



The Greys Matter



Fostering Focus

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About 6 years ago Jan and I became involved with greyhounds and once you have met this wonderful breed there is no turning back. It was just over 3 years ago that we launched Greyhound Rescue, since then we have homed more than 170 greyhounds, including 47 already this calendar year, and we would like to thank everyone who has adopted a greyhound and given a new life to a very fortunate ex member of the Racing Industry.

Jan and I were away for the whole of June and it was good to know that Greyhound Rescue continued very successfully in our absence. We thank all of our committee members and other helpers for doing a great job while we were away and their continued efforts on a day to day basis. We are seeing ever more applications coming in from people wanting to adopt greyhounds and recently the number homed has taken off. The message is getting out there, more people are realising just what great pets the greyhounds make and there is no doubt the growing Facebook community is playing a big part.

Currently we are desperately short of foster carers with 19 greyhounds waiting patiently in kennels for a taste of home life. We find that they are very adaptable but they do need to adjust to the sounds and routines of a home and we would be very grateful if you could help them in this way.

We hope that you enjoy this our second Newsletter and if you have any stories or photos you would like to share please send them to us. Please keep in touch, we do like to hear from you and how your greyhounds are going.

Thank you for making Greyhound Rescue the success it is today and we look forward to your help in maintaining that success.

Best wishes,
Peter and Janet



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After the success of the first issue of 'The Greys Matter' we decided to do it again. So much has been happening and this issue is jam packed. We have a focus on fostering this time and you can find out how Trisha found a way to make a difference and give some of our kenneled greyhounds a holiday.

We really need your help to keep this going and continue to make this a regular publication. We want your contributions and to hear your stories and see your photos. Tell us what would you like to see in the next issue? Please don't be shy, write to us and tell us your news and stories. (joeturton@outlook.com)

I hope you enjoy this issue of 'The Greys Matter'. Joe.

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New Patron

We are pleased to announce our new patron, Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP. Clover explains why she supports Greyhound Rescue.

"Thousands of greyhounds are bred in New South Wales every year but there is little funding to help re-home retired dogs and many end up being killed. The greyhound can be difficult to re-home because people see them either racing or muzzled, but they are beautiful placid dogs that can be great pets. Greyhound Rescue does fantastic work to find retired greyhounds homes, having found 170 greyhounds homes since beginning about three years ago. Peter and Janet have also helped me campaign to ban pet sales in pet shops. You can help save a greyhound by making a donation, offering to volunteer or becoming a foster carer. Visit www.greyhoundrescue.com.au and find out more about these lovely dogs."



Recent Adoptions

- Joey has found his forever home with Michelle and two other rescue greyhounds Jack and Lucy.
- Princess (now known as Lucy) has found her forever home with Sue, Paul, Lauren and Alex down in Melbourne. Princess Lucy reports that she is very happy there, she has a new greyhound brother Marcus.
- Beautiful Bobby has found his best humans in Kath and Patrick. They met Bobby at the fundraising event "Walk in the Park" and fell in love with him.
- After a couple of false starts which were not his fault at all, it's third time lucky for sweet, gentle Jimmy boy who has found his perfect forever humans with Trish and John and their pussy cats.
- Possum's foster carers Donna and Deb have decided they couldn't possibly part with her so lucky Possum will spend her twilight years in what all dummies would call heaven on earth. She will have a family of 4 greyhounds, 1 whippet and two Maltese terriers
- Julie (affectionately known as Julz) has found her forever home in Melbourne with Martina and Jeff.
- Lou Lou has found her forever home with Anne and Floss

- Zac has found his forever home with Nat, Michael and their rescue staffy Indiana.
- Smoochy little Willow has found his forever home with his foster carers Joe, Jane, Isabella and all the family.
- The beautiful brindle Rosie has found her forever home with Irene and whippet Sookie. A special thank you Jennifer for sponsoring Rosie while she was at the kennels.
- Gentle Charlie has found a wonderful forever home in Port Macquarie with Carey and family.
- Nelson (formerly Troy) has found his forever home with Susie, the mother of one of his foster carers.
- Amy has now been adopted by her foster Mum Joan.
- Gorgeous, playful Lisa has found her forever home with Svetlana, Anatoli and family. Lisa is truly one of the lucky ones who didn't wait too long in kennels and will have a wonderful life.
- Lady has landed in doggie heaven with new family Fiona, Rob and whippet Lazzlo. And she has a new name to celebrate her new life, Luisa.
- Ellie has been adopted by her foster family Ann, greyhound Dozer and lots of pussy cats.
- Sweet little Pipi has found a wonderful forever family in Mairhi, Jason, Jamie and Kaitlyn and their two cats.
- Madeline (Maddy) has found a wonderful home with Janelle.
- Hooray for 5 year old Rusty, he is now in a wonderful permanent home with Sarah and family.
- Beautiful sweet senior Lucy has found her home with Anna-Louise, Karen and greyhound Bosely.

Recent Fundraising Efforts

There have been some fantastic efforts in raising funds for Greyhound Rescue. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Kerrie Murphy

Kerrie has continued raising money selling home made dog biscuits at Averils dog wash and from a donation tin at Nambucca RSL.

Kerrie's fundraising efforts since March have reached a staggering \$831.



Barryna Nahu - One Kilo Challenge

Barryna raised \$220 in a challenge called the One Kilo Challenge fundraiser sponsored by Channel 10. Barryna participated, aiming to lose 26 kilos.

Kylie Southgate - Keylights

Kylie donated 50 keylights that say "Light up your Life Adopt a greyhound www.greyhoundrescue.com.au" to be sold at the Markets.

Pia Oberosler - Dog Beds

Paula's 81 year old Mum has made and donated 18 Dog beds in three sizes S/M/L. They are all different designs. All the material is from recycled sources, much of which was provided by her friends. The dog beds will be on sale at the North Sydney Markets or from Peter directly

Tradies GyMEA

Tradies, who are a private "RSL", located at GyMEA, donated \$600. They visited Peter and



Janet to give them the cheque. Handing over the cheque is Bernadette who adopted Marigold.

Mosman Vets - Running for Greyhounds

A beautiful sunny morning in mid-June set Mosman Vets up for 10km run in the Mini Mos for



Greyhound Rescue. Seven athletes completed the 10km course encouraged by their supported and greyhounds. They raised \$2180.

Trivia Night

The line between success and failure is a fine one.

At one point we were struggling to get numbers for our Trivia Night, then along came Tracy and Andy, new owners of Blueboy, and booked two tables which brought our numbers up to a realistic 60+.

The evening was a great success and we raised over \$3300 for Greyhound Rescue, thanks to Portia's great performance and a great effort by helpers Ann and Karen to help get things organised.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us and have a great evening out. Particular thanks to those who donated to the evening; Virgin Wines, Cumulus Wines, Jenny and Steve's jewellery and Joe Galea's generous financial donation. Also thanks to Tracy and Andy for bringing so many friends along.

A great night out and worth the effort involved.

North Sydney Market

Nora and Ed are becoming a regular at the North Sydney Market and raise around \$400 each month.



Forthcoming Fundraising

Trivia Night

On Saturday 3rd November at the Castle Hill RSL, there will be a Greyhound Rescue trivia night. These evenings are always great fun with great prizes.

- The Castle Hill RSL, 77 Castle St., Castle Hill, Sydney
- Tickets \$30 or \$270 for a table of 10 booked in advance

Contact Peter on 0412 562 104 or peter@greyhoundrescue.com.au for bookings.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Belrose

There is a sausage sizzle scheduled:

- Sunday 30th December, 9am to 4pm

We need your help! If you can spare a couple of hours on these dates to assist and raise some money then please contact Peter.

How Can You Help?

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Greyhound Rescue is a non-profit making charitable organisation. Asking for help and financial assistance is always difficult.

However, we have vet bills, food bills, kennel bills, etc and we receive no official financial funding, so we are very grateful for any help and donations that will ensure that we can keep going on to save these beautiful greyhounds.

Wish List

We are often asked what items we are most in need of; well here is our wish list:

- Transport Vehicle
- Flea and worm treatments
- Hydrobath to wash and groom
- Help with Insurance payments
- Winter coats for the dogs in kennels
- Merchandise to sell on stalls and advertise
 - T-shirts
 - Caps
 - Car stickers
 - Banners

Foster Carers Required

We are always in need of foster carers so we can move existing dogs out of the kennels to make room for more saves. We cannot save dogs we have no kennel or foster for- it's as simple as that.

We are so appreciative of our existing foster carers, some of whom have more than one foster. To foster a grey all you need is a love of dogs, some experience with dogs, maybe you already have

dogs, this is good for the greys. Greys just need a comfy inside bed, lots of patience and love, food and a nice walk each day.

Please consider fostering, it is a great feeling to know you have saved a life.

Donations

If you would like to donate to our cause you can through either PayPal, Direct Bank Transfer or cheque.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

PayPal

Greyhound Rescue's PayPal account is:
Greyhound Rescue (DABS)
peter@greyhoundrescue.com.au

This can also be performed directly from the Greyhound Rescue website:

www.greyhoundrescue.com.au/how-you-can-help/

Direct Bank Transfer

AccountName: Greyhound Rescue Inc
BSB: 012289
Account No: 524792379

Cheque

Please send cheques in favour of:
Greyhound Rescue Inc

And mail to:
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Calendar 2013



The official Greyhound Rescue calendar is now available. All the proceeds go directly to Greyhound Rescue.

Calendar Cost - \$25 per calendar

Get **FREEPOST**, when you use promo code "*Greys Matter*" when ordering.

All orders placed through **email** to:

greyhound.rescue.calendar@gmail.com

Payment - Cash, Direct Transfer or Cheque

The **web site** has full order details:

<http://greyhoundrescue.com.au/how-you-can-help/calendar/>

*Payment details above; reference: Calendar {Surname}

Meet the Volunteers

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By Alyson Galea

Isobella and I are mother and daughter and animal lovers.

We own three dogs: one Jack Russell and two Greyhounds. Several years ago, I went to the Easter Show and met a lady with a 3 legged greyhound who was promoting a greyhound rescue group. Then and there, I thought, one day, I'll have a greyhound in our family too.

A couple of years ago, Isobella and I adopted a big black lady greyhound called Sarah as company for Bob, our Jack Russell. Soon after that, we fostered beautiful Betty and swiftly, we became, 'failed fosterers' as we just had to adopt her too. Things were getting crowded.

So, we thought - how can we help in other ways (rather than own 100 greys!)? So, we started volunteering at the Box Hill kennels.

It's become a highlight of our week; driving out and spending a lovely time walking, feeding, brushing and cuddling the dogs. They all have their own personalities but all share the gentleness and affection common to all greyhounds. Oscar and Blackie are just full of life and Charley loves to have his brushes and lean against your leg. Tall, dark and hand-



some Rocket is the consummate gentleman and I am sure Dodge would just love to hang around at any party just having fun. Choco, Nelson, Meg, Matty, Timmy and Lucy are just gorgeous and quiet and little Jenny is like a bouncing imp!

Recently we helped rescue our first boy – Ringo. This was a great experience too as you are a small link in a much larger chain of people doing the best they can to help these lovely creatures have a second chance at life.

I'd recommend volunteering or attending any of the fund raisers such as the Trivia nights.

News (continued)

Meet the Greys

This is an opportunity to meet fostered greyhounds and show your support for Greyhound Rescue. Volunteers and guest appearances for these events are encouraged.

North Sydney Market

The second Saturday of every month Nora, Ed and Greyhound Rescue will be at North Sydney markets. Come down and show your support and don't forget to bring a greyhound or two.

- Miller Street, North Sydney from 9am to 3pm.
- Next 8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec, etc.
- Information - [North Sydney Centre website](#)

Dogs Day by the Bay 2012

On Sunday 23th September from 10am to 3pm Greyhound Rescue will be at Rowland Reserve for Pitwater Council's annual Dogs day by the Bay.

- Rowland Reserve, Bayview, Pittwater Road, Sydney NSW 2104. 10am to 3pm.
- Details - [Pitwater website](#)

Pets Day Out 2012

On Sunday 28th October from 10.30am to 2.30pm Greyhound Rescue will be at the Allan Border Oval

for Mosman Council's annual Pets Day Out.

- Allan Border Oval, Myahgah Road, Mosman, NSW 2088. 10.30am to 2.30pm.
- Details - [Mosman website](#)

Transport Volunteers

A really big thank you for all the people who stepped in to help with transporting greyhounds to our kennels for us.

Bronwyn Leibke from Pet Clix volunteered to drive a 250km round trip to collect Timmy from Wyong Pound and bring him into the loving arms of Greyhound Rescue.

Catherine Emerton drove in her little Corolla from her Central Coast home up to Newcastle to collect one lucky greyhound Red and bring him into our care.

Deb Peckham from Pound Pouch Newcastle organised 300 km relay to transport Boots from Taree down to Sydney. This was a real team effort including help from Amanda Underwood, Skye Brand, Elizabeth Gardner, Jo King and Donna Reed. Donna was kind enough to look after Boots while permanent accommodation was organised.

Roger Brenton

Thank you for 'The Greys Matter' newsletter. The very first sentence sums up my feelings perfectly... i.e. ... "once you have met this wonderful breed there is no turning back".

It's great to know that people are as obsessed with greyhounds as I am and they're working so hard to give these beautiful dogs a better life – the story of Possum being a case in point. I hope the person responsible for neglecting her so badly was "appropriately dealt with" and will never be allowed to keep another animal.

I was interested in the item on integrating greys with chickens as it reflects so closely our experiences of going through that process. Greys and ex-battery rescue hens now share the garden – and sometimes the house! – with no worries at all.

Please keep up your marvellous work.

Rod Nunn

Anna took a couple of weeks to settle into her new surroundings and possibly different food, but since then has really become one of the family. She is very gentle, loving and wants to be with us no matter what we are doing. She will lie in my office for hours whilst I work. When I'm in the garden she is never more than two feet behind me. She loves her walks especially when I take her to one of the golf courses nearby where she gallops around occasionally chasing a rabbit but always comes back when called. I can let her off the lead in designated area with no worries and she will play happily with other dogs. She loves to chase any dog who chases a ball.

Recently she featured on Foxtel in "The Golf show" which was being filmed at Balgowlah Golf course during the final of a Skins competition.

Anna is the second Greyhound I have owned and of all the dogs I have owned she is the best.

Janet Bott from Adelaide

Harper is doing really well and has settled into life as a very spoilt and well behaved house dog very well. She has been on 4 holidays all over the state



and 1 big holiday to NSW and Brisbane. Later this year she will be doing so again. She just chills in the back and takes it all in her stride. An absolutely awesome girl she is. She is a very social dog who enjoys her obedience/socialisation lessons on a Sunday and is always the first person at the front door to greet any visitors. Everyone that she meets loves her straight away. Even my 'non dog loving' husband changed his mind very quickly about her. She loves a good off-leash run on the beach with our friend's red-cattle dog and enjoys a good bushwalk where she can go off-leash. We trust her implicitly and know she will and does come back when we whistle.

She adores our 2 children under 5 and loves to zoom around the backyard playing chase. That is when she's not snoozing or resting on one of her 3 beds. Her study/night time bed has a pillow and blankets to put over her at night. Once she has her dinner, she barks once and goes to bed. That's my signal to say 'blankets please' she then stays there until about 10 when she goes out for a pee and then back into bed for the night. Did I mention she's spoilt? :) ... She loves it!

What a difference a life as a happy house hound makes. Such a big difference from the very shy and scared girl that we adopted last year.

We can't imagine life without her in it. If only she didn't see it as her duty to turn all pairs of ugh boots into fluff!

Scott Donald

Buddy has surely made a home for himself here. He sleeps with me and Ratso, there is not much room left for me but that's ok. He recently stole a lamb shank Mum was about to cook for our dinner and headed for the hills. He was stalking that shank waiting for the opportunity, sneaky devil. He loves walks and sticking his head out the window of the car. He's sleeping on the lounge with Ratso now after a bushwalk with me this morning. He's filled out a bit and had nice warm bath and groom this morning.



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Curriculum Vitae

Name: Snowy

Age: 4 years old (March 2008)

About: A happy, intelligent and friendly dog, Snowy is awesome with children and loves to play fetch with squeaky toys and also loves a cuddle.

Likes: Playing fetch and food

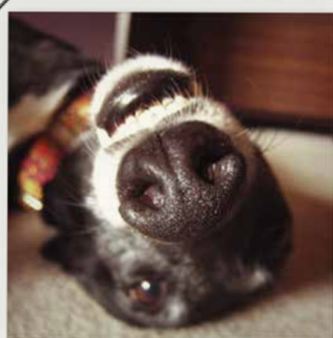
Dislikes: very little - Snowy loves life

Cat Friendly: No

Location: Fostered in Sydney, NSW.



Snowy



Mary

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Mary

Age: 8 years old (August 2004)

About: Mary is a mature lady who has served her time with the racing Industry and now deserves to be spoilt and loved and allowed to laze on her bed in peace. She has lived with little dogs without problems but is not cat friendly.

Cat Friendly: No

Location: Inner suburbs of Sydney, NSW



Dodge

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Dodge

Age: 6 years old (September 2006)

About: Dodge came to us because he could no longer be looked after by his previous owners and is as gentle a boy as any greyhound. A volunteer says: "A striking really red brindle, with two thirds of a tail (oops!), he has already been a pet so has manners to go! A really nice age, still wanted to chase the squeaky toy but just as happy to lean in for a cuddle."

Location: Kennels in Sydney, NSW.

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Charley

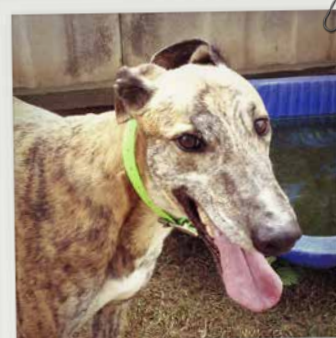
Age: 4 years old (November 2007)

About: Charley is a gorgeous boy with that beautiful Red Brindle colouring. A volunteers says "I have met Charley a few times and he is such a lovely boy. He is not only handsome but sooky and friendly. He is very much ready for a home. He loves human company, being brushed and cuddled. He walks beautifully on his lead and has excellent manners."

Cat Friendly: Unknown

Location: Kennels in Sydney, NSW.

FOSTER REQUIRED



Charley

Curriculum Vitae**Name:** Betty**FOSTER REQUIRED****Age:** 4 years old (May 2008)**About:** Betty is a happy and friendly little girl who just loves attention and would make a good family pet. She loves to run and play. A volunteers says "I must say Betty is one of the sweetest, most innocent greyhounds I have met." "She was so excited today when I took them all a pigs ear treat!"**Cat Friendly:** No**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.*Betty**Meg***Curriculum Vitae****Name:** Meg**Age:** 3 years old (March 2009)**About:** Meg is a smaller than average brindle girl who is a typical gentle and affectionate greyhound.**Cat Friendly:** Unknown**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.**FOSTER REQUIRED****Curriculum Vitae****Name:** Jenny**FOSTER REQUIRED****Age:** 5 years old (July 2007)**About:** Jenny is our little livewire and she hasn't had the chance to shine yet. Her absolute enthusiasm for life is infectious, she just needs some leadership and understanding, and getting out of kennels is crucial for this. She would blossom with a foster carer who will give her some training and some sardines to gloss up her coat to black velvet.**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.*Jenny**Blackie***Curriculum Vitae****Name:** Blackie**FOSTER REQUIRED****Age:** 4 years old (May 2008)**About:** Blackie is a big softie who just wants lots of attention. He would thrive in a foster home with some guidance and training, he loves to play and run and snuggle. He has the most joyful smiley face and striking light brown eyes. A volunteer says: "He is beautiful: affectionate, funny, playful, happy!" "If I could sum up Blackie in two words it would be 'Free spirit'."**Cat Friendly:** No**Location:** Kennels in Sydney, NSW.

Why Foster?

By Julie Williams

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I have just said goodbye to my second foster hound, and it is not getting any easier.

Charlie was my first foster greyhound, and my first introduction to greyhounds who are thrown away. The first day at our house after Peter left, Charlie kept looking to the front door perhaps hoping he would come back? I don't know what he was thinking maybe "where am I now? What will happen next?".

The resident cats, a female Siamese called Lucy (cougar) and her younger man Louie were not happy to say the least! Lucy kept a safe watchful distance and Louie being "the man" not wanting to show he was afraid stood his ground, and Charlie being the gentle giant that he is just took it all in his stride.

It took about two weeks for both our foster greys to relax and be themselves at home. Charlie was easy to take for a walk - he would happily walk by your side, all kinds of dogs would walk by, some would bark, some wanted to play, but Charlie boy would not be fazed, he would just walk on by. People would stop and pat him and he was happy to receive any affection available. He was just a pleasure to have around and we were sad but happy to see him leave for his new home.

When his new forever mum asked if anyone would look after him for a few days, I was happy to have him visit with us and our second foster hound Sarah.

Sarah is a happy, lively girl who wasn't too sure when she first arrived and was a little nervous. The cats being on their second grey were a little less stressed but still kept an eye on her. I kept the muzzle on both the greys at first in case they thought the cats looked like "bunnies". Charlie had

no interest at all but Sarah thought Lucy was getting too much food and attention and growled and snapped at her. Well that kind of behaviour is unacceptable and Sarah was very quickly banished to



Sarah

the back yard with a few stern words and ignored when she was finally allowed back inside. She never again even looked sideways at Lucy.

Sarah was not house trained when she arrived, having come straight from the kennels, so I took her outside every hour and if she did her business I would say "good girl". She had one accident inside - as soon as I saw her squat I rushed her out the back and she very quickly got the message.

The reason we are fostering and not adopting is because we are planning a trip around Australia and this way we can have the pleasure and unconditional love of a dog and save them from an unnecessary death sentence. As much as it is hard to say goodbye, the joy of having a grey in the family for a short time far outweighs the alternative.

I cannot express in words the devotion these beautiful souls have for people, and they ask so little in return. Do consider fostering.

Future Vets Kids Camp

By Mike Huckstep

Peter, Charlotte, Tash, Bella and I did an encore presentation to the 10 to 14 year olds at the "Future Vet kids camp" run by Scott Bainbridge from Toronto. This was a huge success with around 35 eager animal loving kids and a few others.

Helping us were Angus, Jack and Poppy who won a lot of hearts and cuddles from the kids. Many wanted to take them home with them!! This was a fantastic opportunity to show off the greyhounds to children who may not have considered this fantastic breed as a pet.



Sponsor a Hound

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By Sue Tofful

Recently a few wonderful people have asked us how they can help Greyhound Rescue if they cannot, for reasons of distance, space, or circumstance, foster or adopt a hound nor can they attend fundraisers or assist at the kennels. If you are one of those people you can still make a connection and really make a difference to Greyhound Rescue – we would love you to choose one of our kennel hounds and sponsor him/her.

The idea for Sponsor a Hound was sparked by a very generous helper at one of the kennels who began paying for two of the greys' kennelling fees. It seemed like such a simple but effective way to help. Greyhound Rescue has recently taken many new hounds to save them from euthanasia from vets, pounds and trainers. We currently have 19 greyhounds in kennels and we are finding kennel costs are becoming one of the real drains on our resources. Although we would love to put all new dogs straight into foster care there are just not enough foster carers to go round, so the new dogs go into kennels. The fact is that most of our hounds are in kennels waiting for either fosters or adopters to arrive.

Sponsor a Hound was announced on our Facebook page in mid August. Within a week Red, Timmy, Oscar and Nelson were sponsored. To become a sponsor, please have a look at our website, choose a hound and then email stofful@live.com. We will give you the account details and send a photo of your "sponsor hound". The idea is to make a regular payment directly into the bank

account, either monthly or fortnightly. It is a fully tax deductible donation.

Oscar's sponsor Karen said: *"I have set up a direct deposit for \$25 per fortnight and I will increase this over time. Also I can send treats (does he have a nice bed or coat??) and stuff from time to time that may help til he finds a forever home. Thanks for the opportunity to make a difference".*

Every little bit makes a difference.



We have the following greyhounds in kennels*

Betty	Blackie	Boots	Charley
Choco	Dodge	Dude	Jenny
Matty	Meg	Nelson	Oscar
Red	Ringo	Rocket	Ruby
Tilly	Timothy	Wally	

*The greyhounds listed are accurate at the time of printing. Two further hounds are sponsored but the haven't been chosen yet.

Sponsors



Pet Paraphernalia have been a great supporter of Greyhound rescue. For the past 10 months, Leanne from Pet Paraphernalia has been donating a polar fleece muscle top for every greyhound that is adopted. Thank you Pet Paraphernalia!



Kaye Groves, has send two more bags full of winter coats for our greyhounds in the kennels. Thank you Kaye!



Annie has been a great support of Greyhound Rescue. Over the past six months she has supplied 30 coats for our greyhounds. Thank you!



Petbiz have been consistently supplying food and selling chocolates at various stores to fundraise. Petbiz Belrose in particular have been very supportive. Thank you Petbiz!

Become a Life Saver - Foster a Hound! 12

By Alexis Mulhearn†

Foster carers are quite literally life savers. Without them, our homes would not be graced by warm bodies, soulful eyes, and long wet noses and fewer people would know they are wonderful pets.

Why people foster...

There is a Facebook post which says “When people say, ‘I couldn’t foster because it would be too hard to give a dog up.’ We say ‘how can it be harder than knowing a dog died because no foster home stepped up?’ and that’s why we do it time and time again.”

It is hard for foster carers to say farewell to their fostered hounds, and many a tear is shed, but a few tears is a small price to pay for giving the gift of life.

What foster carers do

Foster carers give a greyhound a place to stay while they wait for their permanent home. The length of time they stay with their foster carer varies (it could be a few weeks or months) because the rescue group aims to find the best possible home for each wonderful greyhound – and sometimes it can take a bit of time to get a “perfect match”.

While the greyhound is with her foster home, she has time to learn more about what it means to be a pet. She can learn to walk on a lead, play in the grass, meet new people, meet new dogs / cats / other animals. She can learn how to live in a house – how to walk on shiny floors, what a washing machine sounds like, that she can’t walk through glass, how to ride in the car... And most importantly, she can learn what it feels like to be loved and perhaps be a little spoiled!

The great thing is that the foster greyhound learns all this as the foster carers go about their daily lives. It doesn’t take a lot of time – all it takes is patience and love. Many of the greyhounds who come into rescue groups have very few “issues” and are very easy to incorporate into your home for a short period of time. Of course, some greyhounds have “issues” and if you are an experienced dog owner or trainer, please consider offering to foster one of the more challenging hounds.

Will the other dogs in the house understand?

The dogs and other animals who currently share your home need to be considered when you foster a greyhound. Some dogs get on well with all other dogs, some get on better with females, some with



Nyima (mastiff), Kane and foster girl Mia in the background

males. The more information you can give the rescue group about the types of dogs your current animals get on with, the better.

There are also things you can do to make the first meeting as smooth as possible, and to pave the way for your hounds to get to know each other without any snarly noises or fang bearing.

1. Introduce the hounds on neutral ground, not in your yard or house.
2. Introduce the dogs on leads, and with their muzzles on. The muzzles may not be necessary, but better safe than a big vet bill and a lot of anguish.
3. Introduce the dogs side by side, not face to face. A great way to do this is for you to walk your current hound on lead then have a friend, or the adoption group person, walk the foster hound up beside you. Then the four of you walk together. The hounds will learn each other’s smells and personality, because they are walking together.
4. Take the current hound and the foster into your yard on lead after their walk, and only when they are both calm. Walk around the yard so the foster learns the place a bit. Only take the hounds into the house when they are calm, and leave them on lead and with their muzzles on. Walk the dogs around the rooms in the house where they are allowed go. When they are both calm, drop the leads (but leave them on), and leave the muzzles on. If either hound gets silly you can easily pick up the lead, correct the hound, and then release her when she calms.

5. At bed time, keep them separated so they both get a good night's sleep without worrying about what the other one is doing.

Other things you can do to help make the foster part of the pack

1. Feed them separately, feeding your current hound first
2. Walk them together as much as you can – this will help them feel like a pack
3. If you have to go out for a while or go to work, consider separating them until they become more familiar with each other.
4. Make sure every person in the house pays as much attention to the current hound as they do to the foster.

The important thing to remember is that it takes time.



Tiger (a permanent foster for a family who could no longer look after him at their home) and Kane

If you have any concerns or questions, contact your adoption group, or a reputable dog trainer or canine professional for advice. There are also some great books available on understanding dog behaviour. I have had good results from using Cesar Millan's methods, and I also use methods I have learned from several dog trainers, and a lot of research. There are many many great books around – it's about finding someone whose approach you like and that works for you. Most importantly, it's about having fun and enjoying time with your hounds!



Heli, Angel (permanent foster for a lady who passed away), Tiger (permanent foster), and Kane

What makes a good foster carer?

Great foster carers have big hearts! They also have fenced yards (big or small), and a little free time.

Some foster carers have other greyhounds; some have dogs of other breeds. Some have cats and small furry pets; some have farm animals and chickens. Some work full-time, some part-time, some are retired. Some work from home, some work elsewhere. Some travel a lot so they don't have pets of their own. Some have young children, some have teenagers and some have no children at home. Some live in the city, some in the suburbs and some in the country.

In other words, no matter what your circumstances, if you love greyhounds, have a fenced yard, and a little time, you'll make a great foster carer.

Please consider saving a life and fostering a greyhound. You won't regret it!

To find out more about fostering, speak to Peter or one of the Greyhound Rescue volunteers.

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The Big Grey Out!

By Patricia Donohoe

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In October 2011 I saw my first rescued greyhounds. I could not believe how beautifully soft and gentle the big dogs were. It was hard for me to leave them...ask my husband John, who kept looking at me like I was insane and with the unspoken "NO! We are not having a greyhound Trish!"

Well of course I knew I could not have a greyhound but that did not make a difference because I had fallen in love. I spent all my internet hours looking at greyhounds and learning as much as I could. I joined Greyhound Rescue page and met the lovely people who rescue and was thrilled each time a greyhound found a foster or permanent home.

Through the site we met a terrific lady, Irene, who lives near us in the Blue Mountains and off we went to visit her gorgeous black and beautiful greyhound, the cutest whippet and her curly poodle. Inspiration! I had to do something, no doubt.

Peter put me in touch with Donna and Deb so that I could be introduced to the greyhounds at the Box Hill kennels. I arranged to visit occasionally to brush, bring chicken wings and to let them out for an extra run.

The welcome given by the greyhounds was so enthusiastic it was overwhelming for a first timer. I was impressed by the work happening there... happy, generous, work. Peter brought in a newly rescued dog while I was there and I was privileged to give him a brush and some soft words. It sounds over dramatic but they all touched my heart.

Donna and Deb guided my first visit there and I brushed nearly every dog that day and learned my way around the kennel, names of the greys and what their personalities were like. Visiting was wonderful but it led me to ask if I could take a dog out for a walk or a cuppa to give one a break now and then from the heat of summer.

I got permission and took Willow out for the day. He was very excited but once in the car and one to one he became very calm and enjoyed the trip in the car. It was so hot I could not stay down on the plains with him so I brought him up the hill to the Mountains for a cool breeze and a walk. I took Willow home to meet the cats since we were already up here and it was amazing. Willow was afraid of my cats.

I was nervous since it was my first one on one experience and kept in touch with Donna and Deb who gave me lots of encouragement. Willow settled so well in the house I asked to keep him overnight. Yes! Then the heavens opened, the roads closed, the river flooded and I had Willow for

a few days. It was wonderful, even all the walking in the rain.

We even got to take him to a party in Camperdown which was strangely right next to the off leash area in O'Dea Reserve. I took Willow out for a little run and discovered a whole greyhound family of adopters, foster folk and an amazing number of greyhounds. He was lavished with attention at the party where he settled into the crowd very well indeed.

Willow slept through the night first time and had no accidents of any kind. Gentle and quiet and very adaptable indeed. He was a model house guest and liked to come for cuddles. It was very hard to take him back to the kennel but it was good to be able to give him a short break away. We were able to write to Peter and tell him all about Willow.



February 2012: Willow settling in well on his first trip to the mountains

Willow very soon after found a foster home and is now adopted by his foster family. We had the opportunity to take Willow for another week while his foster family had a break. He remembered everything about our house and us.

Next we decided it was time to take big boy Bobby out for a play day. Bobby also settled so well once out of the kennel and was ready for adventure.

Off to Wiseman's Ferry where the huge park was soft and green with lots of room to walk. Bobby and John spent ages watching the Ferry go back and forth across the river. A very patient quiet and gentle greyhound. He just fit right in with whatever we were doing. We took him home where he was happy with the cats. He slept all night at the foot of the bed and was happy for cuddles. He was able to spend some time outside alone and we were happy that he did not want to hear possums in our roof.

The next day we took him for another long drive to a dog friendly beach down the coast. We all needed a sea break. Bobby did not want to leave the beach so we had two walks, one before and after



April 2012: Bobby at Bellambi Beach at Wollongong

our little picnic all along the rocks and close to the water. He made friends with passers by and was very impressive.

Back to the kennel but not for long. We picked him up once again to take him to 'A Walk in the Park' at Centennial Park in Sydney. Aristocratic looking and lovable he found his permanent home that



April 2012: Bobby at Bellambi Beach at Wollongong

day with lovely people who came to meet the greyhounds. We were so excited to see them fall for each other.

Peter asked us whether we could take Jimmy for a couple weeks as his adoption trial had fallen through. A bit long we thought but we couldn't say "No" to Peter. It turned out that we could not say "No" to Jimmy either, who is still with us.

When Jimmy arrived at our house for his short term foster I recalled that he was the first greyhound that I had brushed and chatted with while he was sharing the grass yard with Lady at the Box Hill kennel. At that time I would never have imagined that he would find his forever home with us and be our wonderful Jimmy. He



August 2012: Jimmy at Yellow Rock

certainly adds a joy to our lives.

We found taking a greyhound out for the day or weekend very rewarding. At the time we were unable to foster or adopt and this allowed us to give the dogs a little holiday and help with their transition into pet life.

Once we had Greyhound Rescues' approval it was as simple as notifying them of our plans to ensure they did not interfere with any scheduled visits, foster or adoption arrangements for the dog.

We hope to have a another Big Grey Out soon.

A greyhound in a home is a joyous thing to experience, you should try it.

"A Walk in the Park"

By Nora Anderson Dieppe

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What a wonderful day we had for this year's "A Walk in the Park". The sun was shining but the breeze was cool ensuring a perfect temperature for our greyhounds braving the 3.5km walk along The Grand Drive at Centennial Park, as we all know how much greyhounds love the couch!

Myself, Ed with our two dogs Yuki and Akira along with foster greyhound Lilly scored a gorgeous spot near some tables and lots of green grass and set up for the day with volunteer Emma Grant – thanks for your help throughout the day!

Among the first to arrive was blue boy Cruiser with his humans Warren and Yolande who we must say a huge thank you and congratulations for raising \$480, the most money for this event. On top of this, they travelled all the way from Jervis Bay just to attend and help raise funds for Greyhound Rescue! Congratulations to Cruiser who also received his Green Collar. Well done Cruiser!

Joan and Alan with their fawn greyhound Meggie travelled from Maroubra who were unable to raise funds but generously donated, thank you! Also arriving amongst the first few was Mirren and husband with their greyhound Taylor and foster sister Lou Lou. These two girls have raised \$180 so a huge thank you to Mirren.

Peter and Janet arrived with Solo, their own fawn boy and foster girls Bella and Princess. Princess and Solo managed to raise a total of \$260 from various Facebook supporters, Greyhound Rescue volunteers, Ed Dieppe's colleagues from DJRD architecture firm and his friends. Another huge thanks to those mentioned.

Also arriving in time for the walk were Girlie and fostered boy Blueboy with humans Nick and Joe, Grey and his two brindle greyhounds Danny and Lizzie and Grey's friend with her greyhound Mimi.

After some socialising, a coffee hit and a group picture, the walk began and all successfully returned.

Many people noticed with park visitors meeting and greeting some of the greyhounds during the walk fulfilling an aim to raise awareness for greyhounds as pets.

During and after the walk we had many greyhounds, dogs and humans stop by for a chat and a nibble at the picnic including: greyhound Roy with his parents David and Janet, Sarah with her Doberman and foster greyhound Archie, Henry with foster boy Jake, Holly with adopted boy Kobi, Sam and adopted brindle Pablo, Trisha and John who kindly picked up Bobby from the kennels for the weekend, Karen and husband with adopted girl Holly and foster boy Harry, Mel with doggies Wylie and Indie, and Willow and her, then, foster Mum Jane and Grand Mum. Last but not least Anne with Tig, Mina and the brave Matisse GreenHound temperament test subject dropped by to say hello.

A massive thank you to Joe, who took some lovely pictures of the day. He brought his family along with greyhounds Sandy and Bear who also did the walk and generously donated.

Thank you to Horizon Habitats who kindly donated to Lilly. They were lucky enough to say thank you to her personally when she popped into their office for the day! Lilly raised a huge \$300 in all.

Erina Forest from Arlington's was very kind enough to donate a wonderful selection of dips and nibbles. Thank you Erina! If you enjoyed them, please head to their stall at Frenchs Forest Organic Markets held every Sunday.

Peter and Janet received quite a few ecstatic greetings from the greyhounds throughout the day having fostered a number of them. It's moments like this that help keep Greyhound Rescue to keep going and save the lives of many greyhounds.

Thank you again to those who came along and also to all who donated. For Greyhound Rescue, a little goes a long way.