

Newsletter

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and are open from 10am until 2pm every day.

Note from the Editor

Welcome everyone to the Autumn newsletter. The seasons finally changed, and here we are in the midst of Autumn, quickly heading towards the C(hristmas) word too! For many greyhound owners that means their hounds have enjoyed the blackberry season, may have tried to dine on acorns and conkers (both of which are not good for dogs to eat, but try to tell my two that!). Apples from our trees have been chopped, frozen, eaten or stored - again the dogs like to help with this - being careful to avoid the pips. It's amazing how much grazing Jack and Bella seem to get through.

In the last few weeks we've gone from being too hot to sleep, to being woken in the night by chilly dogs wanting to get under the covers with us. I've just ordered some new pyjamas for them to try and stop this, I'm wondering if they'll work?

Our woodburner has already been put to good use, and keeps us all cosy most nights, in an effort to use the heating as little as possible. Maybe we need to be "more greyhound" or in our case "more whippet", throw on another layer and bake in front of the fire.

The fundraising team, and our amazing volunteers have been very busy the last few months, please see the article about their fantastic efforts, which we are all so grateful for. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more events too, search for "Successful Homing at Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders"

Keep sending me your updates and photos, they really help to put the newsletter together.
Email me: michele_storer@hotmail.com

Michele



Photo from Facebook group , Billy on his 6th Birthday, in his new fleece.



Co-ordinator's bit

As I sit here in the sun it's hard to believe we're halfway through October and officially in Autumn. Summer and JJ are making the most of the last rays as well.

We thought we had said goodbye to Jade in July as she started a new job but much to our delight, we are seeing her most weeks as a volunteer. With Jade leaving we welcome Steph and hope she'll enjoy working at the kennels.

The very hot summer proved very problematic at the kennels with trying to keep the dogs cool. In fact, we are incredibly grateful to some of our volunteers for taking dogs home until it had cooled a little. An extra big thank you to all the walkers who were coming in at 7am to walk the dogs and, especially to Molly and Jade who were, for many weeks, coming in incredibly early in the morning and then returning late in the evening to settle the dogs for the night.

Because of the heat we had to cancel the June Open Day, but our Auction Open Day was very well attended, and everyone was happy to renew friendships, particularly the greyhounds. Always amazes me they all get on so well together. Our first venture at running a dog show was very disappointing as we chose the wettest Sunday in June. We have the hall booked for next June so hope we will be luckier with the weather.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find details of the fund-raising meeting the Stadium organised with the proceeds coming to us. We would like to thank them for their generosity in organising this for our funds.

Don't forget our Christmas Fayre on December 10th at Taverham Village Hall. Sandy Lane, Taverham from 12.30 - 3pm. Greyhounds welcome.

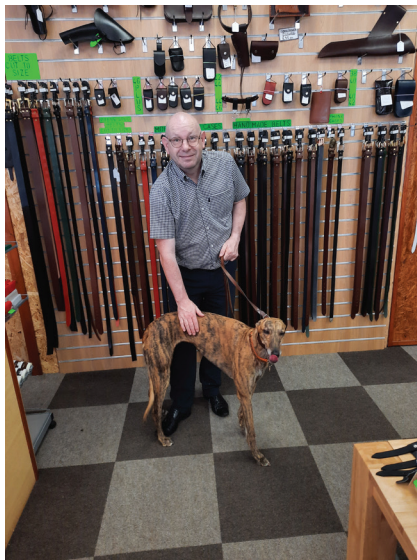
Corinne



Patsy's Page

Thank goodness it is not so hot now. I did not like the heat but the wet coats Mr Grumpy put on me helped a lot. I have been working hard as usual, keeping up with my paperwork, visiting the stadium, helping at some fayres. All About Dogs at Norwich Showground was good with loads of different breeds all over the place. Once when I was trying to get some sleep a very tiny puppy decided to play with my nose and nibble my ears. The things I have to put up with and I still don't get paid!

The picture this time is of me, of course, with my friend John who makes all the leather leads and collars that go home with my kennel friends when they are adopted. He has a lovely leather shop called Edwards Leathercraft in Hunstanton. He has loads of super leather things, lots with dogs on so do pop in and see him if you are there and say Patsy sent you. No, I still don't get paid.



Just recently I fostered a lovely old boy called Josh whose owner was poorly and in hospital. I have to tell you that his owner collapsed and was on the floor for two days before being found. Josh was lying right up close to her for that whole time, he is a hero. We got on very well, he is very handsome, and I accompanied him home when it was time for him to return. If you should ever consider fostering then please get in touch with the kennels as it is so worthwhile. Josh and his owner are so happy to be together again.

Talk about work, I have just started at another school in Mundesley where the children make a lot of fuss of me so it is not so bad. You guessed it I don't get paid.

Don't forget I am still in charge of the many ways you can help to raise money for my friends in the kennels. Easy Fundraising, Kennel Sponsorship, Standing Orders, Leaving a legacy, joining me at Open Days and other events. Every little helps us to look after those greyhounds still in our kennels, especially Champ who is sooooo handsome and sooooo lovely.

I hope to see you all at the Christmas Fayre. *Patsy*

Homefinders Volunteers & Committee Members are Guests of The Stadium



Backed up by the massed ranks of the Volunteers, Co-ordinator Corinne presents the Homefinders Trophy to Trainer Paul Burr, with Owner Stuart Chinman, & Kennel Hand Megan Rance, holding their Winner Shelone Milo

To Enjoy a BBQ with Hot & Cold Buffet Options



The Stadium's Executive Lounges offer a front line view Of all the Racing Action



Di's Dementia Challenge

I saw the Facebook post regarding the 100K Dementia UK challenge for October, and thought Why not?...



It will be interesting to see exactly how much ground I do cover over the month. With 6 of my own hounds, and a few friends hounds, there's plenty to take a turn in wearing the Bandana.

As of sending this email, week one has been completed and with the help of Kennel Hound Reuben, my Hounds and ones I have walked this week, we have already walked just under 35k!!

With a Greyt start, I'm hoping to complete the 100k challenge and help raise awareness and funds for Dementia UK.

Di and the Hounds!



September Open Day and Auction



A fantastic £1,294.67p was raised - Thank you all who helped or attended



Letters to the editor

Hi Michele

Here is an update on Honey, we've had her 3¹/₂ months now and she's well and truly made herself at home. People who know her won't believe how chilled out she is. She loves her walks her beds her couch and of course her treats, she lays in her kitchen bed patiently when we're in there.

When she hears Clives' van reversing onto the drive when he comes home she runs out to meet him with kisses everyday. She enjoys her walks when she can shout at the neighbourhood cats and squirrels. For a dog that had been in kennels for so long, you wouldn't believe how loving, affectionate and wonderful she is.

We regularly take her away for weekends to our caravan and she's even had a couple of trips away at our daughters house, where she's made herself well at home. We can't believe she wasn't snapped up sooner, she's just perfect. I've included a few pics of her in her new habitat.



Thanks Clive and Sam x



Dear Michele,

Patsy (and of course David) recently visited Croft Farm Water Park near Tewkesbury along with approx 150 other hounds of all descriptions, for a camping and caravan weekend, attended by Illustrator Richard Skipworth. She got to meet the man himself, and he awarded her first place in the prettiest girl category.



I am so very proud of my girl! David

Dogs homed since last newsletter

Niall (Whoops Niall), Benny (Ben Lomond), Jane (Borna Jane), Cora (Harwell Corna), Beauty (Somersham Beauty), Bob (Man From Mali), Ranger (Kelseys Ranger), Millie (Harwell Millie), Billy (Milgauss), Vinnie (Errill Bell), Benny (Riverside Viking), Crash (Corner Crash), Bandit (Hartwood Bandit), Neddy (Stonepark Ned), Tandy (Harwell Tandy)

Greyhound Lottery Results

Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize
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June

18th	412	Terence Douglas	£60
25th	431	Marie Moss	£60

July

2nd	265	Ian Woodrow	£60
9th	416	Teresa Bromfield	£60
16th	534	Yolanda & Stella	£60
23rd	521	Linda Johnson	£60
30th	546	Sophie Titlow	£60

August

6th	341	Lorraine Titlow	£60
13th	543	Lois Prismall	£60
20th	563	Nicole Floyd	£60
27th	152	Irela Paddy-Amis	£60

September

3rd	124	Stephen Crowe	£60
12th	142	Amanda Barker	£60
<i>Monday night as the Saturday was cancelled due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II</i>			
17th	215	M & J Betterton	£60
24th	432	Hazel Jubb	£60

October

1st	431	Marie Moss	£60
8th	342	Sally Britcher	£60

If anybody else would like to join contact Phil: pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk

Fundraising Update

What is the connection between a tombola and greyhounds? Well, this summer I found the answer to this question. As new members of the fundraising team May, Storm and I have been fortunate enough to attend many of the summer fundraising events. Our first event in June was the Caister Carnival. What a lovely first experience watching greyhounds attract people to chance their luck at the tombola or was it how a tombola attracted people to allow us to discuss everything greyhound. We fared well with answering questions such as 'Do they need a lot of walking?' 'Can they live with cats?' 'Do greyhounds need a lot of house training?' 'What age do they live to?' I learnt the oldest Homefinders greyhound lived for 15 years.



In May we held our first ever Dog Show at Trimmingham. The weather wasn't kind to us but a good time was had nevertheless.

In July the fundraising team attended Reedham Family Fun Day, Hickling Dog Show and Wells Carnival, meeting other stall holders and charities along the way and picking up ideas for potential fundraising activities in the future. That reminds me Team, we must organise that Human Fruit Machine!



Along came August with the team's attendance at the Fakenham Racecourse Dog Show, Mundesley Lifeboat Day, and oh let's not forget the Sea Palling Dog Show where our lovely group of hounds won first prize in the Best Family Category. Well done, Dexter, Kiki, JJ, Summer, May and Storm with John at the helm. The month ended with the mammoth two-day event at All About Dogs, where our wonderful hounds did us proud by working so hard to demonstrate how wonderful life is with greyhounds. The summer events ended with a return trip to Mundesley and the fantastic open day/auction at the kennels.

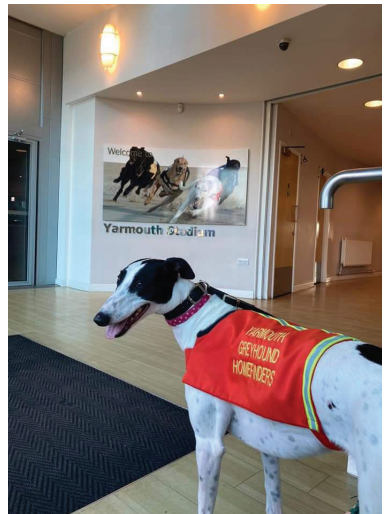


The team of fundraisers extend their talents and time to engage people in conversation about greyhound adoption via collecting at Yarmouth Stadium, Taverham Garden Centre and Jollies Pet Store. They get up early to set up car boot sales and individual one-off sale events. In addition to this members go into schools to teach children the joy of the greyhound. This year £3223 was raised at Open Days, £565.58 at store collections, £2779

at Events and £2330 at car boots. Regular attendances at the stadium also raise lots of money and a Special Fund Raising Event in October raised £359.63 + £58 for Christmas cards.

The events coming up are a Track Walk at the Stadium on 16 October and the Xmas Fayre at Taverham Village Hall on 10 December.

The fundraising team is a friendly, hardworking and fun-loving team, and that's just the hounds! If you would like to join the discussion 'What is the connection between a tombola and Greyhounds?' while raising funds, discussing greyhound



adoption to potential greyhound parents, and generally having fun please contact one of the team:

Fundraising events – Debbie Bush
Store Collection – Linda Johnson

Stadium Collection – Corinne Douglas
Dog Walking – Molly Paul

Article by Michelle Rogers and Linda Johnson

Spotted



Spotted, by the editor, in John Lewis.
Greyhounds on skateboards, and hounds in
jumpers on wellies in Sainsbury's.



The Great Global Greyhound Walk



This is a global event, to raise awareness of our fab breed, this year 10,620 sighthounds were walked across the world in 29 Countries!

Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders held 2 walks, one in Saxlingham Nethergate, where we welcomed 22 greyhounds, a lurcher and a Dogue De Bordeaux that thinks it's a greyhound! And as we didn't want the kennel dogs to miss out on the fun, we also registered a private walk for them too, back at the kennels. Tandy, Herbie, Boo, Rodney, Bandit, Willow, Rueben, Bono, Champ and Bodie all joined in, Tolly went off to the Saxlingham walk! Thank you to all who volunteered for the kennel walk, and those who took part in the main walk.



Featured dogs



BODIE - Dob 2016

Bodie is a gentleman; a nice size, easy on the lead and quiet too. Bodie will like the relaxed lifestyle and is quite happy to curl up in his bed after a gentle stroll.

Bodie is interested in other breeds as it's all new to him but is quite easy to manage. He happily walks in a pair with another hound.

If you're looking for a chilled companion, please get in touch for more info on Bodie



BONO - Dob 2017

Still available for adoption!

5 years young. A really great boy; big, bouncy and clumsy but so happy and friendly, he never fails to make you smile!

Bono has been very good with all other breeds he's met so far. He is clean, lazy and very well-mannered.. ready to make someone a lovely friend!

Please send us a message if interested.

Coming soon..... Fundraising Quiz

Watch out for Barbara's 3rd Homefinders' written quiz coming soon! This year's theme "Where in the UK?"

Details on facebook, or direct from Barbara, email barbpearce51@gmail.com, or collect from the Xmas Fayre at Taverham.

All donations to the hounds and a cash prize of £30 for the winner!

Christmas Cards



A few months ago we asked for photos of your greyhounds which could be used as a Christmas card for this year's fundraising. These 5 cards are the result, and we think they are fab! The cards are A6, and come in packs of 10 with envelopes (2 of each design). They are priced at £3.50 per pack, with all profits going to Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders.

The cards can be purchased from the kennels, and can be posted (at cost) for those who are not able to collect in person.

Thank you to our models, Rowley, Lexi, May and Storm, Tinkerbelle and Doughty. Oh and a bit of Photoshop jiggery pokery from Michele Perry at PX2 (and newsletter editor).

10,000th Race Meeting Aids Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders

Greyhound Racing at Yarmouth Stadium resumed after the Second World War, on Saturday 7th December 1946.

This year, during the summer, the Greyhound Racing Office who keep a record of such events, informed the Stadium Directors that the ten thousandth race meeting at the Stadium since the resumption was approaching, the Directors decided that clearly such a milestone needed marking and after some deliberation set themselves the target of raising £10,000 for the Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders Charity.

Their 'first port of call' was to sound out the Stadiums suppliers, so positive was the response that eleven races were soon sponsored, with one reserved for Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders themselves. On the night the Stadium's motor sport promoters opened the evenings racing with the Spedeworth/Incarace Trophy, ten more sponsored races followed, with The Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders Trophy closing the evening.

The Directors decision to offer 'Free Admission' on the night, with donations being sought for the charity, ensured a bumper crowd, a good atmosphere, plus money for Homefinders. The Homefinders Collectors at the Turnstiles and Restaurant Entrances collected £360, plus the Raffle in the Raceview Restaurant added another £291 to the total.

With money still coming in the exact total raised is as yet unknown, suffice to say it will be **at least £10,000**, as the Stadium Directors guaranteed that amount at the outset!

The Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders Trophy

The race winner Well Done Bacon, trained by Paul Burr, is held by his Kennel Hand Megan Rance. On the left is Owner Kevin Bacon, next to him Stephen Haynes, joint owner Julie Bacon holds the Trophy, on the right, representing the Stadium Management, Emma Rayner, then Pamela and Stephen Franklin.



Katie

Our dearest Katie went over the rainbow bridge in August. She was the most loving and affectionate little girl who loved to give kisses. We miss her greatly and like our granddaughters say she will be loved forever and always by all the family.

Our first memory of her is her nose and her flicking tongue through the kennel fence giving lots of kisses!

She loved to go on holiday in the caravan and enjoyed lots of beach and countryside walks. She also had fun staying for holidays with our granddaughters Lottie and Posy, she loved listening to them read stories. She enjoyed playing with her friend Bobby the Black Labrador and cuddles from our granddaughter Jasmine.

Like all greyhound she loved a sleep on the sofa, have a run around the garden and to sneak food she was not meant to have!

During her time with us she had two companions Prince and Nobby who she can now run free with.

Katie was one of a kind, she has left a paw print on all of our hearts.

Tina and Andrew





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