



# Greyhound Rescue Wales E-Newsletter

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## **Welcome to the February newsletter.**

*Now that we're all starting to thaw out, it's good to look forward to spring days. Although we often focus on fundraising, it's important we have lots of fun with our hounds too. Our Easter fun day will be an ideal opportunity for all of us to let our hair down, to enjoy some chocolate (humans only) and come home with a rosette and some embarrassing photos. Who could resist?*

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## **Revised Poetry Reading Details**

*The appalling weather earlier this month prevented both poet and audience from reaching the venue. We've rescheduled the event to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009, at the same venue, the Dylan Thomas Centre in Swansea. Why not come along? Chris Kinsey, BBC Wildlife Poet of the Year, will be reading her poems about greyhounds.*

*Tickets: £5 (£4 concessions)*

*All proceeds to Greyhound Rescue Wales & Gower Bird Hospital.*

*To order, email [info@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk)*

*Or telephone: 0300 0123 999.*

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## **Easter Fun Day - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Riverside Park, Pontardawe**

*In partnership with Arena Pontardawe, we are delighted to announce the details of our Easter Monday Fun Day. Many people really enjoyed the show we held at Riverside Park last May, so we've decided to hold some more events there.*

*On Easter Monday we'll be holding a light hearted fun day. The schedule of events looks like this:-*

*Gates open 1pm - Hot drinks and snacks served at community centre*

- 1.30 Easter Egg Hunt begins (£1 per entrant)*
- 2.00 Easter Costume classes*
- 2.30 Greyhound Walk (approximate duration – half hour)*

*Classes are as follows –*

*All classes judged on the Easter costume of dog plus handler. Unleash your wildest bunny fantasies for you and your hound, dress as a giant egg or surprise the judges with your Easter themed imagination. The only limit is your imagination, your hound's tolerance and the spring weather in Pontardawe - it probably will be too cold for a bikini.*

*Class One Child (12 years and under) plus dog  
Rosettes for all entrants – places to sixth*

*Class Two Open handler plus dog  
Rosettes to sixth*

*In both classes, rosettes for best/reserve greyhound and lurcher  
Entry £1 per class per entrant*

*The Easter Egg hunt will be divided into two age groups – ten years and under, and over ten years.*

*We hope you will pull out all the stops and turn up wearing not just your Easter bonnet, but an outfit to be proud of!!*

*The walk will be led by Ted Wolfenden and his greys, Missy and Merlin. He asks you to remember that as the walk will be by water, that all children are accompanied, dogs are kept on a lead, and of course that everyone clean up after their dog. The walk will go alongside the river Tawe, and then back along the side of the canal. It can occasionally be a bit muddy so we advise wearing appropriate footwear.*

*Information will shortly be going onto our website, and posters will be available soon. If you would like to put up a poster, please email [info@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk) and we'll get some to you.*

*Directions to the park will soon be on the website.*

## Swansea Track Update

*The greyhound track in Swansea is situated in Fforestfach, on land that belongs to Swansea Council. In January, the Council decided not to renew the long term lease for the track, and the land is going to be redeveloped as part of an economic regeneration programme. However, the track is going to stay for the time being, on a short term rolling lease. This will probably last until at least 2010.*

*Greyhound Rescue Wales is regularly in contact with the Council, track management and other animal welfare organisations in Wales to ensure that when the track closes, all the greyhounds who raced there face a safe, secure future.*

## And Finally

The secret is out. Wales's success on the rugby pitch is due to some very special support. This is Paco, doing his bit for the team. If you have any special or funny photos for the website or the newsletter, please email them to [news@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk](mailto:news@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk)



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