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Mission Statement

> "The role of the GBGB is to regulate and promote British Greyhound Racing, with greyhound welfare as our highest priority."

Vision

That British Greyhound Racing is a successful and sustainable sport, commercially-viable and adequately funded to ensure its future prosperity. We are world-leading in welfare and integrity standards and support everyone involved in the sport to increase its popularity with our British and global audiences.

Values

Welfare

We will always put the welfare of greyhounds at the heart of all we do.

Integrity

We always act with honesty, impartiality and consistency to earn the trust of our stakeholders.

Professionalism

We pride ourselves on our commitment to quality and effective service delivery and the successful development of those working within the sport.

Good Governance

We will always act in the best interests of the sport as a whole and be accountable for our actions.

Respect

We value all those involved in the sport highly – no matter their role – and will always give consideration and due regard to every stakeholder.

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Chief Executive's Report

BY MARK BIRD

Racing

In 2024, Mark Wallis became the Champion Trainer for the 15th time in his racing career. This was partly due to his seven Category One titles, which were won for the MWD Partnership.

De Lahdedah won the English Greyhound Derby at Towcester for Breeder and Trainer Liam Dowling, amongst a dominant field of Irish entrants and runners. Dowling scooped the £175,000 purse for winning the Star Sports and TRC-sponsored Derby.

Wicky Ned won the 2024 Greyhound of the Year Award. Trained by Jimmy Fenwick, he won the Gymcrack and Steel City Cup competitions and four Category One titles for the year.

It was announced that the Perry Barr track would be closing in 2025, as the site was to be redeveloped but Arena Racing countered this news with the fact that a new greyhound track would be created at the site of their existing horse track at Dunstall Park in Wolverhampton. This new track would be formed within the land within the horse track and overseen by their huge grandstand. It is intended for racing operations to move seamlessly from Perry Barr to Dunstall Park in late 2025.

Political

Towards the beginning of the year, we wrote to the Welsh First Minster concerning the one Welsh GBGB-licensed track at the Valley in Caerphilly. The track that began operations as a GBGB-regulated track in September 2023, under the management of Dave Barclay and his team, demonstrated the efficacy of what regulation brings and our ambition to work with the Senedd and Welsh government to highlight that the sport is both legitimate and that it puts the welfare of our greyhounds at the epicentre of what we do.



The GBGB has provided a substantial evidential base to the Senedd and we look forward to any public consultation that might emerge from the government as to the validity of the sport. Whilst there is only the one greyhound track in Wales, there are three horse racecourses and thereby any consideration looking to ban greyhound racing would surely not rule out horse racing as well.

In Scotland, whilst no regulated greyhound racing currently takes place, the Scottish government public consultation as to whether greyhound racing should continue closed in May 2024. We now await the recommendations of the consultation to be made through the RAI Committee (Rural Affairs and Islands). It is further complicated with the threat of a Private Members Bill against greyhound racing being lodged with the government.

Welfare and Integrity

In 2024, we saw the full compliment of Regional Regulatory Vets arrive and they now provide complete coverage of the areas in which the tracks and residential kennels are located. They will eventually complete the Annual Kennel Inspection for trainers, which will include inspecting all of the greyhounds within the trainers' care, both racing and retired.

In late 2024, we launched our homing campaign, 'Sharing your Life with a Greyhound', which looks to showcase the breed and how fantastic they are for people to have them in their lives as pets. They really are the full deal, both as racing athletes but also as the perfect pet and companion.

Lastly for 2024, the GBGB has again maintained our UKAS accreditation for the inspection and licensing of racecourses, under International standard ISO17065. .

Mark Bird,
GBGB Chief Executive



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The Greyhound Commitment

On behalf of our sport and industry, the Greyhound Board of Great Britain, working with our trusted stakeholders and relying on voluntary funding from bookmakers, is proud to make and uphold the following commitments:

1. Greyhound welfare and safety is at the heart of everything we do.
2. Every racing greyhound is treated with care and respect throughout its career.
3. Our independently verified injury rates remain the lowest in the world and will improve further still.
4. Wherever possible, every dog leaving racing enjoys a long and happy retirement.
5. Every race is run fairly, safely and that attending a race meeting is an enjoyable and fun experience for all involved.
6. Those working within the sport have access to training at the beginning of their careers, and ongoing, accredited professional development.
7. Funding received from the betting industry significantly contributes to greyhound welfare.
8. Together, we continue to promote our sport and nurture the public's love of greyhounds.

To find out how we are meeting these Commitments, please visit: www.gbgb.org.uk

2024 Awards

The 2024 GBGB Greyhound of the Year awards were held for the first time in York and in a break with tradition moved to a Thursday night. The changes proved popular with guests with a sell out event of over 230 attending The Milner Hotel on Thursday 6 March 2025.

The evening celebrated the outstanding work and achievements of our star canine athletes and those that look after them.

The evening was generously supported by a number of sponsors.



The Winners

GBGB Kennelhand of the Year

Kaitlyn Linley

Kaitlyn, 25, who works at her mother-in-law Shirley Linley's Sunderland Kennels – and is married to Shirley's son, Sam – has long been a key member of the successful Linley operation. Kaitlyn's dedication impressed the Kennelhand of the Year panel and she was described as a 'shining light in the industry'. Alongside working with the greyhounds day-to-day and raising a young family, Kaitlyn spends her spare time spreading the word on social media, promoting both racing and retired greyhounds.



GBGB Best Dam of British Bred

Queen Jessiej

A top-class, big-race winning bitch on the track, Queen Jessiej has now excelled in the breeding paddocks and succeeds her kennelmate Queen Beyonce, the previous year's winner, as a home-bred winner of this coveted Award for the KSS Syndicate.

Her December 2021 litter by the incomparable Droopys Sydney produced Category One winners Queen Joni and Queen Georgia, two real stars of the track, whose success in 2024 has enabled Queen Jessiej to follow her own super-dam Skate On as winner of this Award.

With two Category One wins by Queen Joni in 2024 – in the Arena Racing Company Kent Plate at Central Park and the Coral Brighton Belle at Hove – and a range of successful runs by sister Queen Georgia, Queen Jessiej was a worthy winner of this year's Award.



ARC Graded Greyhound of the Year

Nicky The Second

Nicky The Second was purchased for £500 at the Premier Greyhound Sales at Crayford on 15th May,

His first race was in an A8 on 15th June, being sent off at 20/1 and was beaten 11 ½ lengths, quickly being downgraded to A9 after that run. He bounced back to record his first win only a couple of weeks later, winning by 2 lengths and then following up with back-to-back wins on 4th July in A8. He won an A8 on 15th August and thereafter won each of his next seven races, gradually improving with each run and finishing his winning sequence in A1 on 4th October in an impressive calculated time of 23.45.

Just over three weeks later, Nicky capped off his rise to the summit when landing a Maiden Open on 27th October in his fastest calculated time of 23.34 – a brilliant training performance to take 24 lengths off his first recorded official trial time to his open win.

In all, Nicky boasted a 50% strike rate in graded contests having managed ten wins from 20 at the track as well as two open race wins at Crayford.



Coral Owner of the Year
MWD Partnership



The MWD Partnership's team of greyhounds, trained at the famous Imperial Kennels of 15-time champion trainer Mark Wallis, amassed a huge 1,294 points, finishing ahead of nine-time winners the KSS Syndicate (908) and leading owner-breeder David Firmager (627).

New Destiny, as a three-time Category One winner in 2024, top scored for the MWD Partnership. This brilliant bitch won the Coral Coronation Cup, Premier Greyhound Racing Champion Stakes – both at Romford – and the bet365 Challenge Cup at Oxford.

A highlight of their year was Whyaye Man reaching the final of the Star Sports/TRC English Greyhound Derby, scoring valuable points in the process, but it was their final three victories – all achieved on one Saturday night in December across races at Hove and Oxford – which sealed this Award.

Ladbrokes Trainer of the Year
Mark Wallis



Mark Wallis was named 2024's Ladbrokes Trainer of the Year – the record 15th time he has won this Award – following a highly impressive 2024 run.

The boss of Imperial Kennels ended 2024 on 1,315 points to claim the Trainer of the Year title, 361 points clear of Patrick Janssens in second (954) and ahead of Liz McNair (880), Kevin Hutton (871), Tom Heilbron (836) and Maxine Locke (667).

Having first been named champion trainer in 2005, Mark won again in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023 – a truly extraordinary record.

A standout 2024 highlight for Team Wallis came on 14th December when they took home three Category One wins in less than an hour, with Proper Heiress and Garfiney Blaze both winning at Hove and New Destiny at Oxford.

'Keep Welfare on Track' Newcomer, ARC Standard Distance and Premier Greyhound Racing Greyhound of the Year
Wicky Ned



Droopys Sydney – Ballycowen Lucy

Trainer: Jimmy Fenwick
Owner(s): Neil McGregor
2024 Achievements:
Winner: Bresbet Gymcrack, Sheffield
Winner: Time Greyhound Nutrition Northern Flat, Newcastle
Winner: Bresbet Steel City Cup, Sheffield
Winner: Premier Greyhound Racing All England Cup, Newcastle
Winner: Genco Puppy Invitation Trophy
Finalist: Premier Greyhound Racing Eclipse, Nottingham

14 Open Race Wins, going unbeaten throughout the Steel City Cup

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The Winners

SIS British Bred Greyhound of the Year

Romeo Command

Dorotas Wildcat – Drive On Betsy

Trainer: Patrick Janssens
Owner(s): David Firmager
2024 Achievements:
Winner: Premier Greyhound Racing Eclipse, Nottingham
Winner: BGBF Champion Stakes, Towcester
Winner: BGBG Stud Book Trophy, Towcester
Runner-up: Blue Riband, Towcester
Finalist: Coral Sussex Cup, Hove
17 Open Race Wins



Racing and Sports Bitch of the Year

Druids Say Go

Droopys Sydney – Druids Diana

Trainer: Patrick Janssens
Owner(s): Value Racing Club
2024 Achievements:
Winner: Click Competitions East Anglian Derby, Yarmouth
Winner: Premier Greyhound Racing Oaks, Perry Barr
22 Open Race Wins, unbeaten throughout both the East Anglian Derby and Oaks



GBGB Sprinter of the Year

Magical Bluebear

Good News – Magical Gem

Trainer: William Russell
Owner(s): Garry and Karen Phillips
2024 Achievements:
Winner: Arena Racing Company Silver Salver, Central Park
Runner-up: Arena Racing Company Scurry Cup, Perry Barr
10 Open Race Wins



‘Share Your Life With A Greyhound’ Stayer of the Year

Droopys Clue

Out Of Range Asb – Droopys Natalia

Trainer: Seamus Cahill
Owner(s): Keylight Hire Ltd
2024 Achievements:
Winner: Ladbrokes Summer Stayers Classic, Monmore
Winner: Premier Greyhound Racing St Leger, Perry Barr
Finalist: Premier Greyhound Racing Regency, Hove
Track Record: 500m distance, Towcester
12 Open Race Wins, going unbeaten throughout the St Leger - the only greyhound in history to successfully defend the stayers’ Classic title



SIS Marathon Performer of the Year

Ballymac Taylor

Ballymac Anton – Ballymac Merkle

Trainer: Mark Wallis
Owner(s): MWD Partnership
2024 Achievements:
Runner-up: Arena Racing Company Cesarewitch, Central Park
Runner-up: Stadium Bookmakers TV Trophy, Oxford
Finalist: Premier Greyhound Racing Regency, Hove
Finalist: Premier Greyhound Racing Golden Jacket, Crayford
Finalist: Ladbrokes Kent St Leger, Crayford
Track Record: 847m distance, Oxford
Track Record: 942m distance, Towcester
15 Open Race Wins



Greyhound Racing UK Hurdler of the Year

Signet Harper

Dorotas Wildcat – Not Too Late

Trainer: Ricky Holloway
Owner(s): Anthony Brealey
2024 Achievements:
Winner: Ladbrokes Grand National, Crayford
18 Open Race Wins



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2024 Roll of Honour

Date	Event	Track	Winner	Distance/type
Sat 20 Jan	Oxford	BGBF Puppy Cup	**Romeo Cypher** - David Mullins	450m Flat
Sat 20 Jan	Central Park	Arena Racing Company Cesarewitch	**Garfiney Blaze** - Mark Wallis	731m Flat
Sun 21 Jan	Towcester	Blue Riband	**Signet Goofy** - John Mullins	500m Flat
Fri 26 Jan	Romford	Coral Essex Vase	**Roxys Bullet** - Paul Burr	575m Flat
Thu 15 Feb	Newcastle	Arena Racing Company Northern Puppy Derby	**Clona Curly** - Diane Henry	480m Flat
Sat 17 Feb	Monmore	Ladbrokes Winter Derby	**King Capaldi** - Liz McNair	480m Flat
Sat 24 Feb	Crayford	Premier Greyhound Racing Golden Jacket	**Dazl Rolex** - Ricky Holloway	714m Flat
Fri 15 Mar	Romford	Coral Golden Sprint	**Front Alice** - Kevin Proctor	400m Flat
Mon 18 Mar	Nottingham	BGBF Breeders Stakes	**Acomb Felix** - Kevin Ferguson	500m Flat
Sat 23 Mar	Oxford	Stadium Bookmakers TV Trophy	**Bubbly Inferno** - Paul Young	845m Flat
Sat 30 Mar	Central Park	Arena Racing Company Kent Plate	**Queen Joni** - Liz McNair	491m Flat
Sat 30 Mar	Monmore	Premier Greyhound Racing Puppy Derby	**Untold Dollar** - Carol Weatherall	480m Flat
Fri 12 Apr	Oxford	bet365 Hunt Cup	**Havana Top Note** - Liz McNair	650m Flat
Sun 14 Apr	Towcester	Time Greyhound Nutrition Juvenile	**Faypoint Harvey** - Graham Holland	500m Flat
Fri 19 Apr	Sunderland	Arena Racing Company Grand Prix	**Farneys Willie** - Richard Wales	640m Flat
Sun 21 Apr	Sheffield	Bresbet Gymcrack	**Wicky Ned** - Jimmy Fenwick	500m Flat
Sat 27 Apr	Hove	Coral Brighton Belle	**Queen Joni** - Liz McNair	515m Flat
Sat 27 Apr	Perry Barr	Arena Racing Company Laurels	**Kilwest Ranger** - Paul Harnes	480m Flat
Sun 28 Apr	Towcester	KAB Maiden Derby	**Jaytee Etienne** - Paul Hennessy	500m Flat
Sun 19 May	Crayford	Ladbrokes Kent St Leger	**Coonough Crow** - Mark Wallis	714m Flat
Sun 26 May	Sheffield	Time Greyhound Nutrition 3 Steps to Victory	**Queen Georgia** - Liz McNair	Tri Distance
Fri 14 Jun	Romford	Coral Coronation Cup	**New Destiny** - Mark Wallis	575m Flat
Sat 15 Jun	Central Park	Arena Racing Company Kent Silver Salver	**Magical Bluebear** - William Russell	277m Flat
Sat 29 Jun	Towcester	Star Sports/TRC English Greyhound Derby	**De Lahdedah** - Liam Dowling	500m Flat
Sun 21 Jul	Crayford	Ladbrokes Champion Hurdle	**Nunhead Shiv** - Barry O'Sullivan	380m Hurdle
Thu 25 Jul	Newcastle	Time Greyhound Nutrition Northern Flat	**Wicky Ned** - Jimmy Fenwick	480m Flat
Sat 27 Jul	Hove	Premier Greyhound Racing Regency	**Baywatch Bullet** - Belinda Green	695m Flat
Sat 27 Jul	Hove	Coral Sussex Cup	**Newinn Benni** - Derek Knight	515m Flat
Sat 27 Jul	Oxford	BetGoodwin Pall Mall	**Aero Sacundai** - Richie Taberner	450m Flat
Sat 24 Aug	Monmore	Ladbrokes Gold Cup	**Churchfield Syd** - Richard Rees	480m Flat
Sat 24 Aug	Monmore	Ladbrokes Summer Stayers	**Droopys Clue** - Seamus Cahill	630m Flat
Mon 26 Aug	Nottingham	Jenningsbet Puppy Classic	**March On Freddie** - David Mullins	500m Flat
Mon 26 Aug	Nottingham	Jenningsbet Select Stakes	**Unanimouspanther** - Pat Buckley	500m Flat
Sun 15 Sep	Towcester	bet365 Empress Stakes	**Avongate Venus** - Phil Milner	500m Flat
Wed 18 Sep	Yarmouth	Click Competitions East Anglian Derby	**Druids Say Go** - Patrick Janssens	462m Flat
Thu 19 Sep	Swindon	78th BGBF Produce Stakes	**Southfield Poppy** - Kevin Hutton	476m Flat
Fri 27 Sep	Romford	Coral Puppy Cup	**Fire And Ice** - Matt Dartnall	400m Flat
Sat 28 Sep	Perry Barr	M Lambe Construction Birmingham Cup	**Rioja Bungle** - Kevin Hutton	480m Flat
Sat 28 Sep	Perry Barr	Premier Greyhound Racing St Leger	**Droopys Clue** - Seamus Cahill	710m Flat
Fri 18 Oct	Romford	Premier Greyhound Racing Champion Stakes	**New Destiny** - Mark Wallis	575m Flat
Sat 19 Oct	Central Park	Premier Greyhound Racing Kent Derby	**Droopys Display** - Maxine Locke	491m Flat
Sun 20 Oct	Sheffield	BresBet Steel City Cup	**Wicky Ned** - Jimmy Fenwick	500m Flat
Sat 26 Oct	Perry Barr	Premier Greyhound Racing Oaks	**Druids Say Go** - Patrick Janssens	480m Flat
Fri 15 Nov	Sunderland	Arena Racing Company Classic	**Bramble Linton** - Steve Anderson	450m Flat
Sun 24 Nov	Crayford	Jay & Kay Coach Tours Gold Collar	**Aayamza Sydney** - John Mullins	540m Flat
Sun 24 Nov	Crayford	Ladbrokes Grand National	**Signet Harper** - Ricky Holloway	380m Hurdle
Sun 24 Nov	Towcester	English Puppy Derby	**Bombay Birch** - Paul Young	500m Flat
Mon 25 Nov	Nottingham	Premier Greyhound Racing Eclipse	**Romeo Command** - Patrick Janssens	500m Flat
Sat 14 Dec	Oxford	bet365 Challenge Cup	**New Destiny** - Mark Wallis	650m Flat
Sat 14 Dec	Hove	Coral Olympic	**Proper Heiress** - Mark Wallis	515m Flat
Sat 14 Dec	Hove	George Curtis Ballyregan Bob Memorial	**Garfiney Blaze** - Mark Wallis	740m Flat
Sat 21 Dec	Towcester	bet365 English Puppy Oaks	**Yahoo Maizy** - Maxine Locke	500m Flat
Sun 22 Dec	Sheffield	BGBF British Bred Derby	**Keefill Rocky** - Phil Milner	500m Flat
Fri 27 Dec	Newcastle	Premier Greyhound Racing All England Cup	**Wicky Ned** - Jimmy Fenwick	480m Flat

Date	Event	Track	Winner	Distance/type
Fri 26 Jan	Romford	Coral Silver Maiden	**Pape Di Oro** - Savva Roberts	400m Flat
Sun 11 Feb	Towcester	Bet365 Northamptonshire Sprint	**Broadway Murty** - Sean White	277m Flat
Sat 24 Feb	Crayford	Peter Bussey Memorial Trophy	**Allowdale Cazoo** - Nathan Hunt	540m Flat
Sun 10 Mar	Sheffield	Queen Mother Memorial Cup	**Savana Heross** - Diane Henry	660m Flat
Sat 27 Apr	Hove	Hove Puppy Cup	**Untold Dollar** - Carol Weatherall	500m Flat
Thu 23 May	Newcastle	BGBF Maiden Derby	**Rioja Bungle** - Kevin Hutton	480m Flat
Fri 24 May	Harlow	Jenningsbet Trophy	**Fratton Bark** - Gemma Evans	415m Flat
Fri 28 June	Sunderland	Arena Racing Company Puppy Cup	**Untold Ruble** - Tom Heilbron	450m Flat
Sat 29 June	Towcester	BGBF Champion Stakes	**Romeo Command** - Patrick Janssens	500m Flat
Sat 29 June	Towcester	Derby Plate	**Queen Joni** - Liz McNair	500m Flat
Sat 29 June	Towcester	Challenge Trophy	**Haka Carlo** - Jason Heath	712m Flat
Sat 29 June	Towcester	Greyhoundtrader.com Stakes	**Gary The Arb** - Belinda Green	500m Flat
Thu 25 July	Newcastle	Arena Racing Company Angel of the North	**Untold Ruble** - Tom Heilbron	480m Flat
Sat 27 July	Hove	Coral Sussex Cup Sprint Trophy	**Herrick** - Norah McEllistrim	285m Flat
Sat 10 Aug	Oxford	BGBF British Bred Oaks	**Coppice Ella** - Kevin Hutton	450m Flat
Sun 18 Aug	Crayford	Ladbrokes Guys & Dolls Trophy	**Mini Eva** - Dave Lee	380m Flat
Sep 28 Sep	Doncaster	BGBF St Leger	**Fabulous Dyna** - Laurence Tuffin	661m Flat
Sep 28 Sep	Doncaster	Yorkshire Derby	**Greenwell Coe** - Tom Heilbron	483m Flat
Sun 13 Oct	Towcester	BGBF Stud Book Trophy	**Romeo Command** - Patrick Janssens	500m Flat
Fri 18 Oct	Romford	Coral Silver Standard	**Brindle Bully** - David Mullins	400m Flat
Sat 26 Oct	Perry Barr	Arena Racing Company Scurry Gold Cup	**Rioja Oisin** - Kevin Hutton	275m Flat
Sat 23 Nov	Oxford	BetGoodwin Maiden Sprint Cup	**Broadway Steel** - Sean White	253m Flat
Wed 27 Nov	Harlow	British Bred Sprint	**Pro Parker** - Michelle Brown	238m Flat
Sat 7 Dec	Oxford	BetGoodwin Maiden Cup	**Droopys Prefect** - Maxine Locke	450m Flat
Mon 23 Dec	Nottingham	Arena Racing Company National Sprint	**Niosfearrnabolt** - Chloe Hardy	305m Flat
Sat 28 Dec	Oxford	BetGoodwin Maiden Stayers Cup	**Emmybell Boy** - Shaun Gresham	650m Flat



Regulatory Review

Introduction

In 2024 GBGB introduced a Code of Conduct which set out the high standards of behavior expected from everyone involved in GBGB licensed greyhound racing, as well as members of the public attending licensed racecourses.

GBGB's UKAS Accreditation was extended to residential greyhound kennels in early 2024. Supply Chain In-Sites (SCI) achieved UKAS accreditation for the GBGB Greyhound Trainers Residential Kennels Scheme, resulting in both GBGB-licensed racecourses and residential kennels being assessed and awarded UKAS-accredited certificates. 5 Regional Regulatory Vets (RRVs) become the latest addition to GBGB field staff acting as a point of contact and support for trainers, racecourse veterinarians and GBGB stipendiary stewards, in addition to carrying out the annual kennel veterinary inspection.

Lorraine Sams joins GBGB once again, this time as investigating officer to support its regulatory arm. A GBGB change to Rule 48 allows, for the first time, a greyhound to be graded at two tracks at the same time. A sad end to 2024 came with the announcement from Entain that the much loved and popular Crayford Stadium would close its doors after 38 years on its 'new' site following the redevelopment of the old Crayford stadium which opened in 1932.



Complaints

In 2024, 67 complaints were received. GBGB staff investigated each complaint, resulting in 4 independent disciplinary committee hearings, 1 training licence removed, 2 local inquiries, 9 advisory notices, and 2 improvement notices being issued.

The complaints data for 2024 is as follows:

	Tracks	Trainers	Welfare	Drugs	Licensing	Other
2024	24	4	17	1	3	17
2023	13	7	4	1	2	12

65% of complaints were investigated within 30 days.

Sampling

A total of 8147 samples were taken for analysis during the contract year from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023, with the breakdown as follows:

Race / Trial Samples

Type	Analysed	Not Analysed
Blood	59	1
Other	20	0
Hair	10	0
Urine	8,058	40
	8,147	**41**

Of these samples, 0.96% were confirmed by LGC as positive for prohibited substances. The breakdown of the 78 positive samples is assessed as:

	Number	% of total samples	% of total positive samples
Doping	6	0.07%	8%
Medication	24	0.30%	30%
Feed Contaminant	12	0.15%	16%
Contaminants (other)	36	0.44%	46%

Point of Registration (POR) Sampling

The breakdown of the POR samples for the contract year 1st January to 31st December 2023 is as follows:

Type	Analysed	Not Analysed
Blood	98	0
Urine	5,306	4
	5,404	**4**

17 POR screen positives were reported from 13 greyhounds with the main screen findings being for dorzolamide, nandrolone and methylprednisolone.



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Welfare Report

Delivering 'A Good Life for Every Greyhound'

Throughout 2024, GBGB continued at pace with the delivery of its welfare strategy, *A Good Life for Every Greyhound*. A range of initiatives were launched during the year, developed with input from stakeholders across the sport, to improve greyhound welfare outcomes at every stage of their lives. GBGB published full progress reports on the implementation of the strategy in February 2024 and December 2024. Some key highlights from the year include:

- In January, GBGB published a new, comprehensive *Track Maintenance Guide*. Designed to provide a central source of information on key elements of track preparation and maintenance, it builds on the sport's collective expertise as well as GBGB's multi year collaboration with leading sports surface research and consultancy company STRI Group, which has benefitted all licensed tracks. The guide sits alongside a wider programme of support and continuing professional development (CPD) on track preparation and maintenance.
- From June 2024, GBGB's full team of Regional Regulatory Vets (RRVs) was in place, marking a major milestone in the implementation of the strategy. Alongside the forthcoming rollout of RRV led Annual Veterinary Kennel Inspections beginning in 2025, the team has already contributed to a wide range of new initiatives to further safeguard greyhound welfare, including kennel and track visits, follow up of veterinary advice issued by racecourse vets, and supporting data collection for GBGB research projects.
- In July, GBGB published a 'Welcome Pack' to increase the breed specific literature available for owners of retired greyhounds. Distributed via GRS approved homing centres, it covers a range of topics including adapting home environments for greyhounds, supporting them during fireworks season, and managing osteoarthritis.
- In November, GBGB introduced a requirement that newly licensed racecourse veterinarians must be mentored by a principal or senior track vet for a minimum of five race or trial meetings before taking sole charge at a racecourse. The supervising vet must have at least two years of post qualification experience. This ensures all new racecourse vets receive specific, practical training in the duties of a greyhound racecourse vet and the relevant GBGB Rules of Racing before assuming full responsibility.
- GBGB's CPD programme has continued to grow, with licence holders offered a wide range of training opportunities. In person workshops and webinars have provided CPD to trainers, kennel hands, track staff and vets, led by GBGB's new Education Manager.

Retirement and homing

The sport has not been immune from the ongoing cost of living challenges and the associated homing crisis. There is a nationwide shortage of homing places for all breeds of dog, as well as other species such as cats. As a result, and despite financial support through the Greyhound Retirement Scheme, many greyhounds were retained by their trainer or owner during 2024 until a space becomes available in a homing centre or a permanent home can be found. The welfare of these greyhounds continues to be monitored by GBGB's Stipendiary Stewards and RRVs. GBGB is also developing new guidelines to support trainers in providing the additional enrichment required for any retired dogs remaining in kennels.

In 2024, the Welfare Department further strengthened its procedures for checking on newly retired greyhounds. There are now four to six monthly check ins for greyhounds remaining at their trainer's kennels while awaiting placement in a homing centre, and follow up calls at two, six and twelve months for greyhounds homed privately by their racing owners in line with GBGB's Responsible Homing Policy.

Greyhound Retirement Scheme (GRS)

Throughout 2024, GBGB paid out £1,076,000 to GRS centres to support the homing of 2,690 greyhounds. This brings the total provided to homing centres through the bond since its launch in 2020 to £5,044,000.

We were also pleased to welcome four homing centres to the scheme.

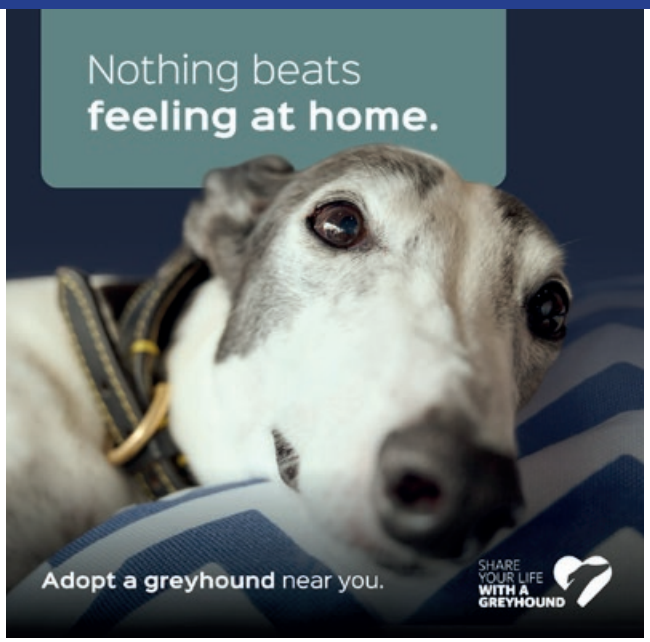
Share Your Life with A Greyhound

In addition to providing ongoing homing support through the Greyhound Retirement Scheme, as part of its Welfare Strategy, GBGB launched a national marketing campaign in November 2024: 'Share Your Life with a Greyhound'. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of the excellent pets greyhounds make and to reach people who may not previously have considered homing a retired racer.

During the year, GBGB also awarded £6,836 in grants to GRS approved homing centres to fund welfare improvements and will continue this support into 2025.

SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH A GREYHOUND

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Retirement Data 2024

This data covers all registered greyhounds racing at the 21 tracks licensed by GBGB in 2024. To ensure accuracy and validity, the data is audited and verified by independent auditors Barnes Roffe LLP.

- * 299 of the greyhounds retained by owners and trainers are living with them permanently as pets.
- Within 'Other', 14 greyhounds were retired to Ireland for breeding or to compete in regulated racing. Independent racing was removed as an option on the Retirement Form in 2023. One greyhound placement is currently under investigation by GBGB.

See table below.

Put to Sleep (PTS) / Sudden / Natural Death

See table below.

Track injury data 2024

The track fatality rate continues to be 0.03% - half what it was four years ago when it was 0.06%. This is due to multiple initiatives including stakeholder education, safer racing surfaces and the Injury Retirement Scheme. As we work to reduce the fatality rate further, we will be learning from these stadia to spread best practice across all licensed tracks and continue to make targeted interventions where necessary.

During 2024, GBGB paid out £379,736 via the Injury Retirement Scheme (IRS) to support the veterinary costs of greyhounds which sustained an injury while racing on a GBGB licenced racecourse.

See table below.

Retirement Data 2024	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Retained by Owner/Trainer	878	783	613	780	715	1,499	**1,618***
Charity/ Homing Centre	4,588	4,716	5,484	4,297	3,892	3,324	**3,333**
Homed by Owner/Trainer	936	679	765	695	539	621	**655**
Breeding	365	280	210	221	105	84	**174**
Other	6	2	17	21	38	15	**15**
Total number of greyhounds successfully retired from the sport *(% of total greyhounds leaving the sport)*	6,773 *(88% of total)*	6,460 *(90% of total)*	7,089 *(95% of total)*	6,014 *(94% of total)*	5,289 *(95% of total)*	5,543 *(93% of total)*	**5,795 *(94% of total)***

Put to Sleep (PTS) / Sudden / Natural Death	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Treatment Costs	175 *(2.3%)*	123 *(1.7%)*	24 *(0.3%)*	9 *(0.1%)*	10 *(0.2%)*	6 *(0.1%)*	**3 *(0.1%)***
No Home Found	5 *(0.1%)*	0 *(0%)*	0 *(0%)*	0 *(0%)*	0 *(0%)*	6 *0.1%)*	**4 *(0.1%)***
Designated Unsuitable for Homing	190 *(2.5%)*	83 *(1.1%)*	23 *(0.3%)*	13 *(0.2%)*	20 *(0.4%)*	49 *(0.8%)*	**51 *(0.9%)***
Put to Sleep on Vet's Advice Away from Track	144 *(1.9%)*	142 *(2.0%)*	79 *(1.1%)*	74 *(1.2%)*	43 *(0.8%)*	101 *(1.7%)*	**88 *(1.5%)***
Put to Sleep on Humane Grounds at Track	242 *(3.1%)*	207 *(2.9%)*	200 *(2.7%)*	120 *(1.9%)*	99 *(1.7%)*	105 *(1.8%)*	**123 *(2.1%)***
Sudden Death	72 *(0.9%)*	91 *(1.3%)*	41 *(0.5%)*	91 *(1.4%)*	72 *(1.3%)*	92 *(1.5%)*	**77 *(1.3%)***
Terminal Illness / Natural Causes / Other	104 *(1.3%)*	64 *(0.9%)*	44 *(0.6%)*	52 *(0.8%)*	62 *(1.1%)*	68 *(1.1%)*	**40 *(0.7%)***

Track injury data 2024	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total number of runs	426,139	410,607	318,346	359,083	362,427	364,981	**355,682**
Total number of injuries sustained at GBGB tracks	4,963	4,970	3,575	4,422	4,354	4,238	**3,809**
Injury Rate (% against total dog runs)	1.16%	1.21%	1.12%	1.23%	1.20%	1.16%	**1.07%**
Total number of fatalities at GBGB tracks	242	207	200	120	99	109	**123**
Fatality rate (% against total dog runs)	0.06%	0.05%	0.06%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	**0.03%**

2024 Racing Report

DE LAHDEDAH continued recent Irish domination of the English Greyhound Derby when realising a longheld ambition for legendary trainer and breeder Liam Dowling in winning the £175,000 Star Sports & TRC-sponsored Classic on a great night at Towcester.

Leading home an Irish one-two in the process and making it three wins on the spin for the Emerald Isle since Patrick Janssens's Thorn Falcon struck in 2021 and following wins for Graham Holland's pair of Romeo Magico and Gaytime Nemo - there is, of course, English involvement there! - it was Classic gold for De Lahdedah and the 'Ballymac' man from Co. Kerry. And no-one begrudged him victory after many English Derby visits over the years.

Mark Wallis was the UK's champion trainer for the 15th time.

The extraordinary record of the boss of Imperial Kennels was bolstered still further in 2024 with no less than seven Category One titles for the MWD Partnership - the Coral Owners of the Year 2024 - led by three-time winner New Destiny. Her haul was only bettered by four-time Category One champion Wicky Ned, trained by Jimmy Fenwick.

New Destiny and Wicky Ned's efforts are rightly lauded and acknowledged elsewhere in tonight's GBGB Greyhound of the Year Awards programme.

Liz McNair won a first Trainers' Judgement Night victory for herself, husband Rab and the KSS Syndicate. The former Trainers' Championship Meeting was held at Hove last year and, a moveable feast, this year's six-race shootout takes place at Perry Barr on Saturday, March 29, on the Premier Greyhound Racing service and Gone To the Dogs - Live!

Talking of Perry Barr, Droopys Clue became the first greyhound to land back-to-back wins in the Premier Greyhound Racing St Leger at the Birmingham venue.

On a memorable night, Seamus Cahill's champion showed he was intent on keeping his Greyhound of the Year title - he won the sport's major honour 12 months ago - as he saw off a high-class field to add to his Ladbrokes Summer Stayers Classic win at Monmore.



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The night also saw the final of the M Lambe Construction Birmingham Cup In Memory of Michael Lambe Senior, won by Kevin Hutton's Rioja Bungle, a star of the British-bred scene. Other stars of British breeding in 2024 included his kennelmate Southfield Poppy, the Produce Stakes champion, and Keefill Rocky, Phil Milner's British Bred Derby hero, while Liz McNair's Queen Joni was at her imperious best in winning both the Arc Kent Plate at Central Park and the Coral Brighton Belle at Hove.

Romeo Command also landed an end-of-year British-bred success in the Premier Greyhound Racing Eclipse at Nottingham for Patrick Janssens and remains a star of the track, as does kennelmate Druids Say Go who beat the boys in the Click Competitions East Anglian Derby at Yarmouth before landing the PGR Oaks at Perry Barr for a famous - and unique - double.

Mark Wallis's Garfiney Blaze was a dual Category One winner in landing the Arc Cesarewitch at Central Park - he recently defended that title - and the end-of-season George Curtis & Ballyregan Bob Memorial at Hove, while the only Category One sprint was plundered by Bill Russell's Magical Bluebear in the Arc Silver Salver at Central Park.

Bubbly Inferno landed a popular success in the Stadium Bookmakers TV Trophy at Oxford for Paul Young and the Champagne Club, while those two champions of the track, Richard Rees's Derby finalist Churchfield Syd and David Mullins' March On Freddie, both notched major triumphs in 2024 and remain at the top of their game in this new year.



Greyhound Board of Great Britain

Statement of Income

& RETAINED EARNINGS

For the year ending 31st December 2024	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	**8,499,074**	8,367,484
Gross Profit	**8,499,074**	8,367,484
Administrative expenses	**(8,627,784)**	(8,376,346)
Operating loss	**(128,710)**	(8,862)
Interest receivable and similar income	**136,272**	47,990
Profit before tax	**7,562**	39,128
Tax on profit	**(6,353)**	(1,115)
Profit after tax	**1,209**	38,013
Retained earnings at the beginning of the year	**215,259**	177,246
Profit for the year	**1,209**	38,013
Retained earnings at the end of the year	**216,468**	215,259

Company Information

The Greyhound Board of Great Britain limited (By Guarantee)

Directors
The Directors who served during the year were:

M Bird
P Cadman
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A Smith
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Greyhound Board of Great Britain

Balance Sheet

For the year ending 31st December 2024	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		**20,743**		25,514
		20,743		25,514
Current assets				
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	**696,561**		876,885	
Cash at bank and in hand	**7,484,577**		7,652,369	
	8,181,138		8,529,254	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**(7,985,413)**		(8,339,509)	
Net current assets		**195,725**		189,745
Total assets less current liabilities		**216,468**		215,259
Net assets		**216,468**		215,259
Capital and reserves				
Profit and loss account		**216,468**		215,259
		216,468		215,259

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 25th July 2025.



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