

# Newsletter

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Trust



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## Dogs

The latest dogs to settle in to their new homes are; Winston, Daisy, Murphy, Zoe, Angie, Mona, Lucky, Fawn and Rappa.

We are very pleased that, after nearly a year with us, Winston and Zoe are now in homes of their own. Winston was adopted by Christine and Peter and lives with their other greyhound Molly, he has settled in really well.

Zoe was adopted by Rebecca, Richard, Oliver and Thomas, she too has settled in very well and is a big part of the family. We wish them both well and are grateful to both families for giving them a chance.

Our thoughts are with the families of the following dogs who are sadly no longer with us; Dylan, Ronnie, Harry, Dennis and Troy. We know they will all be missed.

## Thanks

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

Special thanks go to Leon and Denise Ward, Sandra Gammon, Annie Peck, Mr and Mrs Tabenor and Martin and Carol Ward for their recent donations to the branch.

Thanks also go to Chalfield Dog Training Club who donated proceeds from their annual dog show to the branch. All monies received will help us to home more of these beautiful hounds!

## 10 Year Anniversary

This year is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to celebrate we are holding a social evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 at Rolls Royce Sports and Social Club in Hucknall. The evening's entertainment will include a Donkey Derby, quiz, bingo and raffle. Tickets are £7.50 per person including a light buffet. Why not come along and join in the celebration and help us raise branch funds.

If you are unable to attend but would like to help and still be in with a chance of winning, see how to become an "owner" for the evening, all details are on the enclosed flyer.

Any small cash donations to help with prizes would be greatly appreciated please call Lindy, Christine or Denise, see the flyer for contact numbers.

## Behaviour/Health

Please feel free to contact the branch if your dog is experiencing any behaviour problems or you have any questions or concerns about your dog generally. We will endeavour to help or direct you to someone that can.

It's the time of year to be thinking about starting a desensitisation programme for dogs that have firework phobia. There is no point starting a few weeks before bonfire night as the desensitisation process can take months, again please call us for advice regarding this or any other phobia. The main point to remember with any phobia or fearful dog is to ignore unwanted behaviour. We know it's natural instinct to want to comfort and reassure a dog that is frightened but it will only make them worse. Even a little pat or making eye contact when the dog is frightened will reinforce that the way he is responding is correct and make him more fearful.

## Patio Doors

It's with great sadness that I'm writing this, we have unfortunately been informed of two dogs in the last year that have ran in to patio doors and died. We feel we need to remind everyone of the danger they can pose. Introduce your dog to the glass, or have something in front of the doors so they are unable to get directly to them, blinds could help. These were both very sad and unfortunate accidents.

## Heat

Just a reminder that greyhounds are sensitive to heat and susceptible to heat stroke. Please try and walk your hound when it's cool, find them somewhere cool to lay and as normal, have water readily available. Cool towels on the rump can help, so can electric fans. Never leave a dog in the car, even with the window open they could die. If you are concerned about your dog always seek advice from your vet.

## 250 Club

To be in with a chance of winning, as well as supporting us, for just £1 a week please see our website [www.rgtnottingham.org.uk](http://www.rgtnottingham.org.uk) and click on the 250 club icon. Thank you to those who have recently joined, the dogs currently being supported by our 250 club members are Jack, Misty and Tara. Recent winners are; Polly Thomas £64.50, L Fellows £193.50, Christine Allen £129, Sandra Gammon £129, Annie Peck £193.50, Rachel Carney £66, Catherine McGrath £66 and Don Henley £132.

## Merchandise, Posters and Homed Hounds

We still have coats, beds, books, pens, keyrings etc to sell. To purchase any of these please look out for Christine on the monthly walks or call the enquiry line.

Please contact us by phone or e mail if you are able to contact your local vets, pet store or shop on our behalf to display one of our branch posters.

Thanks as ever for all the lovely pictures you send to us to be displayed on the homed hounds section of the website. Please continue sending pictures of your happy hounds to [enquiries@rgtnottingham.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rgtnottingham.org.uk) .

## 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. We have again arranged monthly walks for May and June, weather permitting. Although it's nice to see you and your hound, if you feel it's too hot please do not travel with your dog to the walk.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Meet and Greet - Pets at Home, unit 11b, Portland Retail Park, Midland Way, Mansfield - 10.30am - 3pm** We'll be there promoting what great pets greyhounds make.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Vicar Water Country Park, Mansfield Road, Clipstone, 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.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Rushcliffe Country Park, Mere Way, Loughborough Road, Ruddington, NG11 6JS - 10.30am** Pick up the A60 for Loughborough from the Nottingham knight roundabout (where the A60 and A52 meet) Turn right at the first roundabout and follow the signs for the Country Park. At the next roundabout turn right following the signs for the Heritage Museum. Turn left in to the car park and meet at the Visitor Centre on the left. Refreshments will be served between 11.15am and 12.15pm in the Visitor's Centre for RGT walkers only.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Rolls Royce Sports and Leisure Centre, Hucknall, Nottingham - 7.30pm** Entertainment will include Donkey Derby, quiz, bingo, a raffle and light buffet, all for just £7.50 per person.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Old Mill Feeds, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield**

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August - Moorgreen Show, nr Watnall - opens 9am** We'll be attending, promoting greyhounds as pets. There will be a dog show with a greyhound only class on both days. For further information about Moorgreen Show visit [www.moorgreenshow.co.uk](http://www.moorgreenshow.co.uk) .

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Great Greyhound Gathering 2009 - Nottingham Race Course**

More details to follow nearer the time, but definitely worth putting the date in your diary!

For further details of any of the events or walks please check our website or call the enquiry line.

Best Wishes

Michelle and all at RGT Nottingham

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