



HECTOR'S GREYHOUND RESCUE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

Hello everyone and welcome to Hector's Spring Newsletter. Time really does fly and we are still fighting for the plight of the Greyhounds. It is as busy as it has ever been with waiting lists as long as my arm for dogs to come into our care. We see the highs and lows in rescue and every week wonder if it will get any easier. The most enjoyable part is seeing the Hounds happy and content in loving homes for the first time in their lives. I really hope for those of you who are on Facebook that you are enjoying Let's Talk Hector's as much as we are. We always look forward to seeing you all and hopefully we can get to see you again at some of our events this year.

In November we received a wonderful donation of goodies from Pets And Friends in Shrewsbury. This was such a generous donation that it filled Hayley's car boot of her 4x4! All brand new products plus food, it was a fantastic gift to arrive before Christmas.



The weather wasn't kind to us but we had a good turn out to our Winter Wonderland on 28th November. Santa Paws was kept very busy in his Grotto. It was an excellent day and we raised £1,550. It was lovely to see so many gorgeous Hounds – and their humans of course!



Two days before Christmas we received an urgent plea to rescue this gorgeous Tripaw Whippet. Hector's of course responded and he is now fit and well, very energetic and living happily with one of Hector's most experienced volunteers.



Then came Christmas Day and the Hounds in Kennels weren't forgotten. For breakfast they enjoyed Scrambled Eggs and Sardines with their Kibble (left) and for their Christmas Dinner they had Chicken (raw) with Boiled Potatoes, Mixed Veg, Sausage, Kibble and of course Gravy (reduced salt).



A number of people found a Hector's Gift Voucher in their Christmas Stockings which raised a substantial contribution towards the Hounds' Christmas Dinners. A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a Voucher and we hope all the recipients liked their present! The Hounds send their thanks and appreciation!

Merry Christmas



The new year started with yet another urgent rescue. Beautiful Bluebell was being sold on social media and we were concerned that she was at risk. She was being sold in full season and so the risk of irresponsible breeding was just too high. She was full of worms and smelled so strongly of a farm yard, so we rushed her into Hector's kennels where she had the chance to recuperate. Bluebell is another ex-racer who the racing industry had failed by being sold in this way.

One of our more unusual rescues came in the form of Bruno. Hayley stepped in to help this big soft St Bernard in need following changes in his family's circumstances. He stayed for a few days before he moved on to specialist Rescue Saving Saints





For Valentines Day we held a Hearts and Hounds Coffee Morning. Once again the weather was against us but we still managed to raise £649.



Meet gorgeous Luca who was abandoned during Storm Eunice. He was found by a farmer going through feed bags trying to find food. The family took him in and then contacted Hector's. Luca took Hector's by storm, he was just a young boy with fluffy ears and a heart of gold. He just wanted love, and he has found it now, living happily with two Galgos, a Greyhound and Chickens.

AGM:

On Wednesday 12th January we held our Annual General Meeting via Zoom. It was a really constructive meeting, and one of the main ideas put forward was to go greener. We are therefore now using recyclable products at our events and doing away with as much plastic as we can. They're baby steps but changes that definitely need to be made.

New Trustees were introduced and we also opened up some regional areas to widen our scope and for more people to come on board and enjoy our walks and events.

We also extended our thanks to everyone, as without your ongoing support and dedication, there wouldn't be a Hector's.

On a sad note, we lost one of our representatives this year. Clyde was 12 years old and was a true gentleman. Over the years he had helped rear pups, heal the wounded, fostered numerous dogs, raised thousands of pounds for Hector's and was a great ambassador for Greyhounds.





If you are thinking of having a portrait of your beloved Hound, take a look at Sara Abbott's Facebook. This wonderful artist will donate £100 from every portrait when "Hector's" is quoted. The photo on the right is an example of her work.



Finally, we are pleased to introduce our new Patron, Josie Sedgwick-Davies. Josie is a very talented Actress who has a passion for Greyhounds.



Upcoming Events:

Monday 18th April at 1.00pm. Walk With Fred In Alyn Waters Country Park.

Saturday 30th April at 9.30am. Glyndwrs Way Walk, Welshpool. We will be meeting at The Raven Inn at the far end of the car park. The organisers are asking for a donation of £5.00 with all proceeds going to Hector's.

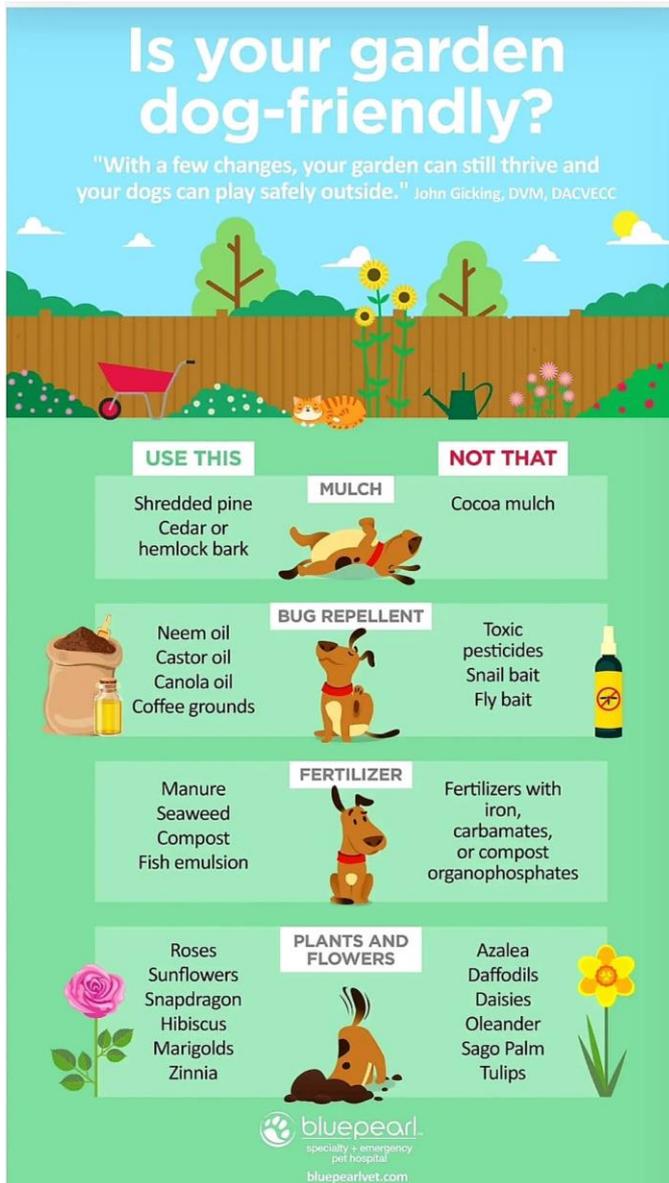
Sunday 15th May at 12.00pm. Paws On The Prom. Spring is in the air and what could be better than a walk raising money for Hector's Greyhound Rescue. We will be meeting at Otterspool Parking Area, Aigburth, Liverpool LL17 5AL. This is a lovely walk along Liverpool waterfront to Otterspool Promenade and around Festival Gardens. The organisers are asking for a donation of £5 with all proceeds going to Hector's. Each dog will receive a pupcake plus an optional party hat.

Saturday 4th June at 12.00pm. Platinum Jubilee Kennel Open Day. We are having our own special Platinum Jubilee Party with a small dog show, stalls and kennel open day, all situated in a beautiful setting. Alltgoch Farm, Llanrhystud, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 5BZ.

Sunday 21st August at 11.00am. Greytest Hounds Show. Hector's annual dog show is for all the family. Building on what we created last year, we plan on having more stalls, more entertainment and lots going on for you, your family and your dog. Entrance parking is £2 per adult/children free.

Considerations For Summer:

At this time of year when people are starting to think of their gardens and when the weather is nice, there are things to consider to keep your Hound safe.



how hot is too hot?					
°C	°F				
15°	60°	1	1	1	1 No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!
18°	65°	1	1	2	2 Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!
21°	70°	2	2	3	3 Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.
23°	75°	3	3	3	4 Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.
26°	80°	3	3	4	5 Potentially life-threatening heat. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.
29°	85°	4	4	5	
32°	90°	5	5	5	+1 if obese
35°	95°	5	5	5	+1 if brachycephalic breed
37°	100°	5	5	5	+1 if less than 6 months old or elderly
40°	105°	5	5	5	-1 if area is shaded from sun
43°	110°	5	5	5	-1 if water is available

source: adapted from The Feline Animal Condition and Care (FACC)

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During hot weather pavements can become extremely hazardous for your dog's paws. There is a simple test you can do to check whether the pavement is too hot for your pet's paws by doing the "seven-second test". Simply touch the pavement with the back of your hand for seven seconds. If you can't hold out for the full seven seconds because the surface is too hot, then it's also too hot for your dog's paws.

If the air outside is pleasantly warm, you may think there's no risk to your dog but the ground can get much hotter than the surrounding air and can absorb heat quickly. For example:

Air temperature	Asphalt temperature
25 °C / 77 °F	52 °C / 125 °F
31 °C / 87 °F	62 °C / 143 °F
35 °C / 95 °F	65 °C / 149 °F

Symptoms of burns to your dog's paws include:

- The affected area is reddened and swollen (1st Degree Burn)
- Clear blisters are visible (2nd Degree Burn)
- The skin is charred (3rd Degree Burn)

If your dog does get burnt paws, consult a vet immediately, but in the meantime, cool down the affected paw/s as follows:

- Cool the affected paw/s under cool running water (never ice cold – this can cause tissue damage)
- Bandage each affected paw, or protect with something like a sock

We hope you all have a lovely and healthy Summer.

From Hayley And The Trustees

