

Charity Collection Submission – Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare

Hi Wimbledon AFC,

I am writing to you on behalf of registered charity Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare (charity #1142777). We've just been made aware of your offer for two charities to apply for a bucket collection and we'd like to apply to be one of them.

Obviously, greyhound racing and Wimbledon go back a long way and the majority of the dogs at our kennels did once race at Wimbledon track which I'm sure you're aware is now your grounds. We've been taking Wimbledon hounds and finding them homes since 1995. When the track closed we took on many of the dogs that were retired instead of moving to other tracks, and it was a hard time for us fitting them in, Our kennels has between 80 and 90 hounds at all times.

For the last 10 years we've had bucket collections with our dogs down at the track and people were very generous. It would be lovely if we could return to the grounds even though it's no longer a racing track. We come into the dogs' lives after their racing career is over so it doesn't really matter to us that it's not a track any more.

We are also invited to bring our hounds and collection buckets to Kempton Park twice a year on Sunday race meets, and to the Wimbledon Tennis queue, so our volunteers and hounds are used to sporting events and would like to branch out into football!

So, we'd like to be able to do a bucket collection at Wimbledon AFC, with some of our hounds. We can typically muster around 10 humans and 15 hounds for an event like that.

As far as the charity goes, our web site is: <http://hershamhounds.org.uk/> and what we do is take greyhounds that have finished their racing life and find them homes as family pets.

If we can't find them homes then we look after them in our kennels for the rest of their lives. To aid us in finding them homes we take them out to meet the public to show people that they make wonderful pets. We receive no official funding from the industry; we survive solely on donations.

If you have any more questions about our charity then please do let me know.