



## Runners show generosity to ex-racing dogs.

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### Press Release – 16 May 2011

**Greyhound Rescue West of England (GRWE) has thanked the generosity of Pewsey Vale Running Club, following a donation from the mammoth £8000 the runners recently raised for local charities.**

Four-legged ex-racers Solo and Gaia sat back and watched club members running the 12k 'Bluebell Run', after gratefully receiving a cheque for £500 by the finish line in Collingbourne Ducis.

As GRWE is staffed entirely by volunteers, money donated by the public goes straight into front line costs and GRWE's Michele Way was quick to heap praise on the club; "Rescuing an ex-racer is very costly. The money the runners have donated will go a *long* way towards kennel and veterinary costs, and will have a real impact on the welfare of the club's canine counterparts".

The charity's press officer Stuart Parslow sees a real affinity between human and dog racers "I'm a runner myself, and I think the bond between athletes extends beyond number of legs. When I look at Greyhounds, I have utmost respect for the rigours they put their bodies through, and the speeds they achieve. I think the Pewsey Vale runners have honoured the hounds magnificently with this donation."

But if you're imagining that Solo and Gaia might compete in a twelve kilometre race, think again; Greyhounds are built for speed not stamina, and retired dogs appreciate their beds as much as the lead! If you are interested in giving an ex-racer two twenty-minute walks a day, or just want to find out more, please call GRWE on 07000 785 092 or visit [www.grwe.com](http://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 completely funded by donations. More information about the charity can be found at [www.grwe.com](http://www.grwe.com) .
- 3) For further information on the work of GRWE, please contact Stuart Parslow (PR officer) on 01275 464994 [stuart\\_parslow@hotmail.com](mailto:stuart_parslow@hotmail.com) .
- 4) Pictures show GRWE event co-ordinator Michele Way with ex-racers Solo and Gaia, and a cheque for £500, and pictures from the Bluebell Run 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
- 5) Information about the Pewsey Vale Running Club can be found at <http://pewseyvalerunningclub.org/default.aspx>