

Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust

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News Letter

ISSUE 2

Welcome to the second issue of the 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.

We have been out and about doing our meet and greets with some of our retired greyhounds.

On the 4th of August we were at Sainsbury's in Folkstone and took retired greyhounds Elvis and Rosey along with their friends Stan and Sparky, we had a lot of interest from the public who wanted to know all about us and the dogs and we raised £408 during our visit. Thanks to everyone who came to see us and for their support and kind generosity.

On the 5th of August we were in Ashford High Street and we took retired greyhounds Jumbo, Paddy and Boris.

Again we had a lot of positive response from the general public and have since rehomed Paddy and Boris as a result. We raised £171 during our visit thanks again to everyone for their support and kind generosity.

On the evening of 5th August we had our quarterly Charity night and retired greyhound Rosey attended along with Kennel Hand Debbie to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Once again the South East Afghan Racing Club were there to support us and put on a very entertaining race with Archie coming through to win the race.

So thanks to all the members for their continued support.

The Sittingbourne bookmakers ran the book on the Afghan race and donated all the profits to the Sittingbourne RGT and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support.

We raised £1666.30 overall with the raffle raising £448 and the shop £148.30... many thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors and every one who attended for making the evening a success.

The Sittingbourne RGT is sponsoring a dog / bitch of the month competition starting at the beginning of August 2006 along with an award for the kennel hand of the dog / bitch of the month. We hope this will be well received and every graded greyhound running at the track is eligible (open races are not included in this competition).

The RGT panel will calculate the winning dog / bitch and it is based on a points system.

The presentation of the August trophies will be in September. Thanks to the Trophy Shop in Dover for part sponsoring these trophies.

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 manor and with your help we can support these lovable and rewarding dogs and give them the future that they deserve.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 3rd September we will be at the village fete in Brambling in Canterbury from 2pm this is by kind invitation of Irene Pett and the address is Appletree Cottage Brambling Canterbury so please come along and give your support.

Saturday 23rd September we will be at Sainsbury's 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.

Thursday 21st September there will be a quiz night at the stadium in the Euro Suite starting at 7.30, teams to be a maximum of 6 people and the entry is £5 per head payable on the night a light buffet courtesy of the Central Park Stadium is included and the bar will be open. There will be a raffle during the evening and if anyone would like to donate a prize this would gratefully appreciated.

All profits will go to the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust.

November (Date to be confirmed) there will be a charity night and all suggestions for events i.e. balloon race etc are welcomed.

RGT FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all our fund raisers and sponsors and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Paul Greenside for his past and continued support in raising funds for us.

If I have forgotten to thank anyone please let me know so I can add them in future news letters.

WI TALKS

RGT volunteer Ann Watson has been busy attending several WI meetings giving talks about the retired greyhounds and the history of greyhound racing in general, from its conception to present day which have been very well received and feedback from these meetings has been very positive.

Keep up the good work Ann in spreading the word that retired greyhounds make gentle and loving pets.

RGT SHOP

This is situated on the upper floor and will be selling Greyhound paraphernalia with all profits going to the Sittingbourne RGT.

We will endeavour to open every Saturday evening and if you would like to volunteer to help run this please get in touch.

Many thanks to everyone for their continued support.

INFORMATION

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