

## Twelve ways to help

There are many ways in which you can help our deserving hounds; the following are just a few:

### **Become a Friend of Fen Bank**

Minimum subscription of £20 per year  
(£15 for email newsletter)

### **Become a Lifetime Friend of Fen Bank**

Single payment of £300

### **Sponsor a Kennel**

For just £50 per year

### **Fundraise in your area**

Coffee morning, car boot sale

### **Join our 50/50 Club**

Only £1 per unit, per month

### **Donate good quality bric-a-brac**

Our charity shops always need this

### **Donate Prizes**

For grand draws, raffles and tombolas

### **Come to our Events**

See the website for when and where!

### **Volunteer your time**

Dog walking, help at the kennels or the shops

### **Buy some of our Merchandise**

See [www.fenbankgreyhounds.co.uk](http://www.fenbankgreyhounds.co.uk)

### **Offer a permanent home to one of our hounds**

The only thing better than one greyhound is to have two (or more) of these lovely elegant dogs

### **Leave a legacy in your Will**

The Sanctuary has no public funding and the dogs rely totally on your generosity

*Thank you from the dogs for your help!*

## The Greyhound

Greyhounds are an ancient breed, having been mentioned in the Bible and also kept by the Ancient Egyptians for hunting. The aristocracy in England, for centuries, used them to hunt and also later to course. Prince Albert's dog Eos was the last royal greyhound. For hundreds of years, commoners were forbidden to own them with a penalty of death, if caught with one.

On average 9,000 greyhounds leave the tracks each year and not all of them will find loving homes. Many are put to sleep at just 2 years old or even abandoned.

**Exercise** - most greyhounds are content with 2 half hour walks a day and will snooze the rest of the day making them ideal pets for both young families and the retired.

**Character** - they are affectionate, gentle and graceful. They love nothing more than a warm, soft bed, 2 meals a day and someone to love!

**Behaviour** - having always lived in kennels, they adapt very quickly and are dogs that enjoy a regular routine. The '45mph Couch Potato' - they can spend long periods asleep and take up little room. They are, after all, retired athletes!

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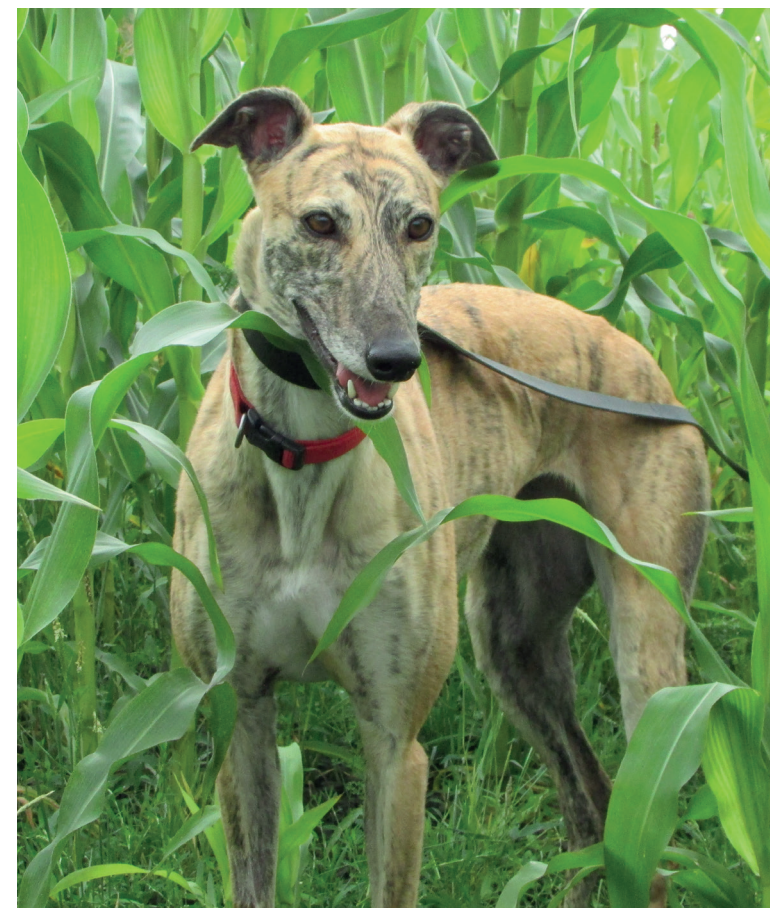
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## About Fen Bank

Fen Bank Greyhound Sanctuary (FBGS) is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of ex-racing greyhounds and is based at Friskney, near Skegness, in Lincolnshire. Fen Bank was established in 1997 as a place of safety for 16 rescued greyhounds. Soon more arrived and in 1998 we applied for, and were granted, Registered Charity status.

The kennels have evolved over the years and now are able to house up to 20 greyhounds at any one time in comfortable spacious accommodation – but we always seem to manage to find room for an extra one in the house or with a volunteer when needed. Individual greyhounds have a warm kennel, their own run, and in addition there are three large paddocks for free exercise, one of which is covered in several inches of sand. All dogs are walked almost every day and as far as possible they are treated like the pets they are destined to become. In the first year six greyhounds were homed and that number has risen steadily since so that currently well over a hundred each year now find their forever home.



Greyhounds come to us from trainers, owners, the Police, RSPCA and other welfare groups all over the United Kingdom. Some are cruelty cases, including dogs with physical and emotional scars, dangerously underweight dogs, and dogs seriously ill from neglect.

We are funded by donations, events and by our charity shops in Alford and Spilsby, which are staffed largely by volunteers. We estimate that it costs around £800 to get a greyhound ready for homing. This means that anyone taking on one or more of our dogs can be assured that they will have a fit, healthy, fully inoculated, wormed, flea-free, micro-chipped, spayed or neutered dog who will also have gleaming teeth and a glossy coat.

## Homing a Greyhound

Fen Bank has gained an enviable re-homing reputation because of the care taken by the staff and trustees in placing the right greyhound in the right home. Before any of our dogs leave the Sanctuary we undertake a home-check, and the staff are not afraid to say no if they think the situation is unsuitable. Fen Bank dogs are very special and deserve only the best homes. All are neutered, inoculated, wormed, health checked and micro-chipped before being placed in a new home.

On a successful completion of the home-check, you will then be able to come and view our lovely greyhounds at the Sanctuary. (it is likely one of them will pick you.) Our skilled kennel staff will be on hand to guide you as to the suitability of each of the dogs to your lifestyle. They know each dog's nature, temperament and whether they are ever likely to live safely with cats.

Then your greyhound can go home with you. But our involvement does not stop there as we provide lifetime support to you. Once your dog has had time to settle in to their new routine we will contact you to make sure all is well and answer any questions that have arisen.

Although we do our best to ensure that our greyhound adoptions go smoothly for both new owner and dog, there are occasions when a homing fails, and we then insist that dogs **MUST** come back to Fen Bank. A Fen Bank dog is a dog for life.

## Policy Statement

*Fen Bank Greyhound Sanctuary does not support or condone greyhound racing. However, the Sanctuary was founded to be "for the rescue and rehabilitation of ex-racing greyhounds in need". The Sanctuary therefore has to maintain links with individuals and organisations within greyhound racing to be able to provide the best possible chance of successfully meeting its aims.*

## Visiting the Sanctuary

You are very welcome to come and visit us on any afternoon between 1pm – 3pm, but we would appreciate a telephone call beforehand to ensure that a staff member is available to see you. The Sanctuary is situated at Friskney, which is 14 miles from Boston and 8 miles from Skegness.

**From Boston** – take the A16 towards Grimsby and after 8 miles turn right at Stickney into Horbling Lane. Fen Bank is 6.5 miles along this road on the right hand side.

**From Skegness** – take the A52 towards Boston and after Friskney sign, turn right at the Barley Mow pub. The Sanctuary is 2.5 miles along this road (Eaudyke Road, which becomes Fen Bank) on the left hand side. You could follow the signs for the Lincolnshire Wildlife Park which is very near to us.



## Visit Our Charity Shops

Please do visit our Charity shops in Alford and Spilsby. Please see our website for the opening times.

ALFORD  
2-4 Market Place  
Alford, LN13 9DZ

SPILSBY  
29 High Street  
Spilsby, PE23 5JH

If you have any unwanted items, please think of us, as our shops sell just about everything.