

Newsletter

Kennels situated at 51 Cromer Road, Hainford, NR10 3AU (on A140)
and are open from 10am until 2pm every day, by appointment.

Note from Editor

Hello everyone, and welcome to our first newsletter of 2025! I hope you and your hounds had a wonderful holiday season.

We had a little drama here with Bella, our mischievous 9-year-old, who definitely made it onto the “naughty” list. Despite our best efforts to keep all the Christmas treats out of reach over the holidays, Bella managed to find and unwrap and eat an entire Chocolate Orange we had received as a gift and had forgotten about.

On Sunday, while I was out, my husband called to ask how harmful chocolate is to dogs. Panic set in when I realised what Bella had done. We called our 24-hour vet, who they advised us to bring both dogs in for a check. Bella was the likely culprit, so we started with her, and within minutes of the injection, it was clear she'd eaten the whole thing - probably without chewing.

If you've never seen a dog after being induced to vomit, it's a pretty awful experience for both pet and owner. Thankfully, the vet confirmed that if our

older dog Jack had nibbled a bit, he'd be fine judging by the amount Bella had obviously consumed.

Bella was prescribed a course of activated charcoal to help absorb any remaining toxins, and we were sent home with instructions to add it to her food for the next few days.

Despite the scare, Bella was back to her usual self by the next morning - though our wallet wasn't!

I'm sharing this as a reminder that even with careful planning, accidents can happen. Determined dogs can sniff out chocolate from miles away. We were lucky to catch it early, but it could have turned out very differently.

So, please make sure any foods toxic to dogs are safely secured, even if you think they won't find it, they possibly might. This present was wrapped, in a bag, on my desk, and Bella knew exactly where to find it when she was left alone.

Please send your updates and photos to michele_storer@hotmail.com - Thanks

Michele



Dogs heading to their new homes



Dogs homed since last newsletter

Coops (Jungle Drums), Blaze (Tyrur Bubbles), Jet (Swift Acquit), Jasper (Ring Bridie), Star (Ballycross Star), Opal (Ardayle Opal), Roo (Getgojn Joey), Jolly (Springwell Jolly), Darcy (Stonepark Bird), Maggie (Thymelea Spirit), Magic (Danjoes Magic), Vicky (Efferogue Vicky), Rosie (I'm a Dreamer), Joe (Hollyhill Padjoe), Con (Coill Bhui Liath), Hope (Lughill Hope), Juliet (Tamna Juliet)

Events Update

We have started to book in events for the coming year.

Our Open Days at the Kennels this year will be:

- Sunday 6 April
- Sunday 18 May – Dog Show
- Sunday 21 September - Auction

In addition we have already booked some other events:

- Mundesley Lifeboat Day on 10th August
- All About Dogs at Norfolk Showground on 24th and 25th August.
- We are currently applying to attend Cromer Carnival on 18th August and Centre Paws on 13 September.
- And of course we will organise a walk for the Great Global Greyhound Walk in September (date to be confirmed).

The events we attend throughout the summer are not only to raise funds but also to raise awareness of how great greyhounds are as pets and, hopefully, persuade someone to adopt one.

We only do weekends so if you think you might have a bit of spare time to help on the odd weekend please contact Jo Guise on our volunteer number **07881 724713**.

Liaison with track and trainers

It is now several months since I retired from being Co-ordinator. Little has changed as this was only one part of the Co-ordinator's role. The benefit to me is I now have more time for myself and my dogs. I also have more time to speak and meet with some of the trainers who home their dogs with us on retirement checking they are neutered and vaccinated ready to come to us often at short notice.

We receive £400 for every dog we rehome from the Greyhound Board and payment for any fractures sustained on the track. Part of my job is to keep our accountant, Ian, aware of admissions and injuries in order for him to claim the money. I also keep the Racing Office and Ian up to date with the waiting list which currently stands at 61 dogs.

Corinne.

Fundraising update

Following a very busy year the Committee met in early December to start planning for 2025. The main decision made was to change the name of the committee to Awareness and Fund Raising Committee. We have always used our presence at various events to promote Greyhounds as pets but we want to look at other ways we can promote the charity in the coming year.

We are a small team who work very hard. We would welcome anyone who can spare a little time to help out, whether it is turning up for an hour or so on Open Days to help set up, coming along to an Event to help run our tombola/shop stalls or collecting at stores and the stadium or if you have any ideas to share. If you are a new volunteer please contact Jo Guise on 07881 724713 or see the contact details in the Homefinders Helpers article elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Since the last Newsletter we have held

- the annual Auction and Open Day at kennels where we raised £810.50
- the Great Global Greyhound Walk at Blickling attended by 33 dogs and slaves
- our annual Track Walk at Yarmouth Stadium
- the Xmas Fayre at Taverham Village Hall where we raised £928.70.

We have attended events at Bradfield Dog Show (a new event for us but one we will definitely do again), Centre Paws Barnham Broom and Mundesley Dog Show.

We have also held collections at Tesco Harford Bridges, Tesco Aylsham, Tesco Blue Boar Lane (when we set a collection record of £473.31) and Taverham Garden Centre on 21 December, where we were competing with Father Christmas who was having breakfast with lots of children.

Collections have continued at the Stadium.

We are in the process of booking our Open Days and other Events for the coming year so watch this space or check the website for details.

We would like to thank all our hardworking volunteers and kennel staff and wish them and our owners, sponsors, supporters and hounds a Very Happy New Year.

And if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts we can make good use of them as Raffle or Tombola prizes

Linda Johnson



Richie collecting at Taverham



Richie, Bay and Rodney collecting at Taverham



Great Global Greyhound Walk
Pics credit Michelle Rogers



Homefinders Helpers

We thought you'd be interested to see how much it costs to look after a dog while they are in the Kennels. This is the approximate monthly expenditure is about £150 which would include:

- Bag of food £30
- Meat and treats £30
- Flea and worm treatment £12
- Dental products £20
- Joint supplements £30
- Booster vaccination (annual) £42

You will have seen details of the fund raising events elsewhere in this newsletter. But we also need your help, if you can manage it. These are the ways you can help:

Sponsor a kennel scheme

You can sponsor a kennel for:

- One year - £50
- Lifetime - £500

You will get information about the dog in that kennel and we will provide updates. For the Sponsorship form please either contact Kennels or see website (yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk).

Standing Order

You can set up a monthly standing order for as much or as little as you like. Contact Linda - details below

By Text

Text the word "Greyhounds" to 70085 (any amount from £1 to £20). E.g. to donate £5 text "Greyhounds 5" to 70085.

By card

We have a card reader at the Kennels. It is also available on the Kennel's shop stall at Open Days and at the events we attend throughout the summer.

QR Code

We have the code available to scan for donations at events, Open Days and Collections

By BACS

Account name: Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders

Sort code: 30-99-97

Account no: 00109740

Facebook fundraising

Start a fundraiser - see how here [Donate – Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders \(yarmouth-greyhound-homefinders.co.uk\)](#).

Volunteering

We always welcome new volunteers and are looking to build our team:

- Walking the dogs at the Kennels – we walk twice a day 9.45 and 1pm. Contact Kennels if you can help
- Helping at Open Days
- Helping at other events.
- Helping at store collections
- Collecting at Yarmouth Stadium – you can stay and watch the racing for free too

Contacts

New volunteering enquiries – Jo Guise – 07881 724713

Kennels – 01603 710388 or whatsapp 07507 883891 or e mail kennels@yarmouthgreyhoundhomefinders.co.uk

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

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



Christmas Fayre 2024



Greyhound Lottery Results

Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize	Date	Nos.	Winner	Prize
September				November			
4th	345	Ian Afford	£60	6th	632	Gary Collings	£60
11th	423	Irela Paddy-Ami	£60	13th	516	Justin Franklin	£60
18th	512	Chris Ellis	£60	20th	365	Matthew Taylor	£60
25th	46	Jake Boote	£60	27th	253	Tracey Bartrum	£60
October				December			
2nd	546	Sophie Titlow	£60	4th	162	Sophie Fauvel	£60
9th	346	Pamela Everett-Brown	£60	11th	614	Katherine Garwood	£60
16th	436	Ben Boote	£60	18th	654	Andrew Bicker	£60
23rd	431	Marie Moss	£60	26th	345	Ian Afford	£60
30th	621	Sue Graver	£60	30th	413	Deborah Houseago	£60

The lottery is full at the moment, if you would like to join a waiting list, please email pusspearce58@yahoo.co.uk

2025 Calendars, last chance!

We have a very small amount of our 2025 Wall Calendars left. We are selling these at just £3 each, to make sure all the stock is sold, they can be posted at cost of £2.50. You can buy one from the kennels, or order by calling 01603 710388.



Could your greyhound be a blood donor for Taverham vets?

One of the amazing things about greyhounds is that many of them have a negative blood type which makes them universal donors - and of course their gentle temperament makes it easy to take blood from them. We have a close working relationship with Taverham Vets who have asked for our help in recruiting some new donors to help in emergency situations. So you need to live nearby and your hound needs to meet the following criteria:



- Fit and Healthy
- Between one and eight years old
- Weigh more than 25 kg
- Have a good temperament
- Have never travelled outside of the UK and Ireland
- Vaccinated or have an annual titre test after the first year booster
- Not on any medication

If you feel you can help please contact them on 01603 867330 and explain you have read about their donor request in the Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders Newsletter.

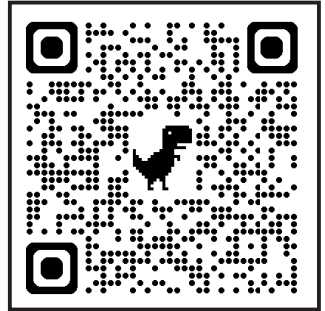
Your greyhound can save another dogs life. Please help if you can.

Kennel Sponsorship Scheme

From the 1st January 2025 we have introduced a new leaflet and website page for our Kennel Sponsorship scheme, I am sure everyone will enjoy the fresh new look and the heartwarming success stories.

The Sponsor a Kennel scheme is just £50.00 for one year or £500.00 for a lifetime. This is a lovely way to support us and helps cover the cost of the vital care needed for every greyhound who stays in “your” kennel.

Our website now has links to both the new Kennel Sponsorship leaflet and the Sponsorship application form. Scan the QR code (right) to go to the web page.

A collage of three leaflets. The top-left leaflet is titled 'Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders' and features a silhouette of a greyhound and a photo of a greyhound's face. The middle leaflet is titled 'GREAT REASONS TO SPONSOR A KENNEL' and lists three reasons with icons: 1. Supporting Homefinders, 2. Reducing costs over £150 a month, and 3. Receiving a thank you gift. The bottom-right leaflet is titled 'HOW MUCH DOES A DOG COST US EACH MONTH?' and lists costs for food, vaccinations, and supplies, along with a note about rehoming costs.

Yarmouth Greyhound Homefinders

Sponsor a kennel and change a life

Registered Charity No: 1172132

GREAT REASONS TO SPONSOR A KENNEL

- 1 It's a lovely way to support Homefinders throughout the year and can be done in memory of a loved one, given as a gift or simply as a way of helping us. Lifetime sponsorship is also available.
- 2 Each dog we look after costs us over **£150 a month** to care for. Sponsoring a kennel helps significantly with our bills every month.
- 3 You will be helping to provide vital care not just for one dog but all the dogs that pass through your kennel.

You will receive a small thank you gift and be able to see sponsor names at the kennels.

It doesn't matter where you are based or how much spare time you have to volunteer, you can still support us in this important way.

HOW MUCH DOES A DOG COST US EACH MONTH?

Most weeks we accept new dogs into our kennels and then care for them until they find their forever homes. Each dog costs us a significant amount of money each month.

A bag of food plus meat and treats is around £60 a month. We vaccinate each dog and make sure all the other treatments such as flea and worm are done. And of course, we often give additional supplements to boost the dogs health and well being.

At the kennels we also buy a new lead, collar and muzzle for every dog when it is rehomed so it goes to its new family ready for its new life.

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Sponsoring a kennel helps us provide vital care for every greyhound who stays in it each year.

A sad story with a happy ending

When you lose a pet, it's not just a pet, it's a family member. We sadly lost our beautiful Bella at the end of November. Charlie, Bella's brother (same litter) was as lost as we were. We knew we needed to find him a new friend.

And there was Hope.....

A beautiful waggy tailed little girl needing love. I think it was possibly love at first sight. There's always a little Hope when you open your heart.

Sharon Lewin



Charlie and Hope



Charlie and Bella



Charlie and Hope (now Holly)



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