



HALL GREEN kennel NEWS

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VIP VISIT

Sunday August 7th saw a VIP visitor to HG RGT. Peter Laurie, the new chief executive of the Retired Greyhound Trust, came to say hello while he was up visiting the Midlands branches. Peter said, "I do feel that the best way I can try to appreciate the challenges facing the rehoming of retired greyhounds is to visit the branches and listen to the views, good news stories and concerns of staff and volunteers."



Peter is no stranger to greyhounds as he has owned both racing and retired greyhounds. He was also a senior figure from the Greyhound Board of Great Britain before joining the Trust and was involved in raising welfare standards across the sport.

Peter met several of our volunteers, their hounds, and kennel dogs, and he remarked that he was struck by our "very welcoming and friendly set-up." Peter commented, "It was great to see every greyhound in such excellent physical condition," and commented on the positive relationship we have with the track.

His top priorities for the Trust in these challenging economic times, include a new legacy campaign and donations from corporate bodies and trusts. Peter plans to continue to publicise the excellent work of the Trust in raising awareness of greyhounds as pets and in broadcasting the many good news stories from the branches with a stronger online presence.

Peter read a copy of our Kennel news and liked its professional production and heart-warming articles including Paul Elkins' walk and Cent's story from Jersey. He commented on our "excellent website" and strong brand.

So high praise, indeed from our "top dog." Thank you to Peter for stopping by and your kind words, but we know that none of this would be possible without the huge support and hardwork from our small army of dedicated and passionate volunteers. Thank you to each and every one of you!



SUNSET PETS

As regular visitors to our website will know, we have recently added a special page to celebrate the lives of our beloved greyhounds who have crossed over Rainbow Bridge. Sunset Pets have been in touch with us to let us know that they offer a caring and dignified, locally run cremation service that allows you to say goodbye to your special pet in your own personal way and gives you the option of receiving the ashes back to say goodbye in your own time.

They offer an individual service for any pet, large or small. For more information, you can pick up a leaflet at the kennels or contact Amanda Pickard on 07580-061-561/0121-444-3627 or visit their website: www.sunsetpets.co.uk

RGT visit Bromsgrove School



Hall Green and Worcester RGT combined forces to pay another visit to Bromsgrove School. Sally and Bluebelle took their owners, Kim & Susan along to meet the children

from Year 6 and kennel volunteer Mary brought along Mungo, who was waiting for a home, and who was a real star. They had a really enjoyable day with a great bunch of children who kept the humans on their toes with lots of questions and the dogs had enough fuss to last them months – or perhaps not – they are greyhounds after all!

The children loved learning about the dogs and getting some 'hands-on' experience of looking after a greyhound, and, as in previous years, they generously donated lots of goodies for the kennel dogs – our photos show the display; Sally only just about managed to squeeze into the back of our car with all the gifts!

Best news of all though, is that Mungo has found a loving home with the family of one of the children we met on our visit. So many thanks to the children and staff at Bromsgrove School and we are looking forward to coming again next year!

-Kim Holmes-

POPPY THE PAT DOG



Pets As Therapy was a charity I first read about in the Retired Greyhound Trust's Homer magazine, soon after we adopted Poppy in 2009. I wasn't surprised to read that greyhounds make great Pets As Therapy dogs. A year later, after chatting to one of the Hall Green volunteers at an Awareness event who has a P.A.T greyhound, I decided to send for an Application Pack.

Through my work as an Occupational Therapist, I realise the difficulty in providing regular, ongoing therapeutic activity for the elderly living in care homes, many of whom have dementia. I also believe the unconditional love of an animal, brings everyday life closer, and also brings the happy association of home comforts that are often missed in a care home environment.

Poppy passed her temperament assessment in November 2010 and by February 2011 the registration process was complete. I discovered the list of local establishments on the waiting list for a P.A.T dog, was a long one, but from the list I chose to contact Prestwood (and the Coach House) Nursing Home, near Stourbridge. My initial phone call to their Activities Coordinator was greeted with such enthusiasm, delight and excitement, that I felt very reassured and a date was set for our first visit.

The visits are a real pleasure. We are warmly welcomed each visit by the Activity Coordinator who is a wonderful host in escorting us round. The feedback is very encouraging, and it is lovely to see the joy Poppy brings, lifting moods and energising the residents. She provides a positive focal point about which to communicate - especially memories of much loved pets that were once part of the family. Poppy's relaxed into her role as the months have passed and she will often have a lie down if we sit chatting for too long! The staff also look forward to her visits and make a point of coming to fuss her!

On a recent visit, we were greeted with a poem on the entrance hall notice board called "To a Black Greyhound" discovered during their Poetry Group, with a heading "For Poppy our P.A.T dog". We also had a recent fundraising stall for Hall Green RGT at their Summer Fete.

The visits really are rewarding and for anyone interested in becoming a Pets As Therapy volunteer, do explore the website. It's full of really useful information: www.petsastherapy.org

by Rachel Hawkins



My Greyhound

*My greyhound is as fast as a sharp bullet shooting through the air,
Her feet bound against the floor, creating an earthquake with every
step,*

*Her agile body, as thin as pole,
One of the speediest animals on our planet,
Her legs are powerful machines, constantly going,
Her eye sight is like a hundred hawk's,
My greyhound's competitiveness is of an Olympic team
She can be as fierce as a bear fighting for meat*

But...

*Her eyes are soft hazel crystals, that show such love and care,
Her face beams like moonlight when she sees us,
She is as graceful as a swan,
Her fur is a soft black velvet blanket clunk to her body,
Her long tail swings like a monkey from a tree,
She is a playful puppy when enjoying her toys,
A proud lion waiting for her reward,
She curls into her own cocoon,
Or stretches across to be as wide as an elephant.
Sly as a fox,
Cheeky as a monkey,
And cute as a baby.*

By Lauren Oakley

JORDAN'S A WINNER

We love hearing from our hard working volunteers of all ages.
Please keep sending in your good news stories!

The Hiatt family adopted a greyhound from us in March this year, & have been busy promoting the RGT wherever they can and have so far raised a grand total of £268 to date. Margaret Hiatt & her two school girl daughters, Ellie & Dani have written in to tell us about what they and Jordy have been up to (we're just exhausted just reading about them – keep up the good work, girls. ed)

“Do you remember Jordan the excitable and helicopter twirling brindle greyhound? Well he has come a long way! Two weeks ago he won the Best Rescue class Show at the Dorsington Fun Dog Show on 3rd July. The show was in aid of Homeless Animals Residential Care..Ardens Grafton, Warks (shown by eight year old Dani).



Last Sunday he and Dani won Dog & Handler lookalike at the Far Forest Country Show. His behaviour is excellent, his patience endless on the beach in Devon on a recent holiday. He is a pleasure to have around.

The girls raised £25 and another £130 last weekend and we're doing another car boot on Sunday.

Many thanks for sending the leaflet, stickers etc and especially donations receipts as I show them at the car boots to get a free or reduced pitch.

Darling Jordan might not have been the fastest dog on the track but there's no stopping him and Dani at the dog shows as recently he won Best in Show.

50 miles = £648! Thank you!!

Readers of the last edition of **Kennel News** will remember Paul Elkins epic walk of **St. Kenelm's way** had begun. Well, Paul finished his walk and has raised a staggering **£648**. A massive thank you to Paul from all of us at **HG RGT**.

Well, it has happened...I have walked each and every step of 'St Kenelm's Way', all in aid of our favourite charity, Hall Green Retired Greyhound Trust.

For those of you that aren't aware, I'm a keen walker. My wife Kate and I are volunteers with Hall Green and I'm renowned for getting to the kennels and awareness events on foot! Kate takes the car with Diva, our greyhound, and I turn up a little while later exhausted in full walking gear. It makes Rose, one of our main volunteers smile every time.

So I decided to set myself a personal challenge. I picked St Kenelm's Way for its history and route. It was actually Kate's idea to do it in aid of the trust, so special thanks must go to her.

I completed the final leg on Saturday 4th June. The walk began in Aston Under Hill, Kate dropped me off and headed off for her own personal challenge and expedition ... a trip to Gloucester Quays shopping outlet. Overall, the final walk went really well. It was 12 miles of beautiful countryside with an amazing sense of achievement looming. A 50 mile walk about to come to an end, I had such mixed emotions, the thought I was about to complete this personal challenge and raise such an amazing amount of money was overwhelming. Kate, my parents, my god parents and other family members were all going to be waiting for me at the end. I was so looking forward to the big cheers and a good pint, I could almost picture it.

Well, what a surprise I had.... nobody was there. My darling wife and family were no-where to be seen! After a phone call, I'd walked from Aston 12 miles away they'd only walked from the car park.... they had been waiting in the wrong place but never mind all's well that ends well, I did it!

It has been an amazing experience, Kate and I are delighted to have raised a fantastic £648 for those lovely Greyhounds waiting for homes. All your kind donations will go towards much needed food, kennelling and vets fees. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us and donated so generously, it is really appreciated.

Paul, Kate & Diva
(what did Diva do in all of this?!)



BIRMINGHAM "GREY" PRIDE



One world, one community is the essence of what Birmingham Gay Pride is all about. We at HG RGT know that good homes for our retired racers come in all sort of shapes and sizes so we decided to have an awareness stall at this year's Pride event in Birmingham City Centre and what fun we had!

Over 50,000 people visited Pride from every aspect of the community and we think a large number of these must have visited our stall! We saw Lady Gaga and Cher tributes, stilt walkers, bhangra dancers; and Chicken Mick from the gay motorcycle group (who raise funds for charity) stopped by for a leaflet and said they were interested in doing an event for the greyhounds.

We were graced by a visit from the "Queen" and "Prince Philip.". The Queen said she was missing her corgi's so she gave the greyhounds lots of fuss. But the absolute highlight was when homeless hound, Kat, found love at first sight with Martina Roberts and her family when we went for a walk to watch the end of the parade. Martina went onto adopt Kat and has called her Gracie. Gracie now lives with a Westie and is fond of their 4 cats, especially Becky the cheeky tabby who sleeps on the back of Gracie's chair with her.

The event's organizers say that Pride is "Birmingham United in Colours" and we couldn't agree more... and those colours include grey!

We will definitely be going again next year so watch the website for more information if you want to come along and volunteer.

We are so extremely sad to have to say that between Gracie being rehomed with Martina and her family and publication of this newsletter, that Gracie tragically got hit by a car when a visitor left two gates open when leaving Martina's house. RIP little Gracie.



Hagely Fete

HG volunteers Lynda, Steve, Tracy, Clive, Mark, and Tracy's mom wrote in to say they had a wonderful time at the Hagley Fete, raising £86.90.



This was very well done considering how many other charity stalls were there. They said it was a lovely afternoon and kennel dog Sandra especially enjoyed her day out eating Steve's Quavers and they even managed to wear out Tracy's mom!



HOLIDAY HOUNDS

Many of our readers have suggested that it would be good to share knowledge of suitable, dog-friendly cottages as they can be hard to come by especially if you have more than one dog. To kick off here is a review sent in by the Hirsts of their holiday in North Wales with their 3 greys, Jasper, Sally, and Reg.

We've just returned from a wonderful week in North Wales. For years hubby, Dave, said he didn't want to holiday there because of the weather. Well the weather was as glorious as could be - warm and sunny every day. We even managed to get a tan!

We stayed on the Llyn Peninsula - very wild with loads of dog-friendly beaches, backed by cliffs so the greys couldn't disappear into miles of dunes like they did when we went to Camber Sands in Suffolk! Sally spied some partridges half way up the cliff face, which she attempted to climb - thought we were having game bird for tea!

Although Jasper is 11, there's life in the old boy yet- he adored the beach - and all three enjoyed the freedom of being able to have a good run (Reg muzzled, of course). We thought Jasper and Reg were digging to Australia! Sally didn't much like the fly-by's from the Air Force jets but it was impressive watching them in formation. The other two were completely oblivious.

The cottage, Rhianfa, was cosy and perfectly suited for dogs. There was lots of space for dog beds and the wooden and tiled floors meant it was easy to keep clean after visits to the beach. A fully enclosed garden meant we could relax with the dogs and they very much enjoyed sunbathing on the lawn. The garden was lovely and birdwatchers will enjoy the birds feeding on the peanuts and fat balls, kindly provided by the owners. Also a nice touch upon arrival was coffee, tea, milk and chocolate biscuits - very welcome after the long drive.

If we hadn't have been so lucky with the weather, the house is centrally heated and there is a wood burning stove in the living room -we were almost willing it to go cold so we could try it out it looked so inviting! It was one of the nicest, cleanest, well equipped cottages that we've ever stayed in and we'll definitely be re-booking next year.

As mentioned there are lots of walks and Angelsey and Snowdonia are close enough for day trips but we have to recommend the walk along the beach at Morfa Nefyn to the Porth Dinllaen lifeboat station. Along the beach you'll find the Ty-Coch Inn, which you can only get to on foot via the beach at low tide. Return via the golf course at the top of the cliffs down the dirt road past the clubhouse and then onto the carpark. The view from the golf course is spectacular with the sea on both sides. We even saw seals! Ty Coch has to be one of the friendliest pubs we've ever been to and very dog friendly.

We did lots of walking, reading, watching the golf on TV and basically recharging of batteries - just the ticket.

For more information about Rhianfa visit: www.ownersdirect.com - property reference W321. Don't be put off by the advert that says "up to 2 small pets allowed" - the owners were really flexible and accommodating with our 3 greys.



POPPY APPEAL

Rachel Hawkins' pet greyhound, Poppy is a hit at Prestwood and Coach House Nursing Home in Stourbridge where she visits as a Pets as Therapy Dog. She has so impressed residents that they found this poem and thought it appropriate for Poppy. They also kindly donated £20 to help other HG RGT greyhounds.

TO A BLACK GREYHOUND
 Shining black in the shining light
 Inky black in the golden sun,
 Graceful as the swallow's flight,
 Light as a swallow, winged one,
 Swift as driven hurricane -
 Double-sinewed stretch and spring,
 Muffled thud of flying feet,
 See the black dog galloping,
 Hear his wild foot-beat.

See him lie when the day is dead,
 Black curves curled on the boarded floor.

Sleepy eyes, my sleepy-head
 Eyes that were aflame before.
 Gentle now, they burn no more;
 Gentle now and softly warm,
 With the fire that made them bright
 Hidden – as when after storm

FRENCH FRIENDS

We were pleased to hear that two Hall Green Ex-racers are doing so well in their new lives in France and doing their part in helping European "dogs in need" along with their owner, Sylvie Hood who keeps in touch.



Dear Hall Green RGT,

Oh, it is lovely to hear from you and to know that you welcome the photos. All the doggies are fine. They are all good friends. Little Polly had a terrible life for 12 years. She had been badly beaten and cut with knives. She was bred and bred until she was just too old to be of any use any more and then thrown out. We prayed she would have at least a couple of years with us and it is 2 years in September. She is fine and loves her new life. Little Sunny the Tibetan Spaniel was beaten around the head and his eyes were knocked out and then he was dumped in a cardboard box. I work for the AMCF, www.amcf.nl, and I was asked to put him on our website for virtual adoption as he had no chance of adoption in Portugal. We waited a few weeks and as nobody came forward interested in taking him, we decided to take him ourselves. He has been with us 15 months and from a terrified little dog, he likes to think he is leader of the pack. He is happy and contented.

Belle and Miska (Smudge & Dusk when at HG RGT's kennels) are lovely dogs and are very caring towards both Ben (our old dog) and Sunny. They are happy, affectionate and thankfully all dogs are well. You are doing a wonderful job by working tirelessly for these dogs, and we will certainly keep in touch with you.

Thank you for passing the photos on and please send our best wishes to everyone.

Sylvie Hood

FUNDAY FROLICS

The Waseley Hills Country Park first Family Funday event was held on Sunday 14th August. Because our kennels are so close to 'our local' park, the organisers asked Hall Green RGT to hold a Fun Dog Show as part of the event.

The day started with our regular walk around the hills where 92 dogs dragged their two-legged companions along.

The Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Drumming Workshops, Kids Olympics, Stalls and Pig Roast had all 'started up' when the dogs returned so we decided to get the Fun Dog Show underway.

There were 5 classes with 42 entries of all breeds, in total. Here are the results.

CLASS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Prettiest Girl Dog	Molly	Millie	Zoe
Handsomest Boy Dog	Riley	Yogi	Nubi
Dog Most Like Owner (see picture)	Keisha	Stella	Sally
Best Six Legs	Lola	Cassie	Lexi
Best Condition OAP Dog (9+)	Lucy	Jessie	Flynn



FIRST, SECOND & THIRD IN EACH CLASS RECEIVED A ROSETTE AND DOGGIE TREATS PRIZE.

Our thanks go to Diane Bowen for standing in as the judge at short notice following the illness of our scheduled judge, for which she was given a bouquet of flowers. She looked just like a ballerina at the end of a winning performance.

The atmosphere on the day certainly was one of fun as the photos show and a total of £277 was raised on the day.

-Arthur Sherlock-



HG RGT FUN DOG SHOW

On SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2011, HALL GREEN STADIUM B28 8LQ, will be hosting our annual Fun Dog Show. The doors open at 10:30 am and admission is £1.00 per adult and children are free. All breeds are welcome to participate and there will be two prizes in each class – one for greyhounds and one for other breeds. Entry is £1.00 per class. Bring all the family as there will be stalls, food, a bouncy castle, bar and more.

Please note in the event of rain the show must go on as they say, and will held indoors.

The approximate running order of the day is:

- 10:30 - Entertainment by Moonlight Roadshow
- 11:00 - Parade of Homeless Greyhounds
- 11:30 - Class 1 – Most Appealing Eye
- 12:10 - Class 2 – Best Young Handler (under 14)
- 12:50 - Class 3 – Best Brace
- 1:30 - Parade of Homeless Greyhounds
- 2:00 - Entertainment by Moonlight Roadshow
- 2:15 - Class 4 – Glossiest coat
- 2:55 - Class 5 – Best Mis-matched Brace
- 3:30 - Winner of Fastest Recall Announced
- 3:35 - Class 6 – Best Vetran (over 7years)
- 4:00 - FINISH

Book review

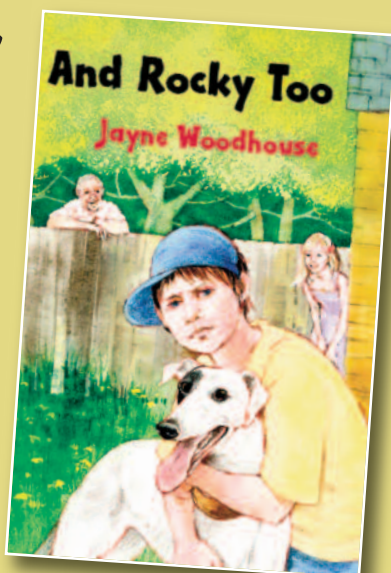
And Rocky Too by Jayne Woodhouse published by The Clucket Press rrp £5.99

This is the second tale featuring Rocky, the rescued greyhound. The Rocky books were inspired by a real greyhound, who was given a loving home when his racing days were over. It is a heartwarming story of Anna's efforts to help her brother's troubled friend, Marcus. Rocky is the key thread that runs through the story and not only does he help Marcus but also his own troubled family. All ends happily thanks to Rocky.

The perfect ingredients in this story, adventure, children and a dog will appeal to children in the 8-12 age range and is the perfect summer read or stocking filler for Christmas. HG RGT have copies to sell at £4.99.

If you liked this greyhound tale try The Stephenson's Rocket by the same author and Born to Run by Michael Morpurgo.

reviewed by Pat Chan



Thought For the Day

Definition of "dog" – the only creature on earth who loves you more than himself.

FAT PAUL AND FIN GILL'S RUN FOR HOUNDS

When hearing I had a place in the London marathon I remember my daughter Annette saying you could run and raise money for the RGT, and I also remember thinking why? As a very proud (bordering on boring) owner of Molly a 1-year old Boxer, I pondered over why would I want to run for greyhounds – when my Boxer gives me great pleasure - full of bounce and character. Greyhounds on the other hand always seemed to just amble along in their own world - as far removed from a Boxer as you could get.



I wasn't completely ignorant about greyhounds. My daughter has 2 (Skye & Bobby) and my son Terry has 2 (Mick & Lady). When Annette and her husband Darren went on honeymoon last year I took both her dogs on our holiday. I enjoyed many hours walking along the Northumbrian coastline with Skye and Bobby and understood the attraction for greyhounds.

As a veteran marathon runner I know that one of the best ways to aid motivation on long winter training runs was to have a charity to run for. Another must is to have a reliable training partner – my friend, Gill from Cobra Running Club (the friendliest club around!). Around Christmas Gill and I started our training programme and I asked Gill if she was running for a charity. She replied, "I'm running for the Greyhound Trust." (Gill has a beautiful greyhound, Tilly)

So it seemed to me the right cause at the right time and we agreed to set a target of £500. On the morning of the marathon I could not find Gill and it was at mile 16 that we actually met up, encouraging each other to keep going for the dogs. Having finished, we had the task of collecting the monies raised. We had worked out this was a fantastic £637.00.

Gill handed the money over to a very grateful Christina, and a week later I received a phone call from a very close friend saying that they had collected a further £100.00 taking our total to £737.00!

The London marathon is a fantastic experience, made all the more special by raising money for a magnificent cause. I'm proud to have completed the marathon and I know Gill is too, but we believe it was made all the more achievable because we had a brilliant cause to run for - keep up the good work.

Fat Paul & Fin Gill

Paws for Thought

Peter Laurie's visit has made us all at HG RGT reflect on what a great sense of community and common purpose there is amongst those involved in greyhound rehoming. Greyhound people are passionate about the welfare of these wonderful creatures and we are so privileged to have such a dynamic, tireless, and committed group of volunteers to help us in the work we do.

Awareness season is in full swing and there have been no less than 40 different awareness roadshows, walks, and raffle nights from June to August - each made possible only due to our fantastic volunteers who organise and support these events. This doesn't count all the extras like sponsored events, dog shows, car boot sales, table top sales etc that people get up to in support of the Trust! Ele Rea and Meadowcroft staff put on another Great Greyhound Wash in aid of HG RGT washing a staggering 53 dogs in one day (more in the next edition of Kennel News)

This sense of commitment also extends beyond our own kennels- exchange visits between Hall Green and Monmore RGTs took place to share best practice. Trevor Burton put on a charity gig on September 8th in aid of HG RGT and the Perry Barr branches all in the name of our common cause (more in the next edition)

Over the summer, two Hall Green trainers closed their kennels and only through everyone's sheer passion for retired greyhound (and especially the hard work of our chairman, Simon Gray) did we find places for the retired racers in those kennels when the doors closed. Thanks to Monmore RGT and Stuart Buckland's racing kennels for stepping up to the plate to help take in these greyhounds when our own kennels were full. And thank you to all the other trainers who showed patience and understanding while their own dogs had to wait that little bit longer to come into the Trust.

So a big "cheers to our volunteers" and all our supporters - we really couldn't do it without you.

EXPLORE THE WATERWAYS

Some of you may remember Lewis the Canal Boat Greyhound - our first rehomed greyhound to live a carefree life on the canals network. Well Lewis' owners are keen to share their love of the waterways on their 62 ft luxury narrowboat, Emmaline.

If you want a day out or a short break explore the waterways and relax in a tranquil atmosphere with wildlife and rural scenery as treat for yourself, family, friends (and greyhounds). You can be involved as much or little as you want in navigating the boat and they can offer catering tailored to your individual needs. They offer a 10% discount for HG RGT owners if you act quickly so contact Gill on 07830 755 716.

BORN TO RUN

One of the best things about being a greyhound owner is the help, support and advice we get from fellow greyhound owners. One of our readers has sent in some ideas of safe places in the Kidderminster area to let your grey have a run.

As promised here are a few places in and around Kidderminster where it is pretty safe for greyhounds to be off lead.

1. Baxter Gardens (off Birmingham Road or Stourbridge Road) There is a fenced off section within this small park where dogs can safely be let off lead. Used by quite a few local greyhounds so good chance of meeting another one to play with.
2. Borrington Road Playing Fields, Comberton. Large fenced area at back of park and they even provide poo bags!
3. Hurcott Wood, Hurcott Lane just off Birmingham Road. Although not totally fenced in it is pretty safe so long as dog has reasonable recall and it is away from main roads. Jasper's favourite place for running around & there's a pond and stream to splash around in as well. Don't believe people who tell you greyhounds don't like getting wet & take a towel just in case!
4. Hartlebury Common, Stourport on Severn. Large area of heathland now totally fenced in. They are supposed to be putting cattle on here at some point hence the fencing but no sign of any cows as yet.

Alison x

Your greyhound will love a free run but please do this responsibly to ensure that no danger can come to either your greyhound or any other animal - please muzzle your grey to be on the safe side, ed)

Advance Notice

The next blood donating session is the 25th October at the kennels. New and old donors very welcome. Please watch the website for further information closer to the time

MONTHLY CALENDAR

AWARENESS ROADSHOWS

SEPTEMBER 2011

24th & 25th - Malvern Autumn Show
Showground Malvern WR13 6NW

24th & 25th - Scarecrow Weekend Belbroughton
11.00am - 5.00pm

OCTOBER 2011

1st - Bromsgrove Town Centre,
Meet & Greet and Street Collection

2nd - HALL GREEN RGT ANNUAL DOG SHOW,
Hall Green Stadium, York Road,
Hall Green, B28 8LQ 10.30am to 4.00pm

8th - Weavers Wharf, Kidderminster DY10 1AA

15th & 16th - Webbs of Wychbold Awareness, Droitwich

22nd - Pets at Home Awareness - Kidderminster

28th & 29th - Sponsored Race Nights at
Hall Green Stadium

30th - Halloween Spooktacula

Waseley Hills Country Park 11-3pm

WASELEY HILL WALKS

9TH OCTOBER

13TH NOVEMBER

11TH DECEMBER

STRATFORD WALKS

16TH OCTOBER

20TH NOVEMBER

18TH DECEMBER

WORCESTER WALKS

25TH SEPTEMBER

23RD OCTOBER

27TH NOVEMBER

If you can help phone the Trust on
0121 426 4810.

THANK YOU'S

We'd like to say a big thank you to all of our supporters we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you to Pets at Home in Oldbury who said that we were welcome back anytime after an awareness outside the store raised £77.34.

Kim Dunn contacted us to say that she sold the Alessi conical cheese grater that was donated during the last Stratford walk on Ebay for £28 – what good thinking!

HGRGT wish to thank ROB POPE who very generously sponsored a race on behalf of the Trust at Worcester Races Irish Night 6th July -The Give a Hound a Home handicap Hurdle Race...which was won by MONTY'S REVENGE at 33-1. We also collected £408.90 in our buckets.

Jessica Smith & Marty raised £106.00 from a sponsored run & cake sales

The volunteers at Bancroft Gardens raised £185 on August 20th

Thanks to George, Brenda, Arthur, Jenny, Sue, and Gary for raising £175.65 at Bromsgrove Market on July 23rd. Arthur Sherlock was also invited to the Bromsgrove Lions club and he was presented with a Dog Food Hamper in recognition for his support and assistance on the day.

Thanks to Mark Hill who raised £19.40 from sale of Games & DVDs and Sue Sprigg who also raised £28.00 from sale of toys.

After our very enjoyable weekend at Hatton, Sue Jones and helpers raised £135.88. Kim Dunn also had a table top sale of children's books and games which raised another £21.90 to add to the bucket.

Thanks to all who help out at the Waseley, Worcester, and Stratford Walks who raised £541 in June, July, and August and raised £796 at the Stadium raffles in June and July

We'd also like to say thank you to the kind donations made in memory of Dr. M Cooper and Mr. Neil Hirst.

S. Constable Diagnostic Support who donated £100.00 for after involving our kennel hounds in the demonstration their state of the art scanning equipment on a training day all in the aid of the latest innovations veterinary treatment.

And a big thank you to: Elizabeth Provan & Jeff, Anne Barley, N.Gee

Syndicate, Kennel visitors, Margaret Sprigg, A Boulton, Prestwood Nursing Home, T.H.Williams, Keeley Harper, Betty Watton, Sarah Clare, Chris Kyme, M.A. McBain, Alison Willis, Ainko Ingham, Ted Tisdale, Kidderminster awareness, who between them donated a much needed £512 for the Trust

With our operating costs running at approximately £4,000 per month, we are eternally grateful to all of our donors, large and small who keep us going

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