

HECTOR'S GREYHOUND RESCUE NEWS LETTER JULY/AUGUST 2018

Hope you are all enjoying the lovely heat wave. It looks like our British summer has now officially arrived. As much as it's good for getting jobs done and drying the washing it's not good for our four legged friends, so I thought I would share some helpful hints and tips with you regarding heat stroke and also what to do if you see the signs of it in your pet.

What is "heatstroke"?

If dogs are too hot and are unable to reduce their body temperature by panting they will develop heatstroke which can kill.

Some types of dog are more prone to heatstroke, like very old or young dogs, dogs with thick, heavy coat's or dogs with very short flat faces like the pugs and bulldog types. Dogs with certain diseases or on some types of medication are also more at risk. Speak to your vet for advice on this.

Warning signs of heatstroke:

Is the dog panting heavily? Is the dog drooling excessively? Does the dog appear lethargic, drowsy or uncoordinated? Has the dog collapsed or has it been vomiting?

For the best chance of survival, dogs suffering from heatstroke urgently need to have their body temperature lowered gradually.

Move him/her to a shaded/cool area. Immediately douse the dog with cool (not cold) water, to avoid shock. If possible, you can also use wet towels or place him/her in the breeze of a fan. Allow the dog to drink small amounts of cool water. Continue to douse the dog with cool water until his/her breathing starts to settle but never so much that he/she begins to shiver.

Once the dog is cool, take him/her to the nearest vet as a matter of urgency.

If you see a dog in a hot car displaying any signs of heatstroke, dial 999 immediately as the dog could soon lose consciousness and experience internal organ failure.

Another great way to keep your dog cool is to consider purchasing a cool coat. These are available from lots of outlets and on line shops. Remember to also avoid walking in the midday heat when the sun is at its hottest.

Hector's is growing faster than we ever imagined and we are desperately looking for a Secretary that could give a few hours a week to help out. If you would like to know more about this role

please contact me direct via the following email address

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Let's Talk Hectors has now been launched on face book. It's a place where you can share pictures and stories that are greyhound related. It's proving to be really popular with lovely pictures being posted of your hounds. It's also great to find out about up and coming events too so please consider joining the group it's well worth it I promise.

We have saved about 70 dogs so far this year and re-homed 50, which is fantastic news for all those wee lives saved.

It seems a strange world out there, people taking on dogs but not knowing how to feed and care for them. Also domestic violence seems to be on the increase, in one weekend Hector's helped the police by taking in 3 dogs that had been caught up in this kind of incident.

On the plus side, Hectors are grateful to you all for such amazing continued support, without you all we wouldn't be Hectors.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

Way back at the beginning of May Sheila, Sharon, Ruby Tuesday and Jenny held a store collection in Tesco, Abergele North Wales. A great amount of £374.93 was raised.

Next on the agenda was Helen Wilkes Spring Plant Fare in Rhos on Sea. This is always a great fundraiser and an amazing £836.00 was raised.

12th May Fred and Pauline Brown came up to help the North Wales gang at the Llandudno street collection. £240.34 was raised on the day.

Sharon, Sheila and Lesley also got the chance to have their photo taken with the famous Llandudno Monkey Man.

May 19th Hectors has 2 events taking place. The first was a store collection at Morrisons Rhyl, North Wales where the team raised £107.66 and the second was the Coffee Morning Meet & Greet at Mereside, Shropshire where a fantastic £248.62 was raised.

Helen and her team of volunteers were at the RSPCA show in Upper Colwyn on 19th May with the Hectors stall. The show is always really popular with people attending the Fun Dog Show and generally having a great day out. Helen and the team were selling goodies on the stall and also chatting to the general public about the work we do. The amount raised was £160.56. Meanwhile George and Angel decided to keep a watchful eye on the proceedings from the car.

Helen and her team were out and about again a couple of weeks later with the Hectors stall at the Deganwy Prom Day event. This is always a really great day out and the team raised £162.95.

The Shropshire gang were next to be out and about and they held a store collection at Sainsbury's in Oswestry raising £371.29. They received lots of attention from all the shoppers and the dogs on duty were a real hit with everyone.

The Great Global Walk took place again at Llanfairfechan in North Wales in June and was another great event. What a great sight it was seeing so many sight hounds turning up and joining the walk. Keith was on hand keeping a careful eye on the collection bucket and £85.33 was raised.

Lots of hounds and owners stayed and gathered on the green afterwards and had a coffee and snack, some even enjoyed an ice cream too.

This year's Garden Party was a great hit but for the first time in its 4 year history the weather was not kind to us, but despite the weather a fantastic record breaking £1705.54 was raised.

This event could not take place if it wasn't for Sheila Bridge agreeing to let us take over her beautiful garden for the day, so thank you Sheila for being so generous.

Our Summer Grand Raffle was drawn and there were some very happy faces. To see the full list of prize winning numbers please visit our web site.

FUTURE EVENTS AND INFO

Sunday 1st July Fred's Walk, Alyn Waters Country Park Wrexham LL11 4AG starts from the café/visitor centre at 11am

These walks are always a great way to meet up with likeminded people for a good walk and natter.

Sunday 8th July 12 noon - 4pm Hector's Fun Day, hosted by Acorn Kennels, Whitchurch SY13 2AA

This is a day packed with fun for all breeds of dogs and the whole family. Hector's hosted this event at Acorn Kennels for the first time last year and it was a huge success, this year it will be bigger and better with more fun to be had for everyone.

There will be fun and novelty classes for you and your dog to enter and some fun games like a sausage race, musical hoops and a fancy dress competition (classes start 12 noon) rosettes and prizes will be given to the winners and the most entertaining losers !

There will also be fun stalls with games such as sausage bobbing and a Bonio Shy where you can win a prize for your dog.

Back again this year by popular demand will be a display from the Prison Sniffer Dogs, this year it will also include a display from a prison protect dog. There will also be a chance to try some

agility training with your dog.

Refreshments will be available and lots of interesting stalls to browse.

Saturday 4th August 1pm - 4pm Mad Hatters Tea Party, [5 Heol Heddwch](#), Off Sea Road, Abergele, North Wales, LL22 7UF

Sheila Bridge has kindly agreed to allow us to take over her beautiful garden yet again and this time we will be holding a Mad Hatters Tea Party. Entrance will be 50p per person and this will include a brew or soft drink. Once inside you will be greeted by the talented Mandy and Chris who have put some amazing ideas together for the Tea Party and have been working hard to develop some great tasting treats for you to purchase, including banana split, warm chocolate brownie and ice cream, apple ice and ice cream plus a selection of milk shakes. All these items will be available to purchase at a very reasonable £2.50 each.

THIS EVENT IS WEATHER DEPENDANT AND MAY BE RE-ARRANGED IF THE FORECAST IS NOT LOOKING GOOD FOR THE DAY.

Sunday 12th August Hectors Fun Dog Show, Cremorne Gardens, Next to the Lake, Ellesmere, Shropshire

This is Hector's most popular event which gets bigger and better each year. Our annual show is a chance for everyone to show off their gorgeous dogs.

There will be two rings: one for sighthounds which this year will include classes for Whippets and a ring for all other dog breeds.

Rosettes and prizes will be given for 1st - 3rd place and for best in Show in both rings. Judging commences 12 noon £1 per entry payable in the ring.

This is a beautiful setting for our show beside the lake in Ellesmere and is a fabulous afternoon out. Food and refreshment stalls will be available or why not bring a picnic. There will also be lots of stalls for you to browse and of course Hector's Merchandise Stall.

Saturday 21st July Conwy Street Collection 11am - 3pm

Come along and meet the gang with their hounds. Pop a pound in the bucket and also find out about the work we do at Hector's Greyhound Rescue.

Monday 27th August Chester Street Collection 11am - 3pm

Another chance for you to come and meet the volunteers and their hounds who will be on duty helping Hectors raise much needed funds for the hounds in our care.

Sunday 9th September Teddy Bear Picnic On the Grass next to the pond Llanfairfechan, LL33 0BY

Come along and meet the famous Teddy who is one of the Hectors rescued greyhounds who has now

retired and living life to the full in North Wales.

Teddy will be enjoying a picnic with his friends, Jojo, Percy and Ruby along with their human companions. It will be a chance for everyone to come together and celebrate owning a greyhound whilst having a good old natter. Bring a blanket and a picnic and gather on the grass near the pond. Who know you may even get a cuddle from the Teddy Bear too.

Best Wishes

Hayley and the team at Hector's Greyhound Rescue