

Welcome to the November/December Edition of the Hector's Greyhound Rescue News Letter.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING – The re-homing team and home checkers have been working really hard and as a result Tippy, Winnie, Ivor, Casper, Vinnie, Rachel Leia and Minnie (now Lola) have all found their forever homes. But we still need to find homes for these little beauties – Ruby, Angel, Ned, Walter, Keith and Betsy. Our Foster carers are doing an amazing job and without them these dogs would be in kennels rather than in a nice warm home where they are able to learn the ropes and be rehabilitated ready to start their new life as a family pet.

IN THE SPOT LIGHT – As told by Helen Wilkes and Angel

In September we received a message asking us to take in a Greyhound who needed re-homing. The Greyhound turned out to be a Lurcher who we think is possibly a Whippet / Bull Terrier Cross and a very pregnant one! Her name is Angel and she is 6 years old. Up to this point she had lived in a pen outside by herself, whilst a further two dogs shared another pen. One of these was a Black Labrador who is the father to Angel's pups.

On 10th October, over a 12 hour period, Angel gave birth to 10 puppies, all black and all identical! They were all very big and extremely cute. Angel turned out to be a really good mum, constantly looking after and feeding the 10 babies. She is also a very protective mum, only allowing her foster mum near them. They all have healthy appetites and quickly gained weight, and their individual characters started to develop. They are continuing to thrive.

In due course Hector's will have the major task and expense of administering flea and worming treatments, microchipping, vaccinating and neutering 11 dogs. This will then be followed by the challenge of finding suitable forever homes for them all. Keep an eye out for their update and progress in the next News Letter out in January our next

newsletter.

In the meantime if you would like to make a donation to help with the fees involved please click on the link below where you will be able to make a donation and of course please do get in touch with us if you would like us to know more about the puppies and think you may be able to offer one of them a home when they are ready to leave Angel.

<http://www.hectorsgreyhoundrescue.org/how-you-can-help.html>

FUTURE EVENTS AND INFO

Saturday 26th November - Christmas Fair at the United Reformed Church, Colwyn Avenue, Rhos on Sea, Colwyn Bay, LL28 4RA. In addition to our wonderful Christmas Raffle and Christmas Hampers Prize Draws there will be lots of stalls including Christmas Crafts, Cakes & Preserves, Books, Dog collars and bandanas, Bric a Brac, Tombola and Name the Dog Competition. Our Vets Holmes and Murphy of Llandudno will also be in attendance. The Fair will start at 10.00am and entry is £1.00 to include Tea/Coffee and Mince Pie. It will be a good opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and meet some of our Hounds.

Sunday 27th November – Store collection at Tweed Mill, Llannerch Park, St. Asaph, Denbighshire LL17 0UY, 11am - 3pm

Sunday 27th November - "Sighthound meet" at 11am at Dearnford Lake near Whitchurch. There will be a St Andrew's Day theme, so feel free to dress up in something tartan or even a kilt will be good. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet with the hounds and to enjoy a cuppa and cake at the café afterwards.

Saturday December 10th – Christmas meet and greet, Memorial Hall, Oswestry. This is our last event of a very busy year. We will have lots of lovely things on sale this year, from crafts, to merchandise to festive toys, cakes, jams, and our Christmas cards.

We will be there from 10am to 2pm.

Sunday 18th December - Store collection at Tweed Mill, Llannerch Park, St. Asaph, Denbighshire LL17 0UY, 11am - 3pm

GREYHOUND HEALTH CARE – Bald Thigh Syndrome

As most of us greyhound owners will now that from time to time our pet can experience what is commonly known as “bald bum/thigh syndrome”. Whilst no one can be completely sure what causes this problem many have come up with a possible theory as to why this happens. Click on the links below to read some of the reports that make great reading and see what you think.

<http://www.americanbluelacyassociation.com/blog/?p=199#awp::?p=199>

<http://www.greyhound-data.com/knowledge.php?b=5¬e=47653>

<http://www.petlevrieri.it/en/2016/04/10/bald-thigh-syndrome-in-greyhounds-some-causes-and-a-natural-home-treatment/>

OVER TO YOU – As told by Sheila Bridge and Percy

Percy is a typical grey, laid back and quite lazy, unless food is on the agenda that is. One morning he was snoozing in the sun by the back door when suddenly he “woofed” and shot into the garden closely followed by Jojo, Minnie and “heavily pregnant” Angel, with me bringing up the rear. All four dogs were gathered around a body on the lawn and my heart sank. On inspection it was a beautiful sparrow hawk stone dead, clearly pierced through the heart by Percy's big teeth. On being told that was naughty he looked at me with a silly grin on his face and trotted back into the house to resume his morning snooze. They may be "retired "but they can still shift when they want to.

If you have any stories that you would like to share with us why not get in touch and you could be appearing in the “Over to You” section.

Best wishes

Hayley and the team at Hector's Greyhound Rescue