

# Friends of JR Whippet Rescue

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her love of whippets

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**A lifelong love of sighthounds**  
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# Chair of Trustees Report

What a winter we have had, but I am now enjoying the increasing amount of sunshine we have been seeing and the beautiful blossom. My gang of whippets are even more happy to be out and about without coats!

I talked, in the last newsletter, about JR becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation rather than a Registered Charity for various legal reasons, and am pleased to say that the process, although somewhat arduous, has been completed and we are now known as JR Whippet Rescue CIO. As you will all know Sally has been very busy sending everyone letters explaining the situation, informing the bank detail change and asking for new Gift Aid forms to be completed. We appreciate how responsive everyone has been but also would like to apologise for the inconvenience, nothing is simple when HMRC are involved! We are now waiting on the Charities Commission to merge J R Whippet Rescue with JR Whippet Rescue CIO, but this should be happening any time soon!

Crufts will be covered fully later in the newsletter but it was an amazing four days. Meeting so many Friends of JR was a joy and having more room on the stand so whippets could 'try before they buy' new coats was a revelation. And the Agria awards were out of this world.

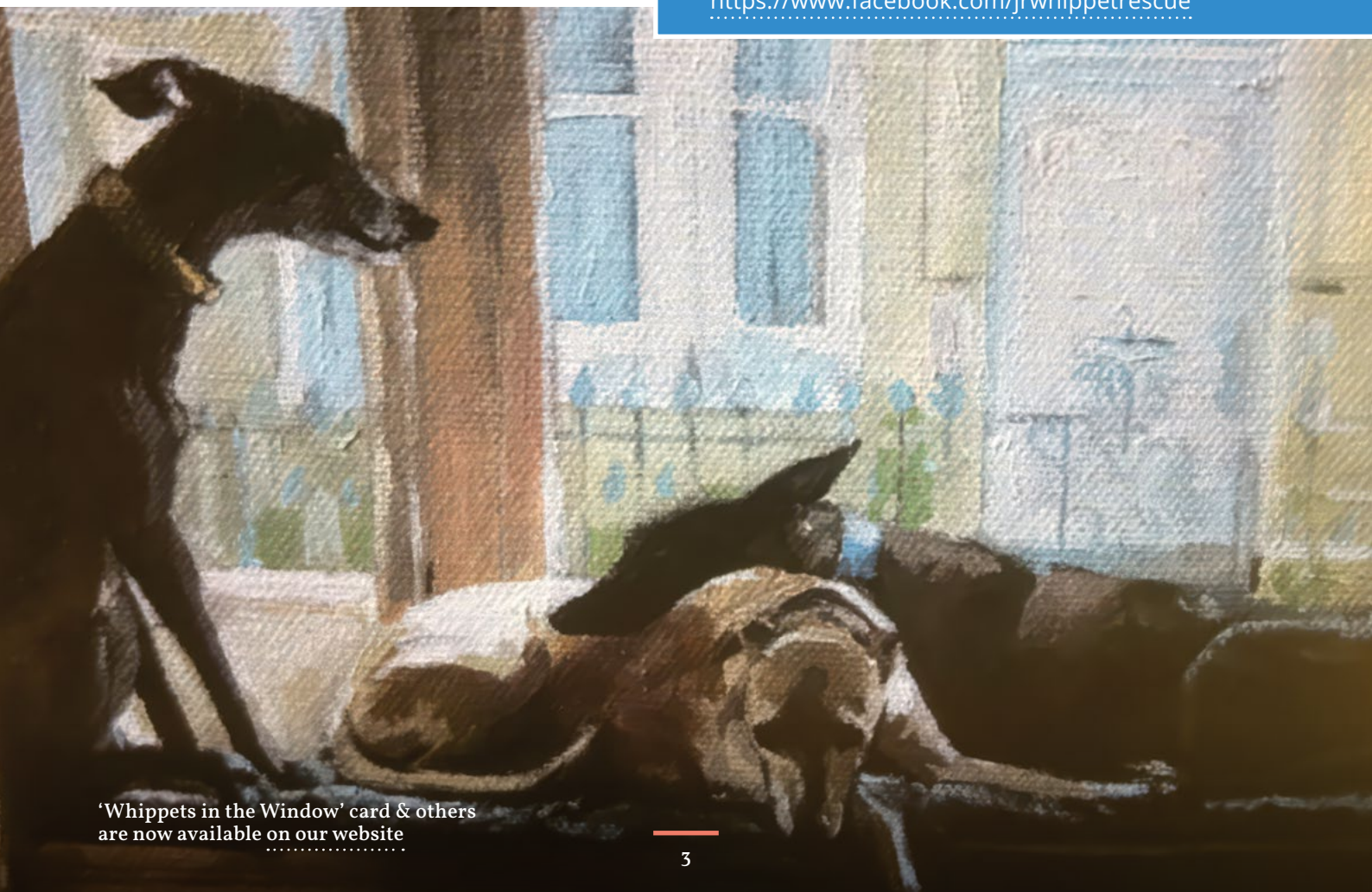
Lastly, I would like to thank so many of you for your huge generosity. Over the last few months I have been sent so many back copies of the newsletter, we are now only missing number one. I have also driven all over the country to collect donations of 'whippet things' from generous and kind Friends. We are hoping to be organising a series of online auctions later in the year, time allowing. Last, but definitely not least, I would like to thank Anne Wardle who sends me a parcel of collars, leads and other whippet things nearly every week, so much so, we had a box on the stall at Crufts which we called Anne's box!

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# Meet our new Trustees

JR Whippet rescue is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Trustees to its Board - Carly Soffe and Elaine Jenkinson. Here they tell us a little about themselves and their sighthound experience.

## Carly Soffe

I grew up with dogs through my dad's background as a farmer, where working dogs were very much part of everyday life, including gun dogs and terriers. As an adult, my first dogs were retired racing greyhounds, followed by a rescue lurcher. Through adopting them, I became involved in supporting the organisations they came from, including fundraising and home checking, which helped shape my interest in welfare and responsible ownership.

I got my first whippet, Rocket, just over seven years ago. Although I had initially hoped to adopt, at the time there appeared to be fewer whippets needing homes, so I chose to seek out a responsible breeder, with guidance from JRWR homing co-ordinator Katie Manners. A second whippet followed a few years later, which introduced me to the show world. Through new whippet friends, I was also introduced to lure coursing, albeit a little late in the day as Rocket was nearly five years old. Alongside this, I have a keen interest in training, behaviour, and dog sports, including flyball and canicross.

Alongside my work with JR Whippet Rescue, I hold volunteer roles with Canine Concern, which involves taking my assessed and insured therapy dogs into dementia care homes, and with Shout, a crisis intervention service providing support via text. Up until Covid, I was a keen runner, completing numerous half-marathons, marathons and ultra-marathons. While time and physical health no longer allow for the same level of running, we still enjoy being part of our local Park Run community, both participating and marshalling. Part of the course has even been nicknamed "Whippet Corner", as that's where you'll usually find me and one of my crew cheering everyone on.

Professionally, I have worked for the same organisation for 24 years, progressing from a Saturday retail role into my current position as an estates co-ordinator. I oversee around 100 shops nationwide, including facilities management, maintenance and new site assessment, and manage substantial project and maintenance budgets. I'm used to working with a wide range of people, from colleagues and senior board members to buyers and external contractors, often balancing differing priorities in challenging circumstances. I am well versed in governance, compliance, regulation and practical problem solving, and I am fortunate to work largely from home, which allows me to spend much of my time with my dogs, whether in the ring, in the field, volunteering, out on the South Downs, or in front of the fire.



# Elaine Jenkinson

I bring more than 15 years of hands-on experience in whippet rescue, welfare, and advocacy. My involvement has spanned owning, fostering, transporting, and supporting whippets in need, giving me a deep, practical understanding of the breed and the rescue landscape.

I currently share my life with four closely-related whippets, two of whom are active competitors in a range of canine sports both in the UK and internationally, including:

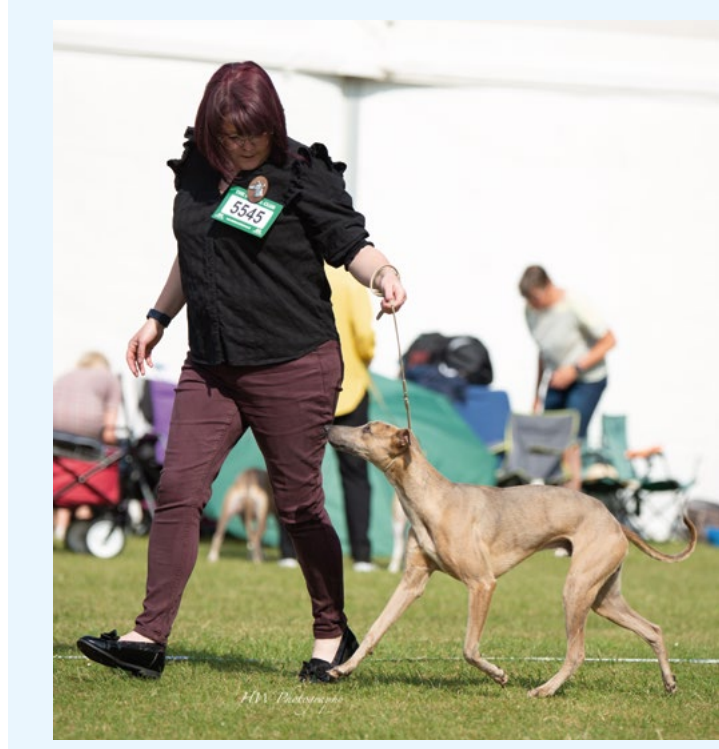
- 🐾 Simulated lure coursing
- 🐾 Agility
- 🐾 Showing - Trick training
- 🐾 Obedience

My commitment to the breed extends beyond sport and rescue. With a strong interest in whippet health and genetics, I actively engage in areas such as DNA profiling and responsible breeding practices and have completed several conformation sessions as per the RKC Judging Path, including a whippet conformation exam at one of the several breed appreciation fixtures I have attended.

My degree in Marine Biology combined with my professional role as a lead business analyst in UK Telecommunications, gives me a blend of scientific literacy, analytical thinking, and strategic problem-solving.

I am fully up to date in Pet First Aid and have previously completed multiple IMDT modules and workshops. These were undertaken during my active fostering years to deepen my understanding of canine behaviour, welfare, and foundational obedience training.

Driven, knowledgeable, and deeply passionate about making a positive impact on the breed, I feel I bring both heart and expertise to the role of Trustee for JR Whippet Rescue.



# Picking up the pieces - the reality of post-pandemic whippet rescue

The shockwaves that Covid-19 sent through our lives are still being felt every day by rehoming organisations, says JRWR's adoption request co-ordinator Katie Manners.

The lonely days of lockdown, wearing masks and gathering in our "bubbles" now seem like a distant memory, as the usual hustle and bustle of daily life has quickly resumed.

However, for dog rescue organisations, the repercussions of the global COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 have been profound. Across the UK, there has been a significant rise in the number of dogs being surrendered. Widespread breeding and impulsive puppy purchases during that time have, sadly, pushed many rescue organisations to breaking point.

With employers given little choice but to furlough or lay off staff, many people, faced with financial uncertainty, turned to their much-loved pets as a source of income. This often meant breeding from their dogs, either by having a litter from their bitch or using entire males at stud. It quickly became seen as an easy way to make money, particularly with some of the more popular whippet colours.

At the same time, people rushed to buy these puppies while spending months at home, believing it was the perfect opportunity to introduce a new pet into the family.

For popular breeds, including whippets, Kennel Club registrations soared, alongside a rise in unregistered litters. Now, in the years that have followed, many of these dogs are finding themselves in rescue but not for the reasons that were originally predicted.

## What has this meant for JR Whippet Rescue?

The number of whippets being surrendered to the charity has doubled since 2020, forcing a complete rethink of how these growing numbers are managed, fostered and ultimately rehomed.

## But why? Whippets are known for their calm, gentle and affectionate nature, surely they should be easy to rehome?

This is true for those who have been given the right start in life, with proper training and early socialisation with people and other dogs. Sadly, for many "pandemic puppies", this was not their experience. These dogs are now adults, often struggling with complex behavioural issues, and their owners are finding themselves overwhelmed and unable to cope.

In 2024, reactivity became the leading behavioural reason for whippets being surrendered into JR's care, and this has continued into 2025. As a team, we had expected to see a rise in separation anxiety as people returned to work. What we were not prepared for was the scale of reactivity cases that followed.

## Why are they so reactive?

If the 2020 pandemic taught us anything about the whippet breed, it is just how important early socialisation really is. Positive experiences with other dogs, people and children during puppyhood are essential in shaping the well-rounded, sociable companions we all know whippets can be.

At the time, however, government restrictions made this incredibly difficult. Owners were required to keep their distance from others and their dogs, puppy classes were cancelled, and some moved online via Zoom. While these virtual sessions were excellent for teaching basic commands such as sit, stay, down and paw, they simply could not provide the real-life social experiences that young whippets need

For puppies brought home during lockdown, their understanding of the world was very different. Their "normal" was avoiding other people and dogs, having no visitors in the home, and spending all of their time with their owner. During the crucial socialisation window of eight to 16 weeks, these key experiences were missing.

Although life gradually returned to normal for us, for many of these dogs the early lessons stayed with them. The idea that the world should be kept at a distance had already taken root, and for some, that uncertainty has since developed into the reactive behaviours we are now seeing.

Reactivity can also develop as a result of previous negative experiences, such as being attacked by another dog, whether on or off the lead. In these cases, fear once again plays a significant role in how a whippet responds to similar situations in the future.

### What is the most common reactivity issue JRWR has seen since the pandemic?

Reactivity exists on a wide spectrum, and every case is different, with its own triggers and underlying causes. That said, on-lead reactivity, most commonly directed towards other dogs, is something we are seeing on a weekly basis.

True aggression-based reactivity remains relatively rare, although there have been some cases. These are often linked to poor temperaments being passed down through breeding - whippets who ordinarily would not have been bred from were used due to the surge in demand during the "puppy boom".

Whippets are naturally sensitive and flighty dogs. Their instinct is to flee from danger rather than confront it, unlike guarding breeds such as a Dobermann or a Mastiff.

When a whippet is walked on a lead, that option to run away is taken from them. The fear they may feel has nowhere to go, and over time, reacting in a negative way can build into a learned response. Barking, lunging and snapping become their method of creating distance from whatever is causing them distress. Whippets are intelligent and quick to learn, and if this behaviour works even once, it can very quickly become their go-to solution.

### Why are reactive whippets so hard to rehome?

Many people who apply to rehome a dog through JR Whippet Rescue are hoping for the calm, gentle companion they may have known before, or they are first-time owners drawn to the breed's reputation for being affectionate and easy-going.

Sadly, only a very small number of applicants feel able to take on a whippet with a behavioural challenge as complex as reactivity.

The increase in reactive whippets has also changed how we assess potential foster homes.

We are incredibly grateful for every application we receive, and many come from experienced whippet owners. However, these homes often already have one or two whippets, which makes placing a dog-reactive whippet with them unsafe.

Similarly, the rise in child-reactive cases means we can no longer place certain whippets in homes with children, or even in homes where children visit regularly. These decisions are never taken lightly, but the safety of both the dog and the children around them must come first.

While our priority will always be the welfare of the whippet surrendered into our care, we also have a responsibility to safeguard everyone involved. This includes other dogs in the home, as well as children and families who may be affected.

### What does JRWR do differently post-pandemic?

All whippets surrendered to JR Whippet Rescue due to reactive behaviour are now carefully and professionally assessed before being rehomed. In the past, some whippets were returned to the charity multiple times before finally finding a home willing and able to support their needs.

Through assessment, we sometimes find that a whippet is not truly reactive at all! Instead, they may simply be overexcited and become frustrated when meeting new dogs or people. As those emotions build, the gentle whippet on the end of the lead can suddenly feel more like a firework on a string. This can easily be mistaken for reactivity by owners. With consistent training, structure and regular positive interactions, these misunderstood dogs can quickly learn that calm behaviour brings far more rewarding experiences.

However, more often than not, the behaviour we see is rooted in fear. While this can take longer to work through, they are by no means lost causes. With patience, understanding and positive training, these whippets can become incredibly loyal and loving companions. The bond that develops between them and their new owners as they begin to feel safe and understood is often something truly special.

There are also those who are simply displaying typical whippet traits, particularly some of the girls!

They can be selective about their social circles, often preferring the company of other sighthounds, while making their feelings very clear about more boisterous dogs. The neighbour's lively Labrador puppy or an overly persistent young terrier may not meet their approval, and they are not shy about saying so.

As a team, we now work closely with adopters to ensure that training and support continue long after a dog has been rehomed. It is incredibly rewarding to see once-anxious whippets grow in confidence and, in many cases, transform into happy and sociable companions with the right guidance.

### Where are all the older whippets?

While we still see older whippets being surrendered due to an owner's ill health or passing, their numbers have noticeably declined compared to pre-2020 figures.

This may be another lasting effect of the pandemic. During that time, many owners made plans to ensure their pets would be cared for if anything happened to them. Wills were updated, arrangements were made with friends and family, and some registered with organisations such as The Cinnamon Trust, which has seen a 300 per cent increase in demand for its services.

In conclusion, a great deal has changed. The whippet as we once knew it has certainly evolved.

These changes are not just in temperament, but also in size and build. During the surge in breeding, many whippets that might previously not have been chosen, whether due to size, temperament or conformation, were bred from. As a result, we are now seeing adult whippets, many of them Kennel Club registered, standing between 22 and 24 inches tall and tipping the scales at over 20 kilograms.

Thankfully, Kennel Club registrations have now settled back to pre-pandemic levels. Puppy prices, which once reached eye-watering heights of £2,000 to £3,000, sometimes £3500 for blue puppies, have also returned to something a little more sensible, bringing a welcome sense of balance back to the breed.

What has not changed is JR Whippet Rescue's unwavering commitment. We will always be there for any whippet in need, regardless of their story or the challenges they bring with them. The numbers may be higher and the cases more complex, but our dedication remains exactly the same.

And there is plenty of reason to feel hopeful. With the right home, patience and a little understanding, even those whippets who missed out on important early experiences can flourish. Given the chance, they can still grow into the happy, loving companions we all know and adore, sometimes with just a little extra character along the way.



### Royal Kennel Club Yearly Whippet Registrations

2019:	3146
2020:	4061
2021:	5760
2022:	4342
2023:	3704
2024:	3643
2025:	3218



### JR Whippet Rescue Yearly Rehoming Figures (Whippet & Whippet Crossbreeds \*)

2019:	92
2020:	74
2021:	53
2022:	50
2023:	80
2024:	118
2025:	140



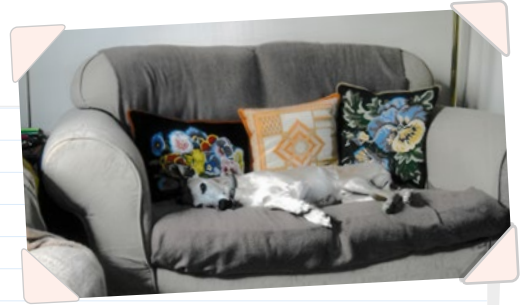
*\*Historically, in quieter times, JRWR have been able to help find homes for Lurchers.*

*Not included in the above figures are 2019: 7 Lurchers, 2020: 2 Lurchers, 2021: 1 Lurcher, 2022: 3 Lurchers, 2023: 6 Lurchers, 2024: 1 Lurcher (returned to JR from rehoming in 2023)*



# Diary of a rehomed whippet Part 2

Frankie is back with another instalment of his adventures - and he has been a busy boy!



Hello again. It's Frankie here to tell you about my further adventures.

## Week 7

### Monday, 23rd June

I have tried all the fruit in the garden - blackcurrants, blueberries, gooseberries, raspberries and strawberries. My favourites are raspberries but I'm also crazy about melon from the shop. I decided to help myself to a tomato from the greenhouse but was not impressed so spit it out. A little sparrow found its way into the fruit cage and I tried to catch it but was shut indoors until it eventually flew out of the open door.

### Thursday

When out for a walk met a man with two nice girls - a collie and a little terrier. We were getting on well until the terrier flew at me, barking and growling. I was very surprised and barked back at her but the man said she was very old and nearly blind so I forgave her.

### Sunday

Met two dogs at the Wild Garden. One was very old I think and the other was a young Vizla and very boisterous. All was going well and I was walking past very nicely when the young one lunged at me so it was a sharp bark from me and all over in a second. I think I'm getting used to seeing all the different dogs, although I really love to meet other whippets.

## Week 8

### Monday, 30th June

It was very, very hot today so Mum took my crate to work with us and put it in a nice cool room called The Butlers Pantry (but no Butler). It is where the flowers are arranged and people come in to make their tea or coffee and also the resident dogs stay there sometimes. Everyone said how good I was.

### Tuesday

Caught a bird in the flower border. Mum called it a Jackdaw. I think it was quite young and had not learnt to fly properly so I took it into the conservatory and set it free. Mum put it outside again and I was not allowed in the back garden for the rest of the day. Luckily I'm rather keen on the front garden so it was no hardship for me to do everything I needed to do there instead.

## Week 9

### Monday, 7th July

At work today I spent the time in the staff sitting room. Helped myself to an armchair and had a nice relaxing time. Five people arrived at lunchtime with lots of goodies but I'm not allowed because of my special diet. However, Mum had brought some of my favourite melon so I had a little treat! Tonight on our walk in the Wild Garden what did I see but a muntjac - I went ballistic and Mum had to hang on tight to my lead or she and I would have been off to I don't know where. However, it disappeared through the trees and away.

### Sunday

Lovely relaxing day and not quite so hot. After our walk this morning we just sat in the garden and Mum did a lot of writing for the rescue magazine.

## Week 10

### Monday, 14th July

I've been rumbled! On several nights before bedtime when I've been in the garden I've had a good bark at some hedgehogs. Tonight Mum followed me with the torch and so now I will be supervised. She tells me that they are the gardener's friend and I'm not to scare them. She does not need to worry because they are very prickly so there is no fear of me picking one up.

### Wednesday

If only I had not been on the lead tonight I could have had a wonderful time. We were on a footpath when in the field in front of us up popped three hares and then three more in the field to the left. I was beside myself and they took no notice whatsoever of my screaming and barking because they were having such a lovely time running round in circles and playing 'tag'.

### Thursday

I was in the pond again. Actually it is just mud because the drought has dried up almost all the water. Mum doesn't know what I was up to as she was busy hoovering and then discovered me on the sofa. Another bath followed and the sofa cover had to be washed. However, she still loves me and I had some Charentais melon at supper time. It's her favourite so I was lucky to get any.

## Week 11

### Wednesday, 23rd July

One of those hedgehogs was in the garden again tonight. He came right up to the back door so I got a surprise when I was let out before bedtime. I can't make him out - he doesn't run away, just curls up!

### Sunday

Tonight I brought that hedgehog indoors and put him on the sofa in the conservatory. Mum went mad. I don't think she likes the presents I bring her because she put him back in the garden straightaway.

## Week 12

### Monday, 28th July

I was not allowed in the garden on my own last thing. 'She' came with the torch. I found the hedgehog immediately but was hustled back indoors!

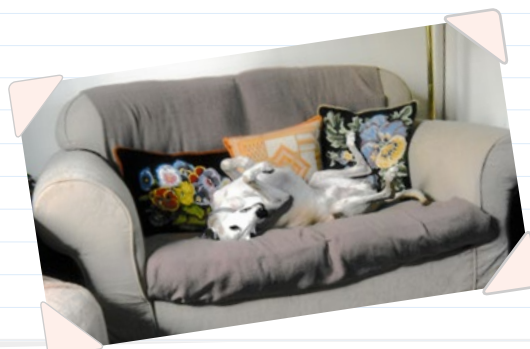
I find it most frustrating!

### Friday

Met a very nice lady whippet on my walk - a ten year old very lovely blue parti colour. She has recently lost her sister and has been very sad, but was quite pleased to see me and we had a nice chat. I was naughty at work today. While Mum was busy helping to unload a lot of dishes after a lunch in the Tea Room, I sneaked to the food caddy outside and helped myself to a lot of chicken etc. She thinks I will be poorly.

### Sunday

Went to see the little terrier Honey today but did not feel like playing with her although we went for a walk together. Mum says it is because of Friday that I'm not feeling quite the thing.



## Week 13

### Monday, 4th August

Back to normal now and full of beans! Ready for anything.

### Saturday

I was very good on my walk today. Saw four dogs and one was barking like mad at me but Mum just said walk on Frankie and I did. She was warned that I was not always very good with other dogs especially entire males but I am really trying and mostly I succeed in being friendly. Everything is fine if they are calm (or girls).

### Sunday

I was trusted on my own in the garden tonight but found a hedgehog and barked so out came Mum with the torch just as I picked it up. I quickly put it down and found another one. She says they go to sleep in the winter and is looking forward to that!

## Week 14

### Tuesday, 12th August

Had a lovely run off lead on one of the big lawns at work but I kept checking to make sure Mum was following me.

### Wednesday

Off lead again in wood at the end of our garden and great joy - there was a muntjac in the hedge so I took off after it. Mum was calling and whistling and was really overjoyed when I returned. I must have been away for less than ten minutes but she had been so worried. I celebrated by eating a few blackberries off the bushes on the way home.

### Sunday

Another exciting day! While Mum was in the kitchen cutting up my fish and vegetables for breakfast I sneaked a dead pigeon into my armchair in the sitting room. Of course I barked to see if it would get up and run so she discovered the crime. While she was disposing of said pigeon I sneaked in and helped myself to the fish. Oh well, it was for me anyway.

## Week 15

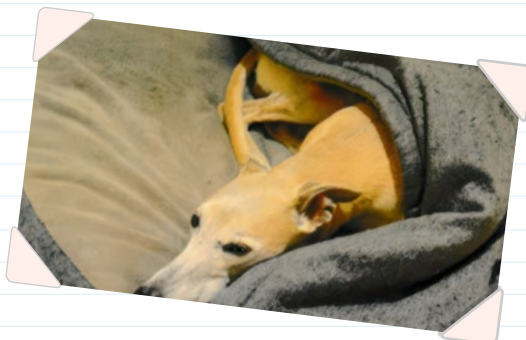
### Wednesday, 20th September

Mum was really cross tonight. After two days of no hedgehogs and lulling her into a false sense of security I caught one and brought it indoors with her chasing after me. I put it down in the kitchen and it walked round looking for somewhere to hide. She rescued it and took it outside where it ran off to safety. I got sprayed in case of fleas and was banished to my own bed tonight. She won't have me in hers!

On that exciting note I will bring this instalment to an end, but I will keep writing.

So take care, all of you,

Love from Frankie.



# A family affair



Comedian, actress and writer Jennifer Saunders talks to George Sell about her family's whippets, and why she thinks the breed is absolutely fabulous.

Jennifer Saunders came roaring back to our screens recently in the BBC's *Amandaland* Christmas special, in which she memorably played Aunt Joan, the chatelaine of a shabby-genteel country house which plays host to a chaotic and very funny festive gathering.

Think well-worn shooting gilet, forced jollity, ever-present canine companions and a fairly relaxed attitude to food hygiene, and you'll have a good idea of Joan. Her favourite things about a family Christmas are "devilled eggs, Ludo and sniffers!" She is not unlike some of the doyennes of the whippet world I have encountered over the years!

*"Olive was such a lovely dog. She just had to come everywhere with me. She was so amenable and so easy."*

Despite Jennifer joking that there was "very little acting required" to play the part, it's a brilliant performance which saw her back in tandem with Joanna Lumley, who plays Joan's sister Felicity. If you haven't seen it yet, it's well worth checking out.

One area of Jennifer's life which does resemble Aunt Joan's is the constant presence of dogs, and in this case, whippets. In fact she is now one of three generations in her family who have rescued whippets and embedded them in to their lives.

"I've always thought about whippets because my mother had one, and always raved about them," she says. "When she was young, she had a whippet called Flash, and she used to tell us how great he was and how much she loved the breed. We, at that point, had border terriers, who were the complete opposite of whippets. When they died, I always wanted another dog, and I also wanted something clean! The terriers were always filthy and always needed their back ends cleaning and that sort of thing! I just thought I want a nice, clean dog - I'm going to get a whippet. And Joanna Russell's (founder of JR Whippet rescue) nephew had a lovely litter. I decided I wanted a blue girl, and I got Olive who was just absolutely divine. I'm completely sold on the breed. They're lovely."



Olive with Jennifer's daughter's whippet Luna



Olive with her ever-present sheepskin

“Olive was such a lovely dog,” says Jennifer. “She just had to come everywhere with me. She was so amenable and so easy. I realised if I had a sheepskin, she would go anywhere the sheepskin went. She would go on the train, the car, she’d sit in dressing rooms. Everywhere I went, Olive went too, and she was just so gentle.”

In common with the whippets of a former interviewee in these pages, JRWR ambassador Philip Mould, Olive was at home in town or country, but kept her owner on her toes when being exercised in London. “Having said she was gentle, she was an absolute terror when she was young. I had several experiences of being in a park screaming at strangers to catch her because she had the scent of squirrels in her nostrils. She had quite the head count in Hyde Park, because the squirrels there are so fat and slow. I used to plead with people not to feed them but she would suddenly dash into a huddle of tourists and come out with a squirrel - just very embarrassing!”

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*“They really love their own kind, they are so happy to see another whippet. They are also wonderful with children.”*

Olive became something of a minor celebrity herself, appearing alongside Jennifer on the sofa on BBC’s One Show and on stage at the Hay Festival, among other engagements.

Jennifer says: “The thing about any dog really, is if you take them with you everywhere, people want a photograph of the dog rather than you. So the dog becomes the personality. I remember once taking the train from Exeter to London. I was on the platform, and a woman came up and said ‘Oh, hello, I recognise you’. I thought she was talking to me, but then she said ‘I think I’ve seen your picture. You’re Olive, aren’t you?’”



Olive on stage with Jennifer at the Hay Festival



Olive became a minor celebrity in her own right



Jennifer's new arrival - Mouse



Olive



Olive

*"Jennifer now has a new - and blue - presence in her life, a four-month old puppy called Mouse."*

Despite the common misperception that whippets are nervous creatures, Jennifer says: "If you start them off the right way, they're incredibly confident. Sometimes people think the shaking is nervous. In fact, it's generally just cold. Olive always needed to be near a heat source, and loved wearing clothing. They really love their own kind too, they are so happy to see another whippet. They are also wonderful with children. We've got grandkids, and they often come to stay with us. My daughter has a whippet from Battersea, and she just is so good with the kids, so tolerant."

Jennifer's mother Jane has actually adopted a whippet from JRWR - a black bitch called Pip. "She had been used for breeding and had had a rough time. Mum had the time to put into a dog like that, because the poor thing was quite damaged when she arrived. She used to take really tiny little steps everywhere, and never played, never did anything. But a couple of years in, and she was an absolutely lovely dog, just a sweet, sweet, gentle dog and such a great companion."

Sadly Olive died last year, but Jennifer now has a new - and blue - presence in her life, a four-month old puppy called Mouse. "I'd been without a dog for about a year, and a friend sent me a picture of her. She was at a rescue in Wales, and she looked so much like Olive. I just couldn't stop thinking about her. Where we live in Devon we have lots of fields and sheep around us so I thought it would better to rescue a puppy to train up rather than an adult dog. On the website it said she was a whippet but there is a bit of something else in there - her father was of unknown provenance and it was an unwanted litter. I guess there's a bit of lurcher in her, because one ear sort of flops over one eye. But she's very whippetty and rather lovely."

Will Mouse follow in Olive's footsteps and become intertwined with Jennifer's personal and professional lives? "Well, I'm hoping by the autumn we'll get there. She's not bad now. She's the first dog I've ever had who I started off in a crate. She loves her crate and I think that makes it very easy for her to settle in a place. So by the autumn, she's got to come to the theatre with me. I'm going to be doing a play, so she's got to be happily ensconced in her dressing room. I think she will be fine, she's pretty self sufficient."

The play in question is called *The Sea* by Edward Bond. It starts a run at Bath's Theatre Royal in the autumn. Keep an eye out for Jennifer in a new film version of Enid Blyton's *The Magic Faraway Tree*, in which she plays Grandma Thompson, and stars alongside Claire Foy, Andrew Garfield, Lenny Henry, Michael Palin and Simon Russell Beale among others.

And if all goes to plan, Mouse will be on course for celebrity status sometime in 2027.



# Coats of many colours

If you have ever bought a knitted coat for your whippet from the JRWR shop, there is a very high chance that your dog is sporting a handmade creation by Brenda Atkins.

"I've had whippets for more than 20 years," says Brenda. "I used to keep Afghans but as I got older I decided I wanted something with less hair! I bought my first whippet Michaela, when she was eight weeks old. She was a lovely little thing, a fawn and white particolour. She lived to 14 years old."

"I have had several more whippets since then, and at one point I had four in the house. My current girl Tia will be eight-years old in July. Se lives with me here in Nelson, Lancashire."

The JR link came about almost by chance. Brenda says: "I had been knitting whippet jackets for friends for a while and I'd bought two puppies from a lady who used to show the dog pup for me. I noticed a JR Whippet Rescue sticker in her car and decided I'd phone up and offer to knit them for the charity instead."

"That would have been about 15 years ago, and I must have knitted hundreds of jackets over the years. I think they originally sold for £6.50 but the price went up over the years. I've really enjoyed it - it's kept me busy as I've got older and and it's given me a sense of purpose."

Sadly Brenda is winding down her knitting efforts but we would like to salute an unsung hero of JRWR and warmly thank her for all her efforts over the years.



Brenda with her daughter's whippet, Kia



Some fine examples of Brenda's handiwork

## New in the JRWR shop



Brenda may be stepping back from her knitting duties, but we have lots of lovely items in stock.



**Dog Paw sterling silver earrings**  
£15.00



**John Austin cards**  
£2.75 each



**Whippet fleeces**  
£18.00 - £25.00



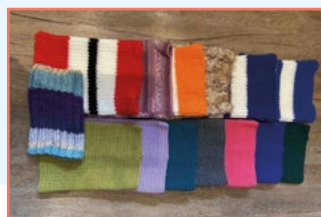
**Just a Whippet kitchenware**  
Big range! - check price list for details



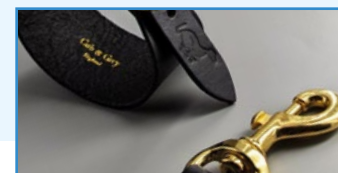
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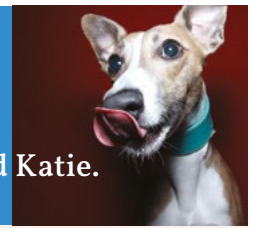
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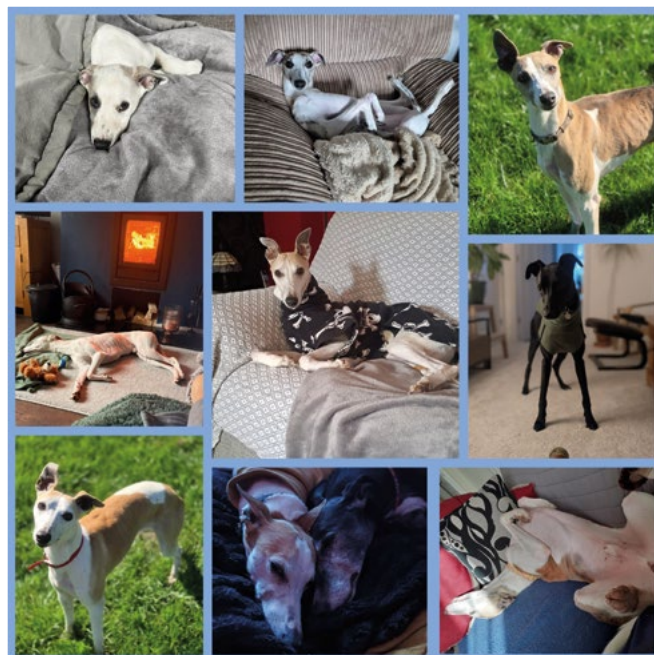
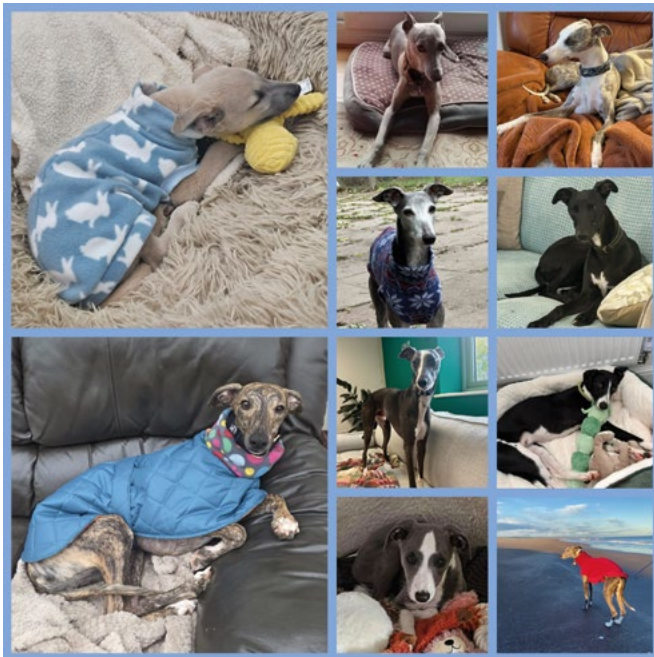
A summary of the last six months from JR's rehoming co-ordinators Lisa and Katie.



As always we would like to thank our volunteers, foster carers, transporters, supporters and followers for their continued help and support. We couldn't do what we do for Whippets without you all.

♡ Lisa & Katie x

## OCTOBER



October has been a busy and record-breaking month for us, with 19 whippets heading off to their new homes. Some of these are on foster with a view to adopt, but they are all settling in and doing well.

We also have a number of whippets already due to head off to their new homes over the coming weeks.

At the moment, we are receiving calls and emails most days about whippets needing to come into our care. Please bear with us when getting in touch. We are working around the clock and helping as fast as we can, but we really are pushed to our limits currently.

We continue to help whippets with behavioural challenges who need understanding adopters to help them settle and thrive in their new homes. This is mainly reactivity, separation anxiety, house training, and whippets that need to be only pets. We rarely have cat-friendly whippets available for rehoming. Please understand this when applying to adopt.

We receive lots of messages asking where people can see details of the whippets we have available for adoption. We receive around 3,000 adoption applications each year, so we often don't need to advertise the whippets we have available as we can match them to homes we've already spoken with and home-checked. However, we will occasionally share details of whippets with more complex needs who are looking for a specific type of home.

As always, we thank all our supporters, volunteers, foster carers, homecheckers, and transporters for their dedication and help, we couldn't do what we do without you and appreciate all you do.

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## NOVEMBER



18 whippets left us for their lovely new homes during November. Some of these are foster with a view to adopt, but as you can see from the photos, they are all doing incredibly well.

We know we have said it a lot recently, but we really are experiencing an extremely busy period. We have never known so many whippets to need the help of rescue. However, we are very pleased that we are able to support them and ensure they go to the best possible homes, with all the relevant checks completed and a lifetime of support and back-up in place.

You may have seen our recent appeal for foster homes and forever homes for dogs with more complex needs. We received a wonderful response, and we are getting in touch with everyone as quickly as we can - please bear with us.

We are mindful that things are likely to become even busier in the coming months. The start of the year is usually our most challenging time, but we will continue to do everything we can to be here for the whippets who need us.



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## DECEMBER



This month nine lucky whippets headed off to their new homes and they are all doing very well

As we wave goodbye to 2025, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and reflect on a very busy, but rewarding year.

We have helped a record number of whippets this year and 140 of those are now enjoying life in their new homes

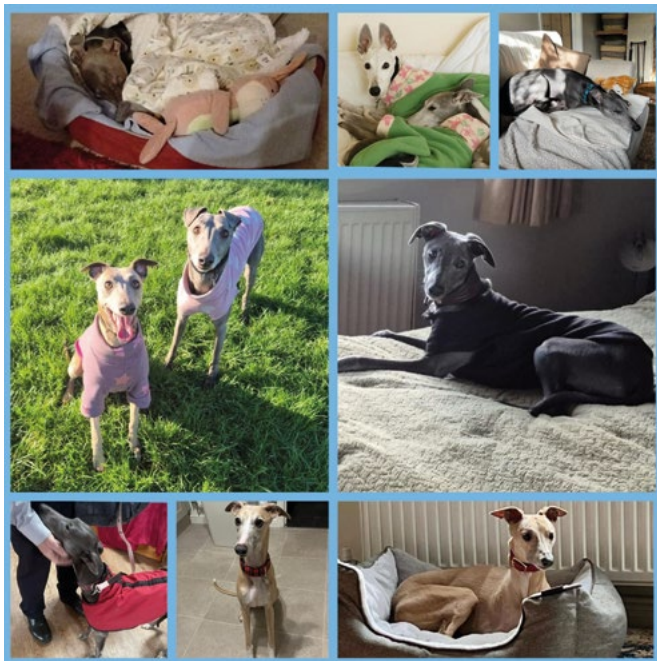
We continue to help a high number of whippets with behavioural challenges, most often severe lead reactivity or separation anxiety. We know that these things can sometimes be triggered for a reason or after a traumatic event, but often it is due to lack of correct training during the whippet's early stages of life. We can't stress enough how important it is to socialise your whippet puppy correctly and start separation anxiety training from a young age to avoid issues in the future.

Blue continues to be the highest colour percentage of the whippets we help. Some people still try to claim that blues are rare.... we can assure you they are not!

During 2026 we hope to start using our social media platform to share advice on whippet ownership and what to expect / do when welcoming a whippet into your home.

We are extremely proud that we have been able to help so many beautiful dogs this year, and we would like to say a huge thank you to our foster carers, transporters, home-checkers, volunteers, supporters and followers for their continued support and dedication, we couldn't do what we do without you, and we really appreciate you all.

## JANUARY 2026



As we enter a new year we've continued to be extremely busy.

We've been contacted about numerous whippets needing to come into our care and there is rarely a day that goes by where we aren't speaking to someone in need of help with their whippet. We are of course extremely glad that we can be here to keep whippets safe and responsibly find them new homes, but the numbers we are dealing with are quite scary and really pushing us to our limits.

We are also receiving more adoption applications than usual (more than 150 in January), which is great, but please understand that most of the whippets coming into our care have specific behavioural needs. We carefully assess the whippets before rehoming and match them to the best possible homes. Just because we have whippets looking for homes doesn't mean we will hand them out to anyone who has applied. Ensuring that the home can cope with the behavioural needs of an individual whippet and that the home is right for them is crucial to successful adoptions.

During January 10 lucky whippets left us for their new homes, and as you can see they are all doing very well .

## FEBRUARY



February absolutely flew by! But we are pleased to say that 13 lucky whippets found their new homes this month (some currently on foster with a view to adopt). They're all settling in very well

As always, thank you so much for your continued support, we couldn't do this without you.



# MARCH



During March, 11 lucky Whippets found their forever homes. We're delighted to say they are all settling in really well.

We continue to take in a high number of whippets each month. Many of these dogs come to us with behavioural challenges and need ongoing support to help them grow into the wonderful pets we know they can be in the right homes.

We're also receiving a high number of adoption applications, which we're incredibly grateful for. However, we're always looking for adopters who understand that rescue dogs aren't always "ready-made" pets. The reality is that many of the Whippets in our care need patience, time, consistency, understanding and training to truly thrive.

Some of the more common challenges we see include:

- 🐾 Reactivity towards other dogs
- 🐾 Separation anxiety (often severe)
- 🐾 Needing child-free homes
- 🐾 Needing to be the only pet
- 🐾 Needing quieter home environments
- 🐾 Requiring basic training and clear boundaries



If you feel you could offer a calm, supportive and understanding home to a Whippet in need, we'd love to hear from you. Please fill in an adoption application: <https://whippetrescue.org.uk/adoption-application/>

If you're hoping to adopt a Whippet with fewer or less complex needs, please be aware there may be a wait while we match you with the right dog. We will always prioritise placing each Whippet in a home that best suits their individual needs.

Thank you for your continued support, it truly makes all of this possible.



# Letters from JRWR adopters

## Lovely Lara

Lara has settled well and is getting on with her new friend Tëto, my son's dachshund. She tries to mother him at times!

Lara has enjoyed walks at National Trust Kedleston and Calke Abbey. She is also getting to know the area where she now lives. She loves carrying a ball that she has found with her. She is a character, as all whippets are. She loves the sofa and will occasionally let us sit on it as well!

We are so lucky to have Lara. I think our dear Harley, our whippet aged 15-and-a-half, who was put to sleep in July, sent her to us. She loves carrots and broccoli like Harley did. We do miss our Harley and also our previous rescue whippet from JRWR, Bella, previously Twinkle.

Keep up the brilliant work you all do at JRWR, you are all amazing. Thank you again for our dear Lara.

Best wishes

Solveig Holbrook



# Stallholder's 2026 Spring Report

Dear JRWR Friends

I hope you all had a great Christmas and new year.

The Christmas sales for 2025 were brilliant, we sold out of *Whippetoboggan* cards again very early, as well as *Bella's Winter Wonderland*. The last couple of packs of *Merry Christmouse* by Mary Browning sold at Crufts.

The new JRWR Calendar sold out at the beginning of December and hopefully if the team can do it again this year, we can have a few extra printed. I was very grateful that a lot of members bought one of each Calendar saying all were beautiful.

**Please if you have any photos that you think would be suitable for our Christmas cards 2026, then send them to me.**

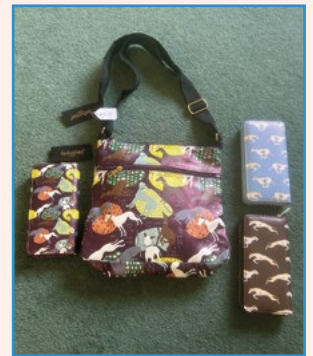
I attended The Whippet Club Show at Benson in January, thank you Stu, where once again you lovely people spent quite a lot at the stall. We took £1039.05, amazing for just after Christmas.

Then the big one Crufts 2026, which I must admit was making me nervous this year, because, for more than 25 years we were in the same spot, but were forced to move this year. We were in the same hall, but closer to the entrance of Hall 3 and the other trade stands. Well, it worked a treat! If I had a pound for every time I heard 'You've moved', we would have doubled our takings! We met a lot of you special members and met some future members, fosterers and adopters. Overall, we took just under £10,000. This is only possible thanks to the customers and a gang of wonderful helpers. You deserve a mention: Mary Writtle, Kate (the boss) Bent, Lind Elias, Mary Blakeman, Sue Gibbons, Lilah Wainman (Patron), Libbie Foster, Tracy Beaumont, Sarah, special guests, Lisa, Luke and hounds. Also huge thanks to my family - Katie, Doug, Adam and Sam holding the fort at home, love you all xx

We were very lucky to be left a considerable number of items from legacies, including from Annie Spencer-Thomas, Gay Robertson and Gloria Hopkins. Some I have sold at various shows, some are far too grand and will be auctioned soon, so keep an eye out for that announcement.

Note for the diary, I plan to be at SWWC Show, Bath Showground on 23rd May, Three Counties Show 6th June, The Hound Show 18th July, The Whippet Club Show Benson 26th September and Midland Whippet Club Show, Sunday 18th October (TBC). Call if you need any further information.

Lastly, I couldn't do what I do without you buying, the army of helpers, the many who donate their time and items to the stall, the guidance and kind words. Also thanks to Stu Middleton, Mary Rigby, Helen Wayman, Martin Sanders and Anne Defaye for inviting the JRWR stall to their shows.



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Bag: £15.00 Purse:£12.00



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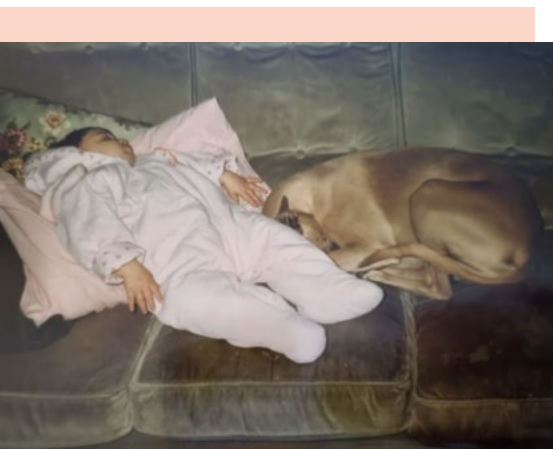
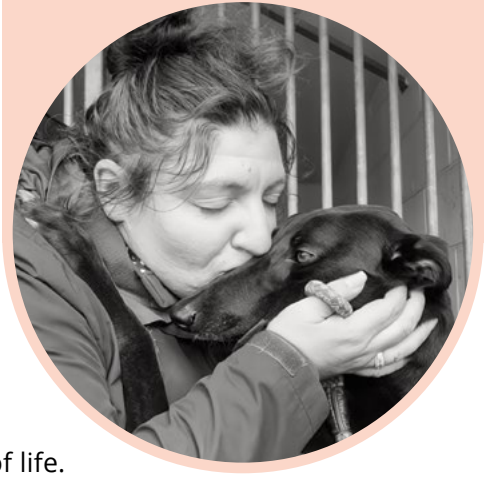


# A lifelong love of sighthounds

**Lisa Samson, JRWR's relinquishing rehoming coordinator, shares her passion for sighthounds and explains why working in rehoming means so much to her.**

My passion for greyhounds, whippets and lurchers was woven into my childhood from a very young age. I was incredibly lucky to grow up in a family where animals were not simply pets, they were part of our way of life.

Our home was always shared with whippets, greyhounds and Italian greyhounds. I honestly cannot remember a time without the gentle presence of a sighthound curled up on the sofa.



There is something very special about sighthounds - their sensitivity, loyalty, elegance, naughtiness, incredible speed and those crazy bursts of zoomies.

They get under your skin and into your heart in a way that is hard to explain unless you have lived with one. For me, they have never been "just dogs". They are family.

The first family dog I really remember was our whippet, Alf. He had been found at the side of the road by one of my mum's friends. It was before microchipping and when no one came forward to claim him, Mum kept him. He was a very special dog and shared an incredible bond with her.



The first whippet of my own was Sally, a tripod adopted from JR Whippet Rescue in 1995. She had quite a few behavioural challenges. She absolutely hated the postman, in fact any post person, not a particular one. She was also not keen on visitors. She would happily let them in but as they tried to leave, she would nip at their ankles. She was such a character, yet incredibly loving to those she chose to trust. She was my partner in crime as I grew up.

As a teenager, I very rarely went to school because I much preferred being hands-on and out with the animals. Over time that taught me far more than a classroom ever could. Alongside the dogs, I developed a deep love for horses and worked with both greyhounds and horses whenever I could. Those early experiences helped set the path my life would take.



My childhood pony Treacle is now an incredible 31 years old and still enjoying life. Caring for dogs and horses from such a young age shaped not only my passion for animals but also my outlook on life and my long-standing commitment to rescue and welfare.

Everything really fell into place when I was 14 and my mum took on her own kennels, establishing Barley Kennels, now known as Barley Greyhound Sanctuary. That was my first real introduction to rehoming. I saw first-hand the transformation of racing greyhounds as they retired and learned how to become much-loved family pets.



Watching families meet their new dogs for the very first time and seeing those dogs slowly settle into their forever homes was incredibly special. It was addictive in the very best way and from that moment on I was completely hooked.

Over the years we have helped more than 1,500 greyhounds find their forever homes. Each and every one of them has a story and every single one holds a special place in my heart. Since joining JRWR, I have also been part of helping more than 300 Whippets find their forever homes. It has been an incredible team effort and one that I am so proud to be part of.

Today, sighthounds are still very much at the centre of my world. I currently share my home with 10 of them, two greyhounds and eight whippets, three of whom are JR rescues. The house is rarely quiet and certainly never boring. Like most sighthound homes, the sofas are permanently occupied and there is always at least one dog demanding attention or getting up to mischief.

I also foster for JR whenever needed, although I must admit I am not the most successful foster carer. I have “failed” quite a few times and ended up keeping them!

I love attending shows around the UK with my dogs and friends. Most people think I am mad setting the alarm for 3am to travel across the country for a dog show, but luckily my friends all share the same “mad” hobby. The friendships and sense of community within the sighthound world are truly special.

When the opportunity arose in early 2024 to join JR Whippet Rescue, I did not hesitate for a second. Whippets hold such a huge piece of my heart and becoming part of the JR team felt like a natural step.



I feel incredibly honoured to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of people who all share the same goal of giving these beautiful dogs the safe and happy futures they deserve.

Rescue is not always easy. It can be emotionally challenging and sometimes heartbreaking. However, the rewards almost always outweigh the difficult days. Knowing that you have helped secure a happy future for a dog makes every challenge worthwhile.

Helping animals is not simply something I do. It is my purpose. It shapes my days, my decisions and my priorities. When I do manage to switch off and take a little time for myself, I enjoy escaping to the remote parts of Wales with my partner. The peace, the mountains, the vast beaches and the long walks provide the perfect contrast to the busy world of rescue. Of course, there are always dogs in tow.



Sighthounds have given me a lifetime of love, laughter, lessons and occasionally a little stress! They have shaped who I am and the path my life has taken. Being able to give something back to them through rescue and welfare work is both a privilege and a responsibility that I carry with passion and pride. If even one dog's life can be changed for the better, then every moment spent in rescue is worth it.



# Racing for rescue in the rain

A brilliant mix of friends, family and plenty of four-legged pointy faces came together on Sunday 12th April to raise funds for JR Whippet Rescue and Barley Greyhound Sanctuary. Katie Manners reports.



The JRWR crew - L to R: Lisa Samson, George Sell, Kate Bent and Katie Manners

The day was organised by George Sell (JRWR newsletter editor) and kindly hosted by Pup and Lucy King at their farm near Evesham, Worcestershire.

Despite the classic British combo of sunshine and (heavy) showers, 32 whippets and four greyhounds took to the 180 yard straight for a series of knockout races. Speed, enthusiasm and the occasional 'off-piste' whippet led to some exciting and sometimes interesting runs.



Not all the runners had long legs

There was plenty of entertainment in the intervals between rounds. The any-breed fun runs included a crowd favourite double dachshund dash (short legs, big determination!) and a highly competitive man vs terrier race... where dignity may or may not have been left at the start line. A super raffle featuring lots of sighthound-themed goodies (and a bottle or two) was well supported.



Ready for action - littermates Victor and Frank are sons of Frankie, the star of Diary of a Rehomed Whippet in this issue



Under 20" dog stake winner Victor with owner Ashley Haynes



The event was a family affair



Braving the elements wasn't for everyone



The field crew kept things running smoothly



Greyhound champion Lester strikes a pose!



Focused whippets

A huge thank you goes to George Sell for organising the day and taking on slipping duties, and to the field team, Ben, Pup and Ed, who kept everything running like clockwork while expertly operating the lure and clocking up plenty of miles on the quad bike.

All in all, it was a fantastic day full of laughter, friendly competition, and wagging tails, with an amazing £812 raised to be shared between the two charities. Another event is being planned for the autumn.



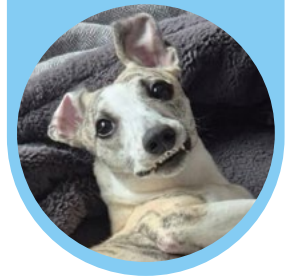


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# My exciting day out to Crufts!



Hi there, it's me, Peggy! You may remember my story from the last newsletter. Well, I should hope you do, as I am quite the celebrity now, after all!

Friday 6th March started just like any other day. I got up early for a good leg stretch, followed by breakfast of course. But it didn't take me long to realise something exciting was happening. My mum (apparently she's called Lisa) was busy loading up the van with comfy beds and lots of snacks, which looked very tasty if you ask me.



Then I heard it, the jingle of my lead. I couldn't contain my excitement. I zoomed around the house in celebration before eventually calming myself down enough to hop into the van. Off we went! I kept hearing the word "Crufts" being mentioned. I had no idea what it was, but I was very much looking forward to finding out, especially if treats were involved.

I had a lovely snooze during the journey, dreaming of snacks, and before I knew it we had stopped. Mum opened the door and took me out for a little walk. There were people and dogs everywhere. It was all so exciting! We walked around a huge lake and lots of people stopped to admire me in my fancy jumper. I do make quite an impression.

Some of the other dogs were wearing dinosaur jumpers, which I thought looked extremely cool. I did suggest that I should have one too, but apparently the six coats I already own are "more than enough". Personally, I don't think mum has much of a clue when it comes to fashion.

As we turned the corner, I saw enormous buildings and big vehicles full of people. Mum told me they were called buses. Everything felt very busy and important. Then we went into one of the huge buildings and I could hardly believe my eyes. There were stalls as far as I could see, filled with everything a dog could possibly want. Toys, treats, beds, coats... I decided there and then it was going to be a very expensive day for mum.

We made our way over to one corner of the hall and suddenly, there they were. Whippets. Hundreds of them! I was completely overwhelmed in the best possible way. I wanted to make friends with every single one. I mean, who wouldn't want to be my friend? I also met some of mum's friends, who were absolutely wonderful and kept giving me treats. At this point, I was quite sure this was the best day of my life.



Peggy on the JRWR stand at Crufts, with her adopter, relinquishing co-ordinator Lisa, and shop manager Rose

Then things got even more exciting. We went over to something called "Agria". I didn't think the day could get any better, but then I heard them say my name. Peggy. That's me! They said I was a finalist for the Royal Kennel Club Breed Rescue and Agria Welfare Awards - Rescue Dog of the Year.

I didn't win the top award, but I was still invited up and presented with some lovely prizes, including a very exciting hamper full of treats and goodies. If you ask me, that's just as important. I did a bit of posing for photos while everyone told me how well I had done. I handled it all very professionally, of course. Being a finalist is a very big deal.

Of course, the day wasn't entirely about me... even though it probably should have been. Not long after, they announced the award for Breed Rescue Coordinator of the Year. When they called out my mum's name, I felt so proud. I watched as she went up to receive her award and have her photo taken.

She works incredibly hard to help whippets, and I know how much she cares about every single one. She truly deserved to be recognised. I did gently remind her afterwards that it was still mostly my day, but I suppose I can share the spotlight just this once.

We then went over to the Agria Pet Insurance stand for more photos. Lots of people were asking mum about my story, and I could see it made her a little emotional. I listened as she told them about my journey, and it made me think about how far I've come.

I had almost forgotten what life was like before I came into rescue a year ago. These days, my life is full of love, comfort, zoomies, and more treats than I could ever have dreamed of. The amazing team at JR Whippet Rescue changed everything for me.

Life was already pretty perfect, and now I'm a Rescue Dog of the Year finalist as well. I'd say things have turned out rather well, wouldn't you?!



Peggy and Lisa in the spotlight at Crufts

# Change to JR Whippet Rescue CIO

Many thanks to everyone for the fantastic response that we have had to our letter regarding the changes in legal status of JR Whippet Rescue now that we have become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation – CIO). We have received so many lovely comments and donations which we really appreciate.

As we said in the letter, this is purely an administrative change and will not affect the way that we operate on a day-to-day basis.

Please do not forget to change your bank details on any standing orders to the new account:

JR Whippet Rescue CIO

Sort Code: **20-98-68**

Account Number: **73259978**

Payments will start to get rejected soon if you continue to use the old account. If you pay us via PayPal (i.e. set up originally via our website) then you do not need to do anything apart from redoing your Gift Aid declaration. Our PayPal account remains unchanged.

Gift Aid is very important to us as it increases our donation and subscription income by 25% due to a top up from HMRC. We have had lots of forms back but still have lots to come. If you need a new form, please let us know.

Questions we are frequently asked include:

**Will it cost me any extra?** No, absolutely not. It does not affect what you pay us.

**I am a pensioner, do I qualify?** Sadly, most pensioners still pay tax, unless they only receive the State Pension and absolutely nothing else. It is not related to your age. Even if you only pay a small amount of tax on extra pensions or savings interest, you can still fill in a Gift Aid form. You must just pay enough Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax to cover the amount we are claiming, i.e. 25% of your donation.

**I fill in a self-assessment form; can I sign the Gift Aid form?** Yes, you can. If you pay higher rate tax, then it needs to be reported on your tax return but please take advice if necessary.

As always, we are so grateful for your support.

Sally – (Finance Manager)



# Useful info and contacts:

## Donations Link

<https://whippetrescue.org.uk/donate/>

## Cheque Donations/Gift Aid Form

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## Merchandise sales/second hand equipment

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## For more details see:

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## JR Whippet Rescue CIO

PO Box 16992, Sutton Coldfield, B73 9YA

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