

Hi everyone and welcome to the very first Hector's Greyhound Rescue News Letter. It's full of news and the latest doggie gossip. If you have any news that you would like to share with us remember to email us at rehoming@hectorgreyhoundrescue.org and we will do our best to include it in the next edition.

What's been Happening Some of our volunteers have gaining celebrity status, all in the name of rescue of course. Helen Wilkes and Sharon Lewis have a regular monthly slot on Tudno Community radio chatting about the work they do up on the coast for Hector's. Whilst Hayley Bradley and Fred Brown have been featured in The Oswestry Advertiser. Hayley was highlighting the compulsory micro chipping laws that came into force in April, whilst Fred has been raising vital funds to purchase Shropshire's first pet oxygen masks that will help save the lives of dogs, cats and other domestic animals should they be unfortunate enough to be involved in a fire and overcome by smoke. The campaign to promote the masks was set up by Smokey Paws, a not-for-profit organisation. Fred organised a local walk around Ellesmere, which saw 24 members of the public and their dogs take part and raised a fantastic £181, which is enough to buy two sets of masks. One set of masks will be kept at Ellesmere fire station. Fred said "it was a great day and we all stopped off at The Boathouse restaurant for coffee. The Mayor of Ellesmere [Councillor Ian Ward] even came to have a chat with us all which was very nice of him and we appreciate that." Well done Fred for all your hard work. If you want to read the whole of Hayley or Fred's article simply follow the links below.

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertizer.co.uk/news/160684/get-your-dogs-microchipped-or-you-face-a-500-fine.aspx>

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertizer.co.uk/news/160449/fire-crews-to-be-issued-with-pet-livesavers.aspx>

The Valentine Coffee Morning was a great success and £486 was raised. A special thank you is in order for Helen Connelly for organising the event. Lots of people attended with their hounds and had a good chin wag over a coffee and some lovely cake. Percy even managed to steel some cake oops!! Naughty boy Percy. Lots of our supporters have been asking about branded goodies and we are proud to say we have been working closely with a local supplier and have purchased some great items which seem to be very popular, the range included pens, key rings and static transfers that can be displayed in your car window. Keep an eye out for them next time you are at one of our events. Remember all the money goes to support the hounds in our care. The volunteers are also looking smart in their new Hector's polo shirts too this enables us to stand out loud and proud.

Happy Tails The lovely Stanley, Larry, Percy, Logan, Lady and Alfie have now gone to their "forever homes" and all seem to be settling in well. We love to hear updates about Hector's hounds who have found their forever homes. If you have any stories that you'd like to share please email them to us at happytails@hectorgreyhoundrescue.org

In the Spot Light - Betsy All the dogs we take into our care deserve a special caring home. In the spot light in this edition of the news letter let us introduce you to: Betsy, she is a very affectionate (almost) 7 year old greyhound. She is a true Black Beauty (and she knows it!). Her favourite things are playing with her toys and most of all cuddles!

Betsy is not safe around cats and small dogs and would be most happy as an only dog. She could, however, live with a male dog as long as he doesn't mind being hen-pecked a little!

Ideally Betsy would need to be re-homed Shropshire vicinity.

If you think you could give Betsy a loving home then please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Rupert's Plight We are pleased to report that Rupert the young Greyhound that was found on the dual carriageway with a broken leg is responding well to treatment and a special thank you to Ken McBrien and the team at Border Vets for their expert veterinary skills. Rupert has been the perfect patient and is a loving young Greyhound so worthy of the care he is getting and is quickly becoming a Hector's favourite.

As you can imagine veterinary bills for complex cases like Rupert's can be costly therefore any financial contribution you are able to make to us **will** make a difference. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to make a donation to Hector's Greyhound Rescue. We also have a standing order mandate available if you feel you would like to set up a regular monthly donation to us. Just follow the link below to print off the Standing Order mandate, when completed just pop it into your bank, it really is that simple.

Future events and info In sunny North Wales Helen Wilkes is getting ready for the Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza that takes place at the end of April it's a full weekend of entertainment and fun for all the family. Helen will be there on Saturday 30th April with the Hector's stand and her team of volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the work we do. Remember to try and pop over and say hello to Helen and her team and give the hounds a cuddle too.

Meanwhile in Abergele Sheila Bridge is preparing her beautiful garden ready for the Summer BBQ. Sheila and the team raised £1,000 last year when they held a similar event so fingers crossed it's another profitable one and the sun shines like it did last year. Dave Lewis another of our dedicated volunteers has agreed to do all the cooking. "I can tell you he cooks a mean burger" says his wife Sharon. The following day 19th June the Great Global Greyhound Walk, will take place in Rhyl. If you've never attended one of these walks before please try and come its great fun. For more info follow the link below.

<http://www.greatglobalgreyhoundwalk.co.uk/walks/rhyl-denbighshire-walk-2016/>

Fred Brown is also getting his troops ready for the annual Sponsored dog walk which

will take place at The Old Race Course Oswestry on Sunday 22nd May Fred said “it is a beautiful setting for any dog lover to roam and there are amazing views over the Berwyn Mountains too”. The walk starts at 12noon and anyone is welcome.

Full details of all our events can be seen by clicking on the following link <http://www.hectorsgreyhoundrescue.org/events.html> and you can also download a copy of the sponsor form too.

Well that's all for now and we hope you have enjoyed the read. Our next News Letter will be out at the beginning of July.

Best wishes

Hayley and the team at Hector's Greyhound Rescue