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NEWSLETTER

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Rehoming retired racing greyhounds since 1999...

Kennels situated at 51 Cromer Road, Hainford, NR10 3AU (on A140)
Please call the kennels to make an appointment.

Fundraising News

We are just at the beginning of a busy year's fundraising programme. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for a list of the Open Days and Events we will be attending.

By the time you receive this Newsletter we will have held our first Open Day at the Kennels.

We have recently had our first collection of the year at Tesco Blue Boar Lane. This was our first without hounds as, sadly, they could not accommodate us under cover with the dogs. However, we still managed to raise £154.27. We will be booking in more collections as the summer progresses.



Collections continue at the Stadium on Race Nights.

The Fund and Awareness Raising Committee has started its meeting programme (about every five or six weeks) which will run through until October. In addition to planning events, collections and walks, we also look at ways to promote the charity. We have recently recruited a member to look at grant applications. Another member is getting information about us into free magazines and sourcing branded merchandise to sell. Another is looking into writing interesting stories about our hounds to submit to local newspapers and media.

We always welcome fresh ideas so if you feel you could bring something to the table or just help with what we are doing please contact us on 07881 724713 or email on yghvolunteering@btinternet.co.uk

Linda Johnson

Summer events programme

We have now selected various events that we will hold or attend throughout the summer. We are a small band of volunteers so we would really appreciate anyone who can offer any time to help with these.

Where I am aware I've put the timings of the events in the table below. If people can't do a whole day then a half day is just as valuable. However, we do need to make sure we have at least 3 able bodied people at the start and end of the day to put up and take down the gazebo and set out the stall. Hounds are very welcome as they attract people to the stall both to spend money and talk about potential adoptions, fostering or volunteering. The stall comprises tombola (which will be sorted and on the van) and some dog related items to sell. We will always make sure there is an experienced volunteer there.

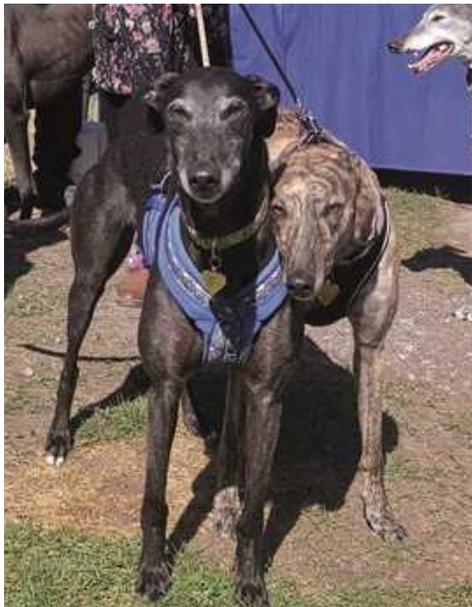
If you think you can help at any of these events please contact lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com

Date	Event
18 May 11am–2pm – Set up 9am	Open Day/Dog Show
28 June 11–4am – Set up 9–10.30 am	Taverham Village Fayre
6 July 12–4pm – Set up 11am	Hainford Village Fete
3 August	Wells Carnival
10 August	Mundesley Lifeboat Day Gold Park NR11 8JG
18 August 9am–3pm – Set up from 7.30am	Cromer Carnival – Farmer's Market The Carnival Field, Runton Road, Cromer NR27 9AU
24 & 25th August 9–5	All About Dogs Norwich Showground
13 September Opens 9.30 – Set up from 8	Centre Paws Pay £15 on the day
14 September 11am to 4pm	Mundesley Fun Dog Show Gold Park 13 Victoria Road Mundesley NR11 8JG
21 September 11am–2pm – Set up 9am	Open Day/Auction

Spring Open Day

With thanks to all the volunteers, without whom it would not happen, and all our supporters who turned out on this beautiful day, the Open Day raised **£1095.40**.

We also had two dogs reserved, quite a bit more interest and some new dog walker volunteers. An all round success for the first open day of the year!



Greyhounds and Pets As Therapy

“Did you know my mum has died and I went to her funeral yesterday. My dad and I said some words and I hope she is very proud of me.” These are words spoken by an 8 year old boy to my greyhound Patsy. The boy had not talked to anyone else about it, just Patsy.

Patsy is an accredited Pets As Therapy dog who attends schools, groups of bereaved children and an Age Concern centre. She brings such comfort and joy to all the children and adults she visits and has a profound effect on them.

I know 3 other greyhounds that are therapy dogs. Their chilled manner, loving nature and tall stature make them perfect for visiting people who are chair or bed bound, children who are a little worried about dogs and people who just want to give or need a cuddle.



Patsy has been a P.A.T. dog for nearly 4 years and from watching her I have learnt so much about the effect dogs, especially greyhounds, can have on people in need. If you think your greyhound could visit a hospital, hospice, nursing home or school do look up the Pets As Therapy website and give it a try. All dogs are assessed first. Patsy certainly loves all the attention she gets and loves her visits. I am so proud of her.

The photo is Patsy enjoying her visit to Age Concern.

David Jones

Dogs homed since last newsletter

Ruby (Somersham Ruby), Buddy (High St Bud), Midge (Princess Peppa), Dolly (Quiet Dolly), Lucky (Blackboy Lucky), Finn (Aloe Finlay), Lola (Lolas Company), Matty (Windup Matey), Suki (Swift Quaff), Hattie (Hiya Sophie).

Homefinders Helpers

We thought you'd be interested to see how much it costs to look after a dog while they are in the Kennels. This is the approximate monthly expenditure is about £150 which would include:

- Bag of food £30
- Meat and treats £30
- Flea and worm treatment £12
- Dental products £20
- Joint supplements £30
- Booster vaccination (annual) £42

You will have seen details of the fund raising events elsewhere in this newsletter. But we also need your help, if you can manage it. These are the ways you can help:

Sponsor a kennel scheme

You can sponsor a kennel for:

- One year – £50
- Lifetime – £500

You will get information about the dog in that kennel and we will provide updates. For the Sponsorship form please either contact Kennels or see website (yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk).

Standing Order

You can set up a monthly standing order for as much or as little as you like. Contact Linda – details below

By Text

Text the word "Greyhounds" to 70085 (any amount from £1 to £20). E.g. to donate £5 text "Greyhounds 5" to 70085.

By card

We have a card reader at the Kennels. It is also available on the Kennel's shop stall at Open Days and at the events we attend throughout the summer.

QR Code

We have the code available to scan for donations at events, Open Days and Collections

By BACS

Account name: Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders

Sort code: 30-99-97

Account no: 00109740

Facebook fundraising

Start a fundraiser – see how here [Donate](https://www.facebook.com/yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders) – Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders ([yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders)).

Volunteering

We always welcome new volunteers and are looking to build our team:

- Walking the dogs at the Kennels – we walk twice a day 9.45 and 1pm. Contact Kennels if you can help
- Helping at Open Days
- Helping at other events.
- Helping at store collections
- Collecting at Yarmouth Stadium – you can stay and watch the racing for free

Contacts

New volunteering enquiries – Jo Guise – 07881 724713

Kennels – 01603 710388 or whatsapp 07507 883891 or e mail kennels@yarmouthgreyhoundhomefinders.co.uk

Stadium Collecting – Corinne Douglas – 07743 326155 / corinnedouglas18@gmail.com

Store Collecting/Events/Open days – Linda Johnson – 07702 601799/lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com

Do you enjoy walks with your greyhound?

We are looking for someone who enjoys taking their hound to interesting places for walks to organise and lead a few walks throughout the summer and autumn.

These are usually on a Sunday but could also be on a Saturday (although please avoid our Open Days).

It would just be a question of picking a date and place within a reasonable distance of Norwich and then leading the walk on the day. People usually appreciate somewhere where there is a café.



We can publicise it on Facebook and our website. If you feel you can help us with this please contact Linda by email: lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com

Donations of goods

Firstly, can I say how much we appreciate all the support we receive from all of you.

However, we are finding people are bringing along items and bric a brac to kennels that we just can't use or sell. Please note we no longer do car boot sales.

The last two years we have had to pay out £200-£300 each time to get a skip to dispose of goods we can't even donate to charity shops and this is money we could spend on things for the dogs.

We are very grateful to receive new/unused items such as unwanted presents which we can use as tombola or raffle prizes.

If you have any dog related items such as coats, beds or bedding please ring or whatsapp Molly at the kennels on 07507 883891 to check if we can use them before bringing them along. We have limited storage so at any given time we may or may not be able to take them.

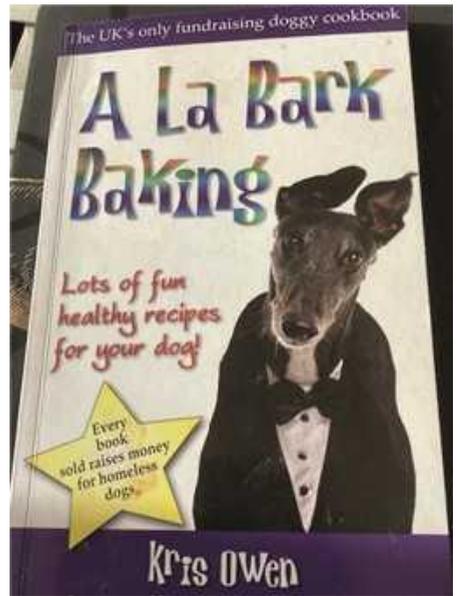
We do have our auction in September and welcome Greyhound related items to include in the lots but please can you contact Linda by email:

lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com before bringing them to kennels. Thank you

Baking for your dog

One of the great joys in my life is baking – and one of the joys in Tuppences is eating the dog treats I make. So I thought I would give a couple of recipes from my favourite books – both of which you may find in charity shops or via the internet.

The first is from *A La Bark Baking* by Kris Owen. This recipe is for sardines muffins – which I sometimes bake for Open Days at the Kennels. They freeze well but rarely make it that far. Tuppence has the sauce as a treat on her kibble.



Sasha's Sardine Muffins

Ingredients

- 170g plain flour
- 1 tablespoon of baking powder
- 2 large eggs
- 1 x 425g tin of sardines or pilchards in tomato sauce

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Gas mark 4
- Lightly grease a muffin tin – I use a tin for tiny muffins – and make 24 – but you could use a loaf tin or sponge tin. If you do then line with baking paper.
- Sieve the flour and baking powder into a large mixing bowl. Add the two eggs and all of the fish, reserving the sauce, and mix with a fork until smooth.
- Put teaspoonfuls of the mixture into the muffin tin and cook for about 15–20 minutes. If you use a loaf or sponge tin cook for about 25–30 minutes.
- Cool on a rack out of reach of your greyhound.

Another a great book for those of us who like baking for our hounds. But as warmer days seem to be on their way here are two cooling recipes:

Banana and Peanut Butter ice cream

500gm pot of non fat natural yoghurt

2 mashed bananas

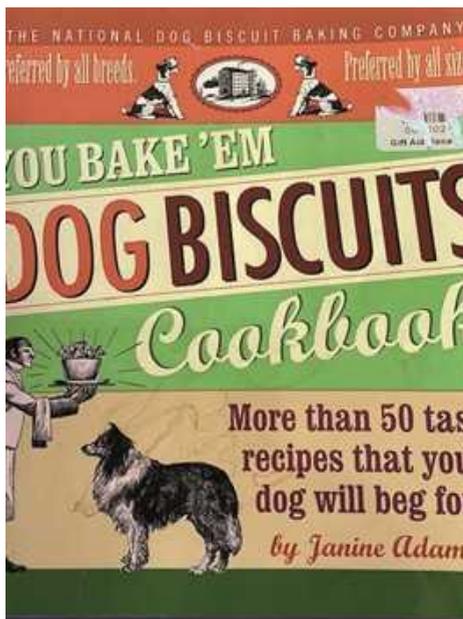
1/2 cup dog friendly peanut butter

2 tablespoons of honey.

Method

Mix everything together and put into small muffin cases and freeze.

To serve let thaw slightly and pop out of the paper case.



Tuna Frosties

250 gm non fat natural yoghurt

1 medium can of tuna in water

Method

Blend ingredients and then pour into ice cube trays and freeze.

And something for the grown ups..... Greyhound Cocktail

Classic , simple and stylish – mix vodka or gin with grapefruit juice and lots of ice. If you put salt round the rim of the glass it turns it into a Salty Dog!

Jo Guise

Recently Homed Dogs

Midge (was Peppa/Princess Peppa)



Matty (Windup Matey)



Lucky (Blackboy Lucky)



Buddy (High St Bud) after patiently waiting for 2 years!



Hello from Richie

Hi, I'm Richie, a healthy 11 year old retiree gentledog, and I love to volunteer at Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders.

I've been volunteering for a few years now. First at Taverham Nursery, collecting for my fellow hounds, where I would get lots of love from all the shoppers and they would even give me treats and doggy ice cream and some people even stop to give me a full massage. I enjoyed that so much that I started bringing my mum to Homefinders Open Days and other events.

I love meeting other greyhounds (especially the female ones) and have become a dog with a very active social life. I always jump into the Homefinders van so I can go to events and meet lots of new humans and dogs to let them know how great us greyhounds are.



The track walk is a favourite of mine too, and I finally got to play with that lure thing.

Lottery Results

Date	No.s	Name	Prize	Date	No.s	Name	Prize
January				March			
Wed 8th	135	David Ball	£60	Wed 5th	256	Bertie Hawes	£60
Wed 15th	143	Irela Paddy-Amis	£60	Wed 12th	162	Sophie Fauvel	£60
Wed 22nd	312	Jean Brown	£60	Wed 19th	216	Nicola Potter	£60
Wed 29th	243	Sarah Morter	£60	Wed 26th	523	Cissy Bicker	£60
February				April			
Wed 5th	653	G J Blyth	£60	Wed 2nd	342	Sally Britcher	£60
Wed 12th	316	Lisa Edwards	£60	Wed 9th	453	Sandy Dyball	£60
Wed 19th	435	Corinne Douglas	£60				
Wed 26th	246	Marguerite Lees	£60				

We start season 7 from Wednesday 16th April.

There is 1 place available for the lottery contact Phil: pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk

Make a donation:
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