

Newsletter

Kennels situated at 51 Cromer Road, Hainford, NR10 3AU (on A140)
and are open from 10am until 2pm every day.

Note from the Editor

Welcome everyone to our Winter newsletter. I really can't believe that another year has come and gone already. Life seems to have got back to some kind of "normal" after many of had to cancel Christmas last year, or at least downscale it. Fingers crossed that this year we can all come together with our family and friends, and celebrate a bit more - all be it still being careful.

With this year likely to be a big celebration, please do remember that some of our dogs may feel a little overwhelmed at times. They may have become more used to smaller gatherings, fewer people than before, or it may even be their first Christmas in their forever home. Do remember the dangers of Christmas treats to our four legged friends, there's a list of foods that are toxic to them inside. From past experience with Bella and "raisin gate" when we first adopted her, I know exactly how scary (and expensive) a trip to the emergency vet can be.

Do also remember to take lots of photos of your pets enjoying themselves though, we love to see them in the Spring newsletter.

We seem to have started winter early in our house this year with coats, blankets and cosy fires to keep the dogs (and us) warm. My two have always loved their walks, but this Autumn seemed so cold and damp, most mornings Bella behaves like a teenager and I feel I have to drag her out of bed for their morning walk. As soon as we're back she's off to bed again. My dogs might be whippets, but they definitely take after their greyhound cousins in temperament. Maybe it was the recent purchase of the famous Aldi donught beds that they just can't resist!



I wish you all a Happy, and Healthy Christmas, and send best wishes to you all.

Michele



Co-ordinator's bit

Where has the year gone? Seems like only yesterday I was wishing you all a Happy Christmas and we were 'locked 'down at the kennels. With our Christmas Fayre having taken place on the 20th of November (where we raised an amazing £1812.50) this year seems much more normal than last, and we can look forward to celebrating with all our volunteers.

Since the last letter we have managed to squeeze in a couple of events, the Track walk and a second Open Day with an Auction both were very well supported. Thank you everyone who came and bid at the auction. With regards to our worries about not being able to use the barn for refreshments this has now been resolved and our next Open Days are thankfully safe.

The fundraising team have had a few opportunities this year to get out and about with our stall promoting greyhounds as pets and look forward to a busy 2022 visiting dog shows and events throughout the county at weekends.

We are hoping to start our regular greyhound walks again in the new year if anyone has a favourite walk in their area let us know and perhaps you could lead it for us.

A big thank you for all the goods that find their way into the bric a brac shop at the kennels. Sandra, John, Debbie, and Chris, with of course Dexter and Kiki, continue raising a considerable amount of money from their car boot sales at the weekends.

It's been great to have a dedicated band of walkers back at the kennels and I'm sure the greyhounds are very appreciative to spend more time out of their kennels. If you feel you would like to join them, we walk at approximately 10am and 1pm every day just ring the kennels to check with them if you would like to come.

The Trustees, Committee and Kennel Staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

Corinne

Remember to take lots of festive photos of your greyhounds in their "Christmas Bubbles" for us for the next newsletter. Keep an eye out for "spotted" greyhounds too, you never know where they will spring up! Please email your stories and photos to michele_storer@hotmail.com

Patsy's Page

Hello everybody, I hope you are all keeping warm and dry. I am over the moon at the moment as we have reached and surpassed my target for easyfundraising registrations which now stand at 156, fantastic. What is more over £2000 has been paid in to our account £176.32 of which came in October. Great going everyone and it is all for free. Another 4 registered people would bring us to 160 so that is my next target. So register for free at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/yarmouthgh> and anything you buy online will raise money for us with no cost to you apart from the cost of what you buy of course.

Since my last page I have now been told that I am old enough to go to school. I thought I already went to school where I learn to sit, stay, wait, comeback (well sometimes) and lie down which I am good at. Apparently though this school is for little people and they are going to read books to me and tell me stories, it sounds very exciting. I did a test recently, which wore me out as I had to be good all the time, and I got everything right much to the surprise of Mr Grumpy. Now I am a P.A.T. (Pets As Therapy) dog which I knew all along as my name is PATsy, ho ho! I know that a few of my friends are PAT dogs too so I just hope I will do as well as them.

We have recently been looking at more caravans.....boring! In fact as you can see from the picture I am so bored I crashed on the sofa in the caravan. Mr Grumpy was apparently even grumpier, something about watching TV with a paw up his nose. I don't know what he means as I was quite comfortable.

If I didn't see you at our Christmas Fayre on 20th Nov, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that all my fluffy friends get lots and lots of treats.

Patsy



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Email michele_storer@hotmail.com to opt out or to receive the email version instead.

Homefinders Quiz

The second Homefinder's quiz is now out! Theme - Famous animals.

Minimum donation £2 to Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders.

£25 cash prize to the winner.

In the event of a tie, all correct entries will be entered into a draw and one winner picked out.

Closing date 14th January 2022.

Email **barbpearce51@gmail.com** for a quiz sheet and details of how to pay.

All proceeds to Homefinders.



In memory of Jane



Corinne would like to thank everyone who donated after the sad death of Jane Slocombe. We have a new bench at the kennels in her memory.

“Sonny” (Cuman View) 179 races 22 wins



Sonny went to that Kennel in the Sky on 30 Oct. He had been at his forever home since he retired in 2015. He was a lovely pet and a great buddy especially, since I lost my wife in 2018.

To all at Homefinders I say Thank You

Regards Ron Bishop

In memory of Grace (Goes Black) 26/09/13 - 05/11/21

I adopted Grace on 09/04/16 after my previous Greyhound Milly (Roxholme Milly) died. to keep my other dog (an Alsatian/Labrador cross) Lenny company. Lenny died. I then adopted Smokey (Modleys Avenue) on 26/07/19 after fostering him for a while. Smokey died earlier this year & I later adopted Mark (Hard Margin) to keep Grace company.



Grace had been having epileptic fits for about just over a year but was on medication for them. Unfortunately on 5th November 2021 she started having a fit and I had to rush her to the vet. They started treating her but later on called to say she was still having fits & they could not control them. They asked for permission to euthanise her & I gave my consent.

She is sadly missed by myself & Mark.

Letters to the editor

Hi Michele,

I've attached a couple of photos of nine and a half year old Max, who we re-homed 7 weeks before, won second place in the National Country Fair's Best Condition category.

He was a great ambassador for rescue greyhounds and won over many hearts.

All the best,

Jo and Albion



Dear Michele,

"My turn" love dominoes when friends come for the evening

Love Duke x



Hi Michele

We recently decided to get a cat, we were very anxious about this as we didn't know what Stanley would be like!!

Although he's never raced all greyhounds have the chase instinct.

To our delight Stanley and his new sister Ivy have settled well. They are still getting use to each other and so far he's not eaten the cat :)

Darren and Aletheia Rundle



Dear Michele

Here is Monty just chilling. Our best friend can not believe we have had him nearly 7 years would not be without him.

Steve Matthews



Hi Michele

Dillon making sure that he not so much keeps an eye on his bone, but his long nose.

Kind regards to all.

Kathleen (Austin)



Summer Open Day And Auction

The auction made about £540 thanks to the auctioneers' two glamorous assistants Theresa and Ed!!





Stadium Track Walk

Lots of our dogs and their humans went for a walk at the stadium this summer. They took a much slower lap of the circuit than in their previous lives, and helped to raise funds for Homefinders. Thanks to all at the stadium for making us welcome.



STAMPS STAMPS STAMPS STAMPS

Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders are now collecting stamps, which we will then sell to a reputable dealer to raise funds for the charity.

You can help by collecting stamps either at home or at work, if you are employed in an office or other place where letters are received.

Please ensure stamps are cut from the envelope or package leaving a small paper margin (see attached photo).

These are the stamps we can collect. If you have time to sort them into these groups that would help a lot.

- Great Britain Stamps with Queens Head – all values
- Great Britain Commemorative issues, pictorial stamps various designs
- World large and small

Once you have collected a reasonable quantity please package them and either drop off at the kennels, message Linda Johnson on Facebook or e mail linda.johnson@ntlworld.com



Greyhound Lottery Results

Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize	Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize
September				23rd	152	Irela Paddy-Amis	£60
4th	451	Valerie Self	£60	30th	642	Bill Tilley	£60
11th	213	Mary Fagg	£60	November			
18th	436	Sandra Clayton	£60	6th	356	Phil Pearce	£60
25th	265	Ian Woodrow	£60	13th	356	Phil Pearce	£60
October				20th	246	Mary Moore	£60
2nd	412	Terence Douglas	£60	There are currently three places available on the lottery, please email Philip: pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk to join.			
9th	236	Christine Nelson	£60				
16th	216	Phil Southgate	£60				

Long Stay Residents



CHAMP - 6 years young

Champ has been looking for a forever family for 1 year 4 months. The most handsome big boy with so much love to give. He will make someone so happy...

Champ is perfect in the home; he is housetrained, quiet, obedient and has great manners - even around food.

All he asks for is a comfy bed, some nice food and plenty of fuss and cuddles, gently nudging you for more if you stop

Champ has one struggle which is seeing other breeds of dogs. He is improving around calm, large breeds but does react towards lively dogs and smaller breeds.

Champ can be very strong when he reacts so it's essential he finds a strong owner who can manage him and help him try to stay calm. To keep his stress levels down so he can enjoy being out, he needs to be walked in quiet areas where he won't come across too many dogs and where they are likely to be on leads.. plus visits to private secure walking fields on a regular basis would be ideal.



HONEY

6 years old

Honey has been looking for a family for 1 year & 2 months now

She does require a more special home but will be so worth it. She is super loving and loyal once she trusts you.

Honey will be best as the only pet in an adult home. Ideally with one or two people she can form a bond with, and with minimal visitors until she is really settled.

Honey is very intelligent, housetrained, good on the lead (unless she spots a rabbit/squirrel!) and is becoming much better with seeing other dogs as long as they give her space.

Spotted

Spotted in Holt Country Park, by Lesley Pegg.



Spotted on "Antiques Roadtrip" by Linda Johnson.



Spotted guarding the library at Ightham Mote, Kent. There was also a Listed kennel in the court yard. Wouldn't have got either of our greys to go in it, too scary. Nigel and Sarah Harvey.



Spotted by Marion Blackett, at Osborne House Isle Of Wight.

Extra ways to fundraise for us

Have you thought of stopping sending Christmas Cards to non family members and donating the money to a charity? If so, please bear us in mind. Also, one or two people have set up Go Fund me pages in lieu of Birthday Presents. A modest target would be a much needed boost to our funds and the hounds would be forever grateful

Update from Teddy

Teddy was one of the 5 puppies that were homed in 2017 - you can easily spot him in the photos! Unfortunately, his owners separated and he was returned to Yarmouth Homefinders during lockdown in June 2020. He was extremely unhappy in kennels so an appeal was made for an emergency foster home. We had lost our beloved greyhound a few months before and, being furloughed, I offered to help. Teddy came home with us the next morning and that was the start of a very interesting journey!



It seems that the reason he was so unhappy in kennels is that he was VERY reactive towards all dogs even other greyhounds. We've worked hard with him over the past 17 months and he's come a long way but there's still some way to go! Having lots of very good friends with greyhounds, he started to walk alongside them until he was happy to meet them without barking.

Now he's generally ok meeting greyhounds with only the occasional excited bark. However, he's still very reactive to all other dogs. Every Sunday morning, we'll now be found at Whitlingham Lakes with Suppawt Dog Training on their supervised walks for reactive dogs. Progress is slow but, by the end of each session, the gap between the other dogs gets smaller and quieter! Teddy has also met up with 2 of his brothers, Mylo and Arlo, and enjoyed running around with them.

Teddy is so unlike most greyhounds - whilst he does like to sleep, he's happier being out and about with us. During our recent holiday in Yorkshire he happily walked over 8 miles, walking through the mud and leaping over the stiles (with a few lifts) and still had more energy than us at the end! He was well behaved, thanks to a tempting tripe stick, as we walked through fields of sheep and cows but did have a quick bark when some horses came a bit too close. The only problem we had was his partiality for sheep poo!!

Even though he's an active and anxious dog, like most greyhounds he likes nothing more than a snuggle and roach at the end of the day and, despite all the worry he causes us, we wouldn't be without him now.



Enrichment ideas

For those of you looking for enrichment ideas for you hounds, with or without food, try the excellent Facebook group **Canine Enrichment**. There are also loads of ideas for dogs who might be confined post operation.

Roly and Ella enjoy their licky mats. Although you can buy them from pet stores, these are just trivets from Amazon (much cheaper).

They enjoy peanut butter on them. Just check it has no xylitol. I use 100% peanut to be absolutely safe. They also enjoy a little low fat cream cheese, low fat pate or frozen fat free yogurt.

I don't let them have them unattended.

Linda Johnson



WARNING: THESE ARE POISONOUS OR HARMFUL TO DOGS AND CATS

This Christmas, please remember that your pets may get their paws into food and plants they shouldn't. Be vigilant, as all these items can harm your pet. If you think your pet has eaten something they shouldn't, call your vet immediately.

Alcohol, Caffeine, Chocolate/Candy, Christmas Cake, Christmas Decorations, Christmas Pudding, Cooked Bones / Fatty Foods, Grapes and Raisins, Human Medication / supplements, Mince Pies, Mistletoe, Holly and Poinsettia, Mushrooms, Pine Needles, Onions and Garlic, Peach and Nectarine Stones, Nuts (macadamia nuts are the most toxic nut, but also be careful of walnuts, pecans, or salted nuts), Sugar, anything containing Xylitol - check any peanut butter ingredients carefully.

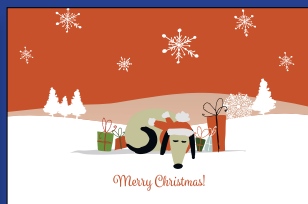
Christmas cards and calendars

We have Christmas card packs for sale, which this year are greyhound illustrations by Michele and the fabulous Christmas photo by Molly. They are sold in packs of 10 x A5 cards. We also have some packs left over from previous years, in different designs.

There are also the 2022 calendars available, though we printed less this year so get yours whilst they are still in stock.

The photos have been taken by Molly throughout the year.

Christmas cards are £3.50 a pack (previous year's cards are £2.00) calendars are £4.99 each + £1.75 postage if you can't collect them. Please either call the kennels on 0845 458 3797 or email kennels@yarmouthgreyhoundhomefinders.co.uk to order.



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