



Yarmouth Greyhound
HOMEFINDERS

Registered Charity No: 1172132



Breeze



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026 - Issue 73

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.

Summer's Here And The Time Is Right – For Events And Collections

We are now into the swing of our summer events and collections.

Our first event of the year was Overstrand Dog Show on 4 May. It was a bit draughty, with a bit of a breeze coming off the sea, but the side panels of our new gazebos kept the worse of it off. We made £103 and had a few chats about greyhounds as pets.

We were due to attend Kings Court Care Home in Holt for their summer fete on 25 May but had to call off as it was right in the middle of the heat wave and much too hot for our hounds. They are an important part of the team, bringing people to the stall to spend money and also to talk about adopting a greyhound as a pet.

We have held collections at Jollyes Pet Store on 4 April where we made £193, Roys of Wroxham on 18 April, where we made £139.28, Asda Drayton Road on 29 May when we made £106.67 and Highway Garden Centre on 6 June where we made £84.83.

Sadly, we had to call off a planned collection at Tesco Fakenham on 21 March as the charity website had neglected to tell them we were coming and they were double booked. We were able to rebook for 13 June and what a successful day it was. We collected £249.37. There was lots of interest in Homefinders and chats about adoption, fostering and volunteering .



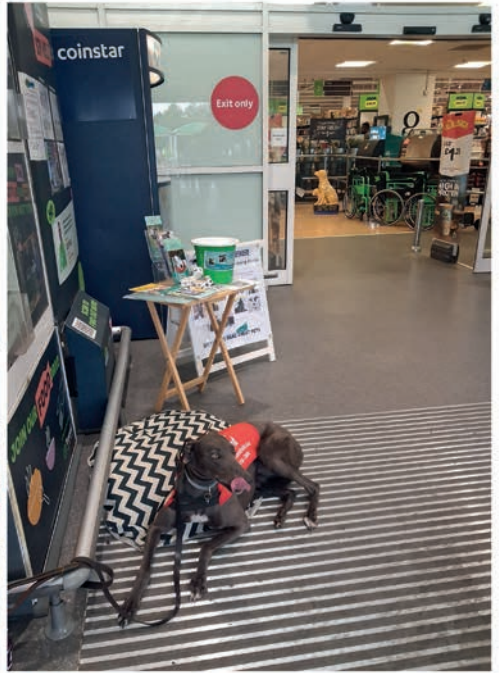
We have lots more coming up. See details elsewhere in the Newsletter

Auction Lots

It might not be until September, but we are already thinking ahead to our annual auction. We try and keep the lots to greyhound related items as far as possible (e.g. statues, paintings, jewellery) but we might also consider new/unused other items that might be of interest to buyers.

If you have anything you could donate please send pics to Linda Johnson in the first instance at lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com or by text or whats app on **07702601799**

Thank you



Diary For The Rest Of The Year

27 June – We will be taking our stall to Taverham Village Fayre. It runs from 11am until 4 pm. Lots to see and do plus a dog show.

12 July – We will be attending Worstead Dog Show with our stall.

23 July – We will be collecting at Yarmouth Horse Racing Track after the racing between 7.30pm and 9 pm. We will have volunteers and hounds at all three exits.

9 August – We will have our stall at Mundesley Lifeboat Day between 10am and 4pm

15 August – We will be at Cromer Carnival between 10am and 4pm

15 August – One of our volunteers is arranging a garage sale in Thorpe St Andrew. See the separate poster.

26 August – We plan to take a stall to the GBGB event at Yarmouth Stadium

30 and 31 August – We will be at All About Dogs at Norfolk Showground

5 September – Our annual Track Walk Event at Yarmouth Stadium. A chance to see behind the scenes and walk the track with your hound (be warned, they will remember racing there and will be keen to do it again). We take our stall and it's a good time to buy their winter wardrobe. We also try and have our new xmas cards and calendars available at this event.

12 September – We will be at Mundesley Dog Show

13 September – We will be at Bradfield Dog Show

16 September – We plan to take our stall to Derby Night at Yarmouth Stadium

20 September – Our Open Day and Auction at the kennels in Hainford

27 September – Great Global Greyhound Walk – this year we are holding ours at Redwings Horse Sanctuary near Aylsham. 11am is the usual start time for this event. How many hounds can we muster this year?

21 November – Our Xmas Fayre will be held at Mundesley Village Hall once again this year

28 November – Collection at Aldiss Norwich

12 December – Collection at Aldiss Fakenham.

These events can only happen if we get a team of volunteers together to man them. If you feel you could give an hour or two occasionally please contact Linda Johnson by e mail lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com or by phone, text or whats app on **07702 601799**.

Our cover girl Breeze is back with us and looking for a new home.

4 years old. Housetrained. Looking for a home where she will have company, especially in the early stages. Loves all people and will happily live with other hounds or larger dogs.

Likes to be able to sleep near her people so a bungalow would be ideal.

Good on the lead and loves to play!

Please get in touch if you're interested.

Balfour Beatty cement their love of greyhounds

At the beginning of September last year we had a request from Balfour Beatty; some of their team were keen to help walk our hounds. It seemed however an opportunity too good to miss, so after arranging a visit to the kennels, we met with Loma and Tom who told us that through their Social Values Scheme they could do some work for us at the kennels. And, of course, walk a hound or two.

On top of that, some of their Contractors would like to help as well! Fast forward to May 2026 and we have new outside lighting at the kennels, a completely renovated set of exercises pens with new concrete and fencing, a mud free area outside the kennels where we can park the van without it sinking, filled in potholes, and, very importantly, we have introduced a whole bunch of new people to these wonderful dogs.

So a big round of applause to Loma, Tom, Sam, and Sam, Thabani, Omar, Keenan and Ahmed from Balfour Beatty. And big thanks to Aardvark Electrical, Orsted and Llynch for financial contributions and equipment.

One of the Directors from Aardvark travelled for hours to meet with us at the kennels where he reminisced about growing up with greyhounds.

Everyone was so friendly and keen to help; there was a lot of cake and a lot of melted hearts. Our hounds and the commitment of our staff and volunteers shone brightly all the time the contractors were there.



A very big thank you too to the wonderful volunteers who took dogs out for day trips, foster families who took dogs home for a week or two, and of course to the walkers who were navigating different ways in and out of the field for more than a few days.

First Open Day Of The Year A Great Success

We held the first Open Day at Kennels on Sunday 12 April. The weather was kind to us. The sun was out and the rain held off, although it was a bit windy, so properly securing the gazebos was a must.

There was a wonderful turn out from our supporters. The Meet and Greet was a big success with lots of people chatting about hounds and a lot of interest and potential homes in the pipeline for our lovely hounds. We also had a couple of new volunteers and dog walkers.

The Greyhound Ducks were very popular (although heavens know what John Conway will do with three) as was our tombola .

We sold quite a bit of our branded merchandise and Jo D took some orders for the new branded clothing.

Cake stall and refreshments were as popular as ever.

We made the fantastic sum of £1472 and received a donation cheque of £300 and an in memorial donation of £320.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to our volunteers without whose hard work we could not hold these events.



As you can see the dogs did all the work!

CORRECTION CORRECTION CORRECTION

It has been pointed out the date of our Xmas Fayre this year was a typo in our last newsletter. Please note it will be Saturday 21 November at Mundesley Village Hall.

My volunteering story

For many years I had driven past the kennels at silly o'clock in the morning or late at night on my way to visit Dad in Sheringham from home in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Late last year I met the volunteer team at the winter fund raiser in Mundesley. I soon registered to be an 'as and when' dog walker to fit around visiting Dad.

I have always liked dogs but never had one as my work has me out of the house from early morning until later in the day so it would be unfair.

It has been a great experience meeting and getting to know the hounds and volunteers and learn if I have the right temperament to potentially adopt a hound in the future when I have time at home for a retired four legged friend.

Recent circumstances have meant more time up in Norfolk and it was a proper warm and fuzzy moment when Beau came out from kennels for a walk, recognised me, and came flying over for some fuss.

Roger Sanford



Dogs Homed Since Last Newsletter

Twiggy (Murlens Twingo), May (Riverside Maisie), Nessie (Old Fort Tennessee), Charlie (Caister Charlie), Grace (Divine Grace), Rebel (Clona Rebel), Delly (Motivationmadnes), Dora (Ballinabola Dora), Jill (Ballinabola Jill), Blake (Blacknose Blake), Faye (Fairest State), Cian now Larry (Comer Cian), Nala (Drumdoit Nala)

Open Day And Greyhound Dog Show 17 May

What a lovely turnout we had for our event. Lots of happy owners and hounds enjoying a BBQ and refreshments and strutting their stuff in the ring. The weather was very kind to us, with the rain holding off until after we had packed away.

Tom Robertson, one of the vets from Taverham, kindly did the judging, assisted by Corinne Douglas and Duncan Morris. Hayley, one of the vet nurses from Taverham came along with goodie bags as additional prizes for the class winners with her daughter helping hand out the prizes.

We also had lots of interest in rehoming. Thanks to our supporters who came along and to our fantastic kennel team and volunteers whose hard work made it happen.

The prize winners were:

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
Brilliant Brindles and Fabulous Fawns	Clover	Paddy	Cinders
Black Beauties	Elvis	Rodney	Bullitt
Wonderful Whites and Beautiful Blues	Deano	Bert	Mindy
Handsome Boys	Blue	Frankie	Paddy
Pretty Girls	Sadie	Bliss	Dora
Fantastic Families	Magic & Fancy	Bullitt & Cindy	Milly & Dora
Golden Years (8 and over)	Frankie	Oakley	Rodney
Dog the judge would take home	Bliss	Milly	Starfish
Pointiest nose	Bliss	Deano	Flynn
Dog most like it's owner	Raya	Cindy	Magic
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW	ELVIS		see page 10
BEST IN SHOW	DEANO		see page 10





Whites & Blues



Handsome Boys



Pretty Girls



Fantastic Families



Golden Years



Dog Judge Would Take Home



Pointiest Nose



Dog Most Like It's Owner

Best in show – Deano | Reserve best in show – Elvis



Lottery Results

Date	No.s	Name	Prize	Date	No.s	Name	Prize
February				Wed 22nd	231	Naomi Linder	£60
Wed 11th	641	No Winner – Rollover		Wed 29th	546	Sophie Titlow	£60
Wed 18th	431	Marie Moss	£120	May			
Wed 25th	316	Lisa Edwards	£60	Wed 6th	432	Hazel Jubbb	£60
March				Wed 13th	435	Corinne Douglas	£60
Wed 4th	654	Andrew Bicker	£60	Wed 20th	256	No Winner – Rollover	
Wed 11th	342	No Winner – Rollover		Wed 27th	215	Mike & JulieT Betterton	£120
Wed 18th	453	Sandy Dyball	£120	June			
Wed 25th		* Rollover		Wed 3rd	635	Jackie Rix	£60
April				Wed 10th	416	Teresa Bromfield	£60
Wed 1st		* Double rollover		Wed 17th	631	Michele Quick	£60
Wed 8th	623	Pamela McCatty	£180				
Wed 15th	413	Deborah Houseago	£60				

* Lottery payouts can only be made on 6-dog races. If a race has fewer runners, too many members are excluded, so the prize rolls over to the next eligible race.

There are 12 places available for the lottery, email Phil: pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk

Homefinders Helpers

Donate

Standing Order: Set up a regular gift of any amount – contact Linda (details below).

Text: Send “Greyhounds [amount]” to 70085 (e.g. “Greyhounds 5”). Texts cost your donation plus one standard message.

By Card: Donate at the kennels, our Open Day stall, or any event we attend.

QR Code: Scan to donate at events and collections.

By BACS:

Account: Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders
Sort code: 30-99-97
Account no: 00109740

Facebook Fundraising: Start your own at www.yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk/donate/

Leave Homefinders a gift in your will:

Forms are available at the kennels or our events, or contact our Finance Trustee Ian 014903 378178

Sponsor a kennel scheme

You can sponsor a kennel:

- One year – £50
- Lifetime – £500

<http://yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk/kennel-sponsorship-beta/>

Volunteering

Thinking about volunteering with us? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Jo Guise for an informal chat about how you can get involved – she'll connect you with the right person to get started.

We're always looking for new helpers for:

- Dog walking (9.45am & 1pm)
- Open Days and other events
- Store or stadium collections (free race entry!)
- Finding shops to host collecting pots
- Fostering a dog.

Donating items

- We welcome:
- Small prizes for tombolas and raffles
- Greyhound-related items for auctions
- Quality second-hand dog goods (contact Linda first)
- Cakes and savouries for Open Days.

Can your workplace help us?

Get your colleagues involved and help make a difference. From bake sales, coffee mornings, and dress-down days to sponsored walks or team challenges, there are plenty of fun ways to raise funds at work.

Contacts

New volunteering enquiries – Jo Guise – 07881 724713 or email yghvolunteering@btinternet.com

Dog Walking – phone or whatsapp 07507 883891, email kennels@yarmouthgreyhoundhomefinders.co.uk or phone 01603 710388

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

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

THORPE ST ANDREW

Community Garage Sale

AUGUST 15th

10am - 2pm

£5 PITCHES

Raising Money for Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders, register by August 9th



Maps available on the day for £1 at:

- Cafe2you refreshments van, Fitzmaurice Park
- Little Park Cafe, Sir George Morse Park
- Thunder Lane Post Office
- The River Green Pantry, Yarmouth Road
- The Little Florist Box, Thorpe End

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