

# Newsletter

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Hello Friends,

## **The Dogs**

The latest bunch of dogs to settle in to their new homes are: Ocean, Leah, Rebel, Mel, Bessie, Twiggy and Tyler. We wish them all well in their new homes.

Our thoughts and condolences go to the families of the following dogs who have sadly passed away since we last wrote: Paddy, Ginty, Bonzo, Bella, Paddy, Thomas and Gerry. Thomas and Gerry were brother and sister who were homed separately but both passed away within a month or so of each other. Both were almost thirteen. All I'm sure will be sadly missed and were very much loved pets.

## **Website**

Our new site is up and running, thanks again to those of you who sent in pictures of your lovely hounds. If you would like to add pictures of your hound please mail them to me at [denise.eastment@ntlworld.com](mailto:denise.eastment@ntlworld.com) .

## **Extendable / Retractable Leads**

Following advice from Head office and from our own experiences we feel we must strongly advise against the use of extendable/retractable leads whilst exercising your Greyhound. If you have any questions or concerns about this please feel free to call the enquiry line.

## **Greyhound Welfare**

The welfare of racing Greyhounds has been highlighted over the past few months in the national and local press. The RSPCA have advised us of a petition they are running to help the welfare of racing Greyhounds, it can be viewed at [www.greyhoundpetition.org](http://www.greyhoundpetition.org)

## **250 Club**

Recent 250 club winners are; Annie Peck £410, Richard Tutin £50.50, Phil Skeffington £101, Julie Whittington £50.50, Tim Poole £50.50 and S Hallam £303.00. Some fantastic wins!!

The 250 Club provides a weekly cash fund helping us to remain solvent and hence active and effective. Money is necessary to provide kennels for dogs waiting for homes and for Veterinary treatment. We would like to be more independent and less reliant on the Nottingham Greyhound Stadium for raising funds. We could achieve this if we doubled the membership of the 250 club.

If you are not a member or if you have friends or relatives that would like to support us then this is how it works. Members pay just £1 each week and 50p goes into the prize fund. Members choose two numbers. One is the bonus number of the National Lottery and the second number is the Trap number of the dog winning the last race at Nottingham Greyhound Stadium on the same Saturday. Every Saturday night there is a winner or a rollover.

An application form is enclosed with this Newsletter and Philip will send you a copy of the Rules or you can get both from the Branch website, [www.rgnottingham.org.uk](http://www.rgnottingham.org.uk)

## **Race For Life**

Special Thanks go to everyone who sponsored Helen Roberts in the race for life. The race was in aid of cancer research and Helen ran in memory of Robert Hallam who founded the branch in 1999. Helen raised £375.00 and completed the race in 30 minutes. Well done Helen!!

## **Posters/Meet and Greet**

If you are able to put one of our posters up in your local Vets or Pet shop please call the enquiry line on 0115 9655434 and we will send you one.

If you are able to arrange a meet and greet in your local area, we will be more than happy to provide you with our branch leaflets to hand out to prospective adopters with our enquiry line number on. It's a great way of promoting Greyhounds as pets and showing off your beautiful hound.

## **Sale Sale Sale Sale Sale**

We have fleeces and t-shirts (adults and children's) with the RGT Nottingham branch logo on to sell at reduced prices. Adult fleeces were £25.00 now £15.00, t-shirts were £10.00 now £5.00 and kids t-shirts are all £3.00. All of the above will be available to purchase on the first walk on a first come first served basis. So why not pick up a bargain and help us promote the branch and raise funds!!

We still have coats and beds for sale, please call the enquiry line if you would like a bed taking along to one of the walks. Coats will be available on the day to buy.

## **Christmas Cards**

Christmas is fast approaching, so I have ordered the new RGT Christmas Cards which we will be selling on the first walk. They are £3.99 for 12 and like last year there are two designs, one traditional and one animated. They are definitely the nicest yet!!

## **Walks**

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

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 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 around the lake. Good coffee shop/restaurant. Unfortunately the entrance fee has been increased to £3 per car. However we have been advised this can be redeemed if you spend £15 or more in the craft shop or coffee shop/restaurant.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Rushcliffe County Park 10.30am**

Pick up the A60 to Loughborough from the Nottingham Knight roundabout (where the A60 and A52 meet). Turn right at the first roundabout and follow signs for the Country Park. At the next roundabout turn right following the sign for the Heritage Museum. Turn left in to the car park and meet at the Visitor Centre on the left. Refreshments will be served at the end of the walk in the Visitor's Centre just for RGT walkers. The room is booked between 11.15am and 12.15pm.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Elvaston Castle 10.30am**

Take the B5010 through Ockbrook off the A52 between Nottingham and Derby. Look for the brown signs. Meet at the car park on the left for a walk around the country park. Coffee shop.

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Sherwood Forest Country Park, Edwinstowe 10.30am**

Heading north from Nottingham on the A614 take the B6034, then first left after Rufford. Meet at the Craft Centre car park opposite the Youth Hostel. Look out for the brown signs, not the main Country Park car park further on. Coffee shop and Craft Centre. We recommend you wear boots if it's wet.

Best Wishes,

Michelle and all at RGT Woodborough - Nottingham