



Sittingbourne RGT

Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust

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News Letter

ISSUE 1

Welcome to the first SITTINGBOURNE RGT Newsletter.

The aim of this letter is to keep you up to date with all that is happening with the SITTINGBOURNE RETIRED GREYHOUND TRUST.

As you are all aware we officially launched on the 5th May 06.

The evening was a great success and a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for their support and generosity. The Afghan race was a favourite, they may not be as sleek as the greyhound but I think that we all agree it was good entertainment and some even completed the race. Talking of races, these were all sponsored as were all the dogs, some even twice, so a **BIG THANK YOU AGAIN** to the sponsors. A total of £2300 was raised on the night.

These evenings will be held quarterly and the next one will be Saturday 5th August 2006, so come on don't be shy, If you can help or if you have some ideas on fundraising you can contact Bill Buckley on 07802 762115 or email info@rgtsittingbourne.co.uk or if you would like to sponsor a race, please contact Jess on 01795 438438.

THE STORY SO FAR.....

SITTINGBOURNE RGT have established under the care of Sonia Spiers kennel space for up to 20 dogs. At present there are 14 dogs in residence. To date we have re-homed 8 Greyhounds and one subject to a home check, the pictures of those that are for re-homing can be found around the stadium or on the website at www.rgtsittingbourne.co.uk.

All trainers at Central Park Stadium are given the opportunity to place dogs in the care of Sittingbourne RGT and we are pleased to say that many of them are supporting us by doing so.

WEBSITE

This is now well established and well worth a look. It carries a comprehensive range of news and current events with the dog profiles and photos.

There is also a section called "FRIENDS OF SITTINGBOURNE RGT"—Any of you out there who wish to have your website linked to ours with a small advert, can do so in return for a donation to Sittingbourne RGT even if you do not have a website we can still advertise your company in the traditional manner and with your help we can support these lovable and rewarding dogs and give them the future that they deserve.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

To date we have held a fundraising raffle in April, with a bottle tombola, this went down really well and raise over £200.00.

We have attended some shows like The Tonbridge Home and Garden Show on April 29th/30th and 1st May. This was very successful, we met and spoke to lots of people. Many of whom owned, used to own, or were considering owning a greyhound. Us volunteers did our best, but I'm glad to say the dogs were the real crowd pullers. We gave out a lot of information over the three days, not only about the new Sittingbourne branch, but about homing and living with a greyhound as well. The dogs collected approximately £150 in donations, as well as all sorts of treats – they have no shame!

The Wye Beagles Dog Show on the 7th May was another great success, where the dogs met the public and one of our dogs—Boysey won 4th place for the most handsome dog. Lisa won 4th place with Bambi in the best rehomed / rescued dog and bitch category they looked really proud to wear their Rosettes—ah bless

Pets at Home in Canterbury on the 26th May where we were made to feel very welcome, we had a lot of interest and found our volunteer walker Alison who is a busy mother of twins and still finds time to walk as many of the retired dogs as she can. Well done and thanks very much to her and everyone who has given their time.

Friday 2nd June was a fundraising evening with sponsored races and a raffle, the evening was once again a success and a THANK YOU to all the sponsors and everyone for supporting us. We raised approximately £2000 on the night.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 24th June we will be in the High Street in Canterbury 10am–4pm

Saturday 8th July we will be at the Paddock Wood Carnival from 11am–5pm

Friday 4th August we will be at Sainsburys Folkestone from 9am–4pm

Saturday 23rd September we will be at Sainsburys Canterbury from 9am–4pm.

The aim of the events is to raise the awareness of the RGT's existence and to give information on the benefits of sharing your home with a retired greyhound. So if you can help, even if it is only for an hour we would be most grateful, please contact Lorna on 07787 582698.

RGT SHOP

This will be situated on the upper floor and will be selling Greyhound paraphernalia with all profits going to the Sittingbourne RGT. If you would like to volunteer to help run this please get in touch.

INFORMATION

If you have any questions or require further information please contact BILL BUCKLEY on 07802 762115 or email info@rgtsittingbourne.co.uk