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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.

Thanks For a Fantastic Year of Fundraising!

It has been a very busy summer. Since the last Newsletter we have attended seven more events (it should have been eight but we had to call off Trimmingham Trosh on 5 October due to high winds)

The events saw us at Wells Carnival, Mundesley Lifeboat Day, Cromer Farmers Market, All About Dogs (over two days), Brampton Plough Day, Centre Paws and Mundesley Dog Show.

We take our stall along with our famous tombolas and a selection of items for sale, including our branded items.

As well as our events, we've held three more collections at Jollyes and one at Tesco Harford Bridge. We'll be back at Jollyes in mid-November and on 20 December, and at Aldiss in Fakenham on 13 December..

In addition to raising money we also had lots of conversations about greyhounds and adoptions.

Our team collecting at The Stadium have also had a busy time of it. **In the year to 1 October they collected an amazing £4966.34**

Without our brilliant volunteers none of this would happen. So thank you and give yourselves a huge pat on the back.

If you think you might have a bit of time to spare and would like to become a volunteer you can contact us by phone or text on 07881 724713 or by e mail yghvolunteering@btinternet.com. There are lots of ways to help which are detailed on our website Volunteer – Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders

Linda Johnson





Winter Fayre

We went off piste this year and held our last event of the year a bit earlier than usual on 18 October and took it out to Mundesley.

We received some helpful feedback suggesting the event could be held a little closer to Christmas and in a more central location, and we'll certainly keep that in mind when planning for next year. Our decision was determined by venue availability — our usual spot in Taverham wasn't an option due to a regular Saturday booking. We also needed a venue spacious enough and willing to accommodate our dogs, who are always at the heart of our events.

That having been said, the event was well attended both by our own supporters and locals from the village as it was well publicised there on local Facebook groups and by posters.

In addition to our refreshments, tombola, shop, raffle, cakes, dog treats, bottle tombola and teddy tombola we had two guest stalls. Once again we were serenaded by Jeff who, this year brought his guitar and banjo rather than his fiddle.

A good time was had by all and **we made £987.70** (£50 more than last year).

Thanks again to all our hardworking volunteers without whom it would not happen and our supporters who came along to spend a bit of money and enjoy the day with us.

We will be planning 2026 events at our final fundraising meeting of the year in December.

In the meantime, thank you again for all your support. We wish humans and hounds a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Linda Johnson



2026 Calendars - Last Chance

We have a very small number of A4 calendars left. They are £6 each (extra for p&p if required). We also have packs of Christmas cards for £3.50.

Please get in touch if you'd like to pick one up! 07507 883891



Christmas Donations

We are super lucky to be regularly receiving some huge food donations courtesy of Jollyes customers, as their chosen charity this year!

Many of our supporters like to very kindly treat our hounds at Christmas time – so instead of food, we would be really grateful for other items/supplements such as...

- Yumove joint tablets
- Plaque Out powder for their teeth
- Oils such as Salmon oil to help keep those coats glossy
- Cosy light fleece blankets



We appreciate each and every donation – we have some lucky hounds – Thank you! There is a link to our Amazon Wishlist on our website under “Help with Supplies”.

Kennel Improvements

Throughout this summer we have had work carried out at the kennels to improve the conditions for our wonderful hounds, our staff and our volunteers. Last year we were fortunate enough to be left a legacy and although we only rent the kennels the Trustees felt very strongly that work must be done.

So the kennels now have a new roof, and improved insulation so hopefully it won't be so chilly – as well as improved food prep facilities. Individual kennels have also had new hatches and improved insulation. A new main gate has been installed as well as new gates between the kennels and the main parking area. This will improve access for everyone especially our dog walkers.



We are very grateful to those individuals who remember us in their wills – this winter our hounds will be warmer because of their kindness.

All of the hounds also have brand new big, raised beds, bought for them by an extremely kind and generous supporter of ours. Very lucky hounds indeed!



Here is Hippo, very content with his... complete with not one, but two duvets, of course!

Jo Guise



YGH Charity Shop

While sorting out items at the kennels, Linda and I found several dog beds and other pet items that had been donated and were not suitable for use in the kennels. So I offered to take these home to wash and clean and see if I could sell them to raise money for Homefinders.

We decided to reopen our **“Charity Shop for Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders”** on Facebook. The idea is that anyone can post a picture of their unwanted item on this group and pledge some or all of the proceeds of their sale to Homefinders. The seller will be responsible for organising collection with the buyer and this way it ensures that items go where they are needed rather than getting forgotten about at the back of the kennel’s shop area, and a great way to recycle while raising money for the dogs.

The first two dog beds I listed sold for £25.00 each, which was easy to send via the donation button on the Homefinders Website. I usually put items on the Homefinders Facebook Charity page first so that everyone connected with us has first pickings, and if it doesn’t sell, then I put it on Facebook Marketplace where it usually will sell very quickly.

Since reopening our Facebook charity shop group we have had a few people put items for sale, and some of the items are also craft items that will make lovely Christmas presents too.

So please have a look as this will be a great way you can help support Homefinders and grab a bargain too.



Lisa, proud mum to Richie



Great Global Greyhound Walk

On Sunday September 28th over forty greyhounds took part in this years Great Global Greyhound Walk which we held at Blickling. It was a lovely bright morning and hounds and humans walked around the lake and then enjoyed lots of chatting, treats and generally had a good time. It was also lovely to see a few other breeds becoming greyhounds for the morning and joining in the fun.

The GGGW reminds us all of the power of these dogs to bring people together for friendship and happy times and we look forward to doing it all again next years – so put Sunday 27th September in your diary now.



Dogs Homed Since Last Newsletter

Reagrove Spur (Joey), Shane Boy Donna (Donna), Tell On Bilco (Bilco), Jogon Moonlight (Jojo), Adamant Approach (Silver), Snooty Spy (Mia), Bono's Baby (Babe) – Now Darcie, Darkies Bluebell (Annie), Kango Baby (Babs) – Now Mabel, Says You Biglad (Biglad) – Now Lazlo, Roanna Ryan (Ryan) – Now Marcel, Snowy – Snowdrop Razor.

Meeting Snowy

Snowy [Somersham Snowy] is an absolute delight. He was described on the Yarmouth Homefinders' website as 'friendly Snowy', which was a good start, but he is also a very happy and amusing dog by nature, and all the more so now that he has settled into home life.



He is a country dog now, and has met all sorts of farm machinery, cattle, friends, strangers and a wide assortment of dogs with remarkable calmness, albeit always on a lead in public. He loves long walks and the interesting rural smells on the miles of footpaths around us. Even when he occasionally meets a rather fierce-looking and 'reactive' shar pei (Chinese mastiff type) who I secretly call Nemesis, Snowy is calm, if slightly bemused. (We still always carry a muzzle with us, just in case.) He has freedom to run properly in his enclosed garden, so we have a routine of an informal 'training session', where he has learnt some basic commands (down, stay, heel etc), followed by zoomies and playing. I may take him to proper dog-training lessons now that he has the basic idea. Recall is not his strong suit, but he is greedy enough to respond to treats, which is helpful.



Snowy seems to derive enormous enjoyment from his dog-toys, with different toys seeming to satisfy different instincts: bouncing about with a little squeaky space hopper; 'killing' a fluffy pheasant; galloping off with a string of plastic sausages as if re-enacting a Victorian dog painting. These toys really seem to enrich his life, and ours.

Snowy came to us well-adjusted and house-trained, having spent time in a foster home in Norwich with Vik, who has visited him at home. He always sleeps with the 'yellow friend' toy that Vik kindly gave him to ease his rehoming. At first he whined and barked when left downstairs at night, but ignoring him quickly cured it, although it felt a bit mean at the time. When friends come over, after initial greetings, if Snowy is ignored he just lies down quietly with us or in his bed.

The value of Yarmouth Homefinders' foster-home volunteers and dog-toy designers has been a particular revelation with Snowy, who is our third greyhound from Homefinders and probably not our last.

Juliet

Open Day and Auction 21 September 2025

The weather was mixed for us this year, bit of rain bit of sun. We put up some extra gazebos so everyone could shelter if needs be. Our supporters turned up in great numbers and bid for the lots. We sold everything bar one item.

In addition to the auction we sold lots of coats, so many of the hounds have a new wardrobe for the winter. We also sold lots of Xmas cards, calendars and other items from our shop stall and homemade dog treat and our raffle went well.

Cakes and savouries were enjoyed by all in the barn.

We made the fantastic sum of £1505.05 and received a donation cheque of £300 making a **grand total of £1805.05**

Thank you to the volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen and our supporters for turning up and splashing the cash.



Lottery Results

Date	No.s	Name	Prize	Date	No.s	Name	Prize
July				September			
Wed 2nd	412	Terence Douglas	£60	Wed 3rd	341	Lorriane Titlow	£60
Wed 9th	635	No Winner – Rollover		Wed 10th	326	Paul Houseago	£60
Wed 16th	532	Vicky Hardy	£120	Wed 17th	425	Charlotte Hard	£60
Wed 23rd	361	Phil Pearce	£60	Wed 24th	651	Stephen Hardy	£60
Wed 30th	265	Ian Wood row	£60	October			
August				Wed 1st	125	David Jones	£60
Wed 6th	621	Sue Graver	£60	Wed 8th	243	Sarah Morter	£60
Wed 13th	612	Barbara Pearce	£60	Wed 15th	642	No Winner – Rollover	
Wed 20th	153	Pat Bromfield	£60	Wed 22nd	152	Irela Paddy Amis	£120
Wed 27th	526	Angela Cushine	£60	Wed 29th	162	Sophie Fauvel	£60

There are 10 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



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