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## **LOVE IS ALL AROUND Fall in Love with a Greyhound**

Greyhounds across the world are getting ready to share their love and invite everyone to join them for the annual Great Global Greyhound Walk (GGGW).

This event has come a long way since its origins 12 years ago when just 6 greyhounds walked in Essex. Indeed this is the fifth year that it has been globally recognised.

Last year total numbers surpassed all expectations and was the most successful GGGW yet – with nearly 100 walks organised across the UK (topped by York with 216 sighthounds!) and 79 walks globally (Dublin, Ireland and Auckland, New Zealand had the most attendees – 165 and 125 hounds respectively!) - the total number of hounds registered to walk in 2017 was 5702. Hopes are high to beat that total this year..

The date for your diaries is Sunday 10th June 2018. Registration for walks is from February 1st when you can fill in the form on the website to participate. There will be group walks you can join in or you can register your own Little Local Walk – which can just be your daily 'walk round the block', but your hound(s) will be counted in the final totals and you will have contributed to something much bigger. Anyone attending a group walk, which will be listed on the website as they are registered, will be made most welcome – many of these will be awareness and fund raising events, and an invitation to join in picnics often follows the walks.

This years theme is Love is All Around and everyone is invited to dress up (humans and hounds) and share their passion for greyhounds. These much under-rated dogs make fabulous pets. Often referred to as 40mph coach potatoes, greyhounds have very gentle natures, can curl up surprisingly small (but if given the chance can also spread out across the whole of your 3 seater sofa!) and can adapt to many people's lifestyles – they are an amazingly versatile breed.

So whether you are already a greyhound lover, would like to know more about the breed or you own one or more of these stunning dogs, save the date and join us for the annual event of the sighthound calendar. Further details can be found on the website – [www.greatglobalgreyhoundwalk.co.uk](http://www.greatglobalgreyhoundwalk.co.uk)

The Great Global Greyhound Walk is organised by Greyhound Walks – Registered Charity No. 1127875. The charity aims to socialise greyhounds and lurchers; promote awareness of retired greyhounds as family pets; through voluntary contributions and events raise money for needy Essex, Suffolk & Hertfordshire greyhounds; support Essex, Suffolk & Hertfordshire rehoming kennels and animal rescues who rehome greyhounds.

Please note all our admin team and walk organisers are volunteers