

Newsletter

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Hello and a very Happy New Year to you all,

Thanks

Thanks to Karen and Andy Green and their dogs Millie and George who organised a car boot sale in aid of the branch and sent us the proceeds. Thanks to Sally Tabenor and Nottingham Horsewatch, Martin and Carol Ward, Annie Peck, Suzanne Hall, Old Mill Feeds, V & S Charitable Trust, Helen Wigley and L Fenwick for their kind donations to the branch. Also to the family and friends of Dennis Booth who recently passed away, donations from his funeral were sent to the branch as he was a life long greyhound lover.

We are most grateful for any donations received and the support of the 250 club members. We would like to thank everybody who has donated or supported the branch in anyway through 2009, our adoption fee remains at £100 but sure you can appreciate it can cost twice as much to neuter and prepare each dog for their new life in a home. Thanks again to you all, without you we couldn't continue homing these beautiful hounds, here's to a successful 2010 and to lots more lucky people having the pleasure of adopting a greyhound!

The Dogs

The following dogs have been homed since we last wrote: Dyson now George, Pixie, Sal, Mick, Ellie, Ray Peeny now Harry and Adam now Bailey.

Sadly the following dogs are no longer with us; Spike, Susie, Elsa, Sidney, Badger, Fen and Tyler.

Tyler was a dog we had in our care for quite a while who seemed to get overlooked due to his size. The Bradshaw family responded to an appeal in one of our newsletters and gave him a loving home along with their other greyhound Fudge. Tyler was diagnosed with a heart condition not long after being adopted but lived life to the full, enjoying running and playing with Fudge, sadly he was only five and a half when he died. We want to thank the Bradshaw's for giving him that chance and making his last few years very happy ones. We know all of the dogs will be greatly missed.

Wanda

Wanda is a lovely 12 year old girl who had to come back in to our care after living in a home for six years, through no fault of her own, in July last year. We asked all our volunteers if they knew anyone that may be able to foster her and thankfully Rose's Mum agreed. Kath and Pete have been fostering Wanda for 5 months and have now officially adopted her. Just wanted to say a huge thank you to them both for giving her a loving home with lots of TLC, she's a very lucky girl!

Older Dogs

Amongst the dogs looking for homes, there are always older dogs who are often overlooked because of their age. Most greyhounds aged seven years and above are very fit and active and the saying you can't teach an old dog new tricks really is a myth! All of the older dogs we have rehomed have been easily house trained and have adapted to home life as well as the younger ones. The cost of veterinary bills can often put people off an

older dog. Most insurance companies won't insure dogs aged eight or above, however when adopted through us you receive 4 weeks free insurance with Petplan. If the insurance is continued after the 4 weeks, Petplan will insure the dog whatever age, which is a great incentive for considering an oldie. Giving a home to an older dog is very rewarding, we currently have three dogs aged eight and nine years in need of loving homes. If you are looking to adopt another dog or know someone who is, please consider them.

Business Cards

Enclosed are a few of our business cards, please hand them out to anyone that shows interest in adopting a greyhound, please call the enquiry line or e mail us if you'd like us to send you anymore.

Great Greyhound Gathering - 2009

The day was again a great success, we were kept busy in the pamper pooch area clipping nails, micro chipping, undertaking dental checks and selling all things doggy. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us on the day and to all of our volunteers for making the day a success. Thanks also go to Brogan and Mrs Bradshaw. Brogan was our entry for the Greyhound of the Year Class. Unfortunately he didn't win, but did us proud and looked as handsome as ever.

250 Club

Thanks to all our members, recent winners are; Edith and Kathryn Hallam £204, Denise Farkas £140, Suzanne Hall £140, Don Henley £210, Joanne Powell £70, Jane Reynolds £140, Helen Wigley £140, Karen Howard £105 and Annie Peck £70. If you would like to join and support us for £1 a week whilst having the opportunity to win, please see the 250 club section on the website.

Merchandise, Homed Hounds, Branch Posters and Rainbow Bridge

To purchase beds, coats or any other RGT merchandise, please look out for Christine on the monthly walks or call the enquiry line, buying direct from the branch will help boost our funds.

Please continue to provide photos of your happy hounds for the homed hounds section of the website. Please send them to enquiries@rgtnottingham.org.uk

Please contact us for a supply of our branch posters if you are able to ask your local vets or pet store to display one on our behalf.

We have decided to add a Rainbow Bridge (obituaries) section to our website. Please feel free to e mail any photos you would like including to the e mail address above.

Walks and Events

Walks start at 10.30am, all dogs to be on the lead and please remember to scoop the poop. Walks will last between 35-45 minutes.

Sunday 31st January - Rufford Country Park, NG22 9DF - 10.30am - Free parking this month

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.

Sunday 14th February - Markeaton park, Derby, DE22 4AA - 10.30am

Take the A52 through Derby and the main entrance to the park is off the Markeaton traffic island where the A38 and A52 cross. Meet on the left hand side of the main car park. Car parking fee is £1.40.

Sunday 28th February - Wollaton Park, NG8 2AE - 10.30am

Enter Wollaton Park via the main car park entrance on Wollaton road and park in the area at the top of the hill.

Sunday 28th March - Vicar Water Country Park, Mansfield, NG21 9AA - 10.30am

Situated on the B6030, if driving from Mansfield, Vicar Water is signposted on the right hand side just as you enter Clipstone. Meet in the top car park.

Saturday 3rd April - Old Mill Feeds, Mansfield Woodhouse - Meet and Greet

We'll be attending this fundraising event with our stall and hounds please feel free to come along and support us.

Sunday 25th April - Shipley Country Park, Heanor, DE75 7GX - 10.30am

Northeast of Nottingham near Heanor and the former Amercian Adventure Park. Look for the brown signs, meet at the Visitor Centre car park.

Saturday 15th May - Morrisons, Meteor Centre, Sir Frank Whittle Road, Derby, DE21 4RX, 10.00am - 3.00pm - Meet and Greet

We'll be holding a Meet and Greet and raising funds with our stall and hounds, please come along and support us at this event.

Please check our website for future events or for further information about any walk or event or call the enquiry line on 0115 9655434.

Best wishes

Michelle and all at RGT Nottingham

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