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# Fire!

In 2014, on a warm summer night in Newcastle, England, Clare Whiteford and her three young sons were asleep on the second floor of their home. Without warning, a fire sparked downstairs in their kitchen. Orange flames and gray smoke soon spread throughout the room. Everyone in the family was unaware of the terrible danger—everyone except a five-year-old greyhound named Uno.

**The smoke alarms in the Whiteford's house did not go off after the fire started.**





Uno sprang into action. He raced upstairs to Clare's bedroom and barked loudly at her door. Clare heard Uno and followed the dog downstairs to the kitchen. Spotting the fire, she immediately rushed Uno and her children outside to safety and called for help.



Clare Whiteford  
and Uno



**Greyhounds are tall dogs with long, powerful legs. At top speeds, they can run 43 miles per hour (69 kph).**



# Uno Saves the Day

Firefighters sped to the Whiteford home to put out the flames. After they **extinguished** the blaze, the firefighters told Clare what she already knew: Uno had saved their lives. If the greyhound hadn't woken her, the Whitefords might have been hurt or even died in the fire. "I've just no words to describe how I feel. He is our hero," said Clare.

The Whiteford family with their hero





Amazingly, just a year earlier, Uno didn't have a home. He had been used as a racing dog and then **abandoned** in a **shelter**. The Whiteford family had visited the shelter and **adopted** the big, lovable greyhound. So, before Uno rescued the Whiteford family, they had rescued him!



After the fire, Uno received a trophy for his bravery.



Because greyhounds are so fast, they are the **breed** most often used for racing. When greyhounds stop winning races or are too old to race, their owners sometimes abandon them or give them away.

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In 2014, Clare Whiteford and her three young sons were asleep in their home when a fire broke out in their kitchen. Everyone in the family was unaware of the danger—everyone except their adopted greyhound, Uno. As the fire spread, the dog raced to Clare's bedroom and barked loudly. Clare woke up and rushed the children outside. Uno had saved their lives! Amazingly, just a year earlier, Uno didn't have a home and was living in a shelter. From saving lives, to helping veterans, to performing in a circus, young readers will be amazed at what these special dogs can do. Look inside to find out more about Uno and other remarkable rescue dogs.

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