

## Who's Bessie?

Bessie was a beautiful blue greyhound girl, born in Ireland in 1993. She'd been bred for the greyhound racing industry.

In November 1997 Bessie was picked up as a stray in Barnsley in a dreadful emaciated state with mange and evidence that she had recently had a litter of puppies. Bessie went to a newly established rescue whereby in February 1998 she was adopted by Susan and her family. Bessie inspired Susan to raise funds for the rescue as well as promote greyhounds as pets. Most weeks they were out within the Huddersfield area raising funds, during this time Bessie became very well known and there were many articles about her in the local paper. After six years of raising funds Bessie retired at the age of ten, all that 'meeting and greeting' just became too tiring for her. Over the years Bessie had raised funds as well as inspiring many people to adopt a greyhound.

At the age of 13 on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007 Bessie had to be put to sleep, she had developed lung cancer and had begun to suffer.

In Bessie's memory Susan founded The Blue Greyhound to raise funds for as many rescue dogs as possible, as well as working to highlight the plight of the racing greyhound.



*Gone but not forgotten, run free old girl until we meet again*

## The Blue Greyhound Ebay Shop

[www.stores.ebay.co.uk/The-Blue-Greyhound-Shop](http://www.stores.ebay.co.uk/The-Blue-Greyhound-Shop)

Please visit The Blue Greyhound Shop for a great range of goodies including:-

- Homemade Cakes
- Homemade Dog Treats
- Homemade Dog Birthday Cakes
- Greyhound themed jewellery
- Greyhound Action T-Shirts
- The Blue Greyhound Jute Bags
- The Blue Greyhound Fridge Magnets
- Sponsor Dogs and Special Appeals
- Great range of donated goods added on weekly

## Want To Help The Blue Greyhound?

Visit our Ebay Shop, all purchases made benefit The Blue Greyhound

Help out on one of our regular collections or at an event

Do you have a special skill; can you knit, bake cakes, make cards, etc? All donations are welcome to enable us to raise funds

Donations of items to sell on Ebay or use on our stalls are most welcome.

Most importantly please spread the word.

If you can help or require more information then please contact The Blue Greyhound on 07794-193406.

## THE BLUE GREYHOUND

The Blue Greyhound was founded in 2008 and is dedicated to raising funds for dog charities and organisations in memory of Bessie.



The Blue Greyhound is currently raising funds for:-

- Whitehall Dog Rescue
- Sighthound Welfare Trust
- Lincoln Greyhound Rescue

[www.BlueGreyhound.org.uk](http://www.BlueGreyhound.org.uk)

## Whitehall Dog Rescue



Whitehall Dog Rescue (registered charity number 1131552) was founded by Brian Wheelhouse in 1992, it is based in Wakefield. Brian regularly collects dogs from local kennels that take in 'stray' dogs.

The dogs that come to Whitehall are those that were due to be destroyed as they had been unclaimed and subsequently not re-homed.

Once at Whitehall, these dogs (some obviously traumatised) are rehabilitated, given lots of love and attention and most importantly a future. Some dogs due to their traumatic history cannot be re-homed; these dogs will remain at Whitehall to live out their lives with care and compassion, some have become Whitehall's sponsor dogs!

If you are interested in visiting the kennels, then please contact Brian on 07831-421715 (calls taken up to 8.00 pm).

[www.WhitehallDogRescue.co.uk](http://www.WhitehallDogRescue.co.uk)

*Dedicated to saving stray and unwanted dogs from death-row*

## Sighthound Welfare Trust



Sighthound Welfare Trust (SWT) is a UK based charity that is working to improve the lives of sighthounds across the UK, Eire and Spain.

SWT supports the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of sighthounds through a grant funding programme supporting sighthound rescues with the costs of veterinary treatment, kennelling and resources for the care of abused, neglected and stray sighthounds. The charity has also started providing funding for the veterinary and kennelling costs of sighthounds taken in an emergency to ensure a place of safety.

Sighthound Welfare Trust also raises awareness of sighthound welfare issues, in particular those of stray dogs and greyhound racing where the charity is working to ensure more effective welfare measures for the protection of these gentle dogs.

SWT It is an entirely voluntary organisation and does not receive any funding from the government or greyhound racing industry.

[www.SightHounds.org.uk](http://www.SightHounds.org.uk)

*Working towards the end of abuse, neglect and exploitation of sighthounds*

## Lincoln Greyhound Rescue



Lincoln Greyhounds is the Greyhound side of the Doris Banham Dog Rescue ([www.DogSOS.co.uk](http://www.DogSOS.co.uk)), is based in Lincoln and have foster homes in surrounding counties.

They are dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of abused and abandoned greyhounds from the racing circuits and dog pounds.

Due to the sheer amount of dogs bred to find that premier racing dog, lots end up being not suitable for racing and unless homes are found, they are at risk of being put to sleep.

The rescue is happy to re-home anywhere in the UK providing a home check can be done, or a reference from another rescue. They will always take back any of their dogs if for any reason the placement does not work out.

The rescue helps dogs of all ages from young pups, to golden oldies, and always has lovely dogs looking for homes.

[www.LincolnGreyhounds.co.uk](http://www.LincolnGreyhounds.co.uk)

*Dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of abused and abandoned greyhounds*