

Newsletter

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Hello and wishing you all a very happy new year!

The Dogs

The latest dogs to settle in to their new homes are; Bale, Gerry, Jet now George, Lisa, Maggie, Pride now Ebony, Lottie, Lass now Lulu, Joey, Sam now Bilko, Rosie, Tilly, Titch, Jasper, Jack and Bonnie. We wish them all well.

Our condolences go to the families of the following dogs who are no longer with us, Korey, Tommy, Jo, Bitsey, Kenny, Annie and Style.

Annie was the first dog homed by this branch back in January 1999. She was a great companion to Helen and Darren and will be sadly missed. Annie was 13 years old.

Style - You may remember in the April 2007 newsletter I wrote about my sister's dog Style developing cancer and having his leg amputated. Sadly Style lost his brave fight at the end of December at the age of 10. Style lived happily with two Yorkshire Terriers. He was a happy, affectionate boy who adored life and his many trips to the beach. Even after having his leg amputated he was so brave and coped amazingly. He always loved his walks and still loved to run, even to dig! (with only one front leg) Style was a very special dog who was loved very much, he will be sadly missed by us all, especially Becky.

Great Greyhound Gathering and Sponsored Walk

The day was a great success and everyone who attended seemed to be enjoying themselves. It was lovely to see so many pet Greyhounds all together.

We were in the pamper pooch area and spent the day, Id chipping, clipping claws, giving free dental checks and selling all things doggy. We raised £775.00 for the branch which was fantastic.

There was a dog show on the day, which included a class for Greyhound of the year. Each branch nominated a dog to compete for the title, our branch nominated Molly owned by Graham and Carol. Molly didn't win but did us all proud, thank you to Graham, Carol and Molly.

The sponsored walk took place around the race course. Thanks to Jen, Rod and Blondie Sharpe who completed the walk and were sponsored for £110 and to Mr and Mrs Tippett and Willow for also completing the walk and raising £50 through sponsorship.

Thanks

Thanks to Old Mill Animal feeds in Mansfield Woodhouse who kindly donated £40 after holding a charity event and for letting us stand with our stall.

A Big thanks to everyone who has donated and supported us throughout 2007. Without your support we wouldn't be able to continue homing these great dogs.

250 Club Winners

Recent 250 club winners are; Alan Tutin £61.50, Chris Thorpe £61.50, Rosie Tebbs £246.00, Joyce Bailey £63.50 and an amazing £607.50 to Ralph Bellamy. Well done to you all.

Please see our website for further details on how to join www.rgtnottingham.org.uk

Photo Mugs/Merchandise

We have been given the opportunity to have personalised mugs printed at a discounted price. A photo of your hound can be e mailed or posted to us, which will then be printed on to a mug. Mugs can be collected on our monthly walks or via the post at an extra charge. They are £6 each. Please call the enquiry line for further information.

We still have coats, beds and macs available via the enquiry line or Christine on our monthly walks.

Prize Draw

We are planning a prize draw to take place in the summer; do you have any contacts that we may be able to approach for donations of prizes? Alternatively small cash contributions that we can pool to make one decent cash prize would be appreciated.

Homed Hound Pictures

Please e mail pictures of your beautiful hounds to go on our homed hound's page on the website to enquiries@rgtnottingham.org.uk

250 Club/ Branch Dogs

To save on kennelling costs we try to home dogs directly from trainers kennels. We do however keep a few dogs at kennels in Rainworth, 3 are supported by our 250 club members, the others by fundraising and your kind donations. The dogs being funded by the branch at the moment are; Spencer, Blue, Sprint, Jemima, Bitz and King.

King

King was signed over in to our care by his trainer in November. He had fractured his nose after an accident whilst running in the field at the kennels.

King's treatment was successful and after a few operations is now on the road to recovery. He is currently being fostered by Margaret and Chris who along with their dogs Shadow and Lucy offered to help after meeting King at our November walk. King is a friendly, happy, affectionate boy, who has adapted well to home life. He gets on well with other dogs and never stops wagging his tail.

Thanks to Margaret and Chris for taking him on until he is ready to find a permanent home.

Blue

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Blue who has been in our kennels for 2 years is still in need of a loving home. Blue was at first very excitable and difficult to walk, he is now so much calmer, he walks well on the lead and loves fuss and attention. We would really like to see him in a home soon.

Bitz

Bitz is not a full Greyhound, we believe she is a Greyhound or Whippet cross. She was found wandering the streets when she was approximately 4 months old. Despite efforts to find her owner she was never claimed. She is now around 6 months old and desperately needs to be in a home of her own. She is quite lively (as puppies are) but is very quick to learn. She needs a home where somebody has the time to get her settled and trained. In return we think she will make a fantastic pet.

Walks and Events

Duration of walks will be 45 minutes. Please keep your dog on the lead and scoop the poop.

Please check the website for details of upcoming events.

Sunday 27th January - Rufford Country 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. Good coffee shop/restaurant. Entrance fee £3 per car – this entitles you to £3 deduction from any one transaction of £15 or more at the shop or coffee shop.

Sunday 24th February - Elvaston Castle - 10.30am

Take the B5010 through Ockbrook off the A52 between Nottingham and Derby. Look for the brown signposts. Meet at the car park on the left for a walk around the Country Park. There will be a car parking charge. Coffee shop.

Sunday 30th 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. Coffee and gift shop.

Sunday 27th April - Burnt Stump Inn, Burnt Stump Hill, Arnold - 10.30am

Take the A60 from Nottingham, through Arnold. At the roundabout for the A614 (for Doncaster) continue on the A60 for about 3 miles until you reach the traffic lights at the Seven Mile House. Turn right, signposted for Country Park, Park Hospital and Police Headquarters. The pub car park is about ½ mile on the right, after the bend. Meet in the left hand side of the car park. The pub will open at 11.15 am for us. Dogs will not be allowed inside, but coffee and tea will be served and there is plenty of seating outside.

Best Wishes

Michelle and all at RGT Woodborough - Nottingham

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