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Contributions, comments
and suggestions are
always welcome!

Welcome to the second edition of the Greyhoundhomer Suffolk newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading it. The months since our relaunch have flown past and the committee are very happy with the progress we are making. However, we are not complacent and have a very full summer of events planned to promote greyhounds as pets, if you are attending any of the events do come and say hello it always gives us great pleasure to see happily homed hounds and brightens even the coldest wettest days (and we've had a few of those!).

To date, we've found homes for thirty greys and we hope you like our feature on some of those recently homed. On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you a very happy summer and say a big thank you for your continued support.

Sue

RGT conference

Recently Kevin, Sally, Chrissie and I were lucky enough to attend the first national conference of the RGT. The agenda was based on developing national protocols and standards for RGT branches. With over seventy branches nationwide, each with differing circumstances, you can imagine that this has not been an easy task. The committee are currently reading through the draft proposals and will be feeding back to head office any concerns or suggestions.

We had some very knowledgeable and interesting speakers covering everything from legal aspects to home checks and veterinary issues which provided lots of food for thought. We were all agreed that it was a really valuable opportunity to network with branches from all over the UK and we came away with lots of new ideas for fundraising. The RGT made it very clear how much they value your help in supporting our work, and as a committee we would like to add our thanks to theirs, your support and encouragement is much appreciated.

Sue



left to right : Sue, Sally, Annette Crosbie (who inspired so many of us to get greyhounds!) and Chrissie.



left to right : Chrissie, Sue, Amanda Ainsworth (Manager RGT), Ivor Stoker (Exec Dir RGT) and Sally

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Dates for your 2010 Diary

June 26-27
**Colchester Food &
 Drink Festival**
 Castle Park, Colchester

July 11
Blue Cross Fun Day
 Trimley, Suffolk

July 18
**Sally and Kev's Walk
 and Cream Tea**
 Nacton Shore and
 Village

July 31/August 1
**National Power Boat
 Championships**
 Harwich, Essex

August 1
Suffolk Dog Day
 Helmingham Hall,
 Helmingham

August 8
**Giant Car Boot Sale
 for Treehouse Appeal
 (Children's Hospice)**
 Suffolk Show Ground,
 Ipswich

August 28 (11am start)
**Diana and Dave's Walk
 and Refreshments**
 Holland-on-Sea

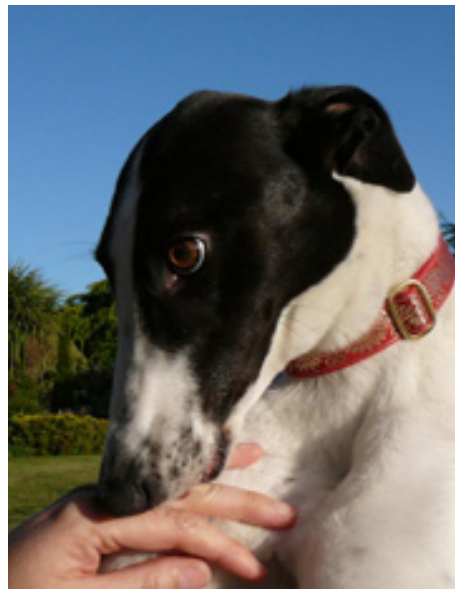
October 30
Halloween Quiz Night
 Nacton Village Hall

keep an eye on our
 web site for updates
 and new dates!

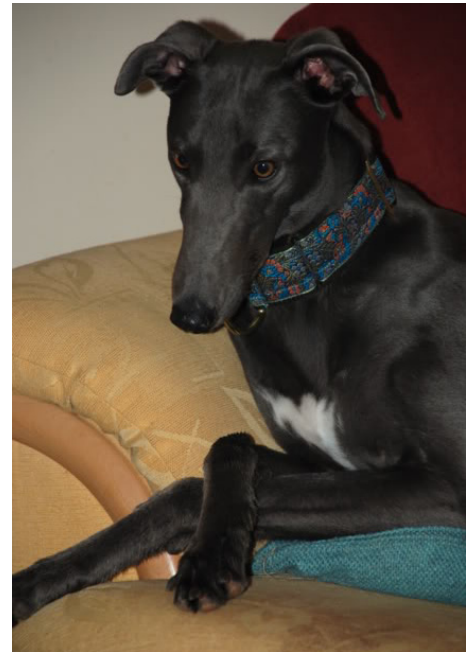
Homing a younger greyhound

As many of you will know, Kevin and I adopted the lovely Lily recently. She was our first greyhound of such a tender age, she is 18 months. Having passed on advice to many people in the past it was our turn to put into practice. Lily came to us on Good Friday and after introductions to Smokie, with her licking his ears straight away we took them both to the Aztec Spring Garden Show in Ipswich. As our dog she would need to be happy meeting lots of people and dogs at such things as we do so many during the year. Well, you wouldn't have known that she hadn't been doing it for years, people were amazed that she had only just arrived from kennels. Happy to meet anyone and anything, we were delighted.

The Easter weekend wasn't an ideal way to settle a dog so following this Kev had several days at home and our daughter was also working from home too. Now was the time to start leaving her for short periods. So far we have only had a couple of accidents due to us not understanding her signals, she has a shoe fetish, boots seem to be the favourite item to be taken off to the garden, not damaged in anyway just taken for a trip. I have also seen



The lovely Lily in her new garden.



Gorgeous Kenzo relaxing on her sofa.

a brush followed by dustpan, broom and trousers being taken for a trip to the garden. Our version of the Andrex puppy was Lily dragging a roll of bin liners around, taking 10 minutes just to roll up again. She jumps up at everyone in her excitement, she talks to us when she wants to play, hurtles around the garden at a terrific pace, leaping over shrubs in her path. She drinks from the pond, steals treats from my handbag, digs large holes, tries to catch bees, empties plant pots and barks at herself in the mirror.

At the same time she is the sweetest little girl who snuggles to you, rolls onto her back for tummy rubs, is learning to go down on command. Smokie seems to quite like his new ladyfriend, they will even eat out of the same bowl now. She is sleeping mostly all night but a husband on shiftwork isn't helpful. All in all we have a wonderful, dog who is learning daily what's expected of her but is also showing us what it is to have a toddler back in the house. Lots of fun, but keep your eyes open all the time!

Sally

Hounds homed this year

Snazzy Champ (Jay)
 Louisville (Louis)
 Nessa Sparkle (Nessa)
 Noel Sparkle (Nollie)
 Blonde Charm (Charm)
 Toosey Sly (Fly)
 Kenzo
 Droopys Oasis (Ollie)
 Blonde Jester (Jester)
 Confident Kermit
 (Kermit)
 LookOut for Lulu (Lulu)
 ArdPartrick Harry
 (Harry)
 Tourna Abbey (Abbey)
 Sparka Lisa (Joy)
 Toosey Belle (Belle)
 Look Out for Troy (Troy)
 Lookout for Brabus
 (Brabus)
 Seacrest Run (Lulu)
 Ballymac Delight (Lily)
 Confident Market
 (Market)
 Swift Mischief (Swift)
 White Door (Tilly)
 Ligon Trev (Trev)
 Desperate Dash
 (Dasher)
 Toosey Sonic (Sonic)
 Pilot Princess (Trinny)
 Chloe



Dora



Lulu
(Lookout)



Lulu
(Seacrest)



Nollie

David's doings



Since I dun me last ritings for the newsletter, I's been qwite busy. I's been to a few sleepovas, walks and I's been to a qwiz nite where I barked out all of the answers! I's even been to the vets agen becoz I's got meself into more mischiffs!

The uvva weekend I dun sum helping at the Suffolk Game and Country Show. It woz very wet and cold, and me and Smokie both had to wear two coats to keeps us warm! Becoz it woz so cold and wet there woznt many peepole cuming to see me and me frends. I woz qwite sad becoz I likes to hav fusses and do leaning on hooman legs. So me finks to meself to do plenty of barking so they knows I's there and wood cum and see me. I did get sum fusses but me finks to meself that I mite hav given Sally a bit of a headache wiv all me barking! I's looking forward to the shows in the summer wen I can do sunbathing while I's waiting for me fusses.

I don't get fusses wen Mummys at work but she does leeve the telly on for me. I gets to watch the news (wen I's not sleeping) and I learns lots of hinteresting fings. Resently I's been learning about polytics and the helection! It's very confoozing and I hears them all saying fings about who's going to be the next Prime Mincer. I's very hinterested in this becoz I likes mince and finks I shood be allowed to vote for the next Mincer too. So wen we went to do voting I got meself all hexcited and I did lots of spinning so Mummy wood takes me in wiv her but she sed that dogs aren't allowed to do voting and I had to stay in the car! Me finks to meself that's not fair, specially becoz I's faymis and I shood be able to chooze who makes

me mince. Wen I asked Mummy about who got to be the new Prime Mincer, Mummy said that there woz now two lots of peepole. Mummy said that she didn't fink that wood be very good. I's now worried about what me next lot of mince will taste like. I mite hav to stick wiv sosidges and chikin.

I's also taken Mummy to a dog show wiv me frend Charlie. He's a Jack Russell and is qwite small and wabbity but it's alrite becoz he's me frend and not a wabbit. I nose this becoz I's sniffed his bottom! Mummy fought that becoz we woz at the show we shood enter sum classes so me and Charlie woz entered for the bestest condishon class. There woz lots entering and me finks to meself I's going to hav to looks hextra hansum if I's going to win. Fankfully me frend Charlie had been watching the uvva classes and sez to me that the judge is even checking the dogs teefs! I finks to meself I mite hav forgotten to do chewing on me teef cleaning stick in the morning so I opens me mouth really wide so Charlie can checks me teefs for bits of treetes. It woz a good job that Charlie checked me teefs becoz the judge opened me mouth rite up. She sed 'ooo' and that I's got musselly fighs. I came fifth in me class. I woz pleezed wiv being fifth 'sept that me rosette woz pink. I don't likes pink. I likes green.

I's now got to go bark at deff-wish-cat through the window.

*Lots of luffs, licks and wags,
David x*



Hounds waiting to be homed!



Tinker



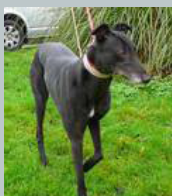
Hamster



Ardup



Renoir



Flyer



Samson

Meet the committee 2



Kevin on a well earned break!

I first became involved with greyhounds when I worked at Ipswich greyhound stadium many many years ago. This was when I first realised what sort of temperament they had. We got our first retired greyhound 14 years ago, and although we lost her at just 5 years old we just knew that we had to home another. We now own Smokie and Lilly.

We became involved in rehoming greyhounds some six years ago with HarlowRGT, before becoming the inaugural chairman and one of the founder members of Greyhoundhomer RGT. In January 2010 Greyhoundhomer RGT Suffolk was born and with several of our owners, we now have a successful homing scheme covering mainly Suffolk and North Essex. My main job at Greyhoundhomer is home checker, show organiser, meet and greets at kennels and general dogsbody.

I am married to our secretary Sally and have 2 daughters Heather and Rachel; I work at Felixstowe docks as a warehouse supervisor.

Kevin

Donations

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

Kevin Lambert
 Tracey Piper
 Greyhound Walks
 Robins Row Ltd
 Hitchin Property Trust
 (via Michelle Dennis)
 Itron (via Andy McGhee)

and everyone else who so generously donated via collections, raffles etc.

Hound blood donors



Did you know that greyhounds make great blood donors? Like humans, dogs can need blood transfusions for all sorts of reasons including accidents, scheduled operations and illness. With their docile nature, their physiology (their veins are easily accessible and they have a fast pulse) and increased likelihood of having the universal dog blood-type, greyhounds are perfect for the job. Both of my greyhounds as registered as emergency blood donors with a local practice, who prefer donors to weigh more than 25Kgs and be under 8 years old.

Earlier this year Dilly saved a very sick puppy's life. I left her at the vet for 2 hours, during which time her neck was shaved, she was laid down on a table and given lots of cuddles as blood was taken directly from her jugular. She was then observed for 30 minutes to ensure that there were no ill effects, and fed and watered before being sent back to me with a new toy for being such a brave hero hound.

Sara

Walk and Cream Tea

18 July 2010 - 2pm start for walk

The Nacton shore walk will start at 2pm at Nacton Shore. Everyone/hound welcome!

Afterwards we will provide a cream tea in the garden (gazebos will be available if the weather is dodgy!). Due to limitations on space and facilities, tickets will be limited to 40, at cost of £5 per head. This includes food and drink and a donation to Greyhoundhomer RGT Suffolk.

Contact Sally to reserve your tickets!