

Meet volunteer homechecker: **Nigel Maggs and Ash**

Photograph by Jonathan Baker



Nigel does both street collections and home checking with his beautiful greyhound, Ash.

As you can see they love one another to bits.

Why did you volunteer for GRW?

My love for animal welfare and the love I have for greyhounds and lurchers. Also, after adopting my greyhound from GRW I wanted to help with the ongoing rescue of retired sighthounds. GRW does fantastic work and I wanted to help.

Could you tell us a bit about what get from this role?

It is very rewarding to see dogs who have never had the love of a family, a home life and who have had such awful experiences become loved by families. Those dogs become so happy when given the love they so deserve.

In the two years that I've been part of GRW I've meet so many lovely people, many who have become good friends.

Becoming a volunteer for GRW is the most rewarding part of my life to date. It's wonderful to see so many sighthounds who would never have found the love they deserve if it wasn't for GRW

Any memorable incidents you can tell us about?

When I take my adopted boy Ash on home checks, sometimes he gets up to no good. He steals the applicants slippers or decides to play with soft furnishings such as pillows.

But the most memorable was one home check for a family who had a little girl who was terrified of Ash even though Ash is so fantastic with children. Not only did the family go on to adopt two greyhounds but the little girl has completely overcome her fear. When she sees Ash now she hugs him it's lovely to see.