



GLWR NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. I'm hoping by the time you read this that the days are starting to warm up and your dogs are enjoying lazing around in the garden and going for walks without bringing a fieldful of mud back with them on their paws. We are really looking forward to our Annual Reunion this year (see below). We listened to your feedback from last year and have massively reduced the cost of the tickets, whilst still providing a lovely finger buffet thanks to Trevor and Linda at The Peterborough Arms. We are hoping that this makes it easier for whole families to come and enjoy being surrounded by greyhounds and lurchers for the afternoon. Look forward to seeing you there.

Gaby Lydiate - Editor

A word from our Treasurer

At last summer is nearly here and after the winter we've just had it feels good to have the sun on our backs, especially for our lovely dogs sunbathing in their runs!!

The yearly accounts have just been completed and they make very interesting reading. The most obvious figure was our huge vet bill this year mainly due to a couple of rather poorly dogs plus the general cost of keeping our dogs fit and well, ready for rehoming.

Now the weather is warmer, if there is anyone out there who could fund raise for us, be it boot sales or another outdoor event, we would be very grateful. Donations always help, however big or small, so please keep supporting our wonderful hounds.

May I make a personal plea for Ashley, our longest stayer at the kennels. He really is turning out to be a special, handsome boy. Is there anyone out there who would consider adopting this lovely dog? Every dog has its day and Ashley needs his now. Please look on our website for more information or contact myself or any of our trustees if you would consider giving him a forever home.

Lastly may I say a big thank you to everyone involved in the forum auction. We raised well over a thousand pounds, which all went to pay for Lucy-Lu's vet treatment. There is still more to come and I'll let you know more when we reach the next stage of her treatment.

Denise Nicholls - Treasurer

GLWR's Annual Reunion and Fun Dog Show 2010

We are very excited to announce that we are holding our Annual Reunion and Fun Dog Show on:

**Saturday 22nd May at The Peterborough Arms, Dauntsey Lock, near Lyneham in Wiltshire,
12.00 midday til 5.00pm.**

We will have for sale some exquisite collars, charms and tassels and some exclusive new lurcher bells. We will also have some beautiful caged crystals, known for their healing powers which can be attached to your dog's collar.

Also making an appearance for only the second time in public the highly desirable GLWR mugs, which all but sold out at their debut.

We will also be running a raffle, a doggy themed tombola (donations gratefully received), a book stall and we have a large, very well behaved dog who is looking for a very special home - OK he's a stuffed toy, but guess his name and you can expand your pack the painless way.

Tickets will be £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children aged 12 and under, to include a finger buffet. To buy tickets in advance send a cheque (made out to GLWR) to:

GLWR, 1 Coventry Close, Wroughton, Swindon, Wiltshire SN4 9BB or buy on the day.

We also need volunteers for the day to help set up and run stalls.

Everybody enjoys the Fun Dog Show (only £1 per entry) although I never envy the judges and this year we hope to have a doggy dancing demonstration too.

This is always such a lovely day. We get to meet loads of GLWR dogs and see them all sleek and happy with their new families. The sheer spectacle of seeing so many greyhounds and lurchers in one place is immensely heart-warming.

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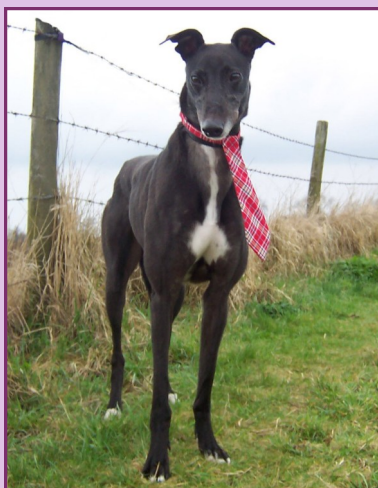
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GLWR Doggy News

Re-homing has been very slow here, as with most of the rescues we know of, but nonetheless our dogs are being well looked after and we are hoping that things will pick up as the warmer weather arrives.

Torin, our big, soft, daft lad has found a lovely home and has got his feet well and truly under the table. Lovely Hattie has also found the right family and is settling in beautifully. Russ the lurcher has headed off to start a new life with people who will love and care for him and show him that not all humans are bad.

Milo, who is in a foster home in Somerset, has been nursed back to full health from a nasty parasite infection which left him bald and miserable. He now has a shiny black coat and gleams the way only a black greyhound can gleam - as though he has been polished. He is ready for his forever home now



Kewel - how handsome am I ?

Kewell, Ashley and Red Jack are still looking for their forever homes. All three need experienced owners who will show them kindly but firmly where the boundaries are.

They will respond beautifully to this form of guidance and, with some training and understanding, will make fantastic, affectionate and rewarding companions.

No cats or small dogs please.

New to kennels are

Scarlett, Grace, Marco, Sadie and Jimmy .

Scarlett is a bouncy, friendly, happy little girl who is, however, respectful of other similar sized dogs and gets on well with them. She is not so keen on small dogs

Grace is also friendly and happy but is much more laid back and calm. She is an undemanding girl and would make a fantastic first sight hound for someone.

Marco is a young lad, just 18 months old, who found himself in a pound in Ireland 24 hours away from being put to sleep. Thankfully he was rescued and sent to us to help him find a home. He is scarred on his face and has obviously been badly treated but, as is often the case, he is a very forgiving boy who deserves some love and care.

Sadie is 4 years old and came to us at the end of her racing career. She needs a quiet home with no children or other dogs as, although she is a lovely, friendly girl, she needs her own space.

Not long after Jimmy came to us we found he had a low grade heart murmur. He is a young lad but will suit someone who can give him two walks a day and let him chill for the rest of the time. Sadly Jimmy has lost the end of his tail due to an injury but he is a stunning boy nonetheless.

So who will be next to find their forever sofa? Keep an eye on our wonderful dogs on the Dogs in Need of Homes page on our website www.glwr.org.uk and on our online forum www.glwr.proboards.com

GLWR's New Arrivals



Jimmy



Grace



Sadie



Scarlett

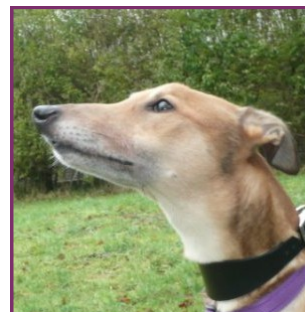


Marco

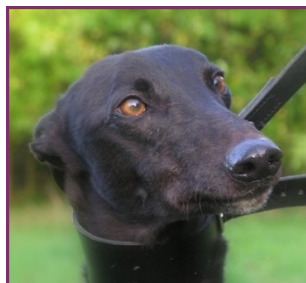
Also still waiting - for someone to love



Our Ashley - the clown



Red Jack - wistful



Milo - please?

Please note that Milo is currently in a foster home in Somerset and prospective owners will need to travel there to meet him. All the other dogs can be visited in the kennels in North Wiltshire. Please get in touch if you would like to offer any of them a home.



In Memoriam

Shannon

Died suddenly on the 21st March 2010

aged 3 years

Run free darling girl

We so wish we could have found you a home

But you knew you were very much loved

We miss you

Shannon was a lovely young greyhound girl who came to us from Ireland to have a better chance at finding her forever home. She died suddenly and without warning on a beautiful Spring day whilst out with her favourite walkers. The end was so quick there was nothing anybody could do to save her. She had a massive heart attack caused by some unknown abnormality. The vet told us it could have happened at any time.

Nobody could have predicted that this happy, apparently healthy girl who was in such wonderful condition could have something so catastrophic just waiting to be triggered inside her.

Our only consolation is that she was happy in kennels - she thought they were her home and that the people who cared for her were her family. She was very much loved and we miss her terribly.

Sleep tight sweetheart.

Dog Tips by Lisa Tenzin-Dolma, canine psychologist

Separation Anxiety

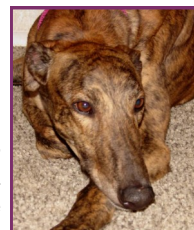
Bringing home your newly adopted greyhound or lurcher is an exciting time, and it can help if you remind yourself that your dog may not have even entered a house before! There are lots of ways in which you can make the settling in process easy for both of you, and your dog will be delighted to have the comfort, care and affection that he or she so richly deserves. During this period you'll be getting to know each other and your dog will be learning the house rules. During the first few days your dog may follow you around a lot, which is normal (after all, everything is unfamiliar and a bit scary, and you're the new source of security to your dog) but this usually settles very quickly. But sometimes a dog can become over-attached to his new owner, and can show signs of Separation Anxiety, an issue which is common to all breeds, not just sighthounds. It can help to know in advance how to help your dog through this if there are signs it could be occurring.

Some of the symptoms of Separation Anxiety are crying, whining, howling and destructive behaviour, and it can be distressing for both you and your dog if it occurs. Your dog will have been used to living in kennels, with the sounds of other dogs around him, and many dogs quickly become attached to their new owners and find it frightening to be left alone. Right from the first day you can help your dog become used to being alone so that he doesn't howl or become destructive when you have to go out and leave him behind.

When you go into another room, close the door behind you for just a minute so that your dog is separated from you. Don't say anything – just act casual. When you come back in, say hello but avoid making a fuss of your dog if he greets you excitedly. When he is calm, call him to you and give him lots of praise and a treat. Prolong this gradually until he is alone for a few minutes at a time and understands that you will come back. If he cries, don't come in and make a fuss of him – that would reward him for the behaviour you're trying to avoid and would set up a pattern that can take time to break.

Before you go out, leave a radio on so that there is some quiet background music or chatter. Make sure his bed is comfortable and call him over to it. Give him a chew or a stuffed kong (a toy filled with treats that he has to work hard to get at) to keep him occupied, and settle him there. Calmly get ready to go out – don't pet him or make a fuss about leaving him. Only leave him for very short periods initially – five minutes, then ten, then fifteen – so that he quickly learns that you will soon return. Just a quick walk around the garden or down the road and back will be fine at first.

When you return home, if he greets you ecstatically say a calm hello and do something (put the kettle on, hang up your coat) for a few moments until he's stopped bouncing around, and then call him to you and make a fuss of him. It may seem unfair to not let your dog give you a huge welcome, but you are teaching him that you can come and go and he has no need to worry when you're not around. He will soon realize that it's no big deal when you go out, and will use that time for enjoying his chew or having a snooze.



The Brewer Gang

Charlie Brewer, ex GLWR greyhound, wrote to us recently from his forever home with this story of determination and perseverance:

"I want to be a lap dog, I really do.

Why is it that Lucy can curl up on Mum's lap and I can't? It's just not fair. I really do want to go on Mum's lap. Lucy is smaller than me. It's not my fault I have grown too big for my paws.

Mum says I'm too big for her lap, but I am going to show her I can do it. I can be really small if I want to.

Mum's sat on the sofa - here's my chance. I'm trying to squash myself on her lap. My legs are dangling off, my head is hanging over the arm and my bottom keeps slipping down on to the floor, but no, I'm not going to give in. Never ever. I'm going to be a lap dog, I really am."

See!"



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GREYHOUND RACING

Let's go greyhound racing
It will be lots of fun
A few bets and a few drinks
And watch the greyhounds run

It all seems quite exciting
Some of you may have been
But let me tell you what goes on
Behind this glitzy scene

The greyhound runs his heart out
He does the best he can
But when he slows a little
His last race is ran

His owner and his trainer
Will now decide his fate
Like many other greyhounds
For him it is too late

He's no longer winning money
He's no longer buying gold
He's about to be destroyed now
Though he's only three years old

A vet may put this greyhound down
Then maybe he will not
He may be taken to a wood
Tied to a tree and shot

Believe me this is what goes on
I tell you with no fear
Ten thousand greyhounds meet their fate
In this way every year

They are killed by lowlife cowards
For this there is no need
No other than the owner
And the trainer's constant greed

So come on all you owners
And all you trainers too
Dispute the facts I've stated
Tell me this is not true

No matter what you do
No matter what you say
You just can't go on treating
Greyhounds in this way

By Dave Garland



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