year we have arranged a prize draw instead of our usual sponsored evening at the track, as our main fund raiser. The draw will take place on Friday 19th January 2007,

tickets are 50p each or £2.50 for a book of 5. 1st prize is £150 cash, 2nd prize is a Digital Camera, 3rd prize is £50 cash plus many other prizes. If you would like to purchase tickets or are able to sell some on our behalf please contact Philip on 01636 813842. Please help us to sell as many as you can, all the proceeds will help to find more homes for more Greyhounds.

250 Club

As you know we are always looking for new members, please see our website for details and the relevant form to join or mail Philip at philip@jtomkinson.orangehome.co.uk Recent winners are; Richard Swain £53.50, Richard Coleman £155.00, Kate Harkness £107.00 and Jenny Sharpe who won an amazing £656.50! Best wishes to Jenny for a full recovery from her recent back operation and we hope she meets her target of being able to walk Blondie again in the new year. Good luck Jenny.

Celebrity Letter

After reading an article by Jilly Cooper about her newly adopted Greyhound, Anne and her husband who adopted Tara from us in April decided to write to Jilly about their own experiences with Tara. They were pleasantly surprised to receive a personal reply from Jilly endorsing what wonderful, adaptable, loving pets Greyhounds make.

Animal Artist

Helen, one of our adopters, is an artist taking commissions for paintings and drawings. She will have samples of her work on some of our walks. If you would like or are interested in having a painting of your hound please contact the enquiry line and we will put you in touch with her.

Mailing List

We have recently been trying to update our mailing list. So this for some people maybe your first newsletter, if you wish to receive newsletters by e-mail rather than post please email Philip at philip@jtomkinson.orangehome.co.uk. If you wish to be removed from our list please contact the enquiry line on 0115 9655434.

Merchandise/Winter Weather

We still have beds, coats and merchandise available to buy. Please call the enquiry line if you would like to purchase anything. Don't forget your dogs coat as the weather starts to turn cold. Greyhounds can be very sensitive to the cold weather.

We have been asked recently for our recommendations regarding feeding Greyhounds. We advise adding luke warm water to their dry food, as hot water destroys many vitamins within the food. We also recommend feeding 2 meals a day.

With Christmas fast approaching please remember that chocolate is toxic to dogs and can have fatal consequences. Chocolate tree decorations or chocolate left around offer the perfect opportunity for the thief in you Greyhound to come out! Raisins and Grapes are also toxic to dogs.

Walks

Duration of walks will be approximately 45 minutes

Sunday 31st December – Sherwood Forest Country Park Edwinstowe 10.30am

On the A614 past Rufford, take the 1st left on to B6034. Follow the signs for the craft centre car park. Meet at the craft centre car park opposite the Youth Hostel. For a walk through the Forest past the Major Oak, we recommend you wear boots if it's wet. Nail clipping will be available.

Sunday 28th January - Rufford Park 10.30am

On the A614, 10 miles north of Nottingham before Ollerton. Meet in the car park to the left of the pay kiosk for a walk through the woods and round the lake. Car parking will be free. Nail clipping will be available on the day.

Sunday 25th february - Wollaton Park Nottingham 10.30am

Use the entrance on Wollaton Road and park in the car park at the top of the hill. A walk we haven't done in a few years so will be a nice change.

Sunday 25th March – Portland College 10.30am

On the A60 on the right just after Ravenshead travelling towards Mansfield. Meet at the car park to the right, not at the coffee shop car park, for a walk through the pine Forest.

As the year draws to an end we would like to thank all of those who have sent donations, adopted a Greyhound, helped or supported us in anyway. Thank you very much.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Michelle and all at RGT Woodborough - Nottingham