



Greyhound Rescue Wales E-Newsletter

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Welcome to the March newsletter.

Spring is officially here! Time to enjoy our walks and look forward to a great summer of greyhound events. We think we've got something for everyone this year. Whether it's wearing a silly costume, listening to inspiring poetry, taking part in a dog show or helping at a fundraiser, we've got a wide variety of activities. More continue to be added, so keep checking our website for updates.

Subscription Reminder

Have you renewed your subscription? Greyhound Rescue Wales depends on your subscription to keep going. Every month, we spend over £2,000 just on kennelling and basic vets fees. More complex veterinary cases can quickly push this up even further. By subscribing, you help us to plan our finances better and ensure a solid base for our welfare work. Don't forget, if you are a taxpayer, your money can go even further by signing a Giftaid declaration on the back of your renewal form. This allows us to claim part of the donation back from the Treasury. Don't delay, renew today!

Request for Equipment

Can you help us? The dogs in our care always need items for their personal care in our kennels. These include dog beds (56"), blankets, metal bowls for food and water and raised stands for feed bowls. Although we can buy them, gifts of these essential items will help us to ensure our money goes further. If you have any of these items that are in good condition and can be donated, please contact Sandra Morris by telephone on 01646 651262 or by email on: petdogconsultant@btinternet.com

Easter Fun Day - Monday 13th April at Riverside Park, Pontardawe

Don't forget to come along to our Easter Fun Day on Monday April 13th (Easter Monday) at Riverside Park, Pontardawe. If you're shy about fancy dress, you can enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt or a guided Greyhound Walk along the beautiful River Tawe and back along the canal. We are very grateful to Ted Wolfenden, GRW member and local volunteer for agreeing to lead the walk. Please wear appropriate footwear for the walk as it can be a bit squelchy underfoot at times. We also ask that children should be accompanied on the walk.

Hot drinks and snacks will be available from Arena Pontardawe and the community building will be open with toilet facilities. We really hope people enjoy creating some light-hearted costumes for owners and hounds. Don't forget, every entrant in the Child's class will be guaranteed a rosette. The schedule of events looks like this:

- Gates open 1pm
(Hot drinks and snacks available at community centre)*
- 1.30 Easter Egg Hunt begins (£1 per entrant)*
- 2.00 Easter Costume classes (costume for handler plus dog)*
- 2.30 Greyhound Walk (approximate duration – half hour)*

Classes are as follows –

*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!!

Directions to the park are available on our website. There is ample free parking adjacent to the park. If you are willing to display a poster, please email info@greyhoundrescuewales.co.uk and we'll get some to you.

SCVS Spring Charities Fair, Brangwyn Hall, Swansea

Greyhound Rescue Wales will be having a stall at the SCVS Spring Charities Fair which is being held in the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea on Saturday 18th April between 10am and 1p.m. The Christmas Charity Fair is a well established event in the Swansea calendar and the Spring one will offer a similar opportunity to support good causes and look for some beautiful and unusual gifts. If you can assist on the day, you would be very welcome. Alternatively, why not come along and say "Hi" and support our local charities sector. Your greyhound would probably appreciate a Joe's ice-cream afterwards too!

New Website Update

The new website has now been running since early January and we've had some very positive feedback. Most importantly, the number of visitors is continuing to climb, now more than double the numbers on the old site. Not surprisingly, the Dogs Needing Homes page is by far the most popular, and seems to be leading to an upswing in our homing programme, which is wonderful news. Remember, it is your website and we are always looking for content. So if you have stories, pictures, comments or ideas please do let us know. The site will be continuing to develop this year and we'll let you know about changes as they happen. The site is generally updated once or twice a week, so it's worth popping by often. If you have any items, photographs, ideas or comments for the website or the newsletter, please email them to:
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