



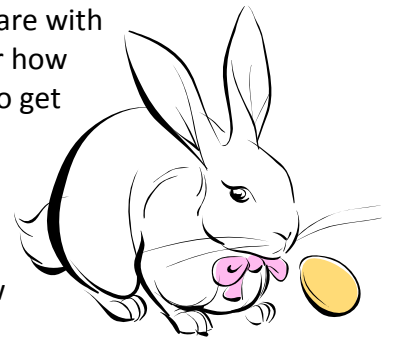
## It's spring time

Well spring is definitely here, what with the warm sunny weather and lighter evenings. I'm sure our furry friends will be enjoying the more temperate weather.

We've already had a couple of Meet and Greets. Our first outing was at the Wallington Hall's Woof day, followed by Royal Quays on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you want to join in, details of the Meet and Greets can be found on the website.

In the last newsletter we asked for news and stories you would like to share with other readers, but you all seem a bit too shy. We are always keen to hear how our rehomed dogs have settled into their homes. So this is your chance to get your pooch's name in the limelight.

And we just want to give you a quick update on our 'Find me a home' article, which focused on rehoming black dogs. The good news is Patrick has found a home and it looks like Pat will be leaving soon to join his new family.



## Jenny's tale

Jenny likes to keep her age a secret but we suspect she is about 4 years old. She first came to Eads Bush in June 2010 after Diane received a call from a local vet who had been asked to put Jenny to sleep!

Jenny was rehomed quickly but to cut a long story short, through no fault of her own, she ended up in Claremont Road Cat and Dog shelter, several months later. Luckily for Jenny, a chance conversation saw her find her way back to Eads Bush. The good news is she now has a lovely home with a family in Northumberland.

We understand not every rehoming is successful. If problems do arise, first take advantage of the help and advice available from staff at the kennels. But if the problem can't be resolved you must return your greyhound to the RGT, as detailed in the rehoming agreement.



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## Flossie

### ...a day in the life

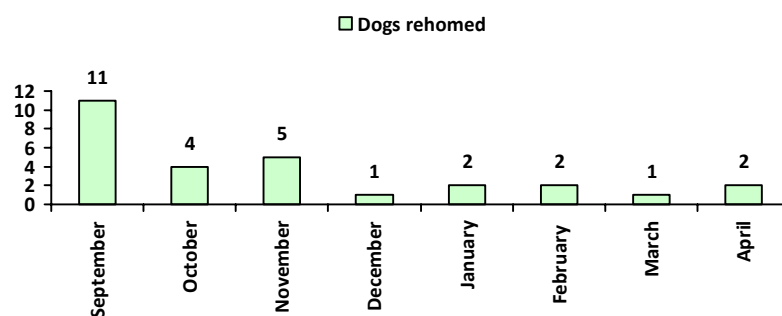
Flossie is a lovely black bitch looking for a forever home. Flossie is lovely to walk and here she is after stretching those legs. This is what she gets up to in the kennels:

- 8am – time to get up to for a drink, toilet and a bit of a social.
- 9.30am – then I’m off on my walk, usually with one of the volunteer walkers.
- 12.30pm – feeding time, perhaps my favourite time of the day.
- 2.30pm – into the paddock for a run – weather permitting.
- Dusk – bedtime for a sleepy girl.



## Stats

Rehoming has been a bit down on last year, but it’s difficult out there. We have had a quiet start to 2011 but that’s the same for all RGT branches.



...we have another two dogs with a promise of a home this April.



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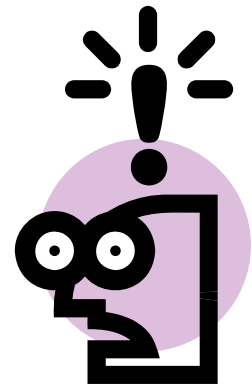
## Kennel gossip

Disturbing news has reached the kennels about our cousins in Ireland.

It seems the Irish Government is planning to allow the export of racing greyhounds to China. And as many of you will know, China is a country with one of the worst Human & Animal Rights Records in the world.

Please take some time to voice your concerns, and here's how:

- Go online and sign a petition. [Click here.](#)
- Send a letter or email the following:
  - Barry Coleman (head of Greyhound welfare at the Irish Greyhound Board) - [barry.coleman@igb.ie](mailto:barry.coleman@igb.ie)
  - Irish Greyhound Board public relations dept – [pr@igb.ie](mailto:pr@igb.ie)
  - Department of Agriculture in Ireland – [info@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:info@agriculture.gov.ie)



## *Now for some good news*

Someone is going to run 26.1 miles to raise money for us here at the Northumberland Greyhound Rescue. And that someone is Dave Parker, who will be running the North Dorset Village Marathon – 8.30am on May 1<sup>st</sup> @ Sturminster Newton ([www.ndvm.co.cc](http://www.ndvm.co.cc)).

He hopes to raise £1 for every mile run in training and will have covered 548 miles by race day. If you would like to show your support, drop us a line at [TheFinishingPost@gmail.com](mailto:TheFinishingPost@gmail.com).

## Events

- Regular beach gang walks at Blyth on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
- An Easter Meet and Greet is being held at the Pack horse Pub, Tanfield Village on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- The Great British Greyhound walk is Sunday 26 June @ Tyne Green Riverside Park, Hexham. Get there for 1.30pm for a 2pm start.



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## Jamie the galloping gourmet

Jamie is very excited about his latest role, that of food critic extraordinaire. And as you would expect the professional in him means he is taking it very seriously.

His mission (not impossible) is to sample all the recipes in the A La Bark Baking cookbook, which is a doggy cookbook raising money for homeless dogs. So far he has managed two recipes, starting with Patience Peanut Butter and Banana Bones. Then it was on to Sasha's Sardine Sponge Cake.

Jamie couldn't decide on his favourite so he gave them both 5 woofs out of 5. No surprise there then Jamie!



## Roxy Rescue

Since her debut race Roxy has ran another 14 races, with another 1<sup>st</sup>, and a couple of seconds.

As many of you already know, Roxy runs in aid of the greyhound rescue. So far she has raised £224 for her greyhound friends in the past 6 months. Well done Roxy.

And finally...

**Happy Easter everyone** and don't forget to send us your news and stories @ [TheFinishingPost@gmail.com](mailto:TheFinishingPost@gmail.com)

