

Newsletter

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Hello

The Dogs

The latest dogs to settle in to their new homes are; Ade, Cherub now Cherry, Domino, Breeze, Daisy now Titch, Sonia now Millie, Rocket now Rosie and Mary. We wish them all well.

Our thoughts are with the families of the following dogs who are sadly no longer with us; Flo, Cara, Brogan, Jasper, Trigger, Breeze and Penny. We know they will all be missed.

We would like to thank Thelma Young and her family for looking after Penny the greyhound, when her owner Barbara Summerfield was hospitalised and later died. They very kindly agreed to keep Penny for the last few weeks of her life after a diagnosis of bone cancer.

Thanks

As ever we thank everyone who sends us donations, however large or small. Our thanks go to Joy Plummer, Richard Swain, Polly and Gerry Thomas and Ian and Issabelle Dodson for your recent donations to the branch. We would also like to thank Malcolm Murray for his donation of dog food to the branch.

Ralph Bellamy

Sadly Ralph has passed away. He had been a volunteer with the branch and helped and supported us for many years. Our thoughts are with his partner Yvonne.

Great Greyhound Gathering and Sponsored Walk 2008

The Great Greyhound Gathering will be held for the second year at Nottingham Racecourse, Colwick on 27th September, not the 20th September as printed in our last newsletter.

We will be in the pamper pooch zone along with some of my colleagues from the vets. We will be offering dental checks, microchipping and nail clipping and selling a range of items for your hounds, such as coats, brushes, toothbrushes, toys etc. There will also be two sponsored walks on the day around the racecourse and surrounding park. If you would like to take part and raise money for our branch please call the enquiry line and we will happily send you one of our sponsorship forms. The day was a great success last year and we are hoping this year will be even better, hope to see you there! For more information about the day please see the enclosed flyer or visit our website: www.rgtnottingham.org.uk

Prize Draw

We are grateful to everyone who purchased and/or sold tickets on our behalf. The draw raised a fantastic £1362!!

The winners are as follows;

- 1st Prize: £150 Cash - Sandra Gammon
- 2nd Prize: £75 Cash - Denise Ward
- 3rd Prize: Luxury Food Hamper - Bob Haney
- 4th Prize: National Garden Centre Voucher - Paul Hopkinson
- 5th Prize: Bottle of Champagne - S Wallace-Shanks
- 6th prize: Bottle of Malt Whiskey - Richard Fish
- 7th Prize: Bottle of Vodka - Julie Parker
- 8th Prize: Bottle of Liqueur - Victoria Wintle
- 9th Prize: Tigi Haircare products - Caroline Heaton
- 10th Prize: Book of Dog Walks - Michelle Wilson
- 11th Prize: Cashmere Scarf and Glove Set - Christine Allen
- 12th Prize: John Lewis Dog Travel Set - Mr Fairhurst
- 13th Prize: John Lewis Dog Travel Set - Ken Magee

Thanks for everyone's efforts particularly; Tony Arthur and Kevin De Mellors, Rose and Paul Boulton, Grahame Boocock, Diane Clark, Mr and Mrs Dempster, Pat Fisher, Krys Gebski, Val Green, Richard Swain, Chris Thorpe, Gemma Topley and Linda Windle who each sold more than 10 books.

Boarding Kennels

Thanks to the people who have contacted us since our appeal in the last newsletter for boarding kennels they would recommend. Please continue to let us know, we can then advise people when they call the enquiry line on various kennels available from the recommendations we have received.

250 Club

Recent winners are; Christine Allen £128, Richard Swain £130, Doreen Gregory £66, Jacqui Henson £330, Miles Boyd £66, Christine Allen £66 and Selina Hire £128. We are always looking for new members if you would like to help us for just £1 a week please see our website and click on the 250 Club icon.

Merchandise, Posters, Homed Hounds and Christmas Cards

We still have merchandise to sell, coats, beds, toy greyhounds, pens etc. We also have some new items as you may have seen in the recent Homer magazine, recycled shopping bags, Christmas cards and 2009 calendars. Christmas cards are still £3.99 for a pack of 12 either traditional or animated.

To purchase anything look out for Christine on the monthly walks or call the enquiry line. Purchasing from the branch will save you post and packaging and helps our funds.

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

Please contact us by phone or e-mail if you are able to put any of our branch posters in your local vets, pet store or shops.

Behaviour and Fireworks

If you are experiencing any kind of problem with your dog, please feel free to contact us for advice.

Please also contact us for information on firework phobias, we can advise you on Bach flower remedies and DAP collars.

DAP collars work by releasing a constant stream of dog appeasing pheromone, which is a substance produced naturally by a mother to her puppies. The pheromone is proven to have a positive relaxing and comforting influence on adult dogs as well as puppies. Increasing their confidence in the outside world making the process of accepting new or difficult things more relaxed and less challenging. For further information please call the enquiry line.

Lost and Stolen Dogs

Working at a vets, I have to deal with heartbroken owners who have lost or had their pets stolen. Just a reminder to be on your guard, not to leave your hound tied up or unattended in public places. Ensure they are wearing a collar with an identity disc at all times and please consider having them microchipped.

Microchipping is a great form of identification if your dog is found and taken to a local vet or dog warden. Ear marks on a greyhound can be difficult to read and not everyone knows how to trace them. To check for a microchip the dogs neck is scanned with a hand held device, which is painless and can save a lot of time and distress for you and your hound.

Walks and Events

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

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. Entrance fee is £3 per car, this can be redeemed if you spend £15 or more in any one transaction in the shop or coffee shop.

Sunday 26th October - 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 half a mile on the right, after the bend. Meet in the left hand side of the car park.

Sunday 30th 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. There will be a car parking charge. Refreshments served in the cafe.

Sunday 28th December - Sherwood Forest Country Park - 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, I know it's September but I won't be writing again until 2009. So we wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Michelle and all at RGT Nottingham - Woodborough

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