



# Home Run Hounds Newsletter

Kennel Updates



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## Our very first edition!

Welcome to the very first edition of our newsletter! As we head into May, with spring in the air and summer just around the corner, it feels like the perfect time to start sharing more of what's happening across our 6 branches.

This monthly update will give you a glimpse into life at Home Run Hounds - from events and success stories to the day to day moments that make it all worthwhile. Thank you for being part of our journey and supporting our hounds - we're excited to bring you along for everything still to come.

*Did you know...when running, greyhounds spend 75% of the time in the air*

# Not all superheroes wear capes

A super successful Saturday at Watford Gap kennels saw 7 kennel dogs and 9 homed dogs donate during the latest visit by the Pet Blood Bank. Each unit can help up to four other dogs, so Saturday's session really could be lifesaving for up to 64 other dogs!

First time donors Bodhi, Eddy and Nikita joined previous kennel dog donors Zap, Hays, Katie and Polo in wearing their bandanas with pride. Homed hounds Luna, Bella, Mo, Rosie, Addy, Boomer, Jambo, Chucky and Bobby continued their donation journey too, with Jambo hitting his number five milestone. Previous donor Flash retired with the grateful thanks of the PBB team.



## Sun, smiles and success at Open Day!

Our Broadmarsh Open Day couldn't have gone better, with sunshine and a fantastic turnout of supporters and their dogs. Visitors enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon, from a lively dog show, to stalls, games, refreshments and our ever-popular dog wash. The highlight of the day was the Homeless Hound Parade, where our 'homeless' hounds took centre stage—made even more special by the adoption of Smokey, providing a perfect ending to the parade.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event, including our stall holders, prize sponsors, and incredible team of volunteers who made the day possible from start to finish. We are delighted to share that the event raised a fantastic total of £2612.80. Every penny will go directly towards supporting the greyhounds in our care.

## Hounds bring smiles to residents and staff



HRH were invited back to Lime Tree Court in Coseley at the end of March to visit its lovely residents and staff. Foster hound Leah and kennel hound Preston not only spread the joy of dogs, but also took part in some covert training. Visits like this are a chance for the dogs to practise life skills like going up and down stairs, using lifts and seeing their own reflection!

A big thank you to Tracey and the team at Limes Court for their support since HRH was founded, with donations of food and pre-loved bedding, as well as generous cash donations. As always, we look forward to seeing the residents and staff again very soon.

## Turning heads (and hearts) at Asda

Volunteer Michelle joined forces with representatives from Dunstall Park Greyhound Racing and Dunstall Park Horse Racing at the end of March to raise awareness of the suitability of retired racing greyhounds as pets.

Shoppers at Molineux Asda Superstore in Wolverhampton had the pleasure of meeting foster dog Leah, whilst witnessing the calm and affection nature of the breed. It was also the perfect opportunity to discuss common misconceptions of owning a greyhound.



# Sandwell Valley Country Park Dog Show

We had a brilliant day at Sandwell Valley Country Park for this years' Dog Day and Show, where we were delighted to be invited back for the second year to run the dog show. The sun was finally shining and it was a fantastic turn out of visitors and dogs of all shapes and sizes!

A huge thank you to our volunteers for helping everything run smoothly, and to Jordan Long and the Sandwell team for inviting us and allowing all proceeds to go to Home Run Hounds. We are delighted to share that we raised an incredible £1,178 on the day!



## HRH Romford have a night at the races!

A huge thank you to all the staff and customers at Coral Romford Greyhound Stadium for supporting our fundraising tombola and hound meet and greet this weekend. Thanks to your generosity, an amazing £1452.35 was raised over the two evenings, with every penny going directly towards supporting the hounds in our care. We were also delighted to receive several potential homing enquiries, making it a truly positive and rewarding event.

A final thank you goes to our fantastic volunteers for giving their time, and to our wonderful hounds—Rosie, Eric, Glenda and Nora—who behaved impeccably and loved all the attention they received.



# Hounds In The Spotlight!

## Dog of the Month!

**Name:** Creed

**Racing Name:** Cree JoJo

**Age:** 4 (May 2021)

**Colour:** Black and white

**Sex:** Male

**HRH Branch:** Monkspath, Wombourne

**Personality in 3 words:** Loving, playful and bouncy

**Good with other dogs?** Larger dogs yes, but not small breeds

**Good with children?** Yes, but he's big so older children probably best

**Cat/small animal friendly?** No

**Ideal home for this dog:** Probably an active home for this lively, fun boy

Creed has been in kennels since July 2025 and has never had a single enquiry, and we have no idea why! He is such a lovely, fussy boy who loves giving kisses. Creed loves children but he is a big lad so can sometimes be a little too strong for small children. He is very good on the lead and will happily walk for a fair distance before taking a well earned rest. Creed is highly prey driven, so cats, squirrels and small furies are a no, no!



**CREED**



### This Month's Happily Homed Hounds

Rambo	Foxy	Skelly	Dina	Ciara	Frizell
Pinocchio	Eddy	Bonnie	Charlie	Road	Dumbo
Gigi	Candy	Milo	Margo	Bibi	Clyde
Evie	Treat	Frank	Ron	Elmo	Star
Lenny	Zesty	Bluey	Violet	Matty	Buster
Buddy	Rebel	Sherry	Barney	Zach	Bob

# Hounds In The Spotlight!

## Get To Know A Sponsor Hound

**Name:** Toto

**Racing Name:** Totos Extract

**Age:** 4 (Dec 2021)

**Colour:** Blue

**Sex:** Male

When Toto came into Broadmarsh kennels last Christmas, volunteers had some concerns about his eyes, so he was thoroughly checked by the vet. He was found to have a condition called pannus (chronic superficial keratitis), which is where the cornea (the surface of the eye) becomes inflamed and the dogs immune system goes into 'attack and protect' mode.

Although pannus is not painful, if left untreated, a pink, cloudy film slowly covers the eye, resulting in a loss of vision. It also makes the eyes very sensitive to sunlight, so Toto now has his very own collection of sun hats! The condition is managed and kept at bay using eye drops twice a day, which Toto will need for the rest of his life.

As this is a life long condition, Toto's chances of finding his forever home is limited, so instead he has been put into long term foster care with volunteer Kim and has been welcomed into the HRH Sponsor Hound scheme. Sponsorship will pay for Toto's prescriptions for the rest of his life, so it is a vital part of our fund raising. If you would like to sponsor Toto, scan the QR code or click the link below to download the sponsorship forms and simply cross out the kennel section and add Toto's name instead.



Download our sponsorship forms [here](#)  
Cross out the kennel section and add **TOTO**  
instead

# How You Can Help



## Join the team! Become a volunteer

There are many ways in which you can help us by volunteering for as little or as much time as you are able, at one or more of our six branches in Wombourne, Hagley and Lichfield in the West Midlands, Lakenheath in Suffolk, Romford in Essex and Rixton near Warrington.

If you can help us, please get in touch by scanning the QR code or following [this link](#) to send us a message.



## Become a short or long term fosterer

Most of the greyhounds in our care have never been in a house before. There's so much to learn about being a pet rather than a supreme athlete! There may be some who are struggling in kennels especially if they had been adopted and returned, or they may have a medical need that is better dealt with in a home environment.

If you are interested in becoming a fosterer, read through our FAQs [here](#) or by scanning the QR code and then get in touch using [this link](#).



## Sponsor a dog or a kennel

Sponsorship is a great way to help Home Run Hounds if you can't adopt a greyhound yourself OR it is a great gift for an animal lover. Sponsorship starts from as little as £3 per month per hound (£36 per year). You can, of course, give more if you wish or pay a lump sum by cheque or through a BACS payment for a year's sponsorship.

If you'd like to sponsor a dog or kennel, please follow [this link](#) or scan the QR code.



## Make a donation

Home Run Hounds is run solely by volunteers and fund raising, so we always appreciate any donation - monetary or otherwise. From pre-loved bedding, food for the hounds and gift aid, every little counts for our charity and the greyhounds we care for.

If you are interested in making a donation, please click [this link](#) or scan the QR code to find out how you can help.



# Other News

## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to HRH Romford

Happy anniversary to our Romford branch who joined the HRH family just a year ago this month. This branch homes hounds across the UK as well as abroad. We are proud of each and every one of its amazing volunteers and look forward to many more years as a family!



## Georgia's Charity Skydive

One of the supporters of HRH Romford Retired Greyhounds was keen to support the charity and kindly offered to do a sponsored 12,000ft skydive! This will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at Headcorn Airfield in Kent. This is an incredible challenge and we applaud Georgia's bravery!

100% of the monies raised will go towards supporting the greyhounds in our care. If you are able to donate, click [this link](#) or scan the QR code on the poster. Good luck Georgia!

## Important Upcoming Dates or Events

**Nottingham Show, Nottingham Showground - 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Moira Canal Festival - 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Pet Blood Bank, HRH Watford Gap - 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**St Peters Festival, Worcester - 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**HRH Watford Gap Open Day - 27<sup>th</sup> June**



We're always looking for more helping hands to support our events - whether that's coming along on the day, helping to run a stall, or even organising or suggesting a new event of your own. Every bit of support makes a real difference to our hounds, and we'd love to hear from you if you think you could get involved.

Get in touch and be part of something special.



### About Us

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