

Kerry Greyhound Connection

Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN 2009 NEWSLETTER

As this year progresses, one of the good things happening in Kerry Greyhounds is that we are building up our Irish team. We have several new team members who are working together to try to promote greyhounds as pets in Ireland, and in doing that to find more homes in Ireland. We have some articles in the newsletter from Amanda and the team, about what is happening. One big gap however that remains, is that we are still desperately short of volunteers in Co Kerry, to help walk the dogs who are in kennels, and with other practical help that is needed. That work is almost all done by Amanda and Katie with one or two other volunteers to help, but it is very hard for them to continue year after year with not much help. If anyone in Ireland reading this would like to help us, please do get in touch, our contact information is at the end of the newsletter. Or if people in the UK would like to go to beautiful Co Kerry for a holiday and would like to help out with dog walking while you're there, please do contact us.

Despite the recession, our homing figures have not dipped, and in fact we have homed a few more dogs this year than last year at this time. We have homed 86 dogs so far this year, of those, 11 are homed in Ireland, 2 in Europe and 73 in the UK. We have also placed another 42 with two other rescues in Germany and Belgium, who then find homes for the dogs locally.

In the last two newsletters we featured Hank who was a long stay dog. We are very happy to say that Hank (now known as Henry) has found his forever home in Norfolk. He's very happy and has definitely landed on his paws in his new home where he is very much loved. Henry is the 500th hound homed by Kerry Greyhound Connection, since Amanda started up a very small rescue in 2001. It has grown a lot since then! Theo, the three legged boy who was also in the last two newsletters was first adopted by Gillian who sadly became unable to look after him due to long term illness, and so he has finally found his forever home with Bronwen and Derek, where he will definitely be staying! Mandela was another long stay boy due to him being extremely timid, who we looked after for a year before he found his new home. All these dogs are black males, they are always the hardest dogs to home.

We have had old and young to find homes for this year. We mentioned Cyclone and Rumble in our last newsletter, and since then we have found out that Cyclone is actually 10 years old, not 8. We are all delighted to say that Cylone and Rumble have now been offered a home together with Amanda in Norfolk, who already has a Kerry Greyhound, Kita (who was featured in an earlier newsletter). Cyclone and Rumble will be going to their new home in October, and we wish them some very happy years. They have shown themselves to be two very loving and sprightly boys, so we feel they will adapt to and enjoy their new life very well.



We have also had our first ever pups born in our care. Mum Beth was pregnant when she was handed over to us and she gave birth to four cuddly little pups in June. They have all just gone to their new homes, and Beth will soon go to her new home where she can have some peace and quiet after 12 weeks of looking after her pups, although Beth is a playful girl too, and enjoyed lots of rough and tumble with the pups, as you can see!

Jill

TRAINING SPOT

By Sue Shearing - our resident dog trainer
and fosterer of troubled hounds

LEADER OF THE PACK?

The bewildering and often conflicting advice being offered to dog owners via popular television programmes and books is causing confusion and doubt to a lot of owners. Living harmoniously and in partnership with your dog is every owners goal but how is this achieved? Do you have to be the pack leader or the Alpha? In order to prevent your dog becoming dominant must you make sure certain pack rules are adhered to? Popular pack rules are:

- Eat something before your dog as the Alpha eats first
- Don't let the dog sleep on your bed as the Alpha never shares its bed with a subordinate
- Don't let the dog lie at the top of the stairs as the Alpha always occupies the highest position
- Never step over your dog, the Alpha makes the dog move
- Don't let your dog go through a doorway first, this is the Alpha's privilege
- Dogs that pull on the lead are dominant, as the Alpha leads the pack
- Never let the dog win games of tug-of-war, the Alpha must win the trophy
- Never let the dog start or finish a game, the Alpha must control games
- Always ignore your dog when you return home as the dog will go through a ritual aimed at re-establishing its leadership, and to redress this the Alpha must ignore the dog

Well the answer is thankfully NO! These rules make no sense to your dog and by enforcing them you could end up with a confused and depressed dog.

Pack theory has been used to describe and predict dog behaviour for the last 60 or so years. It is based on observations of captive wolves in the 1940's. We now have more recent and valid research by David Mech studying non captive wolves. His findings show that free packs of wolves do not have an Alpha ruling the pack. He also found that dominance challenges between wolves are extremely rare, instead the pack acts like a family having no need of a competitive lifestyle.

Research has also shown that modern feral dogs do not have to form a pack or a hierarchy to survive. If food, water and shelter are available then they are happy to live independently or in small groups.



One of the main reason's not to allow dogs
on your bed!!

We know that dogs are descended from wolves but have now evolved into a different species with different values. Wolves have remained basically unchanged, but man has produced breeds of all shapes and sizes as a result of selective breeding. Dogs don't think, behave or smell like us so therefore have no need to compete with us for status.

This therefore makes a nonsense of the notion of becoming the pack leader, dominant or Alpha. A dominant owner may use harsh or aversive methods to 'train' a dog, this will lead to a lack of bonding and understanding with it's owner and a 'shut down' dog, fearful of expressing it's feelings. This is the last thing we want if we are striving for a harmonious and loving partnership with our dog.

Books

For kind, effective, reward-based advice about training and socialising your dog we strongly recommend **The Complete Idiot's Guide to Positive Dog Training** by Pamela Denison. Available from us at a special price of £10 or €10 plus postage.

For books about greyhounds we also recommend the **Pet Owners Guide to Greyhounds** by Anne Finch and **Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies** by Lee Livingood. Please see our website for info about ordering, or contact Tracey at tracey@kerrygreyhounds.co.uk or on 0044 7766 222706

"WHERE ARE ALL THE OTHER GREYHOUNDS"?

This beautiful picture is of Missy, who has been adopted by Jen and Jaap in Ireland, along with Lee, another Kerry Greyhound. It is sad that most of our hounds have to leave their beautiful native country, in order to find a kind and loving home. When we bring the dogs from Ireland we depart from Rosslare, and the dogs all have a walk on the beach there before being put back in the van to board the ferry. When I have been there, I always find this a poignant moment to think they will not set foot on their native soil again. Dogs like Missy and all the other dogs adopted in Ireland are really important ambassadors, and we hope that they will be able to make a difference to the hearts of at least some of the people they meet, and that more people in Ireland may come to see the greyhound, not just as a pet, but as a fantastic pet! But mostly we all look forward to the day that there are not so many thousands of greyhounds bred, just for profit, who are then not wanted. We know that we can only save a few of those who are not wanted by the racing industry in Ireland, but if we all hang in there and do our best to save as many as we can, we hope that one day, things will change for the better for greyhounds, in Ireland, and everywhere.



Over the next few pages are some articles about the publicity and awareness-raising work we are doing in Ireland

Jill

GREYS IN IRELAND

By Amanda Saunders Perkins

It was with no little perturbation that we recently had the latest count-up... Kerry Greyhound Connection has homed over 500 hounds now, which we are very pleased with BUT.... only about 30 of those are in homes in Ireland!!

Until we can address this situation and get a **lot** more greyhounds homed here, the situation here for greyhounds is never going to improve. Sadly it still remains the case that the vast majority of Irish people still don't see greyhounds as 'pet' material - a Cavalier King Charles is a pet, Oh yes, but a greyhound is still a racing machine. And, like all machines they are usually discarded once they've outlived their usefulness.

The old misconceptions still widely abound - you need loads of land, they need specialist food and hours of exercise every day, and they are unfriendly and aggressive - a myth which is perpetuated every time a bunch of muzzled greyhounds is seen walking with a trainer or, even worse, on TV chasing a live hare :(All of us 'in the know' know that these things couldn't be further from the truth - that most greys are gentle lazy couch potatoes who love nothing more than a comfy bed, moderate exercise, good food (as in 'normal' dog food), and lots of love and ear rubs!!

So... what to do, people?? **How** can we get the word out a **lot** faster than we're doing at the moment?? Of course every greyhound in a home is a brilliant ambassador for the breed, and every greyhound adopter is well placed to talk to local people who they meet out on walks, etc, and we are all doing that, which is excellent.

But, how can we step up the game? We need to reach lots more people, and fast! Gorgeous, gentle greyhounds are being put down **every day** around the country. We have about 60 spaces in KGC kennels and foster homes and could fill a few hundred, no problem. But what's the point of stockpiling hounds with no place to go? We have to get them out there!

The 'ripple effect' ensues - for every hound out there the education and knowledge of what they are really like as pets spreads a little wider. But while ripples are good, what we need are waves!! Great big whopping ones!

How can we make waves, folks? New and ambitious ways to get the Irish public to realise what these dogs are like, and to want one (or more!) for themselves?

We do have a budget to help with our promotional/marketing efforts but as always we need to use our resources wisely, and to make as sure as we can that any marketing initiative is going to be effective.

So... what to do, greyhound people??? Answers on a postcard please!! (Not really, e-mail is probably better :)) All ideas greatly appreciated!!

Thanks from the Greys yet to be saved, their time is limited and we need to act **now**.
And thanks from me too -

Love Amanda xx

If you have ideas or would like to help please do get in touch - our contact info is at the end of the newsletter.

DUBLIN VOLUNTEERS

By Margaret Moran

Amanda's report on adopters in Ireland makes for depressing reading doesn't it? But here's a little ray of hope which has started to shine because of Pet Expo '08 in Dublin, and the Jamboree - some passionate new volunteers in Dublin, one of whom IS actually Irish (that's me)! Then there's Kamelia and Andrea whose hounds Caitlin and Taylor arrived in Dublin along with my gorgeous big black boy, Jacob, back in January.

We've all been doing our bit while out walking the dogs in telling anyone we meet who's even vaguely interested what wonderful pets greyhounds make. While I don't think we should underestimate the power of that one to one exchange of information, we've been making a start on how to find a wider audience.

Our first expedition took us to a St Anne's Park, Raheny in July for a Sunday afternoon 'Bark in the Park' event held in St Anne's was once a private estate owned by the Guinness family who gave it to the City of Dublin as a public amenity.

This particular 'Bark' was a fundraiser held by Dog's Aid - a Dublin based rescue charity. We three humans and our four dogs made our donations and joined a huge number of dog-lovers for a 2 km stroll on a lovely sunny afternoon. I was wearing my KGC hi-visibility vest and we were armed with flyers and cards. We were stopped a few times by interested people - lurcher owners in one case and happily introduced our hounds.



Our next outing will be at the Dog's Aid Dog Show (a fun event) in September, and we're planning to wear T-shirts I've designed with the KGC logo and a simple text to advertise next year's Jamboree. We will of course be wearing them at other times, but that should get us off to a great start being in the middle of a large doggy audience to show them off

In between these adventures we've also been meeting up for doggy 'play dates'. Kamelia and Andrea have discovered a very quiet sports ground that's securely fenced, and when we're joined by Anne, KGC volunteer and home-checker for Dublin, we're quite a sight. Four greyhounds, a Dalmatian and GSD-Rough Collie cross run madly around - for at least ten minutes! The humans have a great time watching the fun, and of course it gives us a chance to pick each other's brains for what to do next to dispel the ignorance and misconceptions that abound in Ireland about these fabulous dogs, and so spread the joy of greyhound ownership.

THE FIRST KERRY GREYHOUNDS IRISH JAMBOREE

Killorglin, Co Kerry 13-14 June 2009

By Margaret Moran

One sunny Friday afternoon in mid-June I stepped out of my car after the five and half hour drive from my home in Dublin and breathed in the fresh sweet Kerry air. Looking around I refreshed my memory of how beautiful the Magillicuddy Reeks look - school trips to Killarney and a tour of the Ring of Kerry had been a long time back, but Kerry was as beautiful as I remembered. It was five months since the arrival of Jacob, once known as "Flying Motion", in my life. There were no other dogs to be seen in the caravan park, so after checking in at reception and figuring out which mobile home to claim, I got settled in with Jacob and his boss, my GSD/Rough Collie cross, Baily, and sent Amanda a text. Pete from Norfolk was there with the Big Red Van she told me, and her ETA was around 6pm.



A good turnout for the press!

We set off to track down Pete and instead ran into local KGC volunteer, Chris, who struck up an instant rapport with Baily, much to my surprise as she's a rescue dog with a lingering mistrust of most men. Amanda and Jill arrived in the Big White Van with Amanda's daughter Hannah. Further Friday arrivals were Sarah, followed by adopters from Cork, Jaap and Jennifer and their hounds, Missy and Lee, so at last it

started to feel like a Greyhound Jamboree to me. My experience of greyhounds before this was limited solely to Jacob, so when people I'd met walking the dogs exclaimed "My God that's a huge greyhound!" I had nothing to compare him to, so seeing Big J next to Missy and Lee (not to mention Jaap and Jennifer's reactions!) I was beginning to realise just how big he actually is! (34 inches to shoulder, to give you an idea).

After a quick shopping expedition to Killorglin, we gathered at 'Base Camp' as Amanda's mobile was swiftly designated, for a chip butty supper, beer and good old chinwag. A major source of excitement was the news that Beth, the pregnant foster at Amanda's was very close to whelping time, and there was huge speculation as to how big this first time mum's litter would be. The craic was mighty, indeed and lasted 'til quite late, in fact most of us caught the last pumpkin home!

We were all up and at it early on the day of the Big Walk, and our number was completed with the arrivals of Kamelia and Andrea from Dublin, and John and Jan from Carlow. Somehow I'd been designated "Onion Lady" and there I was at the table in Base Camp, alternately weeping and chopping in between doing takes to video for Kamelia while Pete showed his versatility and cooked up the Linda McCartney sausages in the kitchen. Fortified by our veggie hot dogs, we all set off for Beaufort Kennels to walk and help load the adoption dogs on to the vans.

It's one thing to know that the hounds are kennelled until a home is found for them, but to go to the kennels and see them all and how happy they are meet you and to be taken for a walk is quite an experience. Looking down the road, it was quite a sight to see the hounds enjoying this interaction with people, and I found myself wishing that we were all a lot closer to Kerry so Amanda could have more hands to help with walking and stroke therapy.

On arrival at the Killarney National Park, a lone press photographer from the Kerry Eye greeted us and as soon as we had the dogs out and their coats on, he snapped us all and quickly took our details. The weather gods had smiled on us on Friday, and today they continued to beam - we set off in bright sunshine past Muckross House and headed off towards the lake, negotiating the tricky obstacle of the Jaunting Cars. Many of us were stopped along the way and asked questions so it was a good PR opportunity, even if most were tourists from outside Ireland, they may well go home and think about a hound for the next dog they get. Regretfully we headed back to kennels to return the hopeful adoptee hounds - I think we'd all have liked to take them back to the caravan park with us! Just two came back with us as they were going on the van to the UK the next day.

Back at Base Camp, volunteers and new adopters held a meeting, chaired by Kamelia, to brainstorm for ideas as to how we can keep spreading the 'Gospel of Grey Love'. In the course of all this discussion, it struck me that we made quite a mini United Nations, because while all us adopters and KGC team (Jill and Pete excepted) are Irish residents, there were people from the UK, USA, Netherlands, Italy, Bulgaria and... yes, even one from Ireland. That's me by the way. A lot of ideas were suggested and agreed, all of them with the aim of promoting the cause of the retired racing greyhound as a pet in Ireland and getting more of these wonderful dogs adopted in their homeland. In the course of the meeting, it seemed that the adopters had turned their passion for hounds into practical help and our Jamboree was now a Team KGC event! After the meeting broke up, the menu turned away from Onions to an Indian takeaway, after which we tired walkers retreated to our mobile homes near to the witching hour again.



The long day was a bit too much for Hannah and her puppy Twig

I'm not sure how the Jamboree was supposed to close, but it ended suddenly and probably not as intended early on Sunday morning. There was a knock at the door and there was Hannah with her puppy Twig, in her arms, her face alight with the news. Beth had just given birth to her first puppy - Mole as he was named by Jill! So instead of a phased departure, hurried directions were given to those who had to pack up and then there was a dash in the Big White Van and the Big Red Van. Amanda, Hannah and I arrived in time to see pup number two - Muffin - arrive. Throughout the course of the morning as Dudley and finally Ryan arrived to complete Beth's little family, each of the KGC team arrived in relay to pop their head in and see the new mum and her pups and say their goodbyes - and so ended the First (of many more!) Greyhound Jamboree in Killorglin. The Jamboree was a wonderful experience from start to finish, not to mention that we walkers raised €500 for KGC funds from sponsorship.

**Make a date in your diary for next year's Jamboree! 19 - 21 June 2010,
West's Caravan Park Killorglin.**

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Last year we spent £72,000 / €82,000 on running costs for our charity which includes all costs in Ireland and the UK, and we raised £74,000 / €84,000 in donations, grants and fundraising. Our expenditure last year included the extra costs of buying and equipping our second van. These figures show how important fundraising is, as we needed every penny raised, to keep pace with expenditure.

We would like to thank the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust for a further grant this year, we were awarded £3,000 to spend on kennel fees for dogs in the UK. We have also received £1,000 from the Pet Plan Charitable Trust to go towards UK veterinary fees. We have just put in a bid for a further grant from the Department of Agriculture in Ireland, and applied to some other trusts in the UK, so we hope that some of these will be successful.

We have several fundraising events coming up, including a parachute jump by Jennifer in Ireland, and our fun dog show in Norfolk.

If you would like to help with fundraising in the UK or in Ireland please let us know. Any help is always welcome and appreciated. All fundraising ideas are welcome!

We also now have **Home Collecting Boxes**, for collecting your spare change at home, or what about as a Swear Box, £1 or €1 for every naughty word? ☺

Please let us know if you would like one for your home or office.



Late Summer Fair & Fun Dog Show

Sunday 20th September
11am - 4pm

The Queen Elizabeth Hall
Worstead, Norfolk NR28 9WH

- Tombolas
- Raffle
- Games
- New and nearly new table top sale
- Plants
- Handmade gifts
- Kerry Greyhounds merchandise
- Dog dancing demo - 1pm followed by.
- Fun Dog show - open to all breeds (£1 per entry)

Classes include - most ...

- Gorgeous Girl, Bonny Boy, Parly Pup, Spiritly Senior
- Waggy Wag, Expressive Eyes, Lovely (A) legs
- Best Buddies, Hero Hound
- Best in Show

Refreshments all day
Free Parking & Toilets

For more details call Maxine on 078 102 518 98 or visit our website www.kerrygreyhounds.co.uk

All proceeds to



Kerry Greyhound Connection
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Please keep dogs under control at all times and clean up after them!

All children **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by an adult

Fundraising Events Diary

UK event - Sunday 20 September - Late Summer Fair and Dog Show. Please see poster for details. Refreshments all day including a ploughman's lunch. Outdoor / indoor venue determined by weather. We hope to see lots of our supporters there, and if you'd like to help on the day, please contact Maxine - see details on poster.

UK event - Sunday 4 October - Our next Sponsored Dog Walk in Cromer, and we also have a licence for a street collection along the promenade. Meet 10.30am to set off 11am(ish!) at Runton Road Car Park.. Volunteers needed to collect, for more information or to request a sponsor form please contact Bronwen on 01406 363379 or e-mail her at bronwen@kerrygreyhounds.co.uk

Ireland event - 9 to 11 October - Pet Expo, Dublin - stall and greyhound Meet and Greet. Please contact Sarah if you can help on 087 985 3493 or ratties@eircom.net

UK event - Saturday 24 October - Meet and Greet the greyhounds and fundraising day at The Giant Pet Store, Norwich. Volunteers needed, please contact Jill on 075 000 62648 or jill@kerrygreyhounds.co.uk

2010 New Calendar and New Merchandise



Our new calendar is now on sale, price £5 / €6 inc postage.



We also have a beautiful new Christmas card for this year, designed and painted by one of our fosterers Paula Fenton, these will be £4 /€4.50 for a pack of 6. Paula paints beautiful pet portraits. If you may be interested in having your pet painted, Paula's website is www.paulafenton.co.uk

We will also be stocking some new lines of merchandise, and our new brochure will be available in October. Please contact Tracey at tracey@kerrygreyhounds.co.uk for information about merchandise or to place an order.

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OUR 500th KERRY GREYHOUND

Henry was the 500th hound to be homed by Kerry Greyhound Connection. It took quite a while to home Henry as he had some training issues, and he had three different foster homes before finding his forever home.

Henry was fostered last by Hayley and Richard in Norwich who write, "We have fostered 12 beautiful greyhounds, but the one who is most remembered and loved by us is a handsome boy called Henry. He came to us with a bit of a reputation and we really didn't know if we were doing the right thing by taking him on. He arrived and just laid in the middle of our living room floor, he didn't investigate like normal dogs do. Our hearts went out to Henry, who was obviously depressed. But Henry stayed with us for just over 3 months and in that time, he became the most loving and wonderfully playful boy, whom we loved dearly. Henry found the most perfect home with Sarah, who lives near Hunstanton, Norfolk. We recently had Henry to stay for a week while Sarah went on holiday and it was great to see him. Henry will always hold a great affection in our hearts."



Henry in his forever home

OUR LOVE OF FOSTERING by Hayley and Richard Pattrick

Our story begins with Ruby a rescued greyhound puppy, whom we adopted two years ago through Kerry Greyhound Connection. So far this has been one the most life changing and rewarding things our family has ever done. In 2008 we decided we would like to adopt another greyhound, and so we contacted Kerry Greyhounds again. At the time, we couldn't make our minds about which dog we wanted, and it breaks your heart that you can't home them all. So we were asked if we would like to foster a greyhound to see how we got on and if we fell in love with the dog, then s/he would be ours. Our first foster, came along last September, she was a beautiful blue greyhound named Zara. She was a bit bossy for Ruby, but a week later she found her forever home with two lovely sisters who live in Holt, Norfolk. A very lucky girl, who is very happy with her 'mums'. Our next hound was 'Dave' who we nicknamed 'Bomber', as he used to bomb around and bump into things, he was quite a character, and so loving. A big black boy, who looked a bit moth eaten, but with a lots of love and time he looks splendid today with his mum Helen and the other dogs that he now lives with. I could go on forever about how lovely these dogs are and could tell you a story of each of the dogs we have re-homed. Since last September we have taken in (at the time of writing!) 12 beautiful and gentle greyhounds, and they all found their forever homes. All these dogs have a story and a history that often isn't a pleasant one, some of them come with a tragic and horrific backgrounds. However these are some of the lucky ones who have had the fortune to be rescued by extremely dedicated people who give time and as much love as is needed to these gentle, affectionate dogs. Fostering has changed the life of our family, we go to as many of the meetings, fundraising days and shows that we can, not because we have to, but because they are so enjoyable. You meet great people, and their dogs. When we go for walks we are a talking point with the neighbours. Everybody know us and loves to stop and talk. We so totally love and adore our foster dogs and it breaks our hearts when they find their forever home, but we feel so rewarded with the knowledge that they have gone to a new home, and that they will be safe, and most of all loved. This is a such a rewarding and great thing to do. So many greyhounds don't get a chance in life and don't even get the one thing we all need - LOVE! If you have any queries or think you could foster a greyhound on a short term basis I'd love to talk more on the subject and give any advice I can. Thank you for taking the time to read our little story.

Could you foster or adopt a greyhound? Please visit our website and go to the 'I Need a Home' page, for details of all the dogs who are patiently waiting for their chance of a new home.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR A HOME FOR CHRISTY

Christy is a lovely 8 month old fawn boy. However he has some disabilities and so he needs a very special home, as we do not really know what the future will hold for him.

Christy has a very stiff shoulder, and his pelvis is not straight. However he is a very cheerful boy and gets on with life, and enjoys walks of up to an hour. At the time of writing (early September), we have not had Christy in the UK long, and we are still consulting the vet about his condition. He has just had x-rays of his shoulder and hips which cost over £300. We don't know yet if he will benefit from surgery. He is likely to be on medication long term.

Christy has a wonderful temperament, with a constantly waggy tail, and he has been nicknamed Teddy by his fosterers as he is like a teddy bear. Christy is good with other dogs and can live with cats.



If you may be interested in knowing more about Christy please get in touch with Jill for more information. If you can't offer a home to Christy but would like to give a little towards his vet bills which may become very expensive for us, please send a cheque to Jill at Kerry Greyhound Connection, PO Box 58, Cromer NR27 7AG or you can donate online or by bank transfer. Please contact Jill for further information about this. We will update about Christy in the next newsletter, and about his new home if he has one by then. Thank you.

LONG STAY HOUNDS

Tucks and Whisper

Usually at least half of our dogs are black, and black dogs are the least likely to be chosen from the website. Black males are the least popular dogs of all, so they really need someone to give them a chance of a home where they will be loved and cared for. We have had Tucks and Whisper over six months, and they both still need homes, but they do not need to be homed together. They are both lovely 5 year old boys, Tucks is friendly and playful. He needs someone who will be firm with him and continue with his training, which we are happy to give ongoing support with. Whisper is a nervous boy who just needs someone to help his confidence grow.



Tucks



Whisper

Hamish and Velvet

We would really like Hamish and Velvet to be homed together as they have been together a long time. They get on very well and Velvet is quite reliant on Hamish. Hamish is 4 and Velvet is 3 years old and they are both friendly and affectionate dogs. Hamish is a beautiful brindle and Velvet is a stunning blue girl with white speckles, so they make a very elegant pair!

If you would like more information about any of these hounds please contact Jill or see our website for all the hounds currently waiting for homes.



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HAPPY TAILS

Lucas was homed with Joel and Michelle and their family in Norfolk in August, and he has made firm friends with Liam, aged 3. We do not have a minimum age that children need to be to have a greyhound placed in the family. We believe it is about parents/carers supervision and if we feel that parents/carers are realistic about this we will place a dog with the family. We think it is wonderful for children to have the chance to grow up with a dog.



Sisters **Sunshine and Gale** are one of the pairs of dogs we have homed together this year. They went to one home but it didn't work out and they were returned, and then they were offered a home with Christa and Nick in Bournemouth, where they now live and they have a wonderful life with lots of walks on the beach.

Luna, now Falbala, went to a new home in Germany with Friederike and dachshund Joerd, in August. Amanda took Luna with her pet passport to Dublin airport and she flew off to her new life where she is very happy and much loved by her new mum, and new young friend Antonia. We always have a 'back up' person in the country for European adoptions, in case it doesn't work out, but happily we don't think she will be needed in this case!



Our Contact Information

For homing enquiries in Ireland please contact Amanda on 087 982 2695 or email kerrygreyhound@eircom.net

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For enquiries about helping with publicity, fundraising or volunteering in Ireland please contact Sarah on 087 985 3493 or ratties@eircom.net

For enquiries about UK fundraising and merchandise please contact Tracey on 07766 222706 or email tracey@kerrygreyhounds.co.uk

For training or other advice about your Kerry Greyhound please contact Sue on 0044 (0) 7826 847879 or email sue@kerrygreyhounds.co.uk