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Contributions, comments
and suggestions are
always welcome!

Welcome to the third issue of the Greyhoundhomer Suffolk newsletter. We have enjoyed a busy summer and it's been wonderful to see so many of you. Although the summer is nearly over we still have some great events coming up and hope you can join us, you will be made most welcome.

Although we have homed nearly fifty dogs this year the credit crunch has started to bite at both national and branch level, both financially and in terms of dogs waiting for homes. To counteract this we are looking at ways to raise our profile and increase public awareness of Greyhoundhomer Suffolk. We currently advertise in the local press, display promotional material in Vets and pet food outlets, plus engaging the public at meet and greets, events etc. Kevin also regularly features hounds waiting for homes on Mark Murphy's BBC Suffolk radio show. In view of the current financial situation we would like to raise our profile even further to help with both fundraising and most importantly homing. So we would like to ask for your help in spreading the word that Greyhounds really do make great pets. Whether it's by word of mouth, displaying posters in your workplace or a space on your website we (and our waiting greys) would be most grateful for whatever help you can give.

Sue

Tilly joins a pack!

Tilly was lucky enough to join a pack with four other greyhounds who own Susannah and Martin. She dropped us a line to tell us about her new home:

Hi Sally + Kevin,

Thought I'd let you know I've been having a great summer.

My family are always telling me how lovely I am - I'm a good girl at dinner time and sit still patiently while it's being prepared. (I've learnt to stay at my own bowl now). I love zooming around the garden playing with toys and sticks - we girls chase Eddie around but we never catch him! I've worked on my bark and growl and sound quite grown up now.

One day I went to Brightlingsea and met lots of different dogs and people, they were all really friendly and I tried to be a good rep for RGT.

I get on well with all the other greys at home, although getting on to Mum and Dad's bed is sometimes disputed territory.

*Love to you all, say hi to my sister,
Tilly x*



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Dates for your 2010 Diary

September 18
Meet and Greet
 Tesco, Copdock, Ipswich

October 3 (11am start)
Dedham Walk
 Dedham

October 9/10
Robin Hood Show
 Suffolk Show Ground

October 30
Halloween Quiz Night
 Nacton Village Hall

November (date tba)
Walk
 tba

keep an eye on our
 web site for updates
 and new dates!

Christmas Cards

Sorry to remind you
 that Christmas isn't
 too far away now! You
 can at least get your
 cards easily sorted out
 though!

We have four different
 card sets available - each
 with three different
 designs in a pack.

We will be selling them
 at shows and events or
 you can purchase them
 directly from Sally.

Sunny Sunday Sea and Sandwiches

It's not often Rob and I travel east of the M11, so any Greyhound Homer event is a special treat for us. Some say we're mad for driving 168 mile round trip for "just a dog walk", but it's such an easy journey we'd be mad not to occasionally. Besides, it's difficult to find social events that are properly dog-friendly, and even more difficult to find greyhound events that are Jodie-friendly, so we are hugely grateful to Greyhound Homer Suffolk for adopting us cross-county 'aliens' into their world of hounds. Our two greatest passions are dogs and photography, so what better way of spending a sunny Sunday than an outing with our cameras to a greyhound tea party?

Just like the bluebell walk earlier this year, it is a wonderful location for dog walking. Those of you that live near the Orwell Estuary are very lucky to have such a wonderful mixture of off-road paths, woodland and beach close by. Before land-locked Bedfordshire I'd always lived near water so I really do miss the sea and tidal rivers. Moving to Suffolk when we achieve that ever-elusive lottery win is no idle threat!



The walk was just long enough - any more the heat would have been too much, even with the benefit of the sea breeze. The sight of the prepared tea tables was very welcome indeed on our arrival to the

garden which easily accommodated the 50ish dogs and their people. Tea and coffee flowed freely, sandwiches were consumed enthusiastically, and scones and cakes were in abundance. I'm not really a cake eater myself but by all accounts they were varied and delicious, and I definitely heard numerous favourable mentions of Lemon Drizzle cake. Another phrase frequently heard was: "Oh, this must be Gilmour". I'm still not sure whether to be flattered or embarrassed!



As the food gradually disappeared, people mingled into groups to chat while hounds played explore and chase. "Unruly teenagers," was one description when there was a bit of a barkathon going on, instigated by Gilmour and Kryssy in a childish attempt to get our dignified host, Smokie, to play! Meanwhile, Tracey sold hand-crafted thong & bead jewellery with all proceeds going to Homer.

Time flew by and people departed, leaving just a few hangers-on and the committee, so we all mucked in to help with the clean-up. Then we relaxed with cold drinks while the remaining hounds did their thing. It



was 8:30pm before we knew it so we left then - only because of the two-hour drive home - we could happily have stayed much longer as it really didn't seem so late.

Sometimes the simplest of things in life - like tea in the garden - are the best, and this event really was one of them. Despite our geographic distance, we hope to come to many more Greyhound Homer Suffolk events in the future and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Jackie, Rob, Jodie, Gilmour & Kryssy.



Photos, in order of appearance!

- Smokie, our dignified host.
- "Oh, this must be Gilmour"!
- Gabby's greyhound grotto
- David helps with the clean up
- And our human hosts, Sally and Kevin

How you can support us

We are always very grateful for any support that we receive, whether it is in the form of donations of money or items, or by giving your time or effort. These are some of the ways you can help:

- For the kennels
 old duvets & towels
 shredded paper
 dog treats
 unwanted leads,
 collars, coats and
 muzzles
- We now have an ebay account. We can either auction your donated items, or you can donate money via Paypal or you can donate a percentage of your ebay sales to us.
- Donation of raffle prizes for the events we put on during the year.
- We have business cards for when you are out and about with your hounds and people show interest - or posters to put up at suitable locations.
- We always love to see you at shows and events - nothing promotes greyhounds more than seeing a gaggle of them behaving perfectly!

David's doings



Deer me frends, I's resently discuverred sumfing abouts sqwirrels that I finks I shood tells you becoz it is qwite hexciting! Usually wen I's watching the sqwirrels I does spinning and barking and getting qwite hexcited and wen I comes close the sqwirrels does running behind the trees and goes hinvizzible. I don't likes it wen they turns hinvizzible, I gets all confoozed. I has to take me Mummy around the bottom of the tree just to check they's not really there. Usually, theys not but sumtimes they forgets to go hinvizzible but they qwikly remembers wen they sees me and runs round the back of the tree to change.

Well, the uvva day in the park, I woz doing sqwirrel watching agen and I woz watching one sqwirrel who was doing digging in the grass. Suddenly he does running so I gets all hexcited and does spinning on me leed. As I does spinning, I sees the sqwirrel goes behind the tree to go hinvizzible but insted I sees the sqwirrel goes up the tree! I's qwite sprized by this becoz I fought they went hinvizzible so I coodnt sees them anymore. I finks to meself that this is good becoz it means that I can still sees the sqwirrel and I can still trys to catch it. So, I does jumping up at the bottom of the tree. I's a bit silly becoz I forgets I's still on me leed and I doesn't get very high before I cums to a very qwik stop and lands a bit on me bottom! Now I no's that the sqwirrels runs up the trees I's getting qwite good at looking for them wen they's up there! I does hav sum problems tho wen we's going froo the graveyard. Wen I's looking up the trees, sum of the big stones jumps into me way. They's even nocked me on the hed! They specially likes to do

it wen I does spinning, so wen you's watching for sqwirrels be carefuls of fings getting in the way!

I's also had anuvva problem on me walkies that woz a bit hembarrassing. Wen we woz walking along a seegull see'd me from the sky and fought I woz a toylet! I don't finks I looks like a toylet, specially wiv me luffly brindle colour, but it did it's poo's all ova me back. It woz qwite smelly and I wanted to gets it off qwite urgently but Mummy sed I's not allowed to licks it off and I woz hembarrassed to hav to walks home wiv all his messes on me back, specially wen I see'd me frend Rolo. Fankfully, Rolo's qwite small and coodnt sees most of the messes but I still finks to meself that he fought I sniffed funny. Mummy sez that it is lucky to be poo'd on. I didnt finks it woz that lucky becoz I had to hav a barf! I nearly lost me brindle agen. I did gets a bacon and eggy roll for brekfst, so maybe it's qwite lucky but me finks to meself not to be a toylet agen. It's hembarrassing.

Oh David x (fink that must beme new name??)

PS Does anyone want me friend Renoir. Me finks he wood like to hav a sofa of hez own becoz hes bin wayting ages!



Can you give Renoir a home?

Renoir has been with us a while now and has developed his own character. He can be playful and cuddly. He takes a little while to get to know you but once he does you have a friend for life. He will be four in October and it would be a fantastic birthday present for him to have a home of his own. He gets on well with the various lady friends who have shared his kennel, walks really well and will fit into someone's life a dream. Is there anyone who is tempted by Renoir?

Hounds waiting to be homed!

Cav

Flyer

Taylor

Simeon

Apollo



Venus

Parky

Selene



Zeus

Niaomi



Renoir

Meet the committee 3

Becky Carr



Hi, I'm Becky and I have been owned by 7yr old brindle boy David, for three years. It was David who first made me fall in love with the greyhound breed and I subsequently became involved with Greyhoundhomer 18 months ago after bumping into them at a show. Since then I have become involved in home checking, after-care and help at the various shows and events organised throughout the year. I also assist David in preparing his column for the newsletter and help him update his blog with the various mischiefs that he gets up to.

When I am not working or helping with Greyhoundhomer I enjoy horse riding, wandering around local shows and curling up on the sofa with a good film.

Becky

Good luck Vicky!

Good luck and thank you to Vicky Johnson who is busy preparing to take part in the Great North Run. She is running the half marathon in Newcastle on 19th September.

The Great North Run attracts 54,000 runners, and as this will be Vicky's first ever run of this distance she is taking her training very seriously.

Vicky will be raising money for us here at Greyhoundhomer and also for Kidney Research. If you would like to sponsor Vicky please visit her website at :

<http://www.justgiving.com/greyhoundvicky>

Quiz night

Saturday 30 October
7pm

We would love to see you at our quiz night. We are planning on teams of 6-8 and the questions will be a mixture of subjects and levels of difficulty!

The £7.50 ticket price includes a cheese platter supper, but there is no bar so please bring your own drinks. Sorry, but hoomans only on this occasion. There is parking on the road and there will be a map on the reverse of the ticket!

Please order tickets from Sally, sending cheques made payable to 'Greyhoundhomer RGT Suffolk' to: Broadlands, Mill Piece, Nacton, IP10 0HQ

Ebay for Charity

You can buy, sell, or donate on ebay to support Greyhoundhomer.

You can type the following link:
http://donations.ebay.co.uk/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=37300

Otherwise, search for 'ebay for charity', which will take you to the the correct part of ebay and use the links to get to us. Either way, there are BUY, SELL and DONATE tabs, as required.

Thankyou!

Thanks!

Many thanks to Dave and Diane who hosted a greyhound walk along the seafront followed by delicious refreshments at their lovely house and garden in Holland-on-Sea.

We were treated to some star treatment with a visit from neighbour Paul Barber who has appeared in The Full Monty, Only Fools and Horses and in many other film and TV roles. Thanks to Paul for agreeing to be photographed with a gaggle of greyhounds!