

# Greyhound Retirement Scheme Newsletter



HELPING GREYHOUNDS ENJOY LONG, HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIVES IN RETIREMENT

## GRS OFF TO A FLYING START

I am delighted to welcome you to our first newsletter about the Greyhound Retirement Scheme (GRS). The scheme has got off to an excellent start and I would like to thank you for your support and engagement.

Since September, we have welcomed nearly **100** charities to our approved homing centre list (you can view the full list [here](#)). It has been a pleasure visiting homing centres across the country, speaking to volunteers and seeing at first hand the fantastic work you are all doing to find loving and suitable homes for our retired athletes.

With over **2,200** greyhounds already signed up to the scheme, I am confident that the GRS will have a real impact on your centres, helping you take in and care for more greyhounds and find loving homes for them. So far, we have paid out over **£140,000** in grants to homing centres across the country and it has been wonderful to hear of some inspiring homing stories.

Through this newsletter, I hope to keep you updated on all the latest developments and share news from across our approved homing centres.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to working with you in 2021.

**Paula Beniston**  
GRS Co-ordinator  
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## A SPOTLIGHT ON HOMING: THE THREE QUEENS OF CHRISTMAS

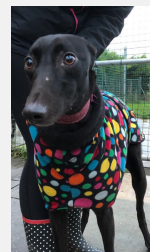
"Over the past few months, we've been fortunate enough to home a number of greyhounds via the GRS. However, one of the standout stories that comes to mind is managing to find homes for three litter sisters, all of whom came to us from trainer John Walton, in the space of four weeks!

The first, a beautiful brindle called Candy, joined us in November and has since gone on to live with a fantastic family and their two cats. Now called Holly, she is settling in very well and has already formed a particularly close bond with the daughter in the family.



Later in November we welcomed Tango - she was quite nervous at first but with each day has become more and more confident. Next week, she's going off to live with a family who are so excited that they've already visited us three times to take her on walks!

Our third sister, Juliette, came to us this month via the scheme. If all goes to plan, she's soon set to be homed by another lovely family where she will also have the company of their nine-year-old Jack Russell.



At a time when we haven't been able to get out and fundraise the way we normally do, the GRS has really given us that extra peace of mind and more freedom to home as many greyhounds as we can - like our litter sisters. It has come at just the right moment and is ensuring we can continue to give the best possible care to all the greyhounds in our kennels."

Joanne Johnson, Lead Volunteer at **Greyhound Trust Mersey and Cheshire**

## SHARE YOUR STORIES

You should all have received a PR Toolkit to help you promote your involvement in the GRS and your homing work. If you require any support, please contact us at [grs@gbgb.org.uk](mailto:grs@gbgb.org.uk).

Likewise, please feel free to share your homing stories with us.

## PHOTO GALLERY



Just two of the many GRS greyhounds who have gone onto loving homes in recent months: Kenny via **Seaside Greyhounds** (L) and Marlfield Donna via **Clarks Farm Greyhound Rescue** (R).

## OVER ON OUR BLOG

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our homing blogs so far. Click on the headlines below to read them in full:

**A Homing Centre's Blog: "The GRS is the best thing to have happened to the sport"**

**Going the extra mile for your retired greyhounds: Jim Daly's Story**