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## Future Walks for 2006



- 10 September
- 8 October
- 12 November
- December tba

All at Notley Country Park, meeting at the Discovery Centre Car Park at 10am.

## 13th August Walk



Our walk on 13th August was a great success and a huge credit to everyone's efforts to encourage more people to come along.

The leafleting, entries in the local papers, appearing in the What's On Diaries and even accosting people in the street has really paid off!

There were 35 dogs and even more humans along on the day, despite grey skies and the threat of rain. Astounding! From all the comments made everyone seemed to have a fine time and agreed our walks are a superb idea.

We had the promised press coverage, although the articles in the Gazette and Braintree & Witham Times were a bit disappointing as no mention was made of the fact the group existed so missed the point somewhat! That has hopefully been 'sorted' by them publishing a letter to the Editor letting them know we exist. Luckily The Chronicle made a much better job of reporting.

Many thanks to Clarks Farm for bringing along some of their dogs that are looking for homes and also the RGOA for supporting us.

The Essex Chronicle have sent through some photocopies of the pictures taken and copies can be purchased from them. Links to scanned copies of them will be put on the website soon.

## [www.greyhoundwalks.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundwalks.co.uk) updates

The website is really a work in progress. As more ideas and tidbits come along so the website develops and grows.

Requests for links to other pages are coming in and where appropriate they are added. If anyone has any other useful links they'd like included then please let Janet know.

Recent changes have included the addition of an Our Dogs page where small picture of your dogs can be placed with their details. Please send Janet your dog's photo if you'd like it included on that page.

Any ideas for additions to the website would be welcome.

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# Ideas

After the August walk a number of us sat and had a chatter over a cuppa at the Discovery Centre and talked about what we could do to promote greyhounds as pets, and how we could raise money to support organisations that help greyhounds.

Some of the ideas for fundraising that were put forwards were:

- Asking for a voluntary donation at each walk
- Paying a membership fee
- Doing sponsored walks
- Organising a Greyhound Gala

Some of the organisations put forward to help were:

- Clarks Farm Greyhounds
- Retired Greyhound Trust
- Limerick Animal Welfare
- Sponsoring a long stay greyhound in kennels

We'd like to know how everyone feels about this, are these good ideas, bad ideas, something that should be left for a while? Can you let Janet know (call or email) and also let her know if you feel you can help in anyway with sharing some of the jobs that will need doing such as keeping the press informed, keeping what's on entries up to date, treasuring any money collected etc. etc.? RGT are sending some details of how they may be able to support us if we chose to become a 'branch' of their organisation and details of that will be sent through when it arrives.

## Love Blossoms on Greyhound Walk

For those who haven't noticed ...

... we have a love affair developing on our walks.



Simba the lovely lurcher owned by Marian & Ted has fallen head over heels in love with Chelsea the 'mature' brindle lurcher owned by Janet.

Such is the 'love' they are inseparable when they are out together. At the last walk poor Ted ended up with both dogs so that Simba would behave and not be lovelorn! Chelsea's ears have never been so clean from all the kisses! So cute!



Simba kisses Chelsea's ears

## Flyer for September Walk ...

If you are a greyhound or lurcher owner, or lover then please come and join us at the Discovery Centre near Notley Garden Village for ...



We walk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 10am from the car park. All greyhounds, lurchers and their well behaved owners are welcome.

Details from [www.greyhoundwalks.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundwalks.co.uk)

or call Janet on 0771 873 0879

**Next Walk is 10<sup>th</sup> September**



Where would you like to walk?

After Christmas, when we hope to do a Boxing Day Walk, we thought it would be a good idea to change the venue for the walks on alternate months. If you know of somewhere near you that is just perfect for strolling greyhounds and has reasonable parking facilities can you let us know?

Possibles could be Sudbury, Marks Hall near Coggeshall, one of the lovely sandy beaches—we're open to suggestions!

### Events Around the World



17 - 24 September 2006

Greyhound Planet is a time chosen each year to honour the Greyhound and its relatives (Galgos, lurchers, etc.) throughout the world.

The purpose of this international event is to raise the public's awareness of the wonder and magic of Greyhounds as pets, educate others on the current status of Greyhounds around the world and to honour those Greyhounds who have left us already.

More information at [www.ameurogreyhoundalliance.org](http://www.ameurogreyhoundalliance.org)

Please let us know if you would be interested in doing a walk during that week.