

# Greyhound Retirement Scheme Newsletter

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HELPING GREYHOUNDS ENJOY LONG, HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIVES IN RETIREMENT

## OVER 25,000 GREYHOUNDS REGISTERED TO GRS

I am delighted to report that, since I last wrote to you as part of this column, the GRS has continued to grow, welcoming new greyhounds as well as new homing centre partners.

As of the end of May, nearly £4 million had been paid to the GRS in bond payments since the scheme's launch, with over 25,200 greyhounds now registered to the scheme.

Since September 2020, GBGB has paid over £3.3 million in matched funding, supporting over 8,300 greyhounds to take their next steps into retirement.

To our community of GRS-approved homing centres we have recently welcomed **Cheltenham Animal Shelter**, based in Gloucestershire, and **Rescue Remedies**, based in Surrey. I know the centres are as thrilled to join the scheme as we are to have them on board.

As we look to the months ahead we want to continue to expand our homing centre community and make sure as many greyhounds as possible can benefit from the GRS. Should you know of any homing centres - which either currently home or are looking to home greyhounds - who are not yet GRS-approved, please do let me know.

Many thanks to all of you - owners, trainers, stadia and homing centres - who go above and beyond to find loving homes for our retired racers and ensure they find their forever family as smoothy and as quickly as possible.

I hope you can take the time to read this newsletter and join us in celebrating what really is only a snippet of the incredible work taking place across the country in support of retired racing greyhounds.

**Paula Beniston**  
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## RETIRED RACER RHINO FINDS HIS FOREVER HOME

"Rhino (SAVANA RHINO) joined us at Whittingham in August 2022 and it soon became apparent that his name fit with his personality incredibly well!

He was extremely affectionate and loving but he did like to charge out of his kennel and was quite vocal and enthusiastic around other dogs.

He became one of our long stays but a real favourite with our volunteer walkers who loved his energy.

Rhino knew how to win people over but we still found it very difficult to find him a home that suited.

Our Trustee, Tim, previously had two greyhounds, Razzle and Evie. When Razzle sadly passed away he began to look for a friend for Evie who was feeling lonely.

As Tim lives in a quiet area he had the perfect home to welcome Rhino into. Rhino still bounces around but he's fallen on his paws with Tim and Evie; and we still get to see him regularly too!"

Louise Clark, **Retired Greyhounds Charity - Whittingham Kennels**, based in Essex



Rhino (SAVANA RHINO)



BLAKE AND GROOT, OWNED BY GRS CO-ORDINATOR PAULA BENISTON, ON A RECENT CAMPING TRIP

## HOT OFF THE PRESS: UPDATES FROM OUR HOMING CENTRE PARTNERS

The Westmorland Gazette featured an excellent piece last month (snippet below) about the fantastic partnership between **Retired Greyhounds South Lakes**, based in Cumbria, and **Pet Blood Bank**. The piece specifically highlights the many canine lives that greyhound Thor (FARLOE THOR) has saved through his donations. Thor is owned by Jenny and Stuart Scott who run RGSL.



Retired Greyhounds South Lakes has also released its 2024 Greyhound Calendar. You can view the front cover, showcasing Chloe (SNOWY FLAVOUR), below or on the centre's online shop [here](#).



**Alfie's Dream for Greyhounds**, based in Scotland, has put together an original video to promote what excellent pets greyhounds make. Click [here](#) to watch.