



Registered Charity No: 1172132



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.

Dates For Your Diary

12 April 2026 – Open Day at kennels. 11am until 2pm. Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall, Shop stall. Sight hounds welcome but please don't bring any small furries.

17 May 2026 – Open Day and Greyhound Dog Show. 11am until 2pm. Dog Show at 12 noon. BBQ, Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall, Shop stall. Sight hounds welcome but please don't bring any small furries.

30th and 31 August 2026 – All About Dogs – Norfolk Showground 9am until 5pm. Homefinders will be there with our tombola and selling lots of dog related items. Drop in and see us.

5 September – Track Walk at Yarmouth Stadium. A chance to walk the track and look behind the scenes at the kennel area. Times to follow. We will have our shop stall there and there will be refreshments available. Sight hounds welcome but please don't bring any small furries

20 September 2026 – Open Day and Auction – 11am until 2pm. Auction at 12 noon. Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall, Shop stall. Sight hounds welcome but please don't bring any small furries.

27 September 2026 – Great Global Greyhound Walk- time and venue to be confirmed

27 November 2026 – Xmas Fayre – Mundesley Coronation Hall. 12 noon until 2.30pm. Refreshments, Tombola/Shop, Cake Stall, Bottle tombola, Raffle and Entertainment. Sight hounds welcome but please don't bring any small furries.

New Years Day Walk – Blickling



Are You Sure Homefinders Can Use That?

We're sorry to have to mention this again, but recently we've had a number of items left at the kennels that we're unable to use or sell. These have included coats, harnesses and toys covered in dog hair, and even a very dirty feeding stand. Unfortunately, when we receive items in poor condition or that we can't make use of, it can actually cost us money to dispose of them.

We're incredibly grateful that our supporters want to help, and we truly appreciate your generosity. However, for raffles and tombolas we can only accept brand new, unused items. We're happy to sell second hand dog related items (for greyhounds or other breeds), but they must be clean and in good condition.

Please also make sure that items are only dropped off when staff are present to accept them. We are no longer able to hold car boot or bric a brac sales, so please don't bring general household items or anything that falls into that category.

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting the dogs in our care.

Aylsham Christmas Tree Festival

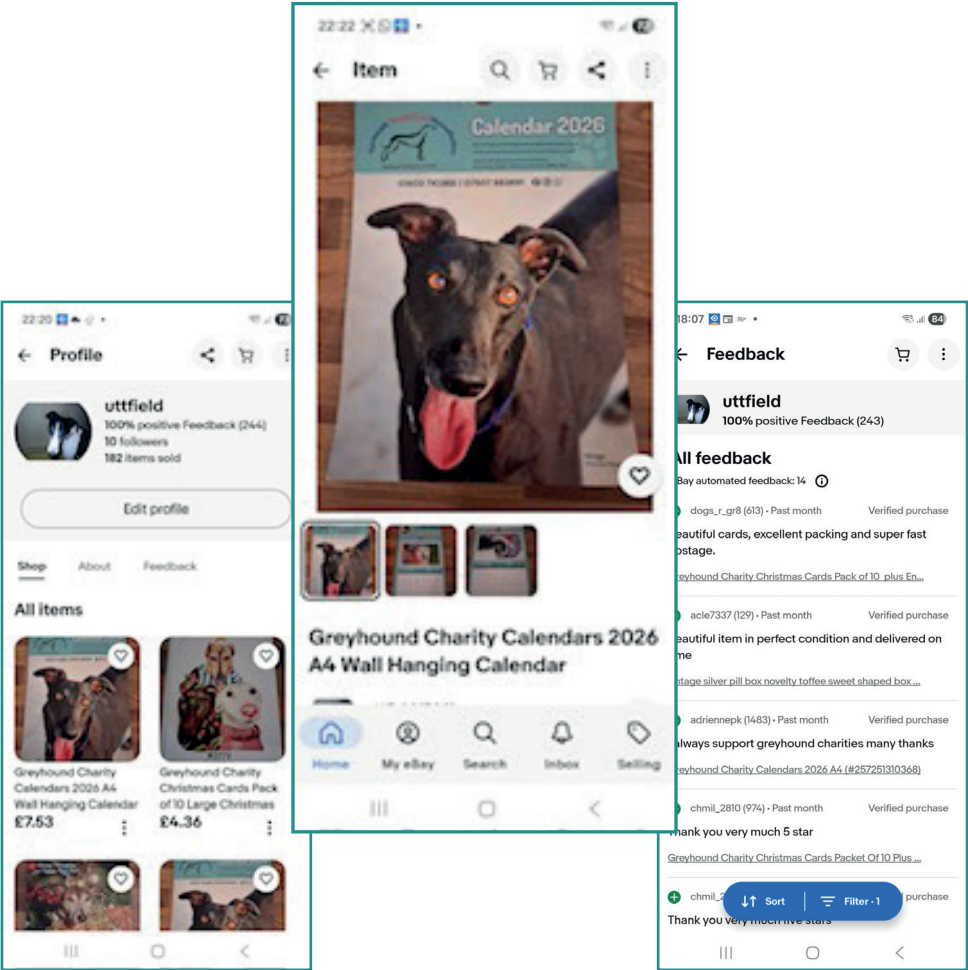
Our first year at the Festival. Our tree looked lovely and got a lot of great comments. We received £144.25 as our share of the sponsorship. Thanks to our sponsors Alex Watson. Taverham Vets and Rackheath Vets.



Lisa Goes The Extra Mile!

We are always trying to reach out to new people who would like to support us and in 2025 Lisa Dover, one of our Fundraising Volunteers did just that. She sold items for us on eBay including calendars and Christmas cards and got wonderful feedback.

It's great that there are homes all over the country with pictures of our dogs on the wall – and as we produce more of our own merchandise Lisa will be using eBay to sell that too.



Thank You Alan

A big thank you to Mr Alan Birch who recently moved into residential care and kindly donated to Homefinders some treasured items he was unable to take with him. So far we have raised sufficient funds to purchase a new shed for the kennels – to be known as Alan's Shed – through selling some HIFI equipment and a huge quantity of classical CDs. Alan was a classical musician and also owned a vast quantity of sheet music – this has been donated to another musician who is very involved in the Norwich Baroque Orchestra. This seems very fitting as our wonderful volunteer Jane who sadly passed away a few years ago was a member.

Some 1970s ceiling lights from Alan's home are currently at a London Auction House awaiting a specialist auction in March. So news of what they make in the next newsletter.

A big thank you to Alex his daughter for also donating proceeds from the sale of other items too – we and the hounds are very grateful.

New Notelets Available

We have lovely new packs of notelets available at the kennels – a pack of 10 for £6.50. Featuring some of our rehomed dogs. Please contact kennels for details. Also available to buy on eBay.



Looking Forward To A Busy Summer For 2026

You will have seen Dates for Your Diary elsewhere in the Newsletter. In addition to the events that you can come along and support us, we are also starting to plan the Events we will attend over the summer with our stall. We take our popular tombolas and merchandise to raise funds but also to raise awareness of greyhounds as pets.

We are already booked to attend Taverham Village Fayre on 27 June, Mundesley Lifeboat Day on 9 August, Cromer Carnival on 15 August, All About Dogs at the Norfolk Showground on 30th and 31st August and Bradfield Dog Show on 13th September.



Other events we are looking at are Overstrand Dog Show, Mundesley Dog Show and Aylsham Tree Festival. These are events we've attended before but we will be keeping an eye out for other possible events once the dates for these are confirmed and booked in.

If you feel that you might be able to give a bit of time on the odd occasion to help at these events please contact me by phone or text

07702 601799

or by email at

[lindamjohnson48@](mailto:lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com)

[hotmail.com](mailto:lindamjohnson48@hotmail.com). It doesn't

have to be all day as some people will just do a half day.

Here's to a successful summer.

Linda Johnson



Some Of Our Rehomed Dogs

Rusty is growing in confidence and loving his new life with his new lurcher pal, countryside walks and most of all, his comfy sofa!



Elvis (Burgess Pat) "living the dream" in his new home!



Dogs Homed Since Last Newsletter

Charlotte (Charlottes Girl), Tucker (Tuckeys Jet), Soldier (Adamant Rumble), Pearl now Lulu (Narabane Pearl), Elvis (Burgess Pat), Jack (Swanley Jack), Mario (Swift Le Mans), Macie (Malabar Lane), Rusty (Coologue Rusty), Flash now Otis (Indigo Slowcoach), Mattie (Rapido Mateo), Spy (Citizen Spy), Aoife (Ferryforth Aoife), Bunny (Old Fort Buddy).

YGH Merchandise

Want to cut a dash while walking your hound?

Keen to spread the word about what wonderful pets ex-racers make?

Looking for a simple way to support the hounds still waiting for their special someone?

Now you can do all three!

Our new range of branded clothing lets you proudly show where you found your houndie friend, while helping raise awareness and funds for those still searching for their forever sofa.

Whether you are out on a breezy morning walk or cheering on our volunteers at an event, these items are perfect for supporters and adopters alike.

Woolly hats in navy or sky blue, one size –
£10 plus postage

Caps in navy or sky blue, one size –
£10 plus postage

T shirts in navy or sky blue, sizes XS to 6XL –
£15 plus postage

Hoodies in navy or sky blue, sizes XS to 4XL –
£25 plus postage

T shirts and Hoodies can have either “Standard” or “Volunteer” reverse.

Every purchase helps us continue supporting the beautiful hounds in our care while celebrating the joy they bring to our lives.

**To order, please contact Jo Dorman
on 07785 787731.**

Wear it with pride. Walk with purpose.
Help a hound find a home.

SIZE CHART			
Size Chart - Body Measurement			
Chest to fit (Inch)		Chest to fit (cm)	
XS	36-38	XS	91-96
S	38-40	S	96-101
M	40-42	M	101-107
L	42-44	L	107-112
XL	44-46	XL	112-117
2XL	46-48	2XL	117-122
3XL	50-52	3XL	122-132
4XL	52-54	4XL	132 - 137



Dottie - Still Bouncing At 13



Rehomed by us years ago, lovely Dottie still cuts a dash on her afternoon zoomies at an amazing 13. Thank you Stella and Yolande for sending us this pic of your gorgeous girl.

Lottery Results

Date	No.s	Name	Prize	Date	No.s	Name	Prize
November 25				January 26			
Wed 5th		No Racing Rollover		Sat 3rd		Cancelled Rollover	
Wed 12th	346	Pamela Everett-Brown	£120	Wed 7th	451	Val Self	£120
Wed 19th	641	No Winner Rollover		Wed 14th	324	No Winner Rollover	
Wed 26th	643	Sue Denny	£120	Wed 21st	523	Cissy Bicker	£120
December 25				Winnings donated back by her son Derek as she sadly passed away.			
Wed 3rd	532	Vicky Hardy	£60	Wed 28th	654	Andrew Bicker	£60
Wed 10th	415	Maureen Jones	£60	February 26			
Wed 17th	231	Naomi Linder	£60	Wed 4th	236	Christine Nelson	£60
Fri 26th	213	Bob Whiteman	£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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OPEN DAY AT OUR KENNELS

COME AND MEET OUR GREYHOUNDS
AT 51 CROMER ROAD, HAINFORD, NORFOLK NR10 3AU

12TH APRIL 2026
FROM 11AM - 2PM

No small dogs please.

- Refreshments
- Raffle
- Tombola
- Cake stall
- Shop stall



Learn how to adopt or foster

Our open day is a chance to talk to our team, meet other owners and their hounds and be introduced to some of our available dogs. We'll aim to answer any questions you may have.

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