



Yarmouth Greyhound
HOMEFINDERS

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Star



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.

It's Been Hot, Hot, Hot

The weather has affected some more of our planned events this summer.

We were due to hold a meet and greet at John Lewis. The dogs were integral to this. Even though the store is air conditioned, it was far too hot to transport them there. Luckily we were able to rearrange for later in the year.

Our rearranged collection at Tesco Fakenham was held on 13 June and we made £249.37 and we had lots of conversations about adopting, fostering and volunteering.

Once again, Taverham Village Fayre fell right in the middle of June's heatwave and we couldn't take the dogs but, this time, we did have a stall inside the hall. Not ideal, but better than not attending at all. We made £67.84. Hopefully, third time lucky next year as this is quite a big event and we should do much better outside.

On 12 July we went to Worstead Dog Show for the first time. We made £53 and Duncan Morris's girl Bay won Best Rescue in the dog show, which we had sponsored.

Yarmouth Races kindly permitted us to collect again this year after the race meeting on 23 July. We stationed volunteers and hounds at all 3 exits for a couple of hours at the end of the race meet and made the great sum of £517.76.

6 August saw our first in a long time visit to Yarmouth Stadium for the Stock Car Racing. Testing the water, we didn't take any hounds in case it was too busy and noisy. We made £182.12.

We took our stall to Mundesley Lifeboat Day again on 9 August. Another day

where it was too hot for the hounds. We made £117.01.

The annual trip to Cromer Carnival was on the Saturday (15 August) rather than the Monday this year as they had swapped around the days for the Farmers Market. It was a bit blustery but, at least, the dogs got to go. We launched our special raffle (see elsewhere for details), made £136.07, had a few chats about greyhounds as pets and got a few people to take our Easy Fundraising leaflets. And Bo made a new friend.

Also on 15 August our volunteer Kelly Mitchell and family organised a Garage Sale in Thorpe. They made the fantastic sum of £912.16. See Kelly's article elsewhere in the Newsletter.

20 August was our second visit this month to Yarmouth Stadium for the Stock Car Racing. This time Bliss Mitchell went along. She even stayed for the racing and was very popular. We made £147.57.

22 August we were booked to collect at Tesco Harford Bridge. We had set up and everything was going well but just under an hour in their power failed. For a little while we were still happily collecting as there were a lot of people milling around waiting to see if they could go into the store, but, by 10.30, people had left to get their weekend shop elsewhere. Tesco had no idea when they'd be up and running again so we had no choice but to shut up shop too. Nevertheless, we still managed to collect £54.91 as the hounds on duty did a grand job of charming the waiting customers.

On 26 August we decided to do a Teddy Tombola, as well as the usual collection, at the Great British Greyhound Board event at Yarmouth Stadium. 40 teddies found new homes and we made £40.

Mundesley Lifeboat Day



Tesco Harford Bridge



Teddy Tombola



Stock Car Racing



Worstead Dog Show



Cromer Carnival



Mundesley Lifeboat Day





Yarmouth Races



Worstead Dog Show



Yarmouth Races



Taverham Village Fayre



Taverham Village Fayre



Tesco Fakenham



Tesco Fakenham

Diary For The Rest Of The Year

13 September – We were sad to miss Bradfield Dog Show last year as we really enjoyed it in 2024. We have booked to return this year.

20 September – Our Open Day and Annual Auction at the kennels in Hainford 11am to 2pm. Auction starts at 12. We have some beautiful greyhound related items and there will be refreshments, cake stall, raffle, tombola and our shop stall. A good time to get your hound their winter wardrobe. Both new and second hand items will be on sale.

26 September – One of our volunteers will represent us at Bacton Charity Day in the Village Hall doing a meet and greet and collection.

27 September – Great Global Greyhound Walk. This year ours is at Redwings Horse Sanctuary near Aylsham. Free parking, café and toilets available. We set off from the car park at 11am. The walk should take about an hour, although a shorter walk is available. All sight hounds welcome but no small furries please. Come and help us beat our record for the number of hounds on a walk and contribute to the numbers worldwide.

29 September – our first ever collection at Goodie Food Hall in Diss

3 October – collection at Tesco in Aylsham

10 October – meet and greet in John Lewis. We will be on the balcony near the coffee shop, with hounds, talking all this greyhound.

17 October – our first collection at Tesco Caister

12 November – A quiz night is being held at Aylsham Town Hall in aid of Homefinders. See elsewhere for details.

21 November – Our Annual Xmas Fayre at Mundesley Village Hall. Refreshments, raffle, Xmas tombola, bottle tombola, guest stalls, shop stall and entertainment. One more chance before Xmas to get your hound a nice new coat or fleece (new or second hand available) or pick up some Xmas gifts from our branded merchandise. Open to public 11.30 – 2.30.

28 November – we will be collecting at Aldiss in Norwich

12 December – Returning to collect at Aldiss Fakenham, where we were welcomed last year.

19 December – Once again collecting the Saturday before Christmas at Taverham Garden Centre. I'm sure there will be a greyhound pretending to be Santa.

If you feel that you could join our friendly team and give a couple of hours occasionally to help at these events please contact Linda Johnson at lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com or on whats app or text to 07702 601799

EXCITING SPECIAL RAFFLE – Win A Drawing Of Your Pet!

One of our supporters, Christine Howell, known as the “Red Pencil” Artist has kindly donated a free drawing.

Tickets are now on sale for £2 per strip. These will be available at events and the Open Day (cash or card) or you can contact Linda Johnson at lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com or whats app/text to 07702 601799 (paying by pay pal).

The Draw will take place on 21 December 2026. If you don't have a pet yourself it would make a lovely Xmas present for someone who does. See flyer on page 9.

Star Needs Your Help

Our handsome 5-year-old cover boy Star has recently enjoyed a couple of days relaxing on the sofa of one of our staff members, following a little operation on an old leg injury.

He was very content and relaxed, a totally different dog to what we see on a day-to-day basis in the kennels.

Star really, really struggles in the kennel environment.



He is by far the most stressed dog we have ever had to care for. Sadly, to help him cope with life in kennels, we have to resort to daily medication (under veterinary guidance).

We are very lucky to have some wonderful volunteers take him out regularly to give him a break, but ultimately he needs a home setting to be able to fully relax.

It's so difficult for everyone who cares for him, to see him distressed and struggling every day.

Star needs to find a foster or forever home as soon as possible to give him back his quality of life and get him back to the happy and healthy dog we used to know.

Star was homed for nearly 18 months previously but displayed some resource guarding behaviours. For this reason, he needs a calm, patient and experienced adult only home, with no other pets, to be able to settle successfully.

We are happy to provide a professional behaviourist to get him on the right track once he finds somewhere. With trust, knowledge and understanding, Star will be a very loyal companion. He can be a super good boy with the right management.

Star is very loving, super easy on the lead, happy to go anywhere and everywhere and is well-mannered around all breeds of dogs. He will need some time to decompress and have someone around all of the time to begin with.

We all just wish for Star to be content, happy and loved. **Please contact us on 07507 883891 if you can offer Star the home he desperately needs.**

Christmas Cards And Calendars

Our new Homefinders Christmas cards and calendars are available now, featuring some of our very own beautiful hounds.

The calendars have a brand-new landscape design, while our Christmas cards come in packs of 10 A5 cards, with two of each of five different designs.

Just £6 each, with all profits helping to fund the work of Homefinders and support the greyhounds in our care.

They also make lovely Christmas gifts for fellow greyhound lovers!

To order yours, please get in touch on 07507 883891.



Volunteers BBQ

On Sunday 19th July we held our second annual volunteers bbq at the kennels. The weather was kind to us as it was not too hot so we were able to enjoy the sunshine and the food catching up with friends and making new ones. Over 70 of our lovely volunteers attended. We had a free raffle and special thanks this year to Eleanor Torbati one of our walkers who kindly made and donated two ceramic items to use as prizes. Emma, a previous member of staff, was well enough to come to the event and it was great to see her – she couldn't resist walking Hippo almost the moment she arrived.



The kennel dogs all got sausages and extra sausages were sent home for hounds.

We are proud to have so many volunteers – if everyone who has helped and supported us in some way over the last twelve months came we would have had about 120 people there – that's an amazing number. And a whole lot of love for the hounds.

Jo Guise
Trustee



YARMOUTH GREYHOUND HOMEFINDERS *Christmas Raffle*

WIN
A DRAWING OF
Your Pet!



PLEASE SPEAK TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS
TO FIND OUT MORE



OR EMAIL LINDA ON
lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com



TICKETS ARE
£2 A STRIP



RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN
21ST DECEMBER 2026



Farren ♥



Brecon ♥

By
Christine Howell
"Red Pencils"
Artist ♥

Dogs Homed Since Last Newsletter

Dave was Dancer (Salsa Dancer), Sky was Starfish (Farneys Voinnie), Velvet (Shaneboy Velvet), Zena (Farneys Zena), Dolly was Valerie (Plain Virtue), Breeze (Rathcoole Breeze), Chloe (Quagos Peggy), Molly (Nightmare Moll), Tilly was Kitty (Caister Kitty), Billy (Ballygur Mantle), Maisie (Hey Daisy), Libby (Take Off Libby), Hugo (Silverhill Boss), Doris (Clononeen Kate), Chunky (Ballintee Chunky).

The Sun Has Got His Hat On.....

And indeed it was on for almost the whole summer. So the Trustees would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and walkers who have helped the kennels run smoothly through challenging temperatures. The welfare of our hounds always comes first but during this excessively hot weather everyone has helped to make sure they got early morning and evening walks as well as shady snoozing during the day.

Fantastic Fundraising at Yarmouth Stadium

Since the beginning of the year, our brilliant collectors at Yarmouth Stadium have raised nearly £3,500 for Homefinders.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for giving their time and support – we really do appreciate all their hard work.

Lottery Results

Date	Name	No.s	Prize
June			
Wed 24th	Alison Turner	426	£60
July			
Wed 1st	Cheryl Coutts	314	£60
Wed 8th	Cathryn Spinks	241	£60
Wed 15th	Matthew Taylor	365	£60
Wed 22nd	Lorriane Titlow	341	£60
		Race 6	
Wed 29th	Pam McCatty	625	£60

August			
Wed 5th	Dean Duneclift	541	£60
Wed 12th	Gary Collings	632	£60
		Race 3	
Wed 19th	Irela Paddy-Amis	143	£60
		Race 2 (Donated back to Homefinders)	
Wed 26th	Pam McCatty	623	£60
		Race 7	

There are 13 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

Kelly Makes Things Happen!

Kelly, one of our brilliant volunteers, spotted an opportunity to help Homefinders – and with the support of her family, friends and local community, she certainly did!

When Kelly heard that the usual Dussindale Garage Sale wasn't going ahead this year, she and her sister decided to organise something even bigger: a Garage Sale covering the whole of Thorpe St Andrew.

After putting the idea out on Facebook, the response was encouraging. A neighbour kindly designed the poster and maps, while Kelly spent the next three months spreading the word through social media, magazines, schools, shops and local businesses.



Over £900 raised

Bookings gradually came in and, by the day of the sale, an amazing **99 pitches** had been booked. Some people even ran stalls specifically to raise money for Yarmouth Greyhound Home Finders, including a teddy tombola and plant raffle. Beechwood Pet Supplies hosted a free children's lucky dip and shared YGH information, while other supporters gave extra donations.



With good weather and plenty of visitors, the day was a huge success. Once all the pitch fees, map sales, raffle and tombola money and other contributions were added up, Kelly and her supporters had raised an incredible **£912.16** for YGH!

As Kelly says: **"We smashed it!"**

A huge thank you to Kelly and everyone who helped make the day such a success. Pictured left is her dog Bliss with some of the teddies.

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