

Newsletter

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Happy 10th Birthday!!

10 years Of Homing Greyhounds

After many weeks of fruitless advertising, we eventually homed our first Greyhound on 4th January 1999, so we are happy to be celebrating our 10th birthday this month. 411 families have benefited from owning one or more of these graceful hounds! We thank supporters, past and present, for helping us to achieve this milestone.

Dogs

The latest dogs to settle in to their new homes are; Spencer, Dolly, Twinky now Ellie, William now Mr D'arcy, Pebbles, Sprint, Slim now Sophie, Mac, Boy now Troy and Rebel. We wish them all well.

A special thank you to Sally and Colin who have adopted Spencer, Caroline and John who have adopted Sprint and Rod and Jen who are currently fostering Rambo.

Spencer and Sprint were former 250 club dogs and had both been with us in kennels for quite a while. Sprint is a large dog though very gentle, we feel this is why he may have been overlooked. Caroline and Paul fell for Sprint and adopted him in October and he is now enjoying his new life in his new home.

Spencer was also with us for a while, this was due to his interest in other breeds and being strong on the lead. Colin and Sally met and fell in love with him in September and he too is enjoying his new life. After the commitment to training by Colin and Sally, he is improving on the lead and with other dogs.

Rambo came back to the branch in November due to a family break up. He is nine and a half years old and is kindly being fostered by Rod and Jen Sharpe and is being kept company by his new friend Blondie. Thanks for fostering him and hopefully taking him on permanently.

Our thoughts are with the families of the following dogs who are no longer with us; Jack, Buddy and Chalky. We know they will all be deeply missed.

Thanks

Thanks go to Mr and Mrs Slack for their donation to the branch in September and to Old Mill Animal Feeds in Mansfield, who continue to support us and kindly donated £100 after holding a charity event we were present at.

Thanks also go to Lesley Charlesworth for being our independent invigilator on the evening the summer prize draw took place. (Sorry I forgot to mention this in the last newsletter)

A Big Thanks to everyone who has helped or supported the branch in anyway through 2008. We couldn't continue homing these beautiful dogs without you!

Great Greyhound Gathering 2008

The day was a great success, with the weather thankfully holding out for us! We were in the Pamper Pooch Area and spent the day clipping nails, id chipping and selling all things doggy, which helped boost our branch funds.

Thanks to everyone who came along to our stall and to all our helpers on the day for giving up their time and for their continued support. Without you the day wouldn't have been such a success.

Thanks also go to Jan and Gordon with Alfie for representing the branch in the Greyhound of the Year class. Alfie was formerly known as King, I have written about his plight previously after he was treated for a broken nose. He has made a fantastic recovery and is such a friendly happy dog we thought we had to nominate him! Unfortunately Alfie didn't win but he did the branch proud and looked very handsome!

250 Club

Recent winners are; Dawn Sanders £320, Sandra Gammon £192, Richard Swain £64, Helen Clarke £193.50, James Moreland £64.50 and Gillian Maclennan £129. Some fantastic wins recently, if you would like to be in with a chance of winning and help us for just £1 a week please see our website and click on the 250 club icon.

Cocoa Mulch

Gardeners please beware of using Cocoa Mulch. It is often advertised as a deterrent to cats. It contains Theobromine which can be fatally toxic to dogs and cats.

Merchandise, Posters and Homed Hounds

Just a reminder we still have coats, beds, books, pens, keyrings etc to sell. To purchase anything please look out for Christine on the monthly walks or call the enquiry line on 0115 9655434.

Thanks for all the lovely pictures you have sent to us, please continue sending pictures of your happy hounds for the homed hounds section of the website. E-mail them to enquiries@rgtnottingham.org.uk.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or stories about your hounds for future newsletters please also call or e-mail us.

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

Homemade Treats for Your Greyhound

If you're like us, you know that your Greyhound just loves homemade treats. This recipe will definitely be a winner, but be prepared for some "counter surfing" or "drooling" whilst you are preparing and cooking!
This recipe makes approximately 10 x 50g bags of liver cake treats when cut up into 3 x 2 inch training portions.

LIVER CAKE TREATS

Ingredients:

½ lb liver

½ lb flour

1 egg

1 clove of garlic

½ teaspoon olive oil

2 tablespoons milk (add more if needed)

If you have any left-over cooked carrots, or any other vegetables, you can add this to the mixture too.

Method:

- Put everything except the flour in the blender and liquidise to a pink stinky "goo"!
- When it is all pureed together, put the "goo" into a separate bowl and add and mix the flour a bit at a time. If it is too floury, add a little more milk.
- Once all mixed together, put into a lightly greased roasting tin and cook on a moderate temperature (Gas Mark 5/180 degrees) for about 25 minutes (depending on your oven i.e. fan-assisted, hot, etc). The Liver Cake should rise a little, be firm to the touch, and be cooked right through when you cut it.
- Cut the Cake into slices (3 x 2 inches should be more than enough for a short training session, but would suggest cutting this into smaller bite size pieces) and cool. Put into small individual freezer bags, and freeze the training portions if you do not want to use it all straightaway.

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 mins. Please ask about nail clipping on the walks, we will be asking for a donation of £2.50 for doing so.

Sunday 25th January - Rufford Country Park 10.30am - Free parking this month

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.

Sunday 22nd February - Wollaton Park - 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 March - Burnt Stump - 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 HQ. 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 26th April - 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 café.

Please contact Lindy on 0115 9676190, with suggestions for walks. Ideally somewhere we can do a 30-40 minute walk, with ample parking and refreshments available for after the walk.

Best Wishes and Happy New Year to you all

Michelle and all at RGT Nottingham

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