

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 all, and welcome to the Spring Newsletter for 2024. It's so nice to see signs of winter ending, daffodils in flower, and even the faint hint of some sun (sometimes!). It has felt like a very long and wet winter, some days we seem to be forever drying coats and wiping muddy paws. Bring on warmer days and drier ground for long walks!

I've noticed on our outings the last few weeks that Jack and Bella are really enjoying sniffing (and of course eating) the fresh grass. Their favourite is what I call "sticky weed", the proper name is *Galium aparine*, and only the freshest, finest tips will do for my two! Apparently it's harmless, and can even be beneficial to them, according to an article by Dorwest Herbs. Though please do your own research on this, and I try not to let my two feast too much on it! But what fascinates me is how do they know it's OK to eat?

For the summer newsletter why not send me photos of your hounds enjoying themselves, maybe with their favourite toy or in their favourite place? It's great to see them living their best lives once they have been re-homed, and we love to hear what they get up to. Why not tell us about their cheekiest moment, or greatest achievement?

Please send your updates and photos to michele_storer@hotmail.com - Thanks

Michele



Richie posing in the daffodils!
Photo supplied by Lisa Shannon



Co-ordinator's bit

As I write this JJ and Summer are curled up in their beds watching the rain pour down outside. I'm sure, like the dogs and me, you're sick of getting soaking wet and battling through mud. Here in Saxlingham Nethergate we have lots of choice for different walks, but most are under water or deep mud. I must admire how the kennel staff and walking volunteers have continued to battle through calf-high water on the kennel field throughout the winter. How grateful are we for the tumble drier kindly donated by a charity it's been invaluable for drying coats between walks. We look forward to some better weather in the next few months.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find a list of all the events and Open Days we have planned for 2024. Please come and support us. Our Fund-Raising Group are working very hard to promote our charity and I know they would welcome any help or ideas for raising our profile and raising money.

We are delighted to report we have had an excellent start to 2024 on the rehoming front. We have homed more dogs in the first two months of the year than we had last year up to April. We always have 10 or 11 dogs resident in the kennels at any one time but our waiting list doesn't seem to shrink, and at present we have 32 dogs waiting to come in to be rehomed.

We always welcome offers to foster for us, generally they are dogs that have been returned usually through no fault of their own and we do not wish to put them into kennels. Sometimes we ask for a foster home for a short while for a dog that may have had a procedure at the vets and needs some one-to-one care for a week. We cover all expenses and provide equipment. If you feel you could offer a temporary home, please contact Molly at the kennels.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the next Open Day in April.

Corinne

Recently homed greyhounds >>>



Fundraising update

In 2023 the Fundraising Committee came to the realisation that Homefinders would benefit from more publicity. So, we set to work on contacting local publishers and local radio stations. How heart-warming to discover that all who have been approached so far have invited us in with open arms. You may have heard volunteer Chris Hood on Poppyland Radio and BBC Radio Norfolk, where he did a grand job on promoting both adoption and giving a call out for volunteers.

The Just Regional publications have also published a lengthy article, along with the Sheringham Times (and surrounding area publications). Hellesdon Handbook have also supported us by advertising our first open day. We are also in contact with the Norfolk Magazine, their July issue will focus on pets, and they would like to include Homefinders in this edition.

Alongside these efforts volunteer Richard Edwards continues to do a sterling job with the Homefinders website. The committee members and kennel staff work closely with Richard to ensure the website is constantly updated. All of the events we are hosting and attending can be viewed on the website. Please look and come and support us as we travel round Norfolk and Suffolk this summer: www.yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk

Our well attended Open Days for 2024 are scheduled for the **7th April, 19th May, 21st July and 22nd September.**

In April Daisy's Doggy Hampers will be bringing along their fantastic natural dog treats so we can treat our greyhounds just a little more!! We will also be joined by Paula Sandell who makes bags and other items from recycled fabrics, Paula heard about our fundraising events via our publicity efforts. You will also be able to have a flutter on our raffle and tombola while enjoying a slice of cake and a cuppa.

We continue to recruit more volunteers to help Homefinders in various ways, from attending fundraising events, helping to man our stalls, promoting adoption, walking our lovely kennel hounds, fostering, helping with gardening/weeding, coming along on collections, this is to name just a few. We recently made a call out on our Facebook page asking followers to consider offering their time. We were so pleased that several people have committed to helping us this year. However, many hands make light work so if you can offer a little time this would be much appreciated. Please see the contact numbers below.

The kennel staff and committee members are currently working on supplying the shop with new stock. We currently have some very jazzy fleeces, raincoats, and Blizzard coats. We also have a range of collars so please do look. You can see some of our products on our website and they will be available during our open days. On the 19th May, the second

open day of the year we will host 'The Greyhound Show' so bring along your beautiful and handsome hounds for some fun with a chance to win a much sought after rosette! We will also be joined by Paws on Portraits – Dawn Rudrum will be offering bespoke pastel portraits of your hounds. Kizzie Animal Therapy will be making a return with their wonderful natural dog treats and consultations regarding animal massage, and Paula Sandell will be bringing along her textile items made from recycled fabrics.

On the **26th May** we will be packing up our tombola, shop and hounds and heading for the Mundesley Fun Dog Show at Gold Park. This is a lovely event so why not come along and support us.

We start the summer with a busy June with the fundraising volunteers attending the following events:

1st June - Who let the Dogs Out at High Oaks Dog Field in Banningham

8th June - Taverham Vets Open Day

30th June - Caister Carnival Family fun day – King George V Playing Field Caister

Later in the year we will be hosting two more of our own events – On the **4th August** we will be hosting our 'Fun All Breeds Dog Show' at Trimmingham Village Hall. We are hoping to build on last year's huge success. Then dare I mention Christmas! Our fayre this year will be slightly earlier on the **23rd November** at Taverham Village Hall.

We will also be organising some walks throughout the year so watch this space.

We have also been working on ways people can donate. You can now donate by text message. **Simply text "Greyhounds" to 70085** where you can donate between £1.00 -£20.00 see our website for details. You can also donate by BACS to:

Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders
Sort code 30 99 97
Account 00109740

Contact details:

Corinne Douglas – For Yarmouth Stadium collections on 0845 458 3797

Linda Johnson - Collections at Jollyes and the Taverham Garden Centre on 07702601799

Michelle Rogers – To volunteer for fundraising events 07519195719

Michelle Rogers and Linda Johnson

Letters to the editor

Hi Michele

Here are photos of Mabel and Squeaky wearing their festive snoods over the winter, they look so cozy in them! (Below left and middle). [Jane](#)

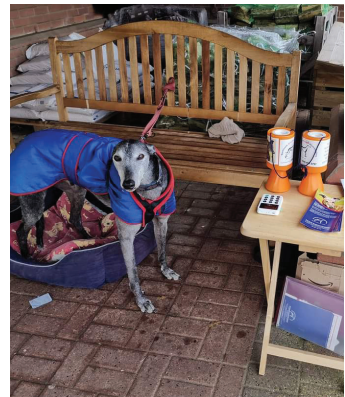


Dear Michele

I've attached a photo of Tinkerbelle doing her favourite thing...Watching squirrels!! (above right). [Nicola](#)

Dear Michele

Here are some photos of the last collection of 2023, on 16th December where we raised an amazing £230.21. [Linda Johnson](#)



Dear Michele

In April 2023 we took our first caravan holiday of the year with both our gorgeous hounds, Danny, aged 11 and Alice, aged 12. One night of the holiday it all kicked off with Danny refusing to lie down and crying when he tried. Luckily we were near home and first thing in the morning we took him to our vet. Sadly, just 2 days later we had to make that awful decision and he was gone. Such a shock, he was such a gorgeous gentle soul.



Alice accompanied us throughout the summer on our many caravan breaks, and celebrated her 13th birthday in May. On our final holiday, in late September, she suddenly developed a bad limp and was clearly in pain. We were lucky enough to find a splendid local vet who was just amazing, but after x-rays it became clear that it was time to let her go too.

Suddenly, after 20 continuous years of having greyhounds in our home and lives, we had none, and home just wasn't home any more.

Then some lovely friends lost their hound and asked us to take them to the kennels to donate all his coats, leftover food and treats etc. We said yes, but agreed between ourselves that we couldn't look around yet. Corrine had other ideas though and we found ourselves touring the kennels! I locked eyes with Ollie.....Oh no, I had fallen!

I heard his story – 5 months in kennels, two abortive adoptions, brought back in less than 24 hours. His crime? He was strong on the lead. We went home, but I couldn't forget him and so started an email exchange with Molly.

At Molly's suggestion we took Ollie out to Blickling for a long walk to be sure we could cope with him, and he was indeed, very strong on the lead. We took him into the café at and, despite noisy dogs and other distractions, he laid down on his blanket and went to sleep, totally relaxed. Molly agreed to reserve him for us until after our holiday and the rest is history! We went to visit him each weekend before our week away and took him to Blickling again. Each time he was a bit more familiar and a little less strong on the lead. We adopted him on 9th December.

Paddy, as he is called now (due to my grandson also being called Ollie!) has been with us for 10 weeks and it is like he was always here. He has stolen our home and our hearts. He has the most beautiful nature and loves all dogs and people. Maybe not so much cats! Lead work is progressing, but already is so much better than before. Positive reinforcement, patience and love are winning the day, plus the fact that he makes us laugh every day!

Paddy has been a truly fabulous end to a horrible year. Thank you Molly and YGH!

Sarah
Harvey



It's Quakers!

The stadium always enter a duck into the Annual Great Yarmouth Duck Race run by the Haven Rotary Club and held at the Waterways in Yarmouth. Last year their duck won!! The prize was £500, they very kindly donated £250 back to the Rotary Club and £250 to Homefinders. Late last year Ian, Corinne, Tara (and Summer) went to their Lunch Club to be presented with the Winners Shield.



Dogs homed since last newsletter

Abbie (Knowing You), Glen (Longuale Glen), Tilly (Take Off Tilly), Olly (Harleys Paddock, Willow (Heavens Willow), John (Johns Gamble), Luke (Saleen Luke), Soldier (Adamant Rumble), Alfie (Way Out Virginia), Rose (Lisbane Rose), Legend (Saleems Legend), Loki (Fahrenheit Loki), Diva (Allen Diva), Roxi (Hartwood Roxi), Jossy (Killgarran Joss), Jenny Bean (Germania Jaxx), Jef (Hardwood Jef), Ruby (Ratchies Cougar).

Toby - (Tullig Sanchez). 04.2014 - 19.10.2023

The day came that every pet owner dreads, when we had to make the hardest decision ever & say goodbye to our beautiful boy Toby.

He really was the best dog you could ever wish for. He got on with dogs of all types & sizes & everyone he met loved him. He gave us so much love & loyalty.

You could take him anywhere & he would never let you down.

He walked miles with us round the Yorkshire Dales & up in North Norfolk. He loved a mad run round on a nice quiet beach & was very partial to a sausage roll!!

We will never forget him. Run free beautiful boy.



Deryck & Val Self



Summer (Some Flyer)

Sadly died 1st December 2023, aged 10 years.

She had started her life as a racer, until she broke her right leg, once healed she was up for re-homing with Homefinders. She was a rascal at the kennels, tearing her bed. But once she came home with us she became quiet and gentle, never barking.

She loved life, and came with us everywhere including our chapel in Ludham. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The photo shows her enjoying lying on the sofa, which she always loved.

Iris and Esther



Re-united over that rainbow Bridge, Julia Hunt & Skippy. Photo sent to remember them both by **Peter Hunt**.

Olive (Galtymore Star) Oct 2012 – Dec 2023

In 2015, after moving back to Norfolk with our daughters (then 3 and 6), we decided to take the plunge and adopt our first family dog. Olive - who must have seemed like a giant to them - had her quirks and took a while to relax into home life. Early walks were often comically halted at the top of our road, to the amusement of everyone in the street who had never seen so many treats deployed trying to coax out a dog.



Olive took a good eight months to discover the joys of our other sofa – and the fact that it was actually hers. She soon got the hang of it. Every March, we'd watch Crufts on TV, marvelling at the incredible obedience, brains and agility of the dogs, whilst Olive roached, tongue out, on her fiftieth snooze of the day. She was always our best in show.

We would like to thank David (and Hettie!) for his advice and encouragement during our home check, and Molly and the team for their endless work on behalf of these gentle dogs - and for helping us choose Olive. She was beautiful and loved to the very end.

Jo, Rob, Rosie and Eliza White

Greyhound Lottery Results

Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize	January		
November				Wed 3	154	Lesley Pegg £60
Sat 18	263	Debbie & Chris Bush	£60	Wed 10	625	Vicky Nicholson £60
Sat 25	235	Alie Winter	£60	Wed 17	421	Angela Pearce £60
December				Wed 24	432	Hazel Jubb £60
Sat 2	215	Michael & Juliet Betterton	£60	Wed 31	412	Terence Douglas £60
Sat 9	642	Mary Moore	£60	February		
Sat 16	541	Dean Duneclift	£60	Wed 7	516	Justin Franklin £60
Sat 23	451	Val & Deryck Self	£60	Wed 14	135	David Ball £60
No Saturday night racing				Wed 21	654	Andrew Bicker £60
Wed 27	136	Tina & Colin Cole	£60	Wed 28	461	Derek Bicker £60

We have 2 places available for the lottery, if you would like to join, please email pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk

Spotted!

Spotted in Sheringham by Chris Hood (below and right). Spotted on a recent break in Marrakesh by the editor (bottom right).





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