

Welcome to the September/October edition of the Hector's Greyhound Rescue News Letter.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

The decision was made to apply for Charity status and with the help and support from Laurel Roberts the application was successful and we are now a fully registered charity. This now gives us more scope to fundraise at stores and other corporate venues which can only be good news all round. Thank you Laurel for all your hard work and expertise.

The street collecting in Chester was an amazing success. The sun was out and so were the tourists and shoppers. A total of £478.03 was donated in total by the kind people who came over to say hello and have cuddles from the hounds. It was Casper's first collection and he was a real star. He even met his new family whilst at the collection under the watchful eye of his foster mummy Sheila Bridge. Meanwhile Freckleton took the opportunity to enjoy a pasty.

The annual Fun Dog Show took on a slightly different format this year. The decision was made to have just the one show ring rather than 2 which allowed us to utilise the space more efficiently and invite lots of local business stands, all of which made a kind donation to us for allowing them to attend. Everyone had a great day and expressed interest in attending next year's event which is great news. Belle had a great time supervising the Sausage Bobbing and was the official sausage taste tester.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard on the day, especially Celia for taking all the amazing pictures and judges Sheila, Joan and Amy really did have a difficult job judging so many beautiful doggies large and small. The grand total raised came to £1,139.10.

All the pictures from the show can be viewed on our Face book page

<https://www.facebook.com/Hectors-Greyhound-Rescue-1417948695177559/?fref=ts>

FUTURE EVENTS AND INFO

Saturday 3rd September -The North Wales members will have a stand at Brymbo Autumn Show at the Enterprise Centre, Brymbo 2.00pm on-wards.

Sunday 4th September - The North Wales members will have a stall at the St David's Dog Training Club Companion Dog Show which will be held in the grounds of Llandrillo College, Rhos on Sea, Colwyn Bay, LL28 4HZ. The Show opens at 10.00am with judging starting at 11.00am. The Show will be in aid of the Support dogs charity.

Saturday 29th October - The Oswestry members will be holding a Halloween coffee morning, at Oswestry Memorial Hall. This is a great event for big kids and little ones alike who love the chance to dress up, including the rescue hounds. We will have lots of spooky looking treats on sale for your hounds, plus toys and dog coats, we also have a great selection of high visual collars. We will be there 10 am to 2 pm and don't forget to try our delicious cakes.

Saturday 26th November -The North Wales members will be holding their 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, 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.

Saturday December 10th -The Oswestry members will be hosting a Christmas meet and greet, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LUCKY WINNER

A big thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets at the Fun Dog Show.

The lucky winners were

1 st prize	Marion Palmer pink ticket 260/265
2 ⁿ prize	Kevin Williams green ticket 401/405
3 rd prize	Ian Donnelly pink ticket 306/310
4 th prize	Shirley Cosby pink ticket 431/435
5 th prize	Sue Phillips 231/235
6 th prize	Lynn Edge 201/205
7 th prize	Joanna 36/40

GREYHOUND HEALTH CARE – TEETH

Just like humans greyhounds and indeed all dogs should be having their teeth cleaned on a daily basis.

Dental disease can have a significant impact on your dog's life span due to its affect on the heart, kidneys, liver and respiratory system. It starts with saliva, food residue and bacteria creating plaque on teeth which builds up along the gums, infecting the gums, bones and ligaments that support and anchor the teeth in the jaw. Some studies have shown that 80% of dogs over the age of two or three have dental disease. One of the hallmarks most of us are familiar with is doggie breath (halitosis). Periodontal disease is progressive, usually starting as gingivitis, an infection of the gum tissue. At this point the condition is reversible with proper care. If left untreated it can progress to gum recession and eventual loss of teeth. Bacteria then enter the bloodstream and can travel to your dog's vital organs

Whilst most greyhounds will have had a full dental check and any damaged teeth extracted prior to adoption it's important that your dog has its teeth brushed daily. Toothpaste for dogs that has poultry and beef flavours are available at pet supply stores as are rubber finger brushes and pet toothbrushes. Hold the toothbrush at a 45° angle and focus on the point where the gums meet the teeth and brush the outer surfaces of all teeth and the insides of the bottom front teeth and canines, applying toothpaste two or three times. Done on a daily basis your dog will gradually learn to accept this as a regular activity.

IN THE SPOT LIGHT –RUPERT

Rupert (now affectionately known as Bert) came to Hectors with a badly fractured leg and has undergone extensive surgery to repair it. Following a recent check up with the vet discussions have taken place as to whether the metal plate is to be removed.

Now he is beating the infection in his leg Rupert is showing his lovely and cheeky side to his personality. He loves cuddles and playing in the garden with his whippet friends, although running is

very limited at the moment. He likes to play with his toys plus everybody else's
He is a sweet young dog who has so much character. And really does deserves somebody who is
going to love him after such a brutal accident, he remains a wonderful dog with a loving personality.
<http://www.hectorsgreyhoundrescue.org/rupert.html>
<http://www.hectorsgreyhoundrescue.org/contact-us.html>

OVER TO YOU

We are always on the lookout for people to help out at events and collects. If you or someone you
know have a fundraising idea or would like to get more involved with Hector's Greyhound Rescue
please get in touch we would love to hear from you. Or maybe you would like to offer some
financial support to help care for the hounds in our care. We have a standing order mandate on our
website that can be printed off and when completed you just need to pop it into your bank. Any
monthly contribution would be gratefully received all the money raised/donated will go directly to
supporting the hounds in our care.

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Best wishes

Hayley and the team at Hector's Greyhound Rescue