

WELCOME.

A pathetic little lurcher was brought to Tailends on Saturday 17th December by our old friend Mandy Hooker, who runs Northants Greyhound Rescue. We were not to know that our dear Moss would be leaving us just one day later.

ARFA was a very thin dog with lots of health problems. He had been used for coursing at some stage and then was picked up as a stray and taken to Huddersfield Dog Pound where he would have been put to sleep in due course. Mandy had immediately had his mouth attended to as it was causing him acute pain. All but three teeth were removed.

We took Arfa straight to our vet where scans found that he had abnormalities in the kidneys and enlarged prostate glands. Urine tests showed up a number of serious problems indicating untreated and longstanding infections. He also has an enlarged heart. However he is now receiving treatment for all these conditions and is doing fine. He is such a sweet little boy. We think he is probably about 14 years of age and just a bit senile. We continue to monitor his kidney function. Arfa has quite a fan club including a class of children at a school in Shoreham, Sussex. They write to him regularly and send poems and pictures which cheer him up. He is now a much-loved cherished little dog enjoying a good life with all the misery and hardship behind him.

CHARLIE arrived on December 23rd 2005. We understand he was brought down from Scotland to Tracey's RGT kennels in Bideford. He is covered in scars from injuries which were not treated at the time. Charlie is a very nervous traumatised boy. He is a 10 year old fawn greyhound who has not had much of a life and has never known comfort or the stimulating walks which he enjoys here. He is not the brightest boy in the world but is learning and becoming more confident every day. He is now enjoying the freedom of being off the lead on the beach. This confused him in the beginning and he is still learning how to run and have as much fun as he can before his legs deteriorate further. He is very prone to panic at the least thing. He eats as if the food will disappear at any moment. It will take some months yet before Charlie is totally relaxed but we are getting there and he is much improved on the frightened hyperactive dog who arrived here two days before Christmas. **Charlie** is suffering from neck and spinal pain. He is being given pain relief and rest to help him recover and will remain under regular veterinary supervision.

Left to right

Arfa, Charlie & Tarn



TARN was brought to Tailends by Mandy on January 21st 2006. He is a sweet longhaired brindle lurcher with a face like a deerhound. He is aged about 12 years and came from a tragic background. He has suffered spinal injuries in the past which have left him quite severely disabled yet he is a very brave boy who makes the most of life and manages to get around with his back legs hopping together like a rabbit. We understand that his former owner had various problems. An injunction was apparently served against him meaning Tarn was left alone in the house for 8 weeks with just another dog for company and someone visiting with food. Tarn is such a lovely affectionate lad who gives you big slobbery kisses when you cuddle him. It is so sad that life has been so cruel to him. We noticed that he had a swelling between the toes on his front right foot and our vet suggested we have it x-rayed, as there was a possibility that the toe was malignant. This was carried out on 23rd February and the toe was then removed and sent off for a biopsy to be done. Tarn was delighted when he came home the next day and soon resumed his leisurely strolls down the lane, watching the rabbits playing in the fields. ...

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