



**British Greyhound  
Racing Board**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUPPORT FOR WALTHAMSTOW RETIRED GREYHOUNDS CONFIRMED**

**6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2008**

The BGRB is pleased to confirm that it will be providing substantial financial support to enable the Walthamstow Retired Greyhound Trust to continue to operate beyond the expected closure of Walthamstow Stadium on 16<sup>th</sup> August.

BGRB will provide £75,000 via the Walthamstow Owners and Welfare Association (WOWA), and this contribution will be matched by the Directors of Walthamstow Stadium, with the result that Walthamstow RGT will receive £150,000 in total.

BGRB Spokesman Peter Laurie added:

“The BGRB fully supports the work of WOWA and the two Walthamstow rehoming schemes and we are delighted that they are keen to continue their outstanding work beyond the sad closure of the stadium.

“Many of the greyhounds currently racing at Walthamstow will continue their careers at other tracks, including Harlow, Hove and Sittingbourne. A number will retire from racing and, based on a comprehensive list of these greyhounds that has been drawn up by WOWA in conjunction with the Walthamstow trainers, we are making available sufficient funding to ensure all can be found loving homes.

“I also understand that WOWA has appointed Clarissa Baldwin, Chief Executive of the Dogs Trust, to act as an independent scrutineer of the process and we very much look forward to the day when she will be able to verify that all the Walthamstow greyhounds requiring rehoming have been rehomed.”

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If you are interested in rehoming a retired Walthamstow greyhound please contact:

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