

Welcome to May/June 2017 edition of the Hector's Greyhound Rescue News Letter.

Hector's has been as busy as ever since our last newsletter saving dogs and also creating fundraising events for the summer. March brought a call about 157 greyhounds living in squalor over in Ireland, so to start with we took in four 14 month old as soon as was possible. We also had a call about a number of abandoned puppies on a Welsh mountainside that needed help and the very same week we rescued Harry, named after Prince Harry, partly because he has a wee crown on his head and partly due to all the news coverage he has been given. Harry was abandoned on a busy bypass, covered in mites and also had a broken wrist and to top it off he is only twelve weeks old. He is the most gorgeous pup. Look out for more details on Harry and his recovery on our Facebook page and website. James our vet who did all the work on Harry when he was rescued and as you can see James and Harry seem to have formed a special bond.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING – Our very own Fred Brown has been busy organising events and raising lots of money for Hector's. The St. Patrick's Day walk around the grounds of Chirk Castle was really well attended and we have to say Fred you looked amazing in your outfit.

Whilst at the walk Helen spotted one of Angel's pups and his lovely new family and they came along to join in the fun and what a gorgeous boy he is. Now named Khan (after the Shere Khan character from the Jungle Book), he was formerly called "Little" Dave, but he is little no longer. At five months old he is almost the same size as his mum and is starting to resemble a Labrador with extra long legs and snout and has the most beautiful glossy black coat. He is also a lovely gentle soul who, considering the large number of dogs surrounding him, was very calm and just wanted to make friends with dogs and humans alike. He and Angel were pleased to see each other and greeted one another affectionately. Khan also remembered Clyde the resident dog from his foster home and kept trying to give him kisses and even attempting to wrap his paws around Clyde's neck and stand up on his back legs as he did when he was very much smaller. We look forward to seeing his continued development and to hopefully seeing more puppies at future events.

Next on Fred's agenda was a store collection at Sainsbury's in Oswestry, the team worked hard meeting and greeting the shoppers and Isaac Page who is one of our young volunteers was a big hit with the general public and was a great help on the day helping us raise £313.54.

Another well attended event was the Oswestry Easter Market day where the Hector's team got into the Easter spirit and raised a fantastic £214.34.

Meanwhile Helen Wilkes and her team worked hard at the Llandudno Extravaganza and managed to raise £124.78 on the day. Well done everyone.

FUTURE EVENTS AND INFO

Saturday 6th May – Store Collection Tesco, Abergele, LL22 7AA, 11.00am – 3.00pm

Meet Jojo, Percy, Teddy, Juke and the gang who will be collecting for Hector's Greyhound Rescue. The team will be outside the store and look forward to meeting everybody. Please come over and say hello and pop a donation in our collection buckets.

Sunday 7th May - Group Walk, Alyn Water Country Park, Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11 4AG, 11am start. Join us for a fun group walk in this beautiful setting, all breeds welcome (on leads please). All money donated at the walk will go directly to help cover the cost of Harry the Saluki's medical costs. For further information please email Fred freddebrun@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07775570963.

Sunday 21st May - RSPCA Bryn-y-Mean Animal Centre Dog Show, Colwyn Bay, LL28 5EJ, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Hectors will be having a stall at this event. It's really good friendly fun day with something going on for all from stalls, children's activities and a dog show with plenty to see and do. Please feel free to pop over to our stall and meet the dogs and our volunteers who will be dedicating time to promote these gorgeous hounds.

Saturday 3rd June - Deganwy Prom Day 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

It's a good fun day with something going on for all, from stalls, children's activities and a dog show. Pop over to meet the dogs and our volunteers who will be dedicating time to promote these gorgeous hounds.

Sunday 11th June – Great Global Greyhound Walk, Llanfairfechan, North Wales 11am

The Great Global Greyhound Walk is an annual dog walking event that brings together greyhounds, lurchers and other sight hounds and their owners to raise awareness of the breeds and show the public just what wonderful pets they make.

Become a part of the Great Global Greyhound Walk family, join in the fun and help us beat previous years totals whilst promoting greyhounds and all their sight hound cousins.

<http://www.greatglobalgreyhoundwalk.co.uk/walks/llanfairfechen-wales-walk/>

Saturday 17th June - Hector's Garden Party 5 Heol Heddwch, Abergele, LL22 7UF 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

This fabulous event is always extremely popular and great all round fun. We'll have lots of stalls and excellent raffle prizes all set in the beautiful surrounds of an amazing garden to relax with your hounds. Entry is £2.00 which includes a goodie bag filled with treats for your dog. The entrance fee also includes a delicious hot baked potato with a selection of fillings plus refreshments for you plus a slice of cake.

Listed below are the businesses attending the event and of course we will have the Hector's stand there too selling lovely merchandise and other goodies.

[Spiritual Sojourn](#)

Jacqui Meadows is a qualified holistic animal healer and International Animal Spiritual Retreat & Workshop Leader. She is a trained Usui Master Practitioner Reiki Levels i, ii, iii (a) and iii (b) course tutor Animal Communication, Animal Reiki, Animal Shaman Studies and Animal Spiritual Ministry.

[Sharon Ann Originals](#)

Sharon will be selling her beautiful collars, Leads and bandana's. Those of you that know Sharon will know that her passion is greyhounds and her martingale collars are always extremely popular.

[In the Dog House Crafts](#)

Beautiful products designed by Nik Jones. From clothing to arts and crafts for your home. Nik is a passionate greyhound lover herself and always makes beautiful sight hound related products guaranteed to catch your eye.

[Heathers Plants](#)

Plants all home grown by Heather and her husband locally in North Wales. From hanging baskets to bedding plants.

[Artist Andy Mills](#)

Andy is a very talented man who came along to our dog show last year and displayed his work. He sketches all kinds of animals and will create a beautiful piece of artwork of your very own dog upon request.

[Top K9 Nosh](#)

Rachel and Kim will be selling their natural raw food for dogs. Their products contain chicken, beef & lamb which are all human grade products. They also have a selection of bones, meats plus natural & dehydrated treats.

[Caerwys Vets](#)

The nursing staff from Caerwys Vets will be on hand to answer any questions you may have relating to pet care in general and also offering nail clipping.

[Terry Greenwood Photography](#)

The very talented Terry will be taking group pictures during the day and will also be available to take individual pictures of your pet upon request. (fee applies)

There will also be a stall selling delicious homemade cake plus our amazing Tombola stall with some great prizes up for grabs including vouchers to spend at well-known businesses.

We will also be drawing our Grand Raffle so remember to purchase your lucky tickets to be in with a chance of winning one of the amazing prizes.

Sunday 25th June - Thrapwood Show Cheshire/Wrexham border SY14 7AZ 10am - 4pm

For those of you who remember a good old fashioned "Gymkhana" this is the show to attend with many horses and riders and a wide variety of classes. There is also a Dog Show which will start at around lunch time with many classes for all breeds of dog. Entries/registration are on the day.

We will be there with our stall promoting Hector's Greyhound Rescue, there will also be lots of greyhounds wanting loads of cuddles. Helen Connelly will need as much help as possible so please pop over to say hello and offer her a helping hand.

Saturday 1st July - Chester City street collection, Eastgate Street, Chester, Ch1 1LE, 10.30am - 3pm

Street collections are always brilliant fun and a great way to show off your hound and spread the word about what great pets they make. If you can spare a few hours please pop over and join us.

IN THE SPOT LIGHT -Freddie

When Hector's spotted Freddie advertised for sale one of our team negotiated a purchase price for him of just £15. We were disgusted that £15 was all his life was worth.

Freddie is an amazing, kind and loving hound.

Since his rescue he has tirelessly fund raised with Hector's, he's climbed mountains, posed happily for photos and has won the hearts of everyone who has met him.

Freddie is a real country-loving boy and his dearest wish is to find a quiet rural home to live happily ever after. Please contact us if you can offer Freddie a home.

GREYHOUND HEALTH CARE – Fleas and Ticks

As the warmer weather is approaching and lots of us are out and about enjoying the sunshine with our dogs it's a good time to talk about those not so good friends.

Its also worth mentioning that the number of cases of Lyme disease in pets has increased by 560 per cent since 2009. New data suggests with warmer winters are thought to be responsible for a surge in the tick-borne infection.

Follow the link below to read more and also have a good look at the chart for useful information relating to these little critters.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/03/lyme-disease-affecting-increasing-numbers-of-pets-vets-warn/>

	FLEAS	TICKS
Type of parasite	The flea is an insect . Wingless, it has six legs and can jump really far.	Ticks are arachnids . They are closely related to spiders and most stages of ticks have eight legs.
Number of hosts	Fleas have fewer hosts than ticks. Hosts typically include dogs, cats, opossums, coyotes, raccoons, and foxes	Ticks have more hosts —some hosts are birds, rodents, snakes, lizards, foxes, deer, squirrels, rabbits, opossums, raccoons, cattle, cats, dogs, and humans
Lifespan	Adult fleas can live for more than 100 days ¹	From a few weeks to up to 3 years . Some can complete their life cycle in a few weeks with an available host. Others can take up to 3 years to complete the cycle. ²
Time on host	Fleas live on one host . Fleas are basically squatters. Once they find a host, they will live there until they die.	Ticks spend most of their lives off of hosts . They can lie in wait for extended periods of time until the right host comes along. They are patient predators.
Who feeds	Only adults feed on the host . There's no kids table at the flea's banquet.	Larvae, nymphs, and adults feed on the host . Ticks feed on a different host for these different stages in their development.
How many eggs they lay	Lay 20 to 40 eggs per day for several weeks . ¹ Fleas can start laying eggs soon after feeding. The longer they are on a host, the more eggs produced.	Lays thousands of eggs one time . ² The tick can lay potentially thousands of eggs at once, but after that, it dies.
Where they lay their eggs	Lays eggs wherever the host goes . Eggs are shed wherever the host roams. The host then acts like a salt shaker depositing eggs wherever it spends time.	Lays eggs after falling off the host . When the female has engorged, she detaches from the host and lays eggs wherever she falls off. The tick then dies. The tick life isn't pretty.
Climate tolerance	Prefer warm temperatures . Fleas are like a lot of old relatives. They don't want to leave your house and they always want you turn up the thermostat.	Can survive near-freezing temperatures . ³ Ticks are hardier than fleas and tougher to kill.
Diseases spread	Fleas can transmit bartonellosis and tapeworm . Nothing any dog would want to have, but the ticks bring even worse stuff to the party.	Ticks can transmit many potentially deadly diseases, including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever .

JACKIE'S WING WALK

Hector's have some very generous and brave, albeit possibly a little foolhardy, supporters. Jackie Roberts is planning to do a Bi-plane Wing Walk on 16th August at Brighton Airfield near Selby, Yorkshire. Jackie has decided to do the Walk in memory of her beloved Greyhound Java Bond and in aid of Hector's Greyhound Rescue. We really appreciate her generous gesture and feel that

such bravery deserves great support. Jackie will shortly be looking for people to sponsor her so please keep a look out on our website and Facebook page for details on how you can do this.

OVER TO YOU – As told by Geraldine Dunkerley

Foster Liaison Officer – the role

Following a telephone call from Hayley Bradley we volunteered ourselves for the above role. We didn't really know what we had let ourselves in for.

A few days into this role Hayley asked if we would be willing to foster a real gem of a Greyhound who found himself in need of a home. We already have three of our own and didn't really know what to say. I'm sure you can guess the outcome. We agreed to take in Twizzle and as Hayley had said, he is a true star, a real gentle boy who just loves everyone. I'm not sure if we are any good at this fostering lark as we feel Twizzle is going nowhere except for our sofa. Failed fosterers maybe.

Another part of our job is walking the three hounds that are being looked after at Moorland Kennels. All three are happy to be out meeting people when we walk them on their leads and they get the chance to meet the big wide world. Hopefully it won't be long before these boys find a forever home of their own.

Martin Pitt has also been walking the dogs. Thank You Martin!

It's fantastic to be informed when a dog in foster care moves on to his or her forever home.

Greyhounds make great pets. They all have their own quirky personality. Our foster boy Twizzle (whom I am sure we will keep) decided he would take a short cut to his feeding station. He couldn't quite get around our 'old boy' Toby so he decided to go under his belly. To see a tall Greyhound squeeze under the belly of another was definitely something that brought a smile to our faces. Funny dogs!

We have made connections with all the fosterers who have dogs in their homes. They have been diligent in their role.

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to report the loss of three of Hector's supporters. Valerie Fowler of Llanrhaeadr, Denbighshire passed away in February, just a few short months following the sad loss of their Hound Jake, and her Husband Peter very kindly presented the funeral donations to Hector's. In March, one of the founder members of the North Wales Group, Denise Broomhead of Penrhyn Bay died after a short illness. Denise, with her Husband David, were the owners of the famous Phantom who was very well known locally and with them visited every coffee shop in the County of Conwy.

They were all great ambassadors of the Greyhound. Finally Maureen (Mo) Jones from Rhos on Sea also passed away suddenly in March following a short illness and her family have decided to donate the funeral collection to Hector's as Mo loved Clyde, one of Hector's Hounds, who she met regularly.

Best wishes

Hayley and the team at Hector's Greyhound Rescue