



Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust

Helping to give these lovable and rewarding
dogs the future they deserve



News Letter

ISSUE 6

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to the sixth edition of the Sittingbourne RGT Newsletter as I'm sure you know by now the aim of this newsletter is to try to keep you informed of what we have been up to.

I am pleased to inform you that at the time of writing this newsletter **we have homed 90 Greyhounds.**

As 2007 came to a close it was time to reflect on the year passed and congratulate ourselves for a successful year and a thank you to all those who gave their time and support.

The last few months has been fairly quiet, we did do a meet and greet at Pets At Home Sittingbourne and we will continue this monthly in 2008. Pets At Home have allowed us to use their adoption board as well. With this being a success we will approach the Ashford store and hopefully be able to use their adoption board as well thus spreading the word to a wider audience.

The Medway Support Group continues to meet the first Sunday in the month at the Riverside Country Park, Rainham and is open to all whether you own a greyhound or another breed of dog. Further information can be found on our website.

The local Merston and Bapchild Beaver Colony raised £100 for the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust by doing a ten minute sponsored silence and jog. No mean feat for boys aged between 6 and 8. Team leader Liz Earl and assistant leaders, Les Earl and Nigel Brandon helped Bradley, Joshua, Callum, Dennis, Gavin, Christian, Dawson, Shane and Reece with the sponsored silence and jog as part of their term challenge celebrating the scouting centenary. Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust mascot "Homer" the greyhound was on hand to accept the money which was presented by the beavers at the Central Park Stadium on Friday 19th October 2007 and will help to raise

awareness that greyhounds make great pets and ensure that even more of these lovable and rewarding dogs get the future they deserve. Well done to everyone involved and a big Thank You from everyone at the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust.

Red, one of the dogs' who has been in the kennel for a while and is a six year old Fawn dog has been homed twice now and each time he has come back because he was finding it hard to adjust from the kennel to a home environment.

Sue and Gary who have three retired greyhounds of their own offered to foster Red and get him used to living in a home environment with their greyhounds Cassey, Maisey and Chiana helping to ease the transition.

They have kept a diary of how Red settles in and how they overcame any fears or problems that he had, which may be useful to other people experiencing problems with their greyhounds adjusting to home life.

You can read the diary of week one or week two on our site. Go to the "feature" or click on Red's picture.

Sue and Gary also fund raise by doing craft fairs and making items for sale in the shop. Lesley continues to be a great help in the shop and is now a regular face at the stadium.

Ann who does the WI talks and events for the RGT now brings some of the dogs available for re-homing along to the track and you can meet them outside the shop most Saturdays. This has proved to be a great success and we have found that people like to meet the dogs, and for some of them it is the first time they have ever met a greyhound up close.

We would also like to thank the staff and the numerous volunteers at the kennels for all their help because without their dedicated support we would find it hard to continue.

We are glad to say that the track continues to be very supportive of the RGT and we are sure that this will continue.

In November we were approached by Alvin Melville who has been accepted to run in the Flora London Marathon and wanted to help us raise funds through sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor him there is one of his sponsor forms available for you to fill out with your pledge at the stadium RGT shop. Alternatively you can email your name, address, telephone number and your amount pledged to info@rgtsittingbourne.co.uk (please put marathon sponsor in the subject box).

Jeff Lash's 100-1 Saturday raffle continues to do well and is well supported. He is on course to reach his £8000 target that he set at the beginning of the year, so well done and thank you for your support.

Since the last news letter back in September we have a new logo which we feel gives a softer image. The web site has been

revamped and gradually we will change from the old logo. You can now make donations via the web site using paypal by clicking on the donate button. Also under construction is the online shop where you can buy various items from pens and keyrings to signed David French prints.

The meet and greet dates will be posted on the web site, if you would like to volunteer to help please contact us via email or call 07802 762115. The charity evening dates have not yet been set but if you have any ideas for fundraising also give us a call.

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