

Dear ProGreyhound Supporters,

this is the first time we translated our first newsletter to give information to you about what we are going to do at ProGreyhound. The next newsletter will follow soon. Then you will find the english version on our homepage, look at „Newsletter“.

As you may know, Germany is one of the leading countries in terms of animal welfare and animal protection. We are still not at a point where we would like to be, but in Germany it's e.g. prohibited to kill an animal, mainly a pet just for

commercial aspects or because the owner does not want it anymore. However there are animal shelters handled by local governments, but even a lot of private organizations for rehoming animals. Many German TV programs offer special times for introducing pets for rehoming.

This is even the reason, why lots of animals, mainly cats and dogs living as strays in the streets of south European countries like Spain, Greece, etc., are brought to Germany for good treatment and rehoming.



2012



March 2013



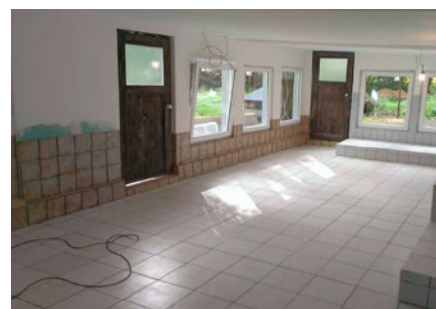
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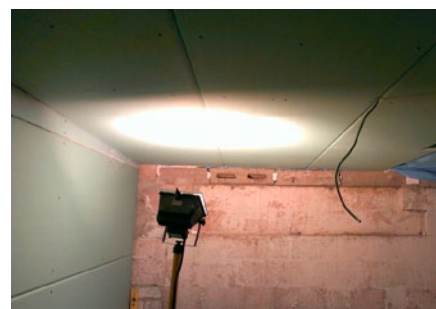
August 2013



September 2013



October 2013: The first foster dogs can move.



November 2013



16. und 17.03.2013 – "Stahlwerkfest Willich".



16.06.2013 – Greyhound Festival of the Galgohilfe in Coesfeld.



07.12.2013 – "Der besonderer Weihnachtsmarkt" in Krefeld.



28.04.2013 – "Pfotenmesse" in Remagen.



25.05.2013 – "Hunde-Event 2013" in Mülheim an der Ruhr.



08. and 09. 06.2013 – "Bello die Hundemesse" in Wesel.



03. and 04.08.2013 – "Windhundtage" in Donaueschingen.



However, the situation of sight hounds is quite different, since these dogs are bred for commercial reasons, for hunting and racing, even this breed makes the perfect pet. All members of the ProGreyhound team worked for another rescue group, before ProGreyhound was founded. At that time they were focused on Spanish Greyhounds, called Galgas (f) or Galgos (m) and some greyhounds from Spain. According to the fact, that in the meantime several other rescue organizations care about Spanish Greyhounds, and some members spend their life with greyhounds for some years, we began to take care of racing greyhounds.

At this time, we heard and read what happened to the greyhounds in Ireland and other countries in the world, where they are bred for the racing industry. We found that this breed and even the fate of Greyhounds on tracks is not

known and not recognized by people in Germany and Germans, traveling to these countries. So we started collecting and translating informations and rescuing/ rehoming Irish Greyhounds.

For those who don't know, there is no racing industry and even no wagering on Greyhound races allowed in Germany. So we saw, that animal right advocates and animal welfare people in Ireland must be supported by rescuing greys and finding homes for them. But how to do this the best way? Working with foster homes or building a special shelter, or ... We have discussed all different possibilities even looking to the very special laws and administration requirements in Germany for "importing" and "fostering" a number of dogs. Finally in 2012 Barbara Adomait, president of ProGreyhound, moved her home to a place allowing the building of



In October 2013 our first foster dogs Faith and Frankie were able to move in the foster home.



a Greyhound shelter in a nice environment offering a lot of grass and nature around.

Together with members and supporters we have renovated an old horse shelter. However, saying we renovated is partly wrong since we set new walls, isolated the walls, installed isolated windows, have isolated floor throughout the shelter building installed, decorated the floor and walls with ceramic tiles where necessary and requested by the local authorities, brought electricity and heating in. In fact, we have built a complete new shelter including 2 rooms for 2 dogs each, a front room, a feed storage and a bath room for washing machine, tumbler, shower and toilette. These efforts in combination with a lot of small parts needed were very costly and have badly treated our budget as you can imagine. Even we had not finished, we were ready for the first dogs to come in October 2013.

In 2013 as well as in 2014 we participated in several events and fairs, where we have been obliged to pay for the space, but even needed a tent and tables. Furthermore we needed to buy some goods to sell like nice accessories for Greyhounds and their humans. Often people just stop at the booth while seeing some nice stuff and like to buy it. This is always a good starting point for discussion.

The visitors ask about the group, the reason and engagement and so we get the possibility to talk about the greyhounds, their fate and suffering and about our efforts and even visitors possibilities to help.

Last year we attended several events around the dogs, whereas the Sighthound event in Donaueschingen has been the top highlight, because ProGreyhound was friendly welcomed by the DWZRV (German Breeding and Racing Association). The ambiance and the visitors impressed us a lot and we had time to speak to sighthound owners and also breeders about greyhound racing and treatment in Ireland, Great Britain und other countries all around the world. Incidentally attending this event has been even a visit to

our friends from „Galgos, Greys and more“, knowing their president since years as a good friend and animal welfare advocate. So in total our earnings in 2013 came from some bigger grants, donations, donations in kind and profit from sales at events and shows.

Even in 2014 we have visited a lot of animal fairs and dog shows to inform the visitors about the fate and misery the greyhounds suffer on race tracks around the world. Please visit our web site to find the information about the events we visited and will visit until to the end of this year. We are always happy to meet friends and supporters a tour at our booth. So, if you are near by the different locations please come in so you will meet us personally.

We experienced a very strong emotional moment in October 2013 when the first 2 greyhounds Faith and Frankie arrived and became the first foster dogs at ProGreyhound (PG) shelter. We can tell you, the feeling having arranged a better future for two dogs is indescribable. Shortly later even Wilson arrived, so in case of rehoming of one of the foster dogs, the other one would not stay alone. This was well done since Frankie found a new home end of December so he could already celebrate Christmas in his forever home together with his new stepsiblings. In the meantime Faith has found a new home in Switzerland and feels very comfortable and happy with her new brothers and her new Mum. Unfortunately Wilson is still waiting for his forever home. However, since we do have two vacancies now, we asked Eila, our rescue partner in Ireland, for sending two new dogs in February. So Casey, a small bitch, and Bob, the handsome coursinggrey, arrived at PG shelter.

We are very glad about this since with each grey coming over, a new place will become free for another life to be rescued on site. However, this meant that the remaining construction work e.g. for our food stocking room and the bath room needed to wait. The finance possibilities didn't allow caring for medical treatment and feeding for three dogs and purchase the necessary building material at the

same time. Our small emergency blue greyhound girl Yve was given to a foster home because she came to us after she lost her lovely family and we didn't want her to experience the life in a shelter anymore. Fortunately Ivy could win the hearts of new lovely humans, so she is living now with a greyhound boy in Gütersloh.

We wish all the best to our girls and a long and pleasant life with their new „parents“. A big part of the donations we needed to spend and need to spend in the future for medical care prior and after the transport and even for the transport itself. Also we need to feed and care about the fostered dogs what even takes a big portion of our budget. At the end of 2013 we sadly recognized that we needed to spend more money than we gained from donations and membership fees. Animal welfare and the voluntary work associated is closely related to the donations gained.

We have no reliable sources of income. Unfortunately, regular donations are not sufficient to pay the necessary expenses for food, vet bills, water, electricity, building materials, fuel, etc.

Therefore we need to cover the remaining costs in other ways. First of all there are the different events, show and special markets but if worst comes to worst there is even a big community on FB to help or we need to send begging letters to people and appeal for their help. However the shelter will be ready soon and our small society is well esta-

blished, so we can focus now on grass root works: spreading information and PR, the home page, as well and last but not least rehoming and rescuing of some sentenced to death greyhounds from Ireland.

We hope to be able continuing our work with your ongoing and further support. Even in the US there is a light at the end of the tunnel and less and less people attend the races and even race track owners like to close the tracks, there is no end near in Ireland. Due to the efforts of campaigner on site, accompanied by more and more people worldwide fighting against the industry we do have some hope that the end of commercial racing will come as sooner, as better. Even the financial situation of IGB in Ireland will hopefully support the end. We need your support to engage more people to our fight and even giving these wonderful pets new homes.

If you want to support one of our dogs as godfather so we would be very happy. We would like to thank you dear sustaining members once again, and hope that you will continue to stay at the greyhounds and even support our efforts to be the voice for the Greyhounds in the future. On behalf of the board and the entire ProGreyhound team,

Barbara Adomait, president
Beatrice Tenhaef, vice president
Andrea Uecker, finance manager

