

Newsletter

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The Dogs

The latest dogs to settle in to their new homes are; Misty, Tara, Tom now Brogan, Jack, Judy, Simba now Jet, Selwyn now Finn, Grace, Polly, Pixie, Hettie and Harry. We wish them all well.

We would also like to wish Tammy and Willow well. Both have had limbs amputated recently after being diagnosed with an Osteosarcoma (bone tumour) and both are currently having chemotherapy.

We are hearing of more and more greyhounds being diagnosed with Osteosarcomas and I'm hoping to write more about this in the next newsletter.

If you are concerned about your dog's health or behaviour in anyway, please feel free to call the enquiry line where we will endeavour to help or direct you to someone that can.

Since we last wrote the following dogs are sadly no longer with us; Rosie, Harry, Sam, Tess, Sally, Freddie, Rio, Georgy, Bess, Gracie and River. We know they'll all be missed.

Thanks

Thanks to Annie Peck, Martin & Carol Ward and Rosemary & Alan Goodwin for your recent donations to the branch.

Thanks also to the family and friends of Ian Barton who recently passed away. At a very sad time they thought of us, asking that the collection at Ian's funeral be donated to the branch, a cause very close to his heart.

10th Anniversary Social Evening - Rolls Royce 2nd July

Unfortunately, due to lower than anticipated ticket sales, our planned 10th Anniversary Social Evening at Rolls Royce in July was cancelled. Thanks to everyone who supported us and kindly donated their ticket or sponsorship money back to the branch.

We did however have a picnic at Sherwood Forest on Sunday September 6th, to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. Thanks to everyone who attended, it was lovely to see so many dogs (and their owners) homed by the branch over the years. Hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Great Greyhound Gathering and Sponsored Walk 2009

This years Great Greyhound Gathering will be held on the 19th September at Nottingham Racecourse, Colwick (same as last year). We will be in the Pamper Pooch Zone along with some of my colleagues from the vets. We will be offering free dental checks, micro chipping, nail clipping and selling a range of items for your hound, such as coats, brushes, toothbrushes, toys and Rose's famous Liver Cake!

There will also be a sponsored walk 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'll 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, we look forward to seeing you there. For more information about the dog show and the days events please see our website; www.rgtnottingham.org.uk

250 Club

To support us for just £1 a week and to be in with a chance of winning, please see our website and click on the 250 club icon. Recent winners are; Adrian Gaskell £66, Christine Allen £66, Karen Thornley £66, Rachel Carney £340, Ruth Gell £68, Linda Windle £68, Denise Townsend £272 and Andy & Becky Spencer £136. Well done to you all and thank you to all our members for your continued support.

Ideas/Suggestions

If you have any ideas, suggestions or stories about your hounds for future newsletters please contact us via phone or e mail.

Fireworks

With firework season fast approaching, please contact us for information on firework phobias. We can advise 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 less challenging.

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/she is responding is correct and make him/her more fearful.

Merchandise, Posters and Homed Hounds

To purchase any of our merchandise please look out for Christine on our monthly walks or call the enquiry line. Purchasing direct from us on the monthly walks will save you P&P and help our branch funds. We now have the new 2009 Christmas cards for sale. They are £3.99 for a pack of 12, either in traditional or animated styles.

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

Our homed hound section on the website is looking fabulous, so many beautiful, happy hounds. Please continue to e mail your pictures to enquiries@rgtnottingham.org.uk

Walks and Events

Walks start at 10.30am, all dogs to be on the lead and please scoop the poop. Walks will last between 35-45 mins. Please ask about nail clipping on the walks, we will be asking for a donation of £2.50.

Saturday 19th September - Great Greyhound Gathering, Colwick Racecourse, Nottingham

Registration for the dog show opens at 9.30am and is £2 per class, judging will commence at 11am.

Fantastic day out for all the family, come along and see us in the Pamper Pooch Zone.

Sunday 27th September - Burnt Stump Inn, Burnt Stump Hill, Arnold - 10.30am

Take the A60 from Nottingham towards Mansfield. 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 for a walk through the woods.

Saturday 10th October - Meet and Greet - Bardills Garden Centre, Toton Lane, Stapleford, 10am-4pm.

We'll be there with our stand and dogs promoting what great pets Greyhounds make.

Saturday 17th October - Meet and Greet - Morrisons, Meteor Centre, Derby - 10am - 3pm

A great opportunity for prospective adopters to meet greyhounds face to face.

Sunday 25th October - 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.

Sunday 29th November - 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.

Saturday 12th December - Meet and Greet - Park Farm Shopping Centre, Allestree Derby

10am-3pm (Finish time dependent on the weather) Meet and Greet with a Christmas theme!

Sunday 27th December - 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.

Best Wishes, I know it's September but I won't be writing again until 2010. So we wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Michelle and all at RGT Nottingham

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