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| Welcome to the Greyhoundhomer 2013 Newsletter

Summer is well and truly upon us and for once we're seeing some significant sunshine throughout the country. It's been a mixed rehoming year so far, we've seen some busy & quiet periods, and we've had periods where we've had to rehome returnees. That said we've now rehomed more than 100 Greyhounds at just over half way through the year, so we're quite pleased with progress so far.

Those of you who follow the forum may have noted that Kelly Findlay who ran our kennels went missing briefly in July, but was later found safe and well. Kelly has now moved her Greyhound Training work to the Midlands and Tom and Maureen who ran the kennels at Ockendon for a while have taken over. The main result of this is that we are hoping we will be able to be a bit more flexible with kennel visiting times.

On a sad note I lost my Greyhound Sean on the 20th of July, he was suffering from a neurological condition which made it hard for him to use his back legs. He was put to sleep at about 7:45pm. I lost him pretty much 4 years to the day that I picked him up from the then Ockendon Kennels. Unfortunately it seems unlikely that the wife is going to let me have another Greyhound in the short or medium term.



Sean (Hipsway Sean)
Oct 2001 to July 2013

We've had a number of supporter take part in sponsored events to raise funds for us this year, and they will feature articles in this newsletter, but a big thank you to you all!

By Mark Wilson

| Barcelona or Bust!

Back in February this year, which seems like an awfully long time ago, Martine van Rooyen took up the challenge of the Barcelona Half Marathon to raise funds for us. She also ran in memory of her Greyhound Lily who is now running free at rainbow bridge.

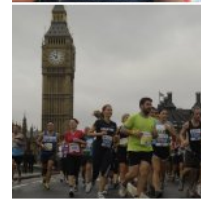
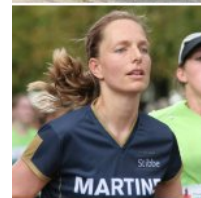
I'm please to say that Martine completed the run successfully and in doing raised a whopping £340 (£376.25 with Gift Aid) for us.

About the Barcelona Half Marathon

The half-marathon in Barcelona, also known as the Asics Mitja Marató de Barcelona, is held every February. It's the second largest running event in Barcelona next to the Marathon. This years half-marathon took place on 17th February 2013, and was also open to wheelchair users.

Thank you!

We'd like to say a big thank to Martine for taking part in this event for us and to all those who were able to sponsor her.





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| Greyhoundhomer Event Timetable

We've got a busy August and September lined up, we'd love to see you and your Greyhound. So if you can make any of the below, you'll be very welcome.

August...

4th - The Essex Heavy Horse & Country Show, Orsett Showground, Essex

11th - Greyhound Walks Show and Family Fun Day, Braintree, Essex

16/17th – Tesco Meet & Greet, Rainham, Essex

24th - Kempston Funday, Bedford, Bedfordshire

25/26th - The Havering Show, Hornchurch, Essex

26th - Quay Day, Burnham on Crouch, Essex

31st – Pets at Home Meet & Greet, Southend on Sea, Essex

September...

7th – Orsett Show, Orsett Showground, Orsett, Essex

8th – Henfest 2013, Roxwell, Essex

14/15th – Essex Country Show, Billericay, Essex

21st – Great Greyhound Gathering, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

28th – Greyhoundhomer Disco Night, Tilbury, Essex

For further information on any of the above events, click **here** to visit the what's on page of our website, or click **here** to visit our forum which may also have some additional information on some of the events. Alternatively drop Pat an email, pat@greyhoundhomer.co.uk.

| The Colourthon

On Saturday the 6th of July, Laura Priestman took part in the Southend on Sea Twilight Colourthon to raise funds for Greyhoundhomer. It's a half marathon walk (13 miles) which left Chalkwell Park at 8pm taking in the Southend and Westcliff areas.



Laura Priestman

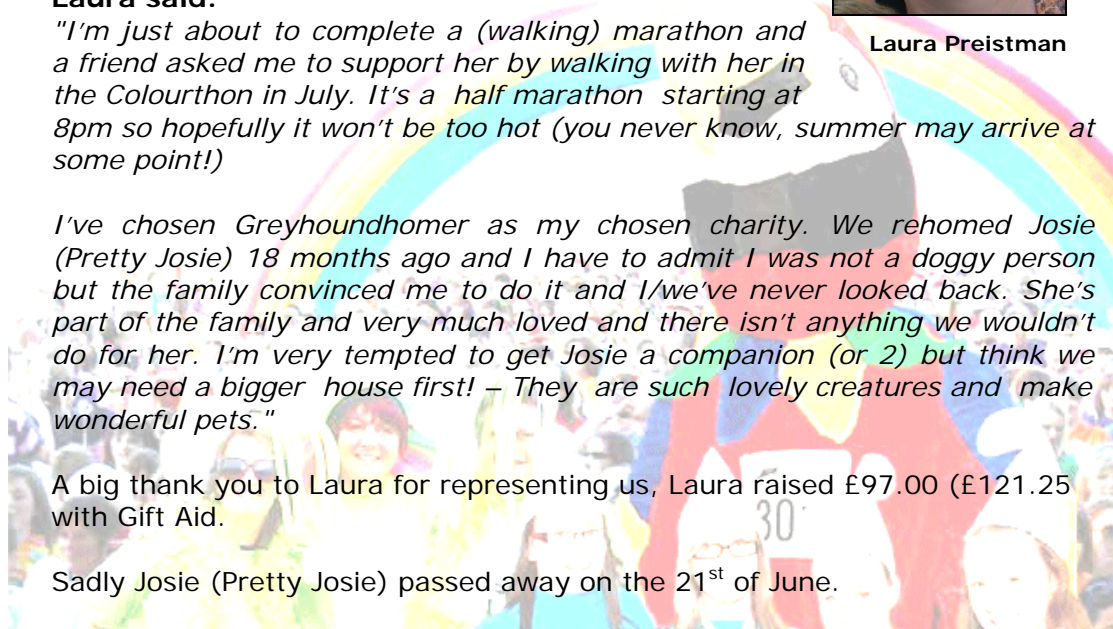
Laura said:

"I'm just about to complete a (walking) marathon and a friend asked me to support her by walking with her in the Colourthon in July. It's a half marathon starting at 8pm so hopefully it won't be too hot (you never know, summer may arrive at some point!)"

"I've chosen Greyhoundhomer as my chosen charity. We rehomed Josie (Pretty Josie) 18 months ago and I have to admit I was not a doggy person but the family convinced me to do it and I/we've never looked back. She's part of the family and very much loved and there isn't anything we wouldn't do for her. I'm very tempted to get Josie a companion (or 2) but think we may need a bigger house first! – They are such lovely creatures and make wonderful pets."

A big thank you to Laura for representing us, Laura raised £97.00 (£121.25 with Gift Aid).

Sadly Josie (Pretty Josie) passed away on the 21st of June.





| 100th Greyhound of 2013 goes home

During July we rehomed our 100th Greyhound of 2013. Jack (Lynton Jack) was the lucky hound and he's gone to live in Basildon.

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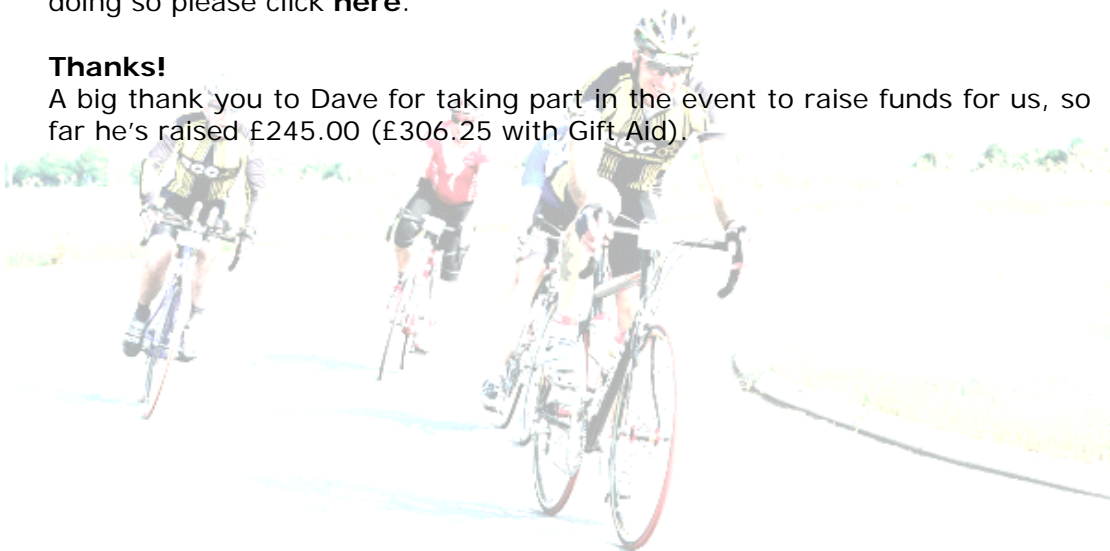
| Dave Livings cycles London to Southend for Greyhoundhomer

On Sunday the 21st of July one of our Greyhound community took on the challenge of the British Heart Foundation London to Southend Bike Ride. The event covers 52 miles in total and starts off in Victoria Park, London and finishes in Priory Park, Southend on Sea. The route took Dave quickly out of the hustle of London and on through pretty villages, quiet lanes before coming to the excitement of the finish in Southend. I'm sure Dave had a fantastic day and a great sense of reward as he approached the finish line in Priory Park.

There's still time to sponsor Dave for his efforts, and if you're interested in doing so please click [here](#).

Thanks!

A big thank you to Dave for taking part in the event to raise funds for us, so far he's raised £245.00 (£306.25 with Gift Aid).





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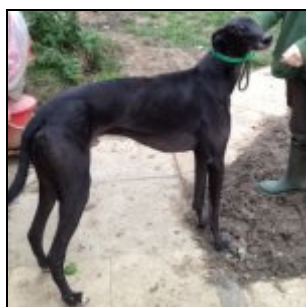
| **Bishops Stortford: a view from the Kennels**

Elaine gives us a brief overview of what's been going on at our kennels in Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire.

This year started with a real bang and the dogs here have been finding homes as from January which was such good news as I don't normally get people showing real interest in homing any of our dogs till about March/April time, and so far this year the trend doesn't seem to have altered. So the dogs don't seem to be sitting in my kennels for too long before somebody comes over and takes them to their forever home which warms my heart as I hate to see dogs waiting in my kennels for too long before being homed. I just am keeping my fingers crossed that the good luck stay's with me for the whole year and hopefully onto the next!

We have a few 'sticky' dogs at Elaine's kennel who have been with us longer than we would have expected, can you help with any of the below?

Still looking for a home...



Ben (Noelles Romeo) – July 2008

Although Ben big lad he is a gentle giant. Elaine has had him in her house and he is perfect. He is quiet, doesn't destroy anything when he is left, never steals food from the table, is house trained and great with children. He can pull on the lead when he see's rabbit's but has walked past other breed's of dog's without even looking at them.



Murray (Scrubit Maurie) – July 2009

Murray is a real gentleman. A kind boy who just wants to please you.



Toby (Freedom Chief) – April 2009

Toby is a lovely dog who has had a brief experience in a home. He came back through no fault of his own.



Ivan (Paradisus Black) – May 2010

Ivan is quite a playful chap, and will need reminding of how big he is from time to time as so excitable and happy with life. We would love to see Ivan homed with a family who have older children and have had experience with dog ownership.

If you're interested in giving any of the above Greyhounds a good home, please contact Elaine on 01279 501 899 / 07505 307 810, or email elaine@greyhoundhomer.co.uk.



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| Hot Weather Advice

Like all dogs, Greyhounds get very hot on warm days. They will pant, possibly be grumpy (like us really) and try to find cool places to lie.

In hot weather, leave your Greyhound in peace as much as you can. Remind children to cuddle a lot less, if at all. Help to keep them cool with damp flannels on their bodies and protect them from the sun with cream or shade if they decide to lie outside.

This might sound crazy but if there is a breeze in the garden it might seem to be the coolest place. However, dogs don't know about UV rays and can get badly burnt.

Please remember to take care to only walk your Greyhound before it heats up in the morning or at night when it has cooled down. If they are reluctant to go for a walk, then just give them the opportunity to toilet in the garden and let them lie.

It is best to feed earlier/later. If they don't eat much - don't worry unless there are other symptoms of illness.

Never leave a dog in a hot room or car - they can die within ten minutes.

Symptoms of heat stroke are distress, severe panting and collapse. If you think your Greyhound is showing signs of this, cool your dog as fast as possible with cold water or ice applied to the head and back. If there isn't an immediate improvement get veterinary help immediately.

Signs of heat stress in animals include...

- Heavy, loud breathing
- Rapid heartbeat
- Lethargy, lack of energy
- Excessive thirst
- Lack of appetite
- Restlessness
- Lack of coordination
- Vomiting

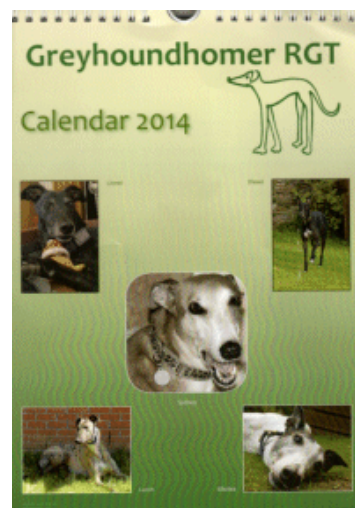
What to do...

- Get the animal to a cool place or shade
- Apply a cold towel or ice pack to the animal's head, neck, and chest
- Provide water to drink
- Immerse in tepid (not cold) water
- Seek veterinary care immediately

| Greyhoundhomer 2014 Calendar

The Greyhoundhomer 2014 Calendar is available now on our website. This year there are two sizes, A4 and the smaller A5. As usually the Calendar features pictures of your Greyhounds.

The Calendar can be purchased from the homepage of our website, by clicking **here**, but will also be available to buy at events we attend while stocks last.





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| Dodson & Horrell Greyhound Food

The Retired Greyhound Trust is pleased to announce a new specialised dog food, called 'Pet Greyhound'

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| Dunton: the view from the kennels

Hi all,

Time has flown by since the last newsletter. During the last few months things have not been easy for us, after having to move all the dogs to the Dunton Kennels (which by the way is a fantastic kennels, with lovely walks etc) we were told by Kelly that she was going to move to Huntinton by the 1st of August, this put us in a bit of a spot. If new people came in would they be the right people to rehome our dogs or would they be race people who were not interested in rehoming Greyhounds? A bit of a pickle for us, so we made plans that if necessary we would have kennels to go to with our 20 dogs, this was put in motion so we could move if it became necessary. However, fortunately this has not been necessary, Tom and Maureen who most of you know from Ockendon have taken over the kennels from Kelly, and they moved in on 1st of August and are just trying to get the house things in order and do the dogs. This should be fine with a bit of time. The dogs all loved Maureen and Tom including mine, who spent their holidays with them. We had a bit of a rough time when Kelly went missing for a few days, but people were wonderful in getting us tins of meat and biscuit and bedding, I cannot stress how smashing people have been, it really opens your eyes to the lovely people we know. The dogs are all fine and settled in. Our rehoming is going very well and fingers crossed it keeps that way. We have had a few returnees, but it has been no fault of the dogs and most have been rehomed quite quickly. On the events scene we have been busy and have had to turn some events down as we cannot do them all, it would be lovely if we could, but rather than stretch ourselves out too much we are limiting ourselves to what we can do. We have had a few tears when dogs we have homed have passed away and I know I speak for you all when I say, we all feel so sad when this happens and that the love passed on to those people trying to cope with their loss is a tremendous help to them, helping them to cope when they lose their best friend. On the bright side we have many new owners and look forward to seeing them at events with their dogs. But last but not least thank you all for your support and help when we really needed it, it will not be forgotten by any of us.

Pat

Greyhound Rehoming Co-ordinator, Greyhoundhomer



GEORGE



TONY



MAX



GRACE



TANGO



ROBIN

Above is a small selection of the dogs looking for a new home at our Dunton kennels, for more information call Pat on 01708 551 689.



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If you've got an idea
for the next
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The Bergen Family . Louise Chick
Edgar Munns . Millie & Norman Stevens
Dave Soady . Helen & Chris Daguier

We'd like to send our thanks out to all those who help us out throughout the year, there are so many of you, far too many to list above, your help is **very much** appreciated!