



Greyhound HOMER

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RCN 269866

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Contributions, comments
and suggestions are
always welcome!

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finding forever homes for greyhounds

Welcome!

I hope this edition of the Newsletter finds you all enjoying the good weather; it certainly helps when we are out and about promoting Greys as pets.

We had a rather different day at kennels yesterday, Mat and Aaron from Gingerbread Productions had kindly offered to make a video for us to use on the website. Yesterday was the big day and it was fascinating. A huge thank you to them, John and Deborah at Dillymore and also to our somewhat reluctant "stars", needless to say the greyhounds took it all in their stride and behaved impeccably. Read our report to find out how it went.

We have also got an update on Trev who has truly found his forever home at last. Despite rumours to the contrary our continuing interest in his welfare has nothing at all to do with the fact that he has been adopted by Dick the bar manager of the Greyhound pub. Trev (and several of the committee) have taken to pub life like a duck to water.

We are really pleased that homing figures are up on this time last year and we are at various shows and events to promote greyhounds as pets and hopefully continue the upward trend. Looking forward to seeing you at one of our events soon,

Sue

Meet the committee 6



Murray & Libby Branton

Our greyhound addiction started when we were introduced to Flossy, a beautiful blue brindle girl, in April 2007. Libby had wanted a greyhound for at least two years beforehand but Murray, although he thought they were quite nice, didn't think we needed one! He felt the three cats were more than enough. All her persistence paid off and once Flossy arrived we were both totally smitten. The addiction took a hold and just over a year later Boo, a gorgeous black girl, came to live with us too. Both were 16 months old and had never raced, and

luckily they and the three cats live happily together.

We are loving our time with Greyhoundhomer, meeting prospective new owners at the kennels, doing home checks and travelling to country shows and fairs around Suffolk and Essex helping to promote greyhounds as wonderful pets. It is lovely to meet so many people who love greyhounds as much as we do.

We live in Felixstowe with our two sons aged 22 and 25. Murray has retired from his plumbing and heating business due to ill health, but our son is continuing. Libby works as a self-employed medical secretary. We regularly travel to France, and Flossy and Boo have their passports and always come too.

Libby and Murray



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Dates for your 2011 Diary

SGLSG Walk

24 July 2011

Frinton, CO13 9JE

Suffolk Dog day

30 July 2011

Helmingham Hall

Helmingham

Treehouse Car Boot

7 August 2011

Trinity Park

Ipswich

Autumn Garden Show

2-4 September 2011

Trinity Park

Ipswich

Quiz Night

1 October 2011

Nacton Village Hall

Robin Hood Show

8-9 October 2011

Trinity Park

Ipswich

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

Next issue ...

- More Quiz details
- More houndie advice and news

Lucy - Best in Show at All About Dog Show!



My name is Lucy (previously Star) and I was adopted by Jackie and Paul in January. I settled in quickly and love living here. I love the long walks I get daily and love my bed. I have now got a pillow on my bed and Mum says I look like a 'little person' as I curl up and put my head on my pillow. I also love my beaver that used to have a squeak but it broke so my dear dad undone some of the stitching and sewed a squeaky tennis ball inside his tummy so he squeaks again I was very happy with him for that.

We have a secure field near to our house and I go there nearly every day for one of my walks and run off lead. I never go far away, usually have a good run in a big circle, then return to mum and dad and walk by their side for a while before going back on my lead again. They say I am a very good girl cos I don't run away and come back when I am called. I enjoy that, dad calls it going for a skid.



I don't go much on having my teeth cleaned, I prefer it when mum gets me a middle cut beef marrowbone, they are lovely and keep my teeth clean too.

I don't go too much on cats either, we have one live next door and it teases me by sitting outside my front door where I can see it but not get to it. I would chase it if I could.

On Easter Monday mum and dad took me to an event they had for dogs at the showground in Ipswich.

Kevin and Sally and lots of my friends were there and it was lovely to see them all again. They talked mum into entering me into the Dog Show and reluctantly she did. I won 1st prize in my group, 1 to 3 year old girls, and went on to win Best In Show. Mum and Dad were so happy and proud of me and that made me happy too although I wasn't sure what I had done that had made them so pleased. Rob took lots of photos of me and I was in the local newspaper. I was given rosettes and a lovely red and gold coat and I knew I had done something really good. The following week my sister won a trophy in a major race, so she is very clever too.



In early June we all went to the Greyhound Extravaganza near Newmarket, we had another lovely day and although I entered a couple of classes I didn't win anything there. I thought it was only fair to give some of the other dogs a chance. Two weeks ago we all went away to Norfolk in our caravan for a few days. I loved that. Mum said it was a 'trial run' for when we go further away and for longer. There were lots of new walks and fresh smells and lots of people came and saw me and spoke to me.

I look forward to our next meeting together and to seeing you all again soon.

Love from Lucy x

All About Dogs Show

A big thank you from the committee to everyone who made the two days such a success and such fun to do! We hope you and your hounds enjoyed it as much as we did!



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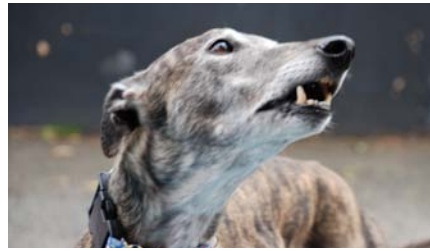
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How you can support us

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



'Since me last ritings I's bin doing workings on sumfing sooper hextra speshal! I's so hexcited abouts me sooper speshal fing that I's gots to tells you all abouts it! Me speshal fing has taken me qwite a long wile becoz I's David and I has to do mischiffs and workings and sleepings and walkies and snoozings and killing me duck as well but I's really hexcited becoz I's going to be sooper faymis, a bits like Scooby Doo, sept I's not a cartoon, I's David. Becoz I's going to be sooper faymis, wen it rayns I's bin practising me pawtograph on the carpet wiv mud. Wen I's hextra faymis, Mummy cood cuts me pawtograph off the carpet and sells them for lots of munnies to buys me more treetts and chikin and sosidges!

I spect you's all probly quite hexcited to learns wot me sooper hextra speshal fing is, so I's going to tells you.... I's bin making me ritings into a book! A reel book! I hopes to hav all me ritings in me book reddy for the qwiz nite, wot you's all hinvited to, ont he 1st October (wot is also me berfdie!) so you can all see's it!!

Hooge hexcited roos and luffs!

David xxx'

Dillymore Kennels

Holiday Boarding for Greyhounds

£8 per night
London Road (A12) between
Ipswich and Colchester

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At a cinema near you!!

Greyhound Homer were recently very lucky to have the opportunity to make a video of our re homing process, courtesy of the talented Mat Lucas, owner of two lovely greyhounds, Cass and Bingo and his lovely assistant Aaron.



The media company, Gingerbread productions UK, was founded in 2010 by Mat and colleagues as undergraduate students.

Since adopting Cass and Bingo, Mat has fallen under the greyhound spell and offered to make a video for us to enable perspective owners to see exactly what is entailed when they decide they might want to give a greyhound a forever home.



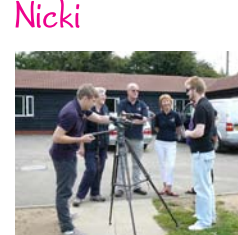
Various committee members 'starred', with Libby and Murray playing the part of the kennel visitors. It was an interesting morning, with fabulous weather and acting parts for our greyhounds still waiting for homes. Needless to say they were the stars of the show and we have since heard that they are demanding stars on their kennel doors.



Thanks to the Dillymore team for putting up with us standing around being luvvies for a couple of hours, apart from Chrissy who fell in love with Dillon and decided to join him in his kennel for some while!

Watch out for the video on our website, it should be 'released' very soon!

Nicki





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Hounds waiting to be homed!



Bobby



Dillon



George



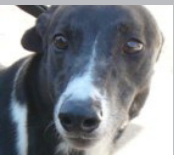
Honey



Iggy



Jill



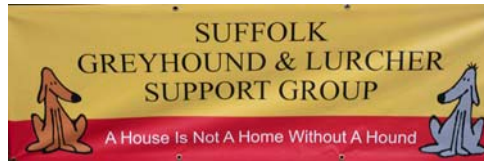
Andy



Izzy

We also have 4 new hounds just in, including Queenie, Beauty, Jethro and Lucky - check our web site for more details!

Suffolk Greyhound and Lurcher Support Group



The newly formed Suffolk Greyhound and Lurcher Support Group (SGLSG) are greyhound and lurcher owners who, as well as being good friends all have the same aims. This is to promote Greyhounds and Lurchers as the wonderful pets we know them to be. We are not a rehoming kennels; we are there to support the various different greyhound kennels and charities in the Suffolk area.

As well as the shows we are attending during the summer we have also spoken to Greyhoundhomer about organising greyhound walks for them. We know from experience the walks are always very popular and a great way for not only the owners to socialise but also the hounds.

We are very much looking forward to our first walk for Greyhoundhomer:

We look forward to welcoming many new people on our first walk at Frinton on 24th July!.

Pat Starling
SGLSG

Welcome to SGLSG, looking forward to some lovely walks - Ed.

Frinton Walk

July 24th @ 11am
Pole Barn Lane, Frinton
CO13 9JE

This walk will go from Frinton to Walton stopping for ice creams along the way, and everyone is welcome to bring a picnic for afterwards.

Trev Update

We are thrilled to report that Trev has been very happily rehomed with Dick, the bar manager at the Greyhound PH, Henley Road. The pub has us as their nominated charity so its a perfect pairing.

You'll be glad to know that Trev has had many post homing visits to ensure that he is happy and settled!! He is!



I need a home!

We have another older gent for this edition, the lovely Iggy is going to be eight in August.

He is a love and good with the ladies. He has lost most of his teeth but manages very well. He has been in the wars having lost part of his tail too. A very happy boy.

Please contact us if you can help.

