



# Greyhound Retirement Scheme Newsletter

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HELPING GREYHOUNDS ENJOY LONG, HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIVES IN RETIREMENT

## 21,000 GREYHOUNDS AND COUNTING BENEFIT FROM GRS

When we first launched the GRS, we had high hopes at GBGB of what we wanted the scheme to achieve. We knew supporting our racers beyond their careers on the track was the right thing for us to do as the sport's regulator but we also knew that we could not take the forward strides we wanted without the full support of owners, stadia and homing centres.

It has therefore been so heartening to see the greyhound community embrace the scheme in the way it has - with steadfast commitment and enthusiasm.

The current cost-of-living crisis has thrown up unprecedented challenges for us all and, in particular, has made it far harder to find forever homes not only for retired racers but for all pets.

I am delighted to report, however, that we are seeing the number of greyhound homing offers start to pick up again, bringing them more in line with previous years.

Overall, since September 2020, over 21,000 greyhounds have been signed up to the GRS, and nearly 5,000 of these greyhounds have been signed up by owners who have voluntarily chosen to support the scheme.

Significantly, over 7,000 retired greyhounds have now entered one of our approved homing centres and benefited from the full matched bond payment.

This is entirely down to your hard work and commitment and so I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for the work you are doing. I know that under your care, greyhounds across the country are receiving all the love, attention and support they deserve as they go through their homing journey.

I hope you all enjoy reading our latest edition of the GRS newsletter. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Paula Beniston**  
GRS Co-ordinator  
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## TJ TRAVELS EUROPE

Essex Greyhound Rescue recently found a forever home for TJ (ISLAY TERRY) with new owners, Niall and his wife. Speaking about TJ joining their family over the summer, Niall said:

"TJ is doing extremely well - he has been travelling throughout Europe with us over the last month and has visited Saint Tropez, Tuscany and the Alps. He's absolutely part of the family and has been extremely well behaved!"



**Pictured: TJ enjoying his holiday**

## WESTFIELD KENNELS JOIN OUR GRS NETWORK

In November we welcomed Westfield Kennels in Durham to the GRS. Since joining, the centre has found a loving home for former racer Grace (GOWARN BABS) with support from the scheme.

Lynn, Grace's new owner, said:

"She is everything the centre said she would be. I have three cats and Grace has settled in with us all brilliantly - you would think she has been with me for years. I really can't thank Jason and Lucy at Westfield Kennels enough."



**Pictured: Grace relaxing in her new home**



**CHLOE (LEESIDE MARLIN) HOMED VIA ESSEX GREYHOUND RESCUE**

## SHARE YOUR STORIES

Please feel free to share your GRS homing stories 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.



## RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CANTERBURY GETS UP AND RUNNING

"We are a new charity set up during the Lockdown period when we thought things were going to be quite challenging for dogs in homing shelters. It ended up proving to be the opposite with the public queuing up to home dogs as they had more time on their hands!"

Although we received payments from trainers when they brought a dog into our kennels and a homing fee from new owners, funding was pretty tight.

The GRS however enabled us to obtain match funding for each greyhound we welcomed into our care. This extra financial support greatly benefitted the charity in its early stages and helped us to get it up and running during a difficult time."

Graham Hadaway at **Retired Greyhounds Canterbury**



## FESTIVE FUNDRAISERS

Across our network of homing centre partners, we are delighted to see so many greyhound-themed fundraisers taking place this festive season. This includes a special Christmas card venture at **Brighton Greyhound Owners Association Trust**.



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