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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.

# Events since the last newsletter

We are just coming into our busiest period for events and collections. Since the last Newsletter we have attended the following:

On 31 May we held at collection Tesco Harford Bridge. We made the fantastic amount of £433.35.

Our annual Open Day and Dog Show took place on 18 May. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for more information and pictures.

Our first outside event was planned for 28 June at Taverham Village Fayre. We were very disappointed to have to cancel when temperatures of 29c were forecast. The dogs are an integral part of our team for these events. They bring people to our stall, not only to spend money but to start conversations about Greyhounds as pets and even potential adopters or volunteers. Their welfare will always be our top priority.



On 6 July we attended Hainford Village Fete. The weather was not on our side again – but this time torrential rain! We had no sooner set up the stall than the heavens opened. We all got drenched trying to bring the tombola and shop tables under the gazebo and cover them. The weather did improve, and we made £122.20.



On 19 July we attended the Open Day at Oaklands Care Home Diss. This time we didn't take the stall and just did a meet and greet with 5 hounds and their slaves. Again the weather was wet but we did have some good conversations including a possible adoption.

You will see elsewhere in this Newsletter about our partnership with Jollyes Pet Store on Sweetbriar Road. We held a collection there on 26 July and made £135.97.



Linda Johnson

# Up Coming Events

The following are the events that we have planned for the rest of the year. We can only hold these if we can get volunteers to man then. There are only seven of us on the committee and so we can't cover all of them ourselves.

If you could spare even a couple of hours to help at any of these events it would be much appreciated. We particularly need able bodied people at the start and end of outside events to help set up and pack away.

We are also looking for someone to lead our Great Global Greyhound Walk at Blickling Please contact us on [yghvolunteering@btinternet.com](mailto:yghvolunteering@btinternet.com) if you can help. Thank you

Date	Event
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
7 September 10am - 4pm Set up from 7.30am	Plough Day Station Road, Brampton, Suffolk NR34 8EA
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
14 September	Open Event Henry IV Fakenham
21 September 11am-2pm - Set up 9am Auction 12 noon	Open Day/Auction
28 September 11 am	Great Global Greyhound Walk, Blickling
18 October Set up 10am	Winter Fayre, Coronation Hall, Mundesley
25 October	Collection at Jollyes
20 December	Collection at Jollyes

# Homefinders Annual Dog Show

The Open Day and Dog Show took place at the kennels on 18 May. The weather was kind to us and the event was well attended.

Chris Tomlinson, a Vet from Rackheath Veterinary Practice, came along to judge the classes, assisted by Corinne Douglas, with Duncan Morris doing the announcing (despite a hitch with the PA system- sorry Duncan).

Thanks to all the other helpers who manned refreshments, BBQ, raffle, cake stall, tombola and shop stall and set up/packed away. A great day was had by all and we made £972.30. Ann Hinchley, who works in the kennels, took some fabulous photos.



## Results

Brilliant Brindles: 1st Frankie, 2nd River, 3rd Patsy

Black Beauties: 1st Bliss, 2nd Billy, 3rd Lulu

White & Blue: 1st Bert, 2nd Lexi, 3rd Sindy

Fabulous Fawn: 1st Dotty, 2nd Lily

Made in Britain: 1st River, 2nd Frankie, 3rd Tandy

Made in Ireland: 1st Jack, 2nd Lily 3rd Bert

Handsome Boys: 1st Billy, 2nd River, 3rd Blaze

Pretty Girls: 1st Raya, 2nd Sindy, 3rd Bliss

Fantastic Families: 1st May, Jeff, Storm and Mollie, 2nd Sindy and Bullitt, 3rd Bud and Mario

Golden Years: 1st Rodney, 2nd Summer, 3rd Richie

**Best in Show: River**

**Reserve best in show: Billy**





# Greyhounds In Need



Our supporters and volunteers are very generous and often we have more coats and toys than our own kennel hounds need. We do sell some at the kennels and at the events we attend but we have enough to send to Tracey for the greyhound and galgo shelters in Spain. Big thanks to Molly for sorting them all out.

Greyhounds in Need (GIN) is an English registered charity no. 1174351 founded in 1998. The charity has grown considerably since then and our concern, as always, continues to be the plight of greyhounds everywhere and especially the Spanish bred greyhounds, the galgos.

We work closely with many of the shelters we support in Spain and send large boxes of care packages filled with donated coats, blankets, dog toys, towels etc. throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful for the continued support and large parcels of surplus greyhound coats and dog toys we receive from Jo at Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders.

These are packed into large boxes at our office and once full are sent in turn to the shelters we support.

They are always very happy and thankful to receive the donations for the dogs in their care.

Earlier this year we sent 2 boxes filled with donations from Jo to Galgos Rescue Almeria in Spain, who work tirelessly to find forever homes for the dogs in their care. I contacted Sandy who runs the shelter and said we were very lucky to have been sent some lovely coats and toys from Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders and would be on the way to them. They were very happy to receive the goodies in their care packages and took some pictures for us to share with you.



Many thanks to all involved.

Best wishes from Tracey and all at Greyhounds in Need

# Eddie's Happy Tail

We're so happy to share a little update on our wonderful boy, Eddie.

After spending nearly two years being loved and cared for by the amazing team at Yarmouth Greyhound Rescue, Eddie finally came home with us — and we can honestly say, it's been one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives.



From the moment we met him, we knew there was something special about Eddie. Everyone at the rescue told us what a favourite he was — and it's easy to see why. He's incredibly friendly, gentle, and has a quiet confidence that just makes you feel calm in his presence. It's clear he was cherished during his time with you, and we're so grateful for the love and patience that helped shape the wonderful dog he is today.

Eddie settled into our home with ease, as if he'd always been meant to be here. He's become such a peaceful, comforting presence — always close by, quietly watching the world with those soulful eyes or snoozing in one of his new favourite spots. He follows us from room to room, not to demand attention, but just to be near us, which is one of the many things we love about him.

He's also incredibly nurturing. There's something deeply calming about having Eddie around. He senses our moods and responds with such empathy — it's like having a quiet little therapist with a wagging tail. We've noticed he's already made a huge difference to our daily lives. The house feels more like a home now.

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone at Yarmouth Greyhound Rescue. It's clear Eddie was deeply loved by the whole team, and we feel incredibly lucky to now be part of his story. We promise to continue giving him all the love, care, and comfort he so deserves — every single day.

Eddie waited patiently for his forever home, and we're so glad that home turned out to be with us.

With love,  
David, Katie & Eddie

## YGH Merch!

The Fund and Awareness Committee have sourced some lovely branded merchandise which we are selling at all our various fund-raising events, they are proving very popular and it is another way in which we are endeavouring to raise our visibility within the greyhound and animal loving community.

Our lovely strong cotton bags and ceramic mugs are proving particularly popular. We also have pens and badges and hope to continue adding to our selection over the next few months.

If you see us out and about let us know what you think and if there are other items you would like to see us sell, we would love hear your ideas.



## Pets Foundation Grant

In March this year we applied for a grant of £10000 from the Pets Foundation towards our vets fees. And in July we heard that we have been exceptionally fortunate in being awarded the whole of this amount. It will make a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of greyhounds in our care. Our vets bills are by far our most expensive outgoing each year and we are really grateful to the Trustees of the Pets Foundation for their trust in us and the work we do.

### Dogs homed since last newsletter

Corby (Corbys Finest), Daisy (Sophies Maddy), Bliss (Swanley Duchess), Blue (Patchwork Blue), Jerry (Hashtag Oioi), Minnie (Farneys Minnie), Tucker (Tuckeys Jet), Barney (Spectron), Tom (Text Tom), Ben (The Great Maui), Pip (Roxholme Pip), Eddie (Rasher Dasher), Bullitt (Hartwood Bullitt), Pirate (Daytime Pirate), Missy (Missouri Cushty), Sparkle (No Sparkle), Coco (Brynoffa Coco), Flyn (Farneys Mickey), Blake (Russmur Blake), Con (Coill Bhui Liath), Deano (Shebeen Dana), Snowy (Somersham Snowy).



# Jollyes Pet Store Norwich

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A few months ago we were thrilled to be chosen as Jollyes Dog Charity Partners for the year 2025 to 2026. Thank you to June Woodhouse who made sure the opportunity was well publicised on Facebook and encouraged enough of our supporters to vote for us to make it happen.

The partnership means we will mutually support each other. They will aim to collect donations, raise awareness and bring the charity to the heart of their store. They have a collection box in store and we have already taken delivery of some lovely food and treats for the kennel hounds. In exchange we are promoting Jollyes, with shared stories and photos, on our social media channels.



As part of the partnership we are expected to hold five events at the store during the year. Our first was on 26 July (where we raised £135.97) and we have future ones booked in for 29 September, 25 October and 20 December.

Come and see us and bring your hounds when we are there.

We try hard to keep our website up to date and accurate. Should, however, you find something that needs attention please contact Richard, the volunteer who looks after our website by emailing [redwards1945@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:redwards1945@yahoo.co.uk)

# A Sofa, a Greyhound, and a New Beginning

Last November, I lost Missy, my 13-year-old retired greyhound. She'd been a wonderful companion, and I decided to give myself a little time before thinking about the future.

A month later, I realised I wanted another greyhound in my life. Checking the Homefinders website raised the first big question: what was I looking for? Having had five greyhounds before, I thought this would be easy, but it wasn't. I needed to visit the kennels and talk to Molly and her team. That gave me a much clearer picture of the dogs' characters and helped me think more deeply about what would suit me. The idea of a "perfect" dog was unrealistic; each has its own personality and quirks, some of which only appear once they're in a home.

The next step was visiting the kennels several times a week to walk dogs that might be a good match. Doing this helped me get to know them and gave them a chance to get used to me. The deciding moment came during a walk in the woods with Tim, one of the helpers. We took two dogs to see how they behaved away from the kennels, especially around other dogs and possible wildlife. Tim had taken one home overnight, so he had extra insight to share. That walk helped me choose Con. Over the next two weeks, I kept visiting and walking him so he could become familiar with me.

On 27 December, I brought Con home. I already had most of what I needed, and on Molly's advice I raised a section of fencing. Within no time, Con had found his spot on the sofa and, after a few nights sleeping on a pad in my bedroom, decided the sofas were more comfortable.

The biggest challenge was toilet training. Con would wee almost immediately after eating, so I fed him outside. The trickier part was the random urinating, often when he was unsettled or in a new place. Once I worked this out and discussed it with Michelle during her follow-up visits and calls, we made great progress. Those follow-ups have been invaluable, a chance to share ideas, get a fresh perspective, and benefit from her experience.

Fast forward to today, Con has settled beautifully into home life. He's moved from being startled by washing on the line and noises from the TV to becoming the dog everyone in the park wants to cuddle. He's made friends with all the dogs he regularly meets and now walks happily without his muzzle.

Chris Roberts



## Beautiful Blue

After finally deciding we had the love and room to welcome another member to the family I contacted Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders. Thanks to them this special boy is now part of our little family. What a truly beautiful soul he is with lots of character. We have all spent the last couple of months adapting to each others little ways.

The home visits are so helpful and the ongoing support that is on hand is brilliant. He has certainly made himself comfortable and we hope to enrich his life as much as he does ours. Thank you so much, what a fabulous charity that puts the needs of these beautiful hounds first and introduced us to the wonderful boy.

I have more toys in my house now than when my boys were little... x

Liz



## Our Hero Jolly!



Today Jolly was a total hero and gave blood to help Daisy the spaniel who was really poorly and needed a blood transfusion. Our vet (Mayers Vet in Barnham Broom) had asked us if she could put Jolls on the donor list as greyhounds have such a high red cell count and make excellent donors. Last night we got called up and took him in to try and save Daisy. He was an absolute legend,

gave a bag of blood with not even a whimper, and smashed in 6 chicken nuggets from McD's afterwards to get his energy back. Daisys surgery went well and we're told she's absolutely fine.

Pam



# Volunteers BBQ

I've not been a greyhound owner for long, neither have I been a volunteer at Homefinders for long, but nevertheless I received an invite to "volunteers day" at the kennels in Hainford.

A day put on as a Thank you from the Trustees for everyone's time and help. Myself, partner and kids all do what we can to help out and attended the social on 21st July.

On the day everyone received a BBQ lunch, cakes, drinks and a raffle ticket on arrival. The aim of the event was not only to say thank you but for all of us to meet and chat.

It was great to put names to faces. We learnt of so many reasons of how people came to take on a role and help out at YGH. Meeting people who have been with them for years and more newbies like ourselves. It was interesting to hear of other volunteer roles that I hadn't considered for myself, but now do. I really love that it's accepted if you can help a little or a lot. Which is great for us working around work, family and pets.

Everyone was very welcoming and we had a lovely day.

Kelly, Gary, Rhainie, Madison and Bliss



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