

Newsletter

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

Note from the Editor

Hello all, and welcome to the Autumn edition of the newsletter. After a mild September, Autumn seems to be setting in quickly now. It's the season of crunchy walks, and getting those dog coats out for another year. Don't forget, there's coats, collars and other items for sale at the kennels if your hound is feeling the chill!

Does your greyhound wear a housecoat or PJs in the winter? With very little body fat, greyhounds do tend to feel the cold overnight. We've noticed Jack is starting to get up from his bed around 4 am, and "needs" tucking back in with his blanket over him.... not spoiled at all then! He's never been keen on wearing his pjs in the winter, but we will get them ready to try again.



Louis showing us his winter fashion

For the winter edition, why not send me some photos of your greyhounds in their best winter outfits?

As the seasons change, we have also got this year's Christmas cards and calendars ready to sell. See page 13 for details.

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

Michele



Co-ordinator's bit

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing for the last Newsletter, how time flies! The evenings certainly have started to draw in but we're very lucky we are having such unseasonably warm days. JJ and Summer are certainly making the most of the final sunbathing days before winter draws in.

If you've visited the kennels lately you will have met some new members of Staff after Steph left us at the end of August. Emma, Alex and Ash have joined Molly and Dana and are settling in well.

Homing has been very slow this year in common with dog rehoming centres throughout the country it hasn't helped that we have had several dogs returned due to no fault of their own and we have had to find foster homes for them. Could you foster for us? We pay all expenses and give you full support. Many of the dogs are older and may have lost their owners due to illness or death and we do not like to put them back into kennels. Having fostered in the past I can say it's very rewarding.

After a busy summer fund raising and collecting at the Stadium and Taverham Garden Centre we will slow down after our Christmas Fayre on December 9th until our next Open Day which will be at the end of March. We welcome help collecting at Taverham during the day and at the Stadium on Saturday evenings.

There is also a Track Walk on 29th October from 11 am at the Stadium in Great Yarmouth. It would be great to see you there.

We have a Fund-Raising Committee that meets about every 6 to 8 weeks in the summer months we always welcome new people so if you feel you'd like to join the committee and help with events you will be made very welcome. If you contact me, I will pass your details on to the Chair

Look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre

Corinne



Rodney, May, Storm, Summer and JJ (and their humans) collecting at the Stadium recently.

Patsy's Page

I hope you have all had a good summer and enjoyed the Auction at the Open Day. I have had a super holiday in somewhere called The Cotswalls in a place called Tooksberry. It was lovely and there were 200 other greyhounds at a campsite near there so we went and stayed with them. The BBC had a drone thing taking pictures which I didn't like very much as they didn't get my best side. I did get to chase all the boys, well they chased me actually but I was much too fast for them so I had to stop now and again so they could catch up. One was called Oscar and he was just the handsomest black boy I have seen. Obviously I let him catch me!! They made a lot of money for greyhound charities and Mr Grumpy says I can go again next year, whoopee!

Talking of money there hasn't been many new people registering with Easyfundraising lately so if you shop online and haven't registered please do so, it is free and it makes money for us. Also making money for us are the Kennel Sponsors, Standing Orders, stadium collections and stalls at fetes and fayres. They are all important to us and my friends in the kennels so if you are involved I send a big **THANK YOU** and if you are thinking about it then talk to me or someone as we could well do with your help. We are a bit thin on the ground for stadium collectors so if you and your dog think you could manage a couple of hours at the stadium, you can even stay on longer if you wish, then get in touch with Corinne. I have done it many times and it is a lot of fun as people are so kind and I get a lot of cuddles.

All the photos are from my holiday album. I hope yours is full of lovely memories.

Patsy



Photo 1 See if you can find me. (clue: near a lovely white boy and Mr Grumpy has his happy face on!)

Photo 2 The Group I camped with



Photo 3 Me being chased

Photo 4 The beautiful campsite called Croft Farm

Fundraising Update

Since the last publication of this newsletter the fundraising committee members and volunteers have enjoyed a busy summer. At the July Open Day, we thought we would bring a carnival feel to the kennels. There were many games: the hounds enjoyed catching slippery sausages in the paddling pool, while their humans tried their hand at crazy golf and there was the debut of the very entertaining Human Fruit Machine. The weather was a little on the damp side but despite that our lovely generous supporters helped us raise over £800.

At the beginning of August, we held our own All Breeds Dog Show at Trimmingham Village Hall. It was a very successful event, and the weather was very kind to us!! We were able to invite a range of stall holders as well as hosting our popular tombola stall and raffle. A big thank you to everyone who donated such wonderful prizes. Oh, and the BBQ was second to none thanks to our wonderful chefs!! We are hoping to build on the success of this event next year and the 4 August 2024 has already been booked.

Volunteers attended the two-day event All About Dogs at the Norfolk Showground during the August bank holiday weekend. This is such a lovely event. If you have not managed to get along to it yet we would recommend a visit. While there you can talk about dogs all day – what's not to love! At this event we were able to meet and talk to so many people, our hounds Kiki, Dexter, Dale, JJ, Summer, May, Storm and Lizzy did us proud by standing by our side helping us to promote the adoption of this lovely breed. Debbie led a very successful tombola and kennel shop and we managed to raise £1007!!! We were blown away by raising this amount while also having such fun.

We had hoped to attend the Mundesley Dog Show on the 10th of September, but unfortunately this event was cancelled due to the unusually hot weather for the time of the year.

During the summer many volunteers have supported Homefinders by collecting at The Stadium, and stores organising yard sales, offering their services in many ways to raise funds. Homefinders would like to thank you for all that you do in helping the fundraising committee to top up the much-needed funds required to care for the dogs while they await their forever home. In addition to this we would also like to thank everyone who comes along to the Open Days and the events throughout the year to show your support.

We have a special event on the 24th of November where Reuben's dad (aka Stewart Hull) offers his services free of charge to entertain us with music from the 60's. Stewart is a professional entertainer. Here is a link to his website so you can see what is on offer www.stewarthull.com

This event will be held at Stratton Strawless Village Hall. Tickets are £15 which also includes a ploughman's supper with tea and coffee. Alcohol can be bought along on the night. Your ticket can be reserved by texting Jo Guise 07535 716252 or Linda Johnson 07702 601799. See page for 12 for the poster.

And don't forget the Xmas Fayre at Taverham Village Hall on 9 December. Lots of stalls to get those Christmas presents and refreshments

Linda Johnson and Michelle Rogers



Linda, Teresa and Michelle - the Human Fruit Machine



There must have been treats involved!!



Bazil and Bambi Carnival King and Queen

Letters to the editor

Hi Michele

We adopted Frankie and thought we would give you an update. He has settled in really well now that we have got his feeding times right.

Frankie has gone a full week without having a dump in the hallway during the night which we are all really proud about! He enjoys sleeping and lying on the couch in the evenings as well as his daily walk. He is a right character and gets on really well with my daughter who visits from time to time.



One thing Frankie is really good at is producing extremely pungent methane especially in the evenings when we are watching TV, he appears to be oblivious to his emissions which is unbelievable. My wife Wendy and myself discussed this matter once she had turned back to her normal complexion from the colour green that she experiences during Frankie's contributions to the ozone layer and wonder if this is a Greyhound trait? We feed Frankie Harrington's which he loves, as does his digestive tract.

We are wondering if other Greyhound lovers endure the same experience?

Regards Keith and Wendy

Dogs homed since last newsletter

Sky (Hunters Sky), Tilly (Skeard Princess), Molly (Lakota Fire), Stanley (), Lulu (Lulu My Baby), Cape (Cape Street), Splash, Darcie (Skidroes Queen), Trigger (Roxy's Trigger) Bobby (Fahrenheit Balor), Willow (She's Wild), Joey (Reagrove Spur), Angel (Roxy's Angel), Evie (Foxy Eva), Babe (Rahyvira Babe), Boo (Jura Boo), Rodney (Our Boy Dingle), Copes (Jungle Drums), Jimmy (Fahrenheit Jimmy), Lazar (Lemming Lazar), Velvet (Shaneboy Velvet), Rocky (Connors Rocky) Bob (Cobra Kai)

Hello everyone!

Squeaky would like to share her latest portrait with you. She is looking particularly shiny, now she is enjoying a daily sardine! Yummy! She loves to spend time in the garden and is very interested in all horticultural activities, although standing in front of the lawnmower is probably a hint that she isn't receiving enough attention!



Squeaky has recently been diagnosed with canine cognitive dysfunction - "doggy dementia." She is still our gorgeous happy girl, but is more content to stay home rather than join Mabel and I on our walks, and Mabel is quite happy to be smothered in kisses on our return. Squeaky definitely heard the vet say, 'at her age, she can do exactly what she wants!' She loves visits from her greyhound pals. They have a mad run round the garden then can be found sound asleep on a large selection of beds and sofas!

Stop Press! Squeaky is delighted to hear that she is starring on one of this year's Homefinders Christmas cards! She would like to encourage everyone to buy some to raise more funds to help hounds like herself and her beloved sisters. She promises to still stop and chat even with her new found fame and Christmas Queenly crown!

Love and best wishes to you all from Squeaky, Mabel and Jane xxx

Greyhound Lottery Results

Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize	Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize
June				19th	431	Marie Moss	£60
24th	245	Pamela Franklin	£60	26th	342	Sally Britcher	£60
July				September			
1st	463	Phil Pearce & Caesar	£60	2nd	261	Hilary Howells	£60
8th	534	Yolande & Stella	£60	9th	641	Edward Chapman	£60
15th	152	Irela Paddy-Amis	£60	16th	512	Chris Ellis	£60
22nd	631	Michelle Quick	£60	23rd	612	Barbara Pearce	£60
29th	421	Angela Pearce	£60	30th	416	Derek Bicker	£60
August				If anybody else would like to join contact Phil: pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk			
5th	645	Deryck Self & Toby	£60				
12th	132	Caroline Berriman	£60				

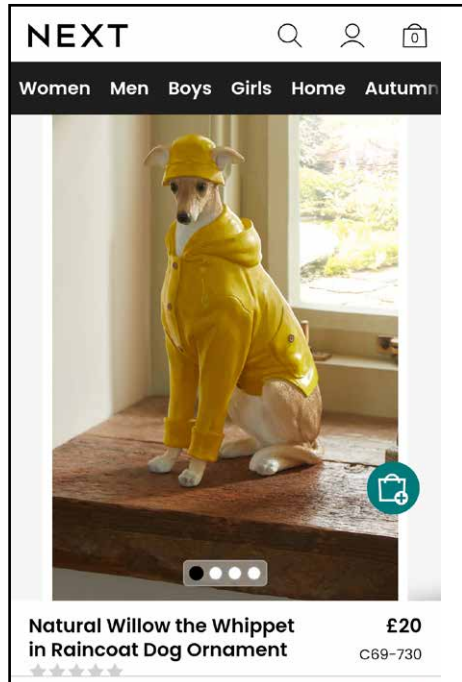
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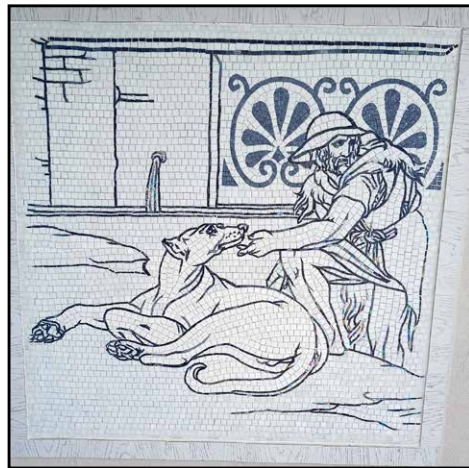
Running Huh!! I'll Show Those Greyhounds How to Run.



Page artwork by Stephen Franklin



Spotted, by the editor; Next advert online with a whippet in a raincoat - near enough to a greyhound?



Chris Hood spotted this on holiday in Corfu, it may not be 100% greyhound, but does look a lot like one!



Spotted in Ecclestone Sq, Victoria, London by Val Self. Also the The Crown pub at East Rudham, Norfolk



Our Great Global Greyhound walk at Saxlingham Nethergate on Sunday 24 September was a select affair but dogs and humans enjoyed it. Afterwards we had a picnic, including Corinne's cakes





60'S MUSIC NIGHT with STEWART HULL



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RAISING FUNDS FOR YARMOUTH GREYHOUND HOMEFINDERS

Christmas Cards



Our 2023 Christmas cards are ready for sale, This year the hounds have become Santa's Little Helpers in his workshop. The cards are A6 in size, there are 5 designs, 2 of each in a pack of 10 cards. They are £4.50 per pack,

Our calendars will be ready very soon too, featuring fabulous photos taken by Molly. The calendars will be £7.50 and can be posted at cost too (at £2.50). All are on sale at the kennels, or order by calling 0845 458 3797.

All profits from both will be coming to Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders.

Thank you Tisha!

We are very grateful for the mention in Just Hellesdon Magazine over summer, thanks to Tisha Bunn and her fund raising efforts.



Mushroom Awareness

Autumn is peak season for wild mushrooms and fungi to grow, not only in woodland and park areas, but our gardens too. Some are not harmful but others can be toxic. Signs to watch out for are...

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Tummy ache
- Excessive salivation and drooling
- Lethargy
- Wobbling, loss of balance
- Yellowing of the white of the eyes or skin and gums
- Seizures
- Loss of motor control
- Collapsing.

Some symptoms can be instant and others delayed so please contact us straight away if you suspect that your dog may have ingested any mushrooms. Article by Rackheath Vets



Pam

We knew Pam for a short 8 months; in that time, she bonded well with May and Storm. She was so charismatic everyone who met her fell instantly in love with her. She was such a kind soul and would often lick her fellow hounds especially Storm. She knew when they needed extra attention even when she was not feeling to well herself.



After living in kennels for 12.5 years she had a lot to learn when she entered our home, but she took it all in her stride. Within a few weeks she learnt how to play, each day around 3pm she could be seen throwing toys up in the air, often while May and Storm looked on from their beds, we called it her 'Pam half hour.'

On each morning walk as we passed the cars on our street; she sniffed each one until she found either mine or Damon's car. She would then stand a while to see if it was a car ride day, she adored the car. She also loved to nudge us with her nose when she thought it was time for a treat, walk or mealtime.

Pam helped at some of the Homefinders events by promoting the adoption of greyhounds and raising funds. She loved people and amazingly loved every dog she met. We met with her sisters Squeaky, Ruby and Milly on several occasions at the Open Days and on walks. These girls have bought their adopted parents together and we have developed a wonderful friendship. We were able to support each other and the girls thanks to Molly through our regular WhatsApp chats.

In December Pam began to experience pain, she was found to have arthritis particularly in her left back hip. Once stabilised on medication this pain improved but unfortunately did not leave her. She still loved her walks; we just adjusted them to suit her ability. During the spring she started to have infrequent tummy upsets. By June the symptoms had increased, some of the prescribed medications ease some of her discomfort but the issues did not subside. After tests it was suggested that there was a high probability she had a cancer attacking her digestive system. We decided not to put her through any further tests. At 13 years of age, we agreed we did not want her to go through any aggressive treatment. We kept her as comfortable as possible with the help of the Veterinary Surgery. She lost a lot of weight and on the 15th of July we made the very difficult decision to let her go with her dignity intact. In such a short time she touched many hearts, we talk about her all the time, and she will be forever missed.

Michelle Rogers



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