

Newsletter

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Hello to you all,

The Dogs

The latest dogs to settle in to their new homes are; Bonnie, Sparrow, Jemima, Bitz now Ziggy, Jodie, Nicky now Lola, King now Alfie, Danni, Molly now Pinky, Blue, Angie, Okee now Hugo and Ginny. We wish them all well. We have as a branch homed nearly 400 dogs so far.

Our thoughts are with the families of the following dogs who are no longer with us; Flo, Cara, Peggy and Maisie. We know they will all be sadly missed.

King (now Alfie), Blue and Bitz (now Ziggy)

You may recall in the last newsletter, I wrote about these dogs individually and their plight for a home. I'm so pleased to say they are now all in homes of their own.

Alfie is living with Jodie who is another greyhound and is enjoying his new life. His face has healed well and he is looking as handsome as ever. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Daniels for giving Jodie and Alfie a lovely home.

Ziggy is also living with another dog, her lurcher friend Leo. She's settled in exceptionally well and gets on great with Leo. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Ratcliffe for giving her such a great home.

Blue has been homed with Lilly who is another greyhound. Nigel and Jane were kind enough to give Blue a chance after sadly losing their other dog Maisie. Blue has adapted well to home life even after being with us in kennels for 2 years. He enjoys playing with Lilly and with his tennis ball. Huge thanks to Nigel and Jane for giving him the chance he needed and deserved.

Thanks

Our Thanks go to Leon and Denise Ward, V&S Charitable Trust and David Howard for their recent donations to the branch.

Our adoption fee remains at £100, however it can cost twice as much to neuter and prepare each dog for their new life in a home. As ever we are most grateful for the donations you send to us, however large or small.

Summer 2008 Prize Draw

This year we have arranged a summer prize draw to boost branch funds.

The draw will take place on 9th September 2008. Tickets are 50p each or £2.50 for a book of five tickets. 1st prize - £150 Cash, 2nd prize - £75 Cash, 3rd prize - Food Hamper, 4th prize - £25 Garden Centre Voucher, 5th prize - Champagne, 6th prize - Malt Whisky, plus many other prizes.

If you are able to sell tickets to your friends, family or work colleagues on our behalf please contact Philip on 01636 813842 or e-mail Philip@jtomkinson.orangehome.co.uk

Any help with prizes or small cash contributions that we can pool to make one large prize would be appreciated. Please help us to sell as many as you can as all proceeds will go directly to homing retired greyhounds in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire area.

Heat

Just a reminder that greyhounds are sensitive to heat and susceptible to heat stroke. Please try and walk your hound before it gets hot in the morning or in the evening when it has cooled down. Find them somewhere cool to lay and as normal have water readily available. Cool towels on their rump can help, so can electric fans. Never leave a dog in a car, even with the windows open they could die. If you are concerned about your dog always seek advice from a vet.

250 Club

The 250 club is your opportunity to win some cash and help raise branch funds at the same time.

If you are not a member or if you have friends or relatives that would like to support us, please see our website www.rgtnottingham.org.uk and click on 250 club icon. You can help us help a dog for just £1 a week.

Recent winners are; Karen Thornley with a fantastic £444.50, Richard Swain £190.50, Robert Barker £66, Alexandra Green £66, Sue Redfern £132, Pamela Read £66 and Tracy Locke £264. Well done!!

Boarding Kennels

If you've used any boarding kennels recently and would recommend them, we'd love to hear from you.

Homed Hounds/Merchandise/Posters

Please continue to send us pictures of your beautiful hounds to go on the homed hounds section of our website. E-mail them to enquiries@rgtnottingham.org.uk

We still have merchandise to sell ranging from beds and coats to pens, books and soft toy greyhounds. Look out for Christine on the monthly walks or contact the enquiry line on 0115 9655434.

If you are able to put any of our branch posters up in your local vets or pet store please contact the enquiry line or send us an email and we will be more than happy to post some to you.

Mailing List

We have been updating our mailing list to a new format. My apologies to anyone that has received one who has previously requested not to. Please let us know if you would like to be removed from the list or if any of your contact details need amending. If you would prefer to receive future newsletters by e-mail contact Phillip at Philip@jtomkinson.orangehome.co.uk

Walks and Events

This year we have decided to arrange a monthly walk for the end of May and June, weather permitting. Although it's nice to see people and their hounds on the walks, if you feel it is too hot, please do not travel with your dog to the walk.

Duration of walks will be 35 - 45 minutes, please keep your dog on the lead and scoop the poop.

Sunday 25th May - Wollaton Park Nottingham - 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. Nail clipping will be available at a charge of £2.50.

Sunday 29th June - 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 shop and gift shop.

Sunday 28th September - 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.

Saturday 7th June 2008 - Derby Lions Club Allestree Gala at the Allestree Recreation Ground, Robincroft Road, Allestree, Derby DE22 2FQ

Event open from 11.30am to 4.30pm. Attractions include: the Pinxton Puppets, Derby Gymnastic display, the Canine Learning Centre giving a canine line dancing display and the Pantomime steel band. James Lewis from Bamfords will be giving valuations for those treasures in the loft. Companion Dog Show will commence at 1.30pm. We are having a stall promoting Greyhounds as pets and we are hoping that volunteers will bring along their gorgeous hounds throughout the day. So please come along and say hello! Entrance Fee is by donation with a minimum of £1.50 for adults, and 50p for seniors and children.

Sunday 27th July 2008 - Chalfield Dog Training Club, Companion Dog Show - East Leake Rugby and Football Club, Costock Road, East Leake

Companion dog show organised by the training club with proceeds coming to our branch. We will be there with our stall and hounds promoting what great pets Greyhounds make. Registration for the dog show starts at 10am. Entry for the dog show is £1.50 per class per dog for pedigree and obedience classes and £1 per dog per class for the fun dog show. There may even be a special Greyhound only class!! All are welcome hope to see you there.

Sunday 24th and Monday 25th August 2008 - Moorgreen Show, nr Watnall - opens 9am

There will be a dog show on both days, with a Greyhound only class on Monday 25th. Registration for both days is from 11am at the dog secretary's tent. Entry is 50p per dog per class. Judging starts at 1pm. For further information about Moorgreen Show visit: <http://www.moorgreenshow.co.uk>

Date for your diary - Saturday 20th September 2008 - Great Greyhound Gathering 2008

For those of you who attended last year, you will know what a great success the day was. The location will hopefully be the same as last year at the Nottingham Racecourse. More details to follow, we will keep you posted.....

For further details of any of the shows or walks please check our website www.rgtnottingham.org.uk or contact the enquiry line.

Best Wishes

Michelle and all at RGT Nottingham - Woodborough