

Newsletter

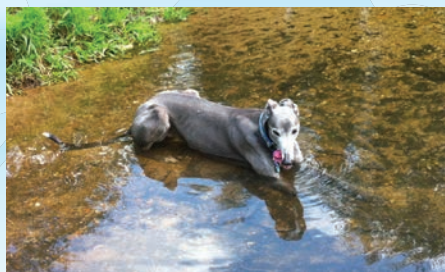
Kennels situated at 51 Cromer Road, Hainford, NR10 3AU (on A140)
and are open from 10am until 2pm every day.

Note from the Editor

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Summer 2023 newsletter. I'm writing this on the evening of the Summer Solstice, and what a scorcher it has been. I hope you and your hounds have been enjoying the longest day, but I suspect much of will have been trying to keep your dogs inside, in the shade, or keeping cool for either an early morning or late evening slow walk. Having a hot day is one way to make sure many of us were up at dawn!

We remind owners every summer about the common sense ways to help keep your dogs healthy. Please don't walk your dog during the heat of the day, remember the test to put the back of your hand onto the tarmac, if it's too hot to hold there for 5 seconds then it is way to hot to walk your dog. The pads of their feet are very sensitive, and will burn very easily. Your dog will not die from missing a walk, but if heatstroke kicks in, there could be the possibility that walking your dog could make it very ill, or worse, during extreme weather.

Hopefully most of our fury friends will be happy to spend the daytime sleeping. A cold wet towel placed over them could help (don't let it warm up with their body heat), and though dogs don't sweat to cool down, a fan can help lower the general temperature in the room making it more comfortable. Our greyhound used to love to sit in the river on hot days, Redbridge in Costessey being his favourite spot once everyone had gone home for the day.



Please see the safety graphic on page 5 for more information.

I'd love to see photos of your hounds staying cool, send me your news, updates or articles for the next issue.

Email me: michele_storer@hotmail.com

Michele



Co-ordinator's bit

How have you all been coping with this spell of hot weather? I've had a problem stopping Summer and JJ lying in the sun and getting too hot. They think sun umbrellas are not for them and persistently avoid them! I feel so sorry for our kennel dogs as our kennels are very hot in the summer- and equally as cold in winter. I am very grateful to Molly, Steph and Dana for coming each morning extra early and to all our wonderful volunteers who've been coming to walk at 8am before it gets too hot.

Our Coronation Greyhound Show was a great success, and we hope everyone enjoyed it. Our next Open Day is on Sunday July 9th at 11am. The Fund-Raising Committee has decided on a Carnival theme with lots of things you and your greyhounds can join in so please come along and support them. There will be the usual refreshments and barbeque.

We have been attending various events over the past weeks there is a list of the events our stall will attend this summer on the back cover please come and say hello.

We are always looking for volunteers to collect at the Stadium on Saturday evenings and on Monday and Wednesday in the school summer holidays. The money collected is a good source of income for us. If anyone feels they can help, please give me a ring on 0845 458 3797.

Some of you may have noticed our lovely new shed near the kennel blocks this was kindly sponsored by Alan Boswell Insurance Company's Charity Fund when we ran out of secure storage for the dog food, they also funded a tumble drier and a pallet of food. We have also received a legacy which enabled us to purchase new stainless-steel equipment in the food preparation rooms. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful supporters.

We are looking forward to seeing the hounds and yourselves at the next Open Day.

Corinne

Patsy's Page

Sniff, sniff, sniiiiiiiiiff, oh hello I was just practicing my scent training. Mr Grumpy has started me on a course at the dog club because he says I sniff too much on walks. I am having to find things he has hidden. He thinks it is really hard but in fact it is easy. All I have to do is sniff, find something in a box and I get a treat. Simple. My friend Tuppence is doing it with me and she finds it easy too. Mr Grumpy says it is going to get harder. No chance. We might be sighthounds but our noses are super brilliant. I hope you enjoyed the last Open Day, wasn't it great. I met and talked to so many people and doggie friends. Some really lovely people took me for a walk as Mr Grumpy was busy, or so he said! After that I looked after my stall which was hard work. I didn't get paid you know. Have you seen our new spiders WEB thingy? It is really good and was all the work of Olly with his butler Richard Edwards. I doubt Olly got paid, just like me. You can find out all about me, oops sorry, Homefinders on the site, see all the dogs, stories, ways to donate, everything, it has a pic of me and lots of interesting things. Stop Press: Richard is currently very unwell and the website will be a little behind but all will be well soon.

I am hard at work as ever and have recently had to change some of the kennel sponsor names to other kennels. Kennels 1 and 2 did not have a greyhound in as they were used for storage so I have moved all the sponsors of those kennels to other kennels. You can find out where your name is now by looking on the WEB thingy. Very sorry about that. A big thank you to all who sponsor a kennel it makes such a difference and is less than a pound a week for one year's sponsorship. Also Amazon Smile has ended so I want you all to transfer to Easy Fundraising if you haven't already. We are up to 182 people on this so my target now is 200. It provides us with funds completely free to all who register and us. We recently won a huge load of Burgess Pet Food because you all voted for us on Facebook. How good is that. All this and I still don't get paid. I went on strike last week and sulked but Mr Grumpy said no work, no spaghetti. I love spaghetti so the strike lasted all of 5 minutes unfortunately.

I recently went to a Coronation Fayre in Hainford which was very good apart from the band which Mr Grumpy liked but I didn't. We made lots of friends there including a girl called Abby who looked after me for a while as Mr Grumpy was pretending he was busy. Abby was very nice and also looked after me at the last Open Day which featured our dog show. (I was robbed). I have also been to Banningham Dog Show, unpaid of course, where I met another young lady called Laura Jane who did photography and took lots of lovely pictures of me. I hope she got my best side. Mr Grumpy wants me to remind you that if you have anything in your loft, garage, shed etc that is unwanted and has greyhound connections please let him know as he is looking for items for our Auction in September. You can leave things at the kennels if you wish, just put "For Mr Grumpy" on them.

Continued....

Do have a look at all our events on the spider's web and join us for any that you can especially the next Open Day on Sunday July 9th where there is going to be lots of fun and games.



The photos are of me before and after a recent trip in our caravan which included rock bands (which I hate), miles of walking, a dog show (I was robbed again) and a beautiful stately home.

See you all soon.

Patsy

Dogs homed since last newsletter

Louis (Go Linden Gale), Herbie (Wardys Legend), Frankie (Drumdoit Fortune), Hetty (Scrabble), Hamish (Saving Hay), Luke (Lord of Jura), Fatman (Take My Advice), Suzy (Cornerhouse Suzy), Sonny (Bumblebee Adam), Gino (Mill Gino), Petal (Petal Girl), Nigel (Thymelea Nigel), Ronny (Stockton), Clyde (Leathems Luigi), Mack (Airmount Mack), Queenie (Ballinrea Queen), Frankel (Drumcrow Frankel), Tolly (Shaneboy Tolly).

Greyhound Raffle raises £290 for Yarmouth Homefinders




















In May of this year Anne Isaacson held a Facebook raffle for a new Greyhound statue, hoping to sell a few tickets. Numbers were £5 each with the winner receiving the statue (the same as shown in the photo attached). Little did she realise how much interest and support this would generate when she managed to sell 78 numbers both online and at the May open day, raising a total of £290 for the greyhounds at Hainford!

The delighted winner Patreycy Grothier was drawn by Anne on the 1 June at a live draw held on Facebook and will be receiving her statue shortly.

Many thanks to all those who participated in the raffle. Look out for more raffles coming shortly!

Summer Safety for your dogs

 <p>DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET IN A HOT CAR</p>  <p>SECURE YOUR PET IN A CARRIER</p>  <p>HAVE FREQUENT BREAKS</p> <p>TRAVELING BY CAR</p> 	 <p>USE A LIFE JACKET</p>  <p>BE WATCHFUL</p>  <p>WASH YOUR DOG AFTER SWIMMING</p> <p>IN WATER</p> 
<p>THUNDERSTORMS/ FIREWORKS</p>   <p>KEEP YOUR PET IN A ESCAPE PROOF ROOM</p>  <p>MAKE SURE THE PET HAS A COLLAR WITH TAG</p>  <p>MINIMIZE NOISE</p>	<p>POISONING AND INSECTS</p>    <p>WATCH FOR POISONOUS PLANTS AND FOOD</p>  <p>KEEP TOXIC CHEMICALS AWAY</p>  <p>PROTECT AGAINST FLEAS AND TICKS</p>

Summer Fun

Meggy loves the hot weather because it is BBQ season. She has her own steak, but still seems to want whatever is on mum and dad's plate. Her favourite food is "anything" and she seems to spend a lot of time sniffing around the BBQ a few hours later, hoping there will be a second sitting!

Lynda Thompson



Here is Harley enjoying Swaffham and a familiar looking pub on the way back from a lovely weekend in Hunstanton

Chris Hood



Markie trying his best to keep cool!

Jackie Dunton

In memory - Todd (Watch the Black) 20.10.2010 - 23.03.2023

Of course we love all our dogs but Todd will always be my dog of a lifetime. Not just because he was such a good boy, but for the path my life took once he was in it. I owe him so much. He is completely irreplaceable and quite simply the BEST thing that ever happened to us.



From the very first day he came into our lives he never put a paw wrong. Unfailingly polite, gentle and kind. He was never any trouble, never made any noise and spent a good portion of his time snoozing. It always surprised us when people commented on how big he was as such was his nature to just be present in the quietest, most respectful way, that you just forgot. Benji seems far bigger in comparison!

We adopted Todd when he was 6 years old. He was a big, middle aged, black male greyhound who'd broken his right hock racing, been rehomed for a few years and then returned when they split up. He wasn't at the top of most prospective adopters' wish lists but as he was good with small children and small dogs he went straight to the top of ours. A gentleman from the very first minute he walked through the door, we just couldn't believe our luck and fell head over heels with him and the wonderful world of greyhounds.

It soon became apparent that he was far too special to keep to ourselves so we got him assessed as a Pets As Therapy dog and well, the rest is history. It's probably easier to say what he hasn't done. There's all the children who've grown up reading to him, cuddling him and crying into his fur. He's worked with child psychologists treating dog phobic children, helped bereaved children with Nelson's Journey, visited care homes, libraries, department stores, preschools and been instrumental in flying the flag for greyhounds. He's had a bloody good nap over most of Norfolk and gently given the 'paw of more' to anyone who stopped stroking him. He's been a rock and best friend to our other dogs and all the foster dogs and friends dogs that have ever stayed with us.

Contemplating life without him is unthinkable but we are thankful for every single day and memory. If you ever met and loved Todd or have been following him through his PAT career, please do him this one favour. If you ever decide to get a dog, please consider a greyhound. Please consider an older greyhound. It's not about how long you have with them, but about how you will change their life and yours beyond measure.

Hannah



THE CORONATION GREYHOUND SHOW

Sunday 21st May 2023



Most Handsome Prince 5 and Under

Benny



Most Beautiful Princess 5 & Under

TANDY



Dowager Dukes & Duchesses over 10

Smiler



Best King over 5 - Dexter



Best Queen over 5 May



Best Royal Family - Zoe, Poppy & Pongo



Raya

Brindle Lords & Ladies Counts & Countesses



Best Young Handler

Kean with Evie



Barons & Baronesses

Mindy



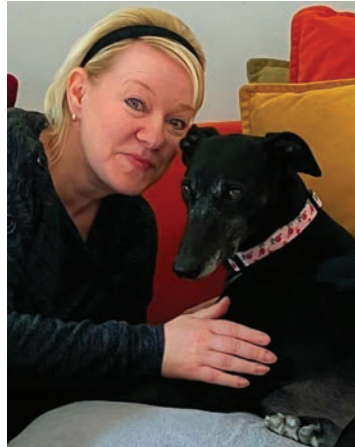
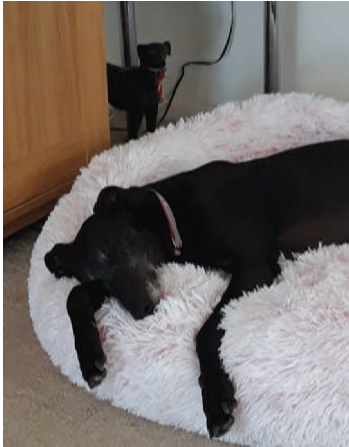
Best in Show - Raya



Letters to the editor

Dear Michele

I wanted to share an update on Willow. This scared little girl came to me in December 2022, frightened of her own shadow. In 6 months she has come such a long way, she trusts her 2 mummies completely and has already taken 2 holidays this year! She adores her home and garden, and is now quite the diva, she knows exactly how to get anything she wants with those big brown eyes! We love her completely and look forward to more years of happiness and laughter.



Lucinda x

Dear Michele

We wanted to let you know Honey has been with us a year this month and she turned 8 at the beginning of June

She's still the bestest girl and living her best retired greyhound life with regular trips to our caravan and visits to the kennels so she can get love and cuddles from Molly while we walk the kennel dogs.

Here's a pic of her keeping cool in the garden on the hottest day of the year so far.

All the best, Clive and Sam



Sonny (Longwood Mojito) 10 Nov 2010 – 18 May 2023

I'm absolutely heartbroken to say that my best friend in the whole world, my Sonny, my Mr Stinky has passed away. He had been suffering with pain in his legs and hips since February and the vet put him on painkillers. These helped a bit, but in the past month he has suffered terrible stomach upsets. He was 12 and a half, I work from home and he came everywhere with me. Every single holiday he came too. We were inseparable.



I made the decision it was kindest for him to be set free. He passed away in my lap, in the back of his favourite car after enjoying a family sized strawberry trifle. Which I always promised him when the time came. He absolutely loved chilled deserts. He was such a special boy. He made me laugh every single day, from poking me on the bottom with his nose, to squeaky barking at me if I wasn't getting dressed quick enough. I will miss him forever. Thank you to Carmarthen Veterinary Hospital for making his passing so peaceful. I got his ashes back the next day, I will keep him with me always.

Christina – Sonny's heartbroken Mummy.

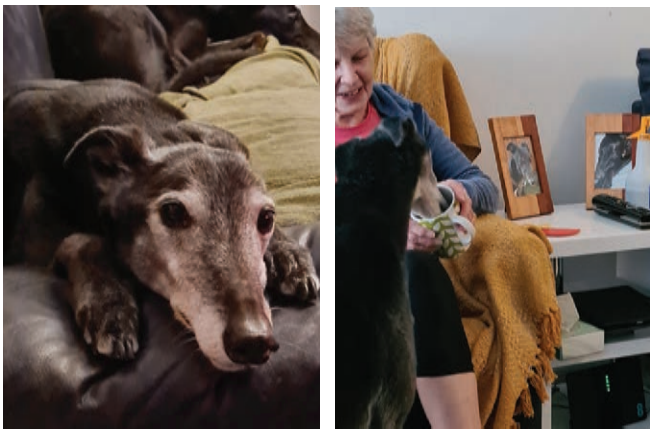
St Georges Day Walk

Photo of the 11 hounds, 1 Dogue de Bordeaux and 13 slaves on the St Georges Day Walk at Broadland Country Park led by Chris Hood



In memory - Gad

In March I sadly had to say goodbye to my beautiful boy Gad aged 11 1/2. I had been lucky enough to have him in my life, home and heart since February 2015, when we picked him and his litter brother Asher up from Homefinders.



Gad was the most gentle, loving and cuddly boy, although he could give as good as he got when his brother was trying to push him around! He had a wonderful stubborn streak too and was king of the sneaky underarm cuddle!

Cups of tea, preferably out of his humans' mugs, and mashed potatoes were his favourite treats, and he loved the sunny spot by the patio doors happily snoozing the day away. And Gad knew the best place to rest his head was on his brother's back.

Gad and Asher got me through such terrible times when my husband Steve was ill and after he died, they really were my constant comfort - nothing could beat a Gad lean when you are feeling sad.

On a beautiful sunny Easter Sunday we laid Gad to rest in his favourite spot in the garden. Sleep tight beautiful Gad - Asher and I love you and will miss you always. Sarah x

Kennel Open Days 2023

July 9th - 11am-2pm Carnival theme

September - 25th Great Global Greyhound Walk 11am? Saxlingham Nethergate

October - 1st 11am-2pm Auction of Greyhound Memorabilia 12md

December - 9th 12md-2.30pm Taverham Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Taverham, NR8 6JR

List of events we will attend in 2023

August 6th - Our all-breed Dog Show at Trimmingham (See inside back page)

August 13th - Mundesley Lifeboat Day

August 27th and 28th - All About Dogs Norfolk Showground

September 10th - Gold Park, Mundesley Dog Show.

Featured dogs



Beautiful Jayne is 7 years young. She is very fit and active for her age, most enjoying a long countryside walk! Jayne has the added benefit of being housetrained and used to the home environment so will be quick to settle too.

Jayne would be happiest as the only pet but could live with teenagers+. She has a fun and affectionate nature once she's familiar with you.



Stunning girl Boo is 8 years young and has sadly never been in a home yet - we'd love to see her curled up on a sofa soon!

Boo does not act her age, she is a very active, fit and fun girl who absolutely loves long walks!

Boo would be happiest as the only pet but could live with older children.

Fundraising Events

So far this year we have attended a few events to raise money and awareness of greyhounds and done two collections at Taverham Garden Centre.

We are also excited to bring our Dog Show to Trimmingham again on Sunday 6th August. Open to all dogs, not just greyhounds. There will be lots of stalls, including crafts. For a full list of events see the website, or page to the left.

www.yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk

Greyhound Lottery Results

Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize
February			
4th	524	Pamela McCatty	£60
11th	426	Alison Turner	£60
18th	312	Jean Brown	£60
25th	415	Maureen Jones	£60
March			
4th	421	Angela Pearce	£60
11th	325	Stuart McNair	£60
18th	542	Rose Debenham	£60
25th	516	Justin Franklin	£60
30th	231	Naomi Linder	£60
April			
1st	124	Stephen Crowe	£60
8th	136	Colin & Tina Cole	£60
15th	361	Stephen Bush	£60

There are still 3 places left in the Greyhound lottery. Contact Phil pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk for information to join.

Spotted

Left: Spotted in a shop window in Holt, by Val Self, with price tag of £190!

Below: Spotted in Waitrose North Walsham, by Lois Artpeach, a bargain at only £2.50



SUMMER FUN DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST
TRIMINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

GATES OPEN 11.00AM

ALL BREEDS WELCOME

£2 ENTRY PER CLASS

ORGANISED BY YARMOUTH GREYHOUND HOMEFINDERS

DOG SHOW BEGINS 12.00 NOON - FINISHES BY 4PM

BEST MALE (3 YEARS AND UNDER) • BEST FEMALE (3 YEARS AND UNDER)
BEST MALE (4 YEARS PLUS) • BEST FEMALE (4 YEARS PLUS)
BEST FAMILY (TWO DOGS OR MORE) • BEST FANCY DRESS
BEST YOUNG HANDLER • BEST SENIOR (10 YEARS PLUS)
BEST IN SHOW

TEAS/COFFEES/CAKES • BBQ • STALLS
STONE FIELD, CROMER RD, TRIMINGHAM NR11 8HY

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