

Dear members and friends of ProGreyhound,

Today we are proud to present the 3rd edition of our ProGreyhound newsletter. We would like to let you know what has happened since the last newsletter and about all the work we have done since.

First of all we are happy that all the work within the shelter, including the bathroom containing a toilet and shower corner together with a washing machine and tumble dryer are now finished. There are only a few minor "cosmetic improvements" still to be made. The ProGreyhound shelter will offer the best possible start for Greyhounds to adjust to their new life in Germany.



Jayden and friends



Special thanks goes to Anita Volk. She donated a very special soft and very comfortable harness for Jayden.

At the beginning of this year, all our efforts were focused to our foster dog Jayden. After an altercation with another dog, he was found to be positive with the "von Willebrand disease" (level1). The clotting factors in his blood are missing so in case of an injury bleeding can't be stopped. He spent more than a week in the hospital. However, he is doing well now and is waiting for his family, people who are prepared to live with Jayden's disease and can love and support him.

Many thanks!

We have been very lucky, as some very nice people have come forward wanting to sponsor Jayden's health care together with his upkeep.

However, due to his illness, we would be very grateful, if more people could support him on a monthly basis. We are grateful for any amount, however small.

On behalf of Jayden we would like to thank everybody supporting him and us during this hard time for their kind help and support.

We also would like to thank Mrs. Volk from "windhund-maentel.de" who kindly donated a specially tailored wide and soft harness for him.

Jayden is still waiting for his own sofa. Victoria and Tigger have both found a new home!



Jayden is a very calm and smart boy, who likes a sprint and to play in the garden.

There might be some good news to tell you about. Well since starting to write this newsletter, Victoria and Tigger have both found a new home together in Switzerland! As these two leave us, they leave two vacancies in our new shelter and we hope to fill these space very soon with new Greyhounds.

So have a look at our homepage to meet Erin und Shivers due to arrive in Germany in June.



Victoria, our little bouncy ball and Tigger, our active loving lady have both found a new home together in Switzerland!

Photoshoot

At this point we would like to thank Susanne Bornefeld and Brigitte Rohn-Peters from "Dogs & Nature Photography" who took professional photos of our foster dogs Jayden, Victoria and Tigger.

The photos are absolutely amazing and show the Greyhounds in the best possible way. They have kindly offered do the same for future candidates. So a big heartfelt thank you in advance for this wonderful offer!



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To learn more about our present and future Greyhounds please visit our homepage at www.progreyhound.de.

Food donation for Ireland

Our two animal rights campaigners in Ireland, Mandy from Kilkee and Eila from Limerick, were more than grateful after receiving a large food donation sent to them by a big Irish animal food company and paid for by ProGreyhound. ProGreyhound is happy that we could support both in this way.

We even received donation from across the ocean and other countries, after we reported about the plight of the two. Mandy, Eila and ProGreyhound would like to send a big "thank you" to all the kind donors.



As your kind donations have made such a difference and shown Mandy and Eila our support, we would like to continue collecting donations and also collect greyhound friendly dog accessories to send to Ireland (harnesses, collars, coats and naturally some toys).

More and more information about the dark secrets of racing industry are unveiled by animal rescue groups



Killed and just dumped. The carcasses of several Greyhounds decomposing near a beach near Bundaberg in Australia.

During the past few months the racing industry has realized that their life despising behaviour is being publicly highlighted more and more and can therefore no longer be hidden anymore. An increasing number of animal welfare groups and animal rights activists are publishing what happens to the greyhounds around the world at the race tracks and racing kennels and even their fate when they have to finish their career. The reports on Australian TV channel about the discovery of dozens of greyhound carcasses or the reports about several incidents which occurred at the Romford racetrack (GB) are further indications of this. One tragic incident occurred when handlers forgot to remove the start boxes from the track and did not even stop the race as soon as this was noticed, as a result some of the greyhounds crashed right into the start boxes which were still in the original starting position. No information has been given about their fate since the incident occurred.

Not only did the system fail – but the responsible people also failed. We can only hope that over time more and more politicians will support greyhounds and work towards closing the racetracks, one by one. We will continue reporting about these topics. But we also want to share the positive news with you.

Especially the story about FastFriends rescue from south California. When asked by the race track manager how long it takes them to turn a "racing machine" into a pet, Joyce's husband Tom answered "from here to the border", meaning just a few minutes.



"Greyhounds are calm, intelligent and lovable couch potatoes," said Joyce McRorie relaxing with Randy and Jake behind her. Joyce and her husband Tom founded FastFriends a non profit organisation to help ex-racers.

Cooperation with other rescue and animal protection groups

We would like to thank Hartmut Benzing, president of "Galgos, Greys and more" and Gabi Jakobi, president of "Greyhound, Streuner und Co." and their teams for their cooperation.



It's very seldom that we meet people like you where animal welfare has the highest priority.

Thank you so much for all your hard work!



Please take note of the following upcoming event

On the 8th November, from 11 am - 6 pm we will open the doors of the Albert-Mooren-Halle in Grefrath-Oedt where we will celebrate our own dog day.

All dog friends are invited and we hope you will have a nice day, sharing and offering new information, products and meeting other people from rescue groups.

We look forward to meeting you and your dogs there.



Many thanks and a warm welcome!

At this point we would like to take the opportunity to send a special "thank you" to all the lovely people supporting ProGreyhound and our cause. A very special thank you also goes to co-founders of ProGreyhound for their relentless help and dedication. Without you, we would never have reached the point where we are at now. Even after your decision that our paths will now go in separate ways, you will always be part of ProGreyhound family.

At the same time we would also like to welcome people who have decided to support our fight for Greyhounds, fighting for the closure of more and more race tracks so greyhounds really can become what they are, our soul hounds.

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