



Greyhound HOMER

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Contributions, comments
and suggestions are
always welcome!

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finding forever homes for greyhounds

Welcome!

Here at Greyhound Homer we have enjoyed a really busy summer, homing has gone very well and we have continued the trend by having our most successful month yet, a record 15 hounds homed in August. At the time of writing we have homed 66 hounds and have 7 reserved. This is a big increase on homing figures for this time last year.

There are a whole team of people working hard to support what we do in whichever way they can and we are very grateful to them. An example of this is the very positive feedback we get from visitors to the kennels, so it will come as no surprise to learn that a recent veterinary inspection found the kennels and care to be exemplary. A big thank you is due to all at Dillymore for all the love and the hard work they put in caring for our greys.

It's been lovely to see so many of you at the shows this summer we always love to catch up with you. Talking of catching up don't forget that we are now selling tickets for our second Quiz Nite. Last year was a real success and we look forward to repeating that again this year and raising lots of funds to continue helping to find every retired greyhound a loving family and a sofa to call their own.

Sue

Meet the committee 6



Rowena Hall

Hi, I'm Rowena and live in Coddendam with beautiful fawn greyhound girl, Belle, dear old cream lurcher boy, Benson, spoilt horse Tara and Julian (long suffering husband!)

I originally fell completely in love with greyhounds when I adopted my first hound, Mickey, a huge gorgeous black boy with a big heart to match.

I was absolutely smitten and keen to tell anyone and everyone about what fabulous pets greyhounds make and I knew then I would always wish to have greyhounds in my life. And I do!!

It was especially wonderful in more recent times when we went on to adopt Belle from Greyhound Homer and I was delighted to become involved in helping the local team of volunteers to spread the word at shows and events, with my willing accomplice, Belle! - meeting lots of other lovely people, equally fond of greyhounds.

Belle is a beautiful friendly character with a fun nature too, a joy to have and she happily trots behind her new friend, Benson (older boy now!) in and out of the house for sunbasking sessions, or wherever he goes - they do look hilarious as he is smaller than her! Belle did think my horse Tara a rather large greyhound when she first saw her, moments later they too were friends!

Rowena



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Dates for your 2011 Diary

Autumn Garden Show
2-4 September 2011
Trinity Park
Ipswich

Sutton Walk
11 September 2011
Sutton, Woodbridge

Quiz Night
1 October 2011
Nacton Village Hall

Robin Hood Show
& Fun Dog Show
8-9 October 2011
Trinity Park
Ipswich

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

Next issue ...

- Quiz night report
- David's Book review

What we've been up to this summer!!

It has been a very busy show season starting with a bang at Easter with our very first Greyhound Homer Dog Show, our lovely winner Lucy will be representing us at the Great Greyhound Gathering on September 17th in Nottingham. Good luck Lucy we will all be wishing you lots of luck on the day.



Suffolk Food and Drink Day at Helmingham Hall was a bit of a washout weatherwise, but the Suffolk Dog day there was very successful. This year we added the Tendring Show and also the Eye Show to our calendar.



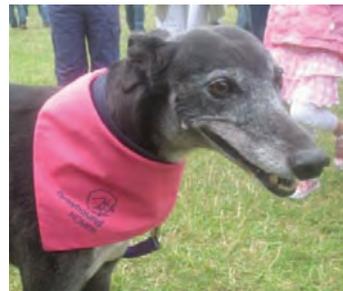
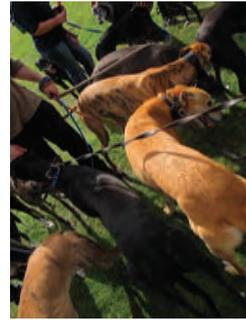
the events - two hounds homed this way recently are Bobby and Ruby.

We have had a walk around Ipswich finishing at our new sponsors The Greyhound Public House, on Henley Road. This walk resulted in Trevor, a



long stayer finding his forever home and shortly after Coolie and now Iggy are all living in the vicinity. We have also had a lovely walk at Frinton, arranged by Suffolk Greyhound and Lurcher Support Group.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us at the shows and hope to see you at the last couple of events.



We have two more shows coming up, the Garden Show at Trinity Park, and we will finish with another Fun Dog Show which is part of the Robin Hood Show on the 8th and 9th October, with fun classes for hounds and companion dogs.

Our presence at these shows and events have helped us to home more dogs than ever before, many as a direct result of

David's Bookey

David's book is coming
along very soon ...
watch this space!!



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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



It is neerly the qwiz nite and I finked to meself that becoz us hounds is not allowed to goes, praps we cood havs a speshal qwiz in me colum so we's not left out!

1. Why is it sooper hextra himportant to spins round ate times before you duz layings down?
 - a. So that you gets your beds hexactly rite
 - b. So that you's dizzy
 - c. To makes your hoomans larf
2. Wen you's finished doing eating sardiney dinners, wot is it himportant you's remembers to do?
 - a. Rooings and barking til you gets hextras
 - b. Goes rite hup to your hoomans and do's a burp
 - c. Bouncing so the hoomans duz no's you's happies
3. Wot is the himportance of the Greyhound Scream of Deff?
 - a. To clears your froat
 - b. To wakes the naybers hup
 - c. To lets your hoomans no's that your leg mite do falling off
4. Wot is the correct proseedure wen a new hooman comes to your house and is not payins you attenshon?
 - a. Makes bad smells
 - b. Do whining and sad eyes and Good Boy Ears and puts your hed on the side and pretends you's neva eva had fusses eva before and sumtimes you has to sleeps in the shed wivout dinners
 - c. Do sleepings and pretends you duznt luffs fusses
5. Wot is the bestest way to recall your hooman wen you's out on walkies?
 - a. Rolls in a ded fing
 - b. Do's the Greyhound Scream of Deff
 - c. Play bow wiv your Good Boy Ears on

David xxx'

Answers on last page!

RGT reveals weight loss secret!

Forget crash diets, slimming clubs and the gym, dog owners hold the secret to shedding the pounds - their four legged friends.

A survey by the Retired Greyhound Trust has revealed that 93 per cent of dog owners take more exercise since acquiring a dog and 34 per cent have lost an average of 11 pounds in weight thanks to their pooches.

The Trust's poll also found that 97 per cent of dog owners say that their canine pals have made them happier people.

Seventy nine per cent of those questioned said that their dogs had transformed their lives in other ways - from meeting new people and lowering stress levels to providing companionship.

The Trust, which homes greyhounds at the end of their racing careers, aims to use this poll to raise awareness of the benefits of owning greyhounds as pets and to find loving new homes for the greyhounds in its branch kennels across the country.

Peter Laurie, chief executive of the Retired Greyhound Trust, said: "We always knew that having a greyhound, or a dog generally, as a pet brought great benefits.. Hopefully our survey persuades others out there who want to change their lives for the better. Whether it is to help with stress levels, companionship, getting active, losing a few pounds or making new friends, a greyhound or another breed of dog could help transform your life.

"Greyhounds make fantastic pets. If someone is considering a dog as a pet, we would urge them to consider a greyhound. They undergo a transformation when they leave the track. They turn from speed machines to docile couch potatoes who love to loll around and get fussed. All they want is a loving family to look after them.

Nothing we didn't know already, but its official now! - Ed



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Hounds waiting to be homed!



Ben



Bluebell



James



Lady



Lenny



Minty



Sparky

Beware!!

The following advice is given by the Dogs Trust. Obviously you should contact your vet if you have any problems.

Antifreeze, screen-wash and some de-icers may contain Ethylene glycol - a substance fatal to dogs and cats. Even small quantities spilt can be life threatening.

Chocolate meant for human consumption contains theobromine which can be lethal - the darker the chocolate the higher amounts of theobromine.

Raisins and grapes can also be lethally toxic.

Onions can cause anaemia, so should not be fed to your dog in any form.

Xylitol, a sweetener commonly found in sugar-free foods, has recently been found to be toxic to dogs.

Human Medicines

As a general rule you should assume that any human medicine is likely to be toxic to dogs, as very many of them are. Paracetamol is particularly dangerous as it can lead to death, or permanent kidney and liver damage which may require life long medical treatment.

Sutton Walk

Sunday 11 September
2.00pm

car park just past
Sutton Hoo

... and afterwards at the Shepard
and Dog, Hollesley, Woodbridge,
Suffolk IP12 3QU

Keep an eye on the website for
more details!

Answers: 1) a 2) b 3)c 4) b 5) c

Greyhounds @ The Greyhound

It seems that greyhounds are becoming very popular with The Greyhound pub's customers. We have Trev of course, companion to Dick the bar manager, and now Coolie and Iggy are homed to Greyhound locals. And of course the lovely Ella Bella has long had her paws under the tables there!!

Visit this great dog friendly pub on Henley Road, Ipswich - the food is fantastic!

I need a home!

Lord Sparky

My name is Sparky and I am going to be four this month. I am a beautiful boy and have got used to getting lots of attention from my lovely kennel hands (I think I am their favourite!)

If I want someone to make a fuss of me, I will pick up my bowl and waggle it at them! (works a treat!)

I need a forever home where I can get lots of love and attention. If you can let me into your life I will repay you tenfold with love, loyalty and joy!

If you would like to meet me, please get in touch.

