

# Greyhound Retirement Scheme Newsletter

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RETIRED RACING DUO: COMBO (COOLAVANNY COMBO) AND LOTTIE (BALLYMAC HOST)

HELPING GREYHOUNDS ENJOY LONG, HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIVES IN RETIREMENT

## GRS GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

In the last issue of this newsletter, I reported that we had surpassed an exciting milestone. Together, GBGB and racing greyhound owners had paid out over £2 million to our approved homing centres, helping thousands of greyhounds find loving, forever homes.

Since then, the scheme's momentum has not faltered and we are approaching the £2.4 million mark. With support from this funding, our network of 129 GRS approved homing centres has been able to home over 5,600 greyhounds.

I want to extend a thank you to the GBGB Greyhounds Ambassadors who over the course of the English Greyhound Derby last month have raised over £5,000 for approved GRS homing centres associated with **Towcester Racecourse**. Thank you also to everyone who donated so generously. Read more about their excellent fundraising efforts [here](#).

I know from the many conversations I have had with homing centres, stadia, trainers and owners across the country just how committed we all are to ensuring the wellbeing of current and retired racers. Greyhound welfare is what drives so many of us and is, and will continue to be, of paramount importance.

In line with this, last month, GBGB launched our new long-term welfare strategy 'A Good Life for Every Greyhound' which I'm sure many of you will be interested to read if you haven't done so already. Click [here](#) to find out more.

As always, thank you all for your ongoing efforts. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

**Paula Beniston**  
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## CLARKS FARM GREYHOUND REHOMING CENTRE LAUNCHES UKRAINE-INSPIRED DOG COATS

Clarks Farm Greyhound Rehoming Centre in Maldon, Essex recently launched a new range of dog coats to raise money for international charity **Hope and Homes for Children** in support of Ukrainian families.

Modelling the blue and yellow coats are former racers from **Crayford Greyhound Stadium**.

For more information or to place an order, you can email [clarksfarmevents@gmail.com](mailto:clarksfarmevents@gmail.com).



## SHARE YOUR STORIES

We love hearing your standout and heart-warming GRS homing stories so please feel free to share them with us, and any photos, via [grs@gbgb.org.uk](mailto:grs@gbgb.org.uk).

Likewise, do continue to promote your involvement in the scheme on your social media channels and website.

## CELEBRATING THE ROYAL HISTORY OF THE GREYHOUND

As part of this month's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, greyhounds Darcie and Donie were featured on ITV's 'Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh', alongside their owner and GBGB Greyhound Welfare Ambassador Kelli Windebanks. The pair were excellent representatives of the breed and helped to showcase how fantastic retired greyhounds are as pets.



## HOMING SPOTLIGHT: RACING DUO REMAIN SIDE-BY-SIDE IN RETIREMENT

"After retiring from his career on the track in 2020, Coolavanny Combo was looking to be welcomed into his forever home. We knew it was always going to be a challenge to find him the right home - he's big, strong and has quite a high chase drive.

We had just begun our search when a couple contacted us to say that they'd recently lost both of their greyhounds and were looking to provide a loving home to another pair. This fantastic couple were used to more challenging greyhounds and so Combo seemed like an excellent fit. The trouble was that Combo was only one greyhound and his potential owners were looking to home two!

Throughout his racing career, Combo shared his kennel with Ballymac Host. The dogs' trainer really didn't want Combo to miss this opportunity to begin life with his new owners and so he agreed to retire Ballymac Host (now named Lottie) at the same time. This meant the duo were able to be homed together.

Combo and Lottie have settled in so well with their new family. Lottie took to retired life straight away. Combo is still a work in progress but he's learning and getting more comfortable every day."

Jayne Conway, Greyhounds Swindon and Beyond