

Celebrating centuries of greyhounds at the Cuckoo fair.

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For the first time in several years GRWE (Greyhound Rescue West of England) will feature at the forthcoming Cuckoo Fair in Downton on Saturday 30th April.

The charity, which is funded entirely by volunteers, is delighted to have a presence at the historic fair again “It’s great exposure for the important work GRWE does” explained Michele Way, GRWE’s events co-ordinator. Last year nearly nine-hundred dogs were rehomed by GRWE, and Michele will be happy to talk to anyone thinking of sharing their life with an ex-racing dog, as well as selling dog treats and merchandise, and running a traditional tombola. “The Cuckoo Fair is a great family event” continued Michele “And greyhounds make wonderful family pets.”

Of course greyhounds are likely to have been present at the original thirteenth century fairs. At that time they were likely to have been owned by the most landed of visitors. Nowadays though they’re regarded as wonderful pets for the average family, and GRWE is hoping that the traditional sight of greyhounds at the fair will long continue.

So, if you would like to meet these gentle and affectionate dogs, make sure to visit the blue zone, where GRWE will be at stand 15. Alternatively to find out more, call GRWE on 07000 785 092 or visit www.grwe.com .

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Notes to editors:

- 1) GRWE is a Registered Charity (Reg. Charity No. 1131399) and the largest independent greyhound rescue organisation in the UK working specifically to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome abandoned and abused greyhounds and lurchers. Last year GRWE rehomed over 900 dogs across England and Wales.
- 2) GRWE receives no funding from the racing industry, is run entirely by volunteers, and is entirely funded by donations. More information about the charity can be found at www.grwe.com .

- 3) Details of the Downton fair can be found at <http://www.cuckoofair.co.uk/>