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# HALL GREEN kennel NEWS

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## WE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY

Many of our greyhound owners said they couldn't go on holiday without taking their hounds -they'd miss them too much! We asked you for advice about travelling with your canine companions and here are your top tips, so happy holidays!

- Check out books, guides, websites for dog-friendly accommodation, campsites, pubs etc.
- **NEVER** leave a dog in the car even with open windows - temperatures rise to dangerous levels in minutes. Greyhounds feel the heat more than other dogs. Know the signs of heatstroke and what to do if they become overheated.
- Bring water from home and your dog's normal food to avoid digestive problems – this is NOT the time to change your dog's diet! Collapsible bowls or dog water bottles don't take up much room.
- Bring paper towels and a good deodoriser/pet stain cleaner. If a previous canine resident has relieved itself in your accommodation, then yours might too. **Remember the poo bags.**
- Items from home like their blanket or bed helps them settle.
- For nervous travellers, try Bach Rescue Remedy and/or a DAP diffuser
- Make a tag with your holiday address and pack a photo of your dog in case of lost dogs.
- Bring vaccination certificates if you want to use day-boarding kennels
- Check timescales for Pet Passports - they're longer than you think (at least 6 months)
- Greyhounds love to run (and dig) on the beach - remember the muzzle
- Check to see if local beaches allow dogs during peak season
- Greyhounds can't go under or over stiles on footpaths. Bridleways are a better bet.
- Mention if your dog holds a Kennel Club Good Citizen Award when enquiring about accommodation-it may make the difference in accepting you.
- If your hound can't go with you, most greyhounds prefer to be kennelled with their own kind. Ask our volunteers for suggestions for greyhound only boarding kennels.



*Calley (aka Clydal Chick) on the beach in Jersey.*

### USEFUL WEBSITES:

[www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk) for info on Pet Passports  
[www.dogfriendlybritain.co.uk](http://www.dogfriendlybritain.co.uk)  
[www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk) for info on Good Citizen Award Scheme  
[www.cornwalltouristboard.co.uk/documents/Dogs\\_on\\_Beaches\\_000.pdf](http://www.cornwalltouristboard.co.uk/documents/Dogs_on_Beaches_000.pdf)

# OUR "STICKY" DOGS

## FLASHMAN

Flashman (aka Flash) has been stuck in kennels since November 2006. Big, bold, bouncy, and the size of a small pony, there's no missing our Flash. He cuts a fine figure when out walking, though he's not been too much of that lately since injuring his back leg.



Flashman

Flash has been convalescing, so we haven't been able to show him to prospective owners, but he's now on the mend and will be bursting to get out and about with his greyhound pals.

Lively and friendly, Flash is quite strong on the lead, which puts people off, but we're confident with regular walking by someone with a bit of muscle, he'll eventually calm down and become

a typical greyhound couch potato. Flash couldn't live with cats or small dogs, though – he's just too keen.

You'll turn heads while out walking with Flash, so if you think, big is beautiful, give Flash a chance.

## SPARKY

Sparky by name, sparky by nature, his profile on the website, says it all. Cheerful, cheeky, and curious, Sparky has been stuck in kennels since December 1st, 2006. His exuberance has been a deterrent for prospective owners looking for a more typical calm, laid-back greyhound.

Some of you might remember the sight of a two volunteers carrying Sparky back from a Waseley walk after he exhausted himself with sheer excitement – so much to see, so much to do! Fortunately, we've not had any repeats of this episode, but Sparky clearly finds life-after-racing very interesting indeed.



Sparky

A very handsome dog, with his black coat and white flecks, Sparky would suit a lively, active family with older children and no cats or other small furry pets. Like Flash, Sparky would need someone with a bit of muscle, who could harness all this exuberance and character and mould him into a wonderful family pet.



**"Wilf was the featured Sticky Dog in the April issue. Luckily foster carers then came forward to take him home. As you can see from the glowing recommendation below, he has made huge progress and we would like to thank Lisa and her partner for doing such a wonderful job with him. We are now hoping that one of our readers will come forward to adopt Wilf and give him a "forever" home - please ring us to find out how."**

Hi ya, just a short note to let you know how wilf is getting on. He's settled in like a good'n, hes very calm,he loves our other greyhound, Minty, he's always trying to snuggle up to her,he's a very loving dog.He's starting to calm down when he sees other breeds,but we still keep his muzzle on when we take him out for a walk,he's good with kids and crowds and loves a fuss being made of him. Like most greyhounds, he's greedy and quickly found out where the kitchen is,but we're training him not to bother you whilst you're eating.I can honestly recommend this lovely lad to any potential future owner. In fact the whole family will be reluctant to see him go,but thats the idea of fostering! Basically if you're looking for a lovely,sweet greyhound, you wont go wrong with our wilf, he's been a pleasure to have!

# LATEST HOMINGS:

We are always pleased to be able to write about dogs who have now found love and a comfy duvet in their new homes:



Andy



Charlie



Sally and Champ



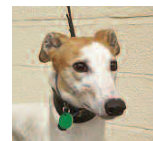
Hope



Brindy



Wilf



Beau



Beauty



Fly



Jack

**Andy - Andy's Friend**, (now Andi) left with a spring in her step to start her new life.

**Charlie - Go with Me**, is in for an active life in Solihull with his new sports-loving family and as the newest member at their local cricket club.

**Trendy - Tigers Trend**, now Tyler joined a recently rehomed Hall Green dog, Willow (formerly Birdie aka Bird Swalley) in Kings Heath along with the cats and guinea pigs. One greyhound was obviously not enough!

**Sally and Champ - January Sally & Champions Reward**, our media stars, were quickly snapped up once their story appeared in our last newsletter and in the local press.

**Hope - Leannes Hope**, has gone to be thoroughly spoiled with her new family in Rowley Regis.

**Brindy - Lisdon Mist**, last month's "sticky dog" captured the hearts of a lovely family from Redditch.

**Wilf - Aughadonagh Nek**, who was April's "sticky dog" has been fostered in Great Barr, Birmingham with Minty, another ex-Hall Green Racer, where he soon discovered the joys of a soft sofa.

**Sugar - Sugar Lump**, who didn't even make the web site has gone to live a happy life in Worcester.

**Lilly - Weeping Lilly**, has started her new life with a new friend Freddie the whippet, hours of fun to be had.

**Rupert - One Way Traffic**, one of black beauties left us to live a new life in Birmingham and living next door is Jake the lurcher who has become Rupert's very best friend.

**Hugo - Boss Very Sharp**, our loveable huggable Hugo another black beauty left to start a new life with Paddy the greyhound. Both looking to have an easy laid back life.



Sugar



Lilly



Rupert

# new stars

*Beau, Beauty, Fly, Jack, Laura, Lily, Milly, Smudge, Teddy and Wallace.*

Please visit our website, [www.hallgreenrgt.co.uk](http://www.hallgreenrgt.co.uk) to read about our latest arrivals.



Wallace



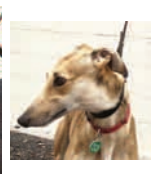
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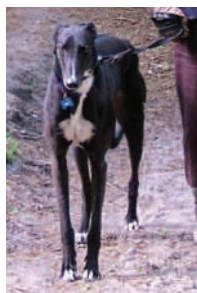
Milly



Smudge

# STAR'S ADVENTURES IN PARADISE.

*My mom and dad took me to the Suffolk Heritage Coast for my first holiday. It would have been paradise if I had been allowed off my lead! Mom said there are more rabbits per square metre than any other part of the country; I could have been hunting forever.*



Before my walks my mom would peep outside the cottage door to see if any bunnies or pheasants were about. If all was clear the walk/hunt began.



We would walk for about an hour through woods and heath land. My instinct to seek and chase came to the fore, straining on my lead for the first ten

minutes or so looking for bunnies and squirrels, some would run inches from my nose. Then I would meet another dog and we would exchange compliments in the usual doggy way. I do prefer greyhounds though, I once met a lovely greyhound named Pearl who was nine years old.

After the walk I would have a drink and a rest in a shady place specially provided for dogs, whilst mom and dad went for a cream tea or snack and do a bit of bird watching. They would bring me back a warm sausage roll and a bit of scone for being a good boy. One day we shared fish and chips. The process was usually repeated after lunch, I really enjoyed it. They thought that they would wear my legs down by a few inches so that when we returned from holiday I would no longer

be able to reach to their dinner on the table. No chance, I'm not a couch potato; I would walk all day if they would.

During the night, about every hour, I would check to see if my mom and dad were still alive by going into their bedroom and putting my cold nose on their faces in turn. I would also wag my tail and make it bang against the room heater. They would wake up and reassure me that in the morning one of them would feed me and take me hunting.

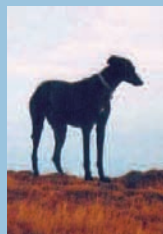
Thanks to all the good food, exercise and fresh air, the nasty scar that I had on my leg has almost completely healed over and new fur has started to grow. Look out ladies!



## My New Life

- by *Lanas Ranger* (Ranger to my friends)

*Well, it's been 5 months since Vicky and Richard were lucky enough to be adopted by me. And boy what a fantastic time I'm having.*



I have my own double bed, which, if I'm in a generous mood I allow my owners to sleep on too, but only on the edges!

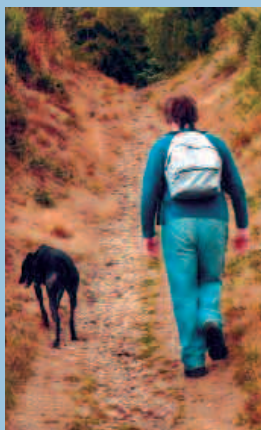
I have two special bowls on a raised platform so I don't need to bend when I'm eating...Oh and my very own drawer packed with goodies (pigs ears are my favourite by far!) I'm very well behaved, I wouldn't dream of knocking the kitchen bin over and rummaging in the leftovers! When I'm asked not to lie on the sofa when my owners are out...they never come home to find the sofa

warm with greyhound paw prints imbedded in the leather...oh no! And I can categorically deny I have a flatulence problem or steal socks! Understand??

I've made lots of new friends who I see on my morning run about in the local park...but I don't like the water...I fell in...oh the embarrassment...still it was worth it when the lady in the pet shop felt sorry for me and gave me a huge pig's ear to cheer me up.

And the walks! Let me see...I have done the Lickey Hills, Stratford, Bredon Hill, Kenilworth, Somerset and Devon. Yes life is grand! And I've decided I'm very happy with my new family indeed.

Here I am on my latest trip out to the Malvern Hills.



# PAWS

## FOR THOUGHT

### JUNE IS... NATIONAL MICROCHIPPING MONTH



As anyone whose grey has slipped a collar knows, losing your hound is devastating. Microchipping will help reunite you with your dog if ever lost or stolen. Here are some FAQ's about microchipping..

#### Q: How does it work?

A: The chip is about the size of a grain of rice and contains your dog's details, which are registered on a database. When a stray dog is picked up and scanned it can be returned quickly to its owner.

#### Q: How is it implanted?

A: In the back of the dog's neck. It is relatively painless, and the dog does not need anesthetic or sedation. It does not move nor can it be removed..

#### Q: How will they know my dog is chipped?

A: Dogs will wear a tag saying they are chipped. If that's lost, dog wardens/rescue centres now routinely scan stray dogs.

#### Q: Where can I get it done?

A: Our very own Pat Chan has now been trained to offer this valuable service. She can be contacted on 426-4810.

#### Q: How much does it cost?

A: £10.

There is always a chance that even the most well cared for dog might go missing or be stolen. Microchipping is the quickest and surest way of getting any lost dog back to its owner safe and sound. Call now!

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### AWARENESS ROADSHOWS

#### Saturday 2nd June

Bromsgrove High St (nr Housman statue)

#### Sunday 3rd June

Warwick & Kenilworth Agricultural Show, Hurst Farm, Crackley Lane Kenilworth

#### Saturday 9th June

Fete and Fun Day, Clifton Campville

#### Friday 15th - Monday 17th June

Three Counties Malvern Show

#### Saturday 23rd June

Dudley town centre

#### Sunday 24th June

Barnet Hill, Garden Centre, Worcester Road, Clent

### GREYHOUND WALKS

Sunday 10th June

If you can help phone Anne on  
07704 433408.

# GRACE GOES TO SCOTLAND



*I have had my greyhound now for 15 months and have taken her on 2 holidays- both self-catering but also with an overnight stop at a hotel en route to Scotland. I was surprised on investigation at the number of dog-friendly establishments now available. Also greyhounds, although large, are very clean and biddable and go with the flow so I've had no problems at all, apart from the time Grace ate a dead pheasant on Exmoor and had an upset stomach most of the week so this is something to look out for - not many dead pheasants on the streets of Brum!*

It is also a good idea to provide their own soft bedding unless you naughtily allow them on your bed. I say naughtily because one is supposed to keep dogs off the furniture... Theless said about that the better... let's just say she found every piece of soft furniture going... I also found that, although she politely accompanied me, Grace was not as keen on tramping every south-west coastal path or Scottish moor as I was and on returning home made straight for her favourite settee to adopt her usual position of on her back with legs in the air.

No problems in the car. I did a marathon drive from Oban to Birmingham in one go and she was happy to sleep with occasional walks round at service stations. She was also OK on larger ferries but not happy to get onto smaller boats so I abandoned that. I gravitate to remote rural retreats so -- Rabbit Heaven!! I hope this compensated for the route marches.

In conclusion, a great and easy-going holiday companion, just a few compromises required but well worth it. She's going to have to cope with the Outer Hebrides next year...

Jackie Johnson and Grace

## NEW SPONSOR DOG

**Reg (aka Doesn't Lay), one of our sponsor dogs, has made such good progress that his foster family adopted him. You can read Reg's story, "Old Dog Learns New Tricks" on our website.**

Sally has now been chosen as our new sponsor dog. Sponsorship is a great way for individuals or families who can't adopt their own greyhound to help look after one of these wonderful dogs - phone or visit our website to find out how.



**NAME:**  
Sally (aka Muttley's Revenge)

**LIKES:**  
Her kennel, other greyhounds

**DISLIKES:**  
anything new

**BIRTHDAY:**  
April 2005

**WISHES FOR THE FUTURE:**  
some courage

Sally is an extremely timid little dog. If she could write a lonely hearts advert, it would say, "Young, pretty but shy girl seeks confident friend for long walks in the countryside and quiet, lazy evenings in front of the fire."

Sally gains confidence from being with other greyhounds and feels secure in kennels.

Sally had been in a home for a short while, but experienced severe anxiety and left some unpleasant puddles and parcels around the house for her owners to find and when this didn't improve, so she was returned to our care.

We have shown Sally to prospective owners but she is so frightened she tries to run back into her kennel.

We would love to see Sally gain confidence by joining another greyhound in either a permanent or foster home.

## Lovebirds Find New Nest



Our lovebirds Sally & Champ have found a new love nest with the Dowling family in Shirley, after our appeal for a new home on the front page in May's edition of Kennel News. They also appeared in local newspapers. The dynamic duo returned to our care through no fault

of their own and Sally was so devoted to Champ we just had to home them together. The Dowlings came to their rescue and have written in to let us know how they are getting on.



"Hey guys just a few pictures of the two, settled in no problems! They're part of the furniture already. They have a new duvet to curl up on together and will be spending lazy hazy summer weekends at cricket matches."



Looks like they well and truly landed on their feet. If you think you could offer a dog a home, visit our website and see our homeless hounds.



*If you enjoy reading the Kennel News and would like to help the Trust with the cost of postage, we would be grateful for any donations of UNUSED postage stamps no matter how few or how many. Please send them to the address below. Thank you.*

## THANK YOU'S

Thanks to all who have written in saying how much they enjoy reading the Kennel News and have sent in postage stamps - it really helps us keep down the costs.

Thank you to Mrs. Barbara Williams for her fundraising efforts and kind donation of £25.

Thanks to Bill and Brenda Thompson of Herefordshire for donating 2 enormous teddies for raffle prizes.

**• Correction to the Blood Donor article in issue three should have read 'Greyhounds have a higher Red Blood Cell count than other breeds.'**

**We would love to have photos of all our successful homings so please do send them in, c/o Patricia Chan, 126 Metchley Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 0JA**



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