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*We are dedicated to the welfare
and rescue of greyhounds
especially those in Spain*

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News Update

Dear Friends,

We hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter and catch up on our work over the last six months. We have been very lucky this year with the weather for the many events, walks, street collections that you, our supporters, have kindly organised and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for all your hard work fundraising and also raising awareness of the plight of the greyhounds and galgos.

We would also like to thank all involved for once again supporting our summer raffle which, with tickets and linked donations, brought in around £4,000.

Tracey and Geraldine, at HQ, week after week, meticulously logged all the responses, and Martin Chivers of Chivers Cladding Limited in Egham kindly drew the winning tickets-



- **1st Prize - £1,000 - Ms Human from Essex**
- **2nd Prize - Short Break Holiday Voucher - Mr Ames from Essex**
- **3rd Prize - £100 - Mr Matthews from Berkshire**

There were also runner up prizes to entries from Surrey, Cornwall, East Sussex and Isle of Man.

We continue to receive some lovely coats and blankets for the dogs in Spain as well as kind donations of veterinary treatments, bandages etc. We send these throughout the year to the many shelters we work with in Spain. The last quarter of the year is the busiest time of the year for us and we are able to include special treats for the dogs in these boxes thanks to the generosity of our supporters who kindly donate to our **Christmas Treats Appeal**. We hope you will again take part this year, the form is on page 11.

Membership renewals can now be made for 2020, we will be sending out our reminder letters as many supporters ask us to remind them. The 2020 membership form is on page 23.

Please note that we can now accept membership payments, general donations, Christmas Treats Appeal donations over the phone. Please give us a call on 01784 483206.



News Update

We enclose our new merchandise catalogue and hope you will find something you like for you and/or your four legged friends. Larger photos and limited stock items can also be found on our website. Our Christmas cards are now available to order.

We continue to raise funds on eBay from the kind donations our supporters send or bring to the office. We are always looking for different items to sell.

If you are doing some Christmas shopping on-line you can help raise funds for us by going via the **Easyfundraising** website <https://easyfundraising.org.uk> it's a great way to raise money for charities, and there are many retailers taking part. You don't pay anything extra.

We also have an account now with **Amazon Smile**

<https://smile.amazon.com>

If you order from Amazon you just need to go via Amazon Smile and they donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchase to the charitable organization of your choice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracey and Geraldine and our local supporters for their help in the office and our supporters and volunteers around the country for all their hard work during the year which enables us to continue our work for the galgos and greyhounds.

I wish you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carolyn x



Trustees' pages

This is the last time I will be reporting on behalf of the trustees as their chairman.

By the time you read this I will have celebrated my 90th birthday and the time has come for me to stand down.



Meeting one of Charlotte's (112carlotagalgos) rescues

It has been a huge privilege for me to have been allowed to help shape the destinies of GIN for so long.

For me, ours is a very special charity because we concentrate all our energies on a single cause, the appalling plight of our beautiful and long-suffering galgos and greyhounds.

The problems we face in Spain sometimes seem overwhelming, but I take comfort from the fact that, without GIN, some 700 galgos and greyhounds each year would not have been rescued and happily rehomed.



As our supporters will know, we are spending more and more of their kind donations on education in Spain.

I am absolutely convinced that, alongside GIN's urgent rescue work, this is the only way we have any hope of bringing the abuse to an end.

Our dream must be the day we will no longer be needed.

education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

As I reported in our last Newsletter, we are putting in hand projects in Spain to memorialise our founder Anne Finch, without whose dedicated pioneering work, the abuse we fight would have remained unknown to the outside world for much longer. Even today it remains a secret from most people, even in Spain.

The first of these, tree planting and a beautiful sensory garden at Galgos del Sol is now complete and planning is well advanced for an important scheme at Arca de Noe.

In line with so many other charities we are seeing a decline in fundraising. This is perfectly understandable in the current climate of uncertainty and increasing pressure on incomes.

The trustees' policy is to cover all the charity's administration costs from day-to-day fundraising leaving our accumulated reserves for use in our many projects in Spain.



I have to report that we are suffering a shortfall in this respect and I would appeal to all our generous supporters to dig deep to help us to continue and expand our work. For instance, why not become a member—please see page 23. This kind of help is particularly valuable by giving us assured and continuing income.

As I leave the chair I must thank all our wonderful supporters for their generous help and faith in the work I have been so happy to have been a part of and my undying admiration for the dedication of our small but unflagging staff and their volunteer helpers. You have not quite got rid of me since my colleagues have kindly agreed to my continuing to be a trustee.

Martin
Chair of Trustees

**Please don't forget you can donate to GIN
over the phone—please ring 01784 483206**



The Galgo situation in Spain

We are very aware that much of the help we are able to give to the shelters in Spain, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, is at best first aid.

Our education programme is very much a long term project but like many charities we feel that education is the way forward and continue to be very pleased with the positive response this continues to receive.

We are often asked what can be done to prosecute the people who abandon and/or cruelly treat the galgos.

We have worked with ADANA in Badajoz for some years now. They do not have their own shelter and the dogs they help are placed in foster homes until adopted. We fund the veterinary and transport costs for their galgos travelling to Italy to homes.

They are a group who always denounce any abandoned dogs they rescue and will, when possible, take such cases to court.

We asked Eva at ADANA to write an article for us regarding the procedures they have to follow -

"Dear Friends,

When we find an abandoned dog, ADANA always denounces, even if the dog doesn't have a chip.

It's very important to do this and to record the day and time of the rescue, where, the conditions in which the dog was found and the vet who checked the chip. There have been cases where "the owner" has made a complaint against us for alleged misappropriation but thanks to the denouncement we have been able to show that the dog was abandoned or lost when found.

In order for a denouncement to be processed correctly and in a timely manner, everything has to be "perfect" with no loose ends and even then, many times it doesn't go forward and is filed.



Bubble, originally from ADANA, now homed in Italy

If the dog has a chip, the vet checks the official database and calls the phone number which appears in the register. Many times, it's impossible to locate someone and then we have to claim ownership of the dog via legal or administrative means.

If the owner is found..... there are many different situations, depending on the circumstances in which the dog is found and specially if it is a galgo. If the dog is a galgo, ADANA always tries to get the owner to hand the dog over. Almost always we manage to do this as the majority of the galgueros don't know what the procedure is when they lose a dog or when they give it to another galguero.

During all these years, we've had to return only one galgo because the galguero had reported his dog stolen and it was impossible to convince him to hand the dog over. In 100% of cases, even though they give the dog up to ADANA, a denouncement is made and in 99% of cases, they are punished via administrative means. In 1%, as in Roma's case, the abandonment was treated via judicial means. In any event, it's extremely emotionally draining, takes a lot of time and money.....

When we have to return a galgo it's very upsetting for us because in the majority of the cases, it will end badly, but for the moment it has happened only once, as we have told you. We will never remove a chip or do anything illegal. They're the criminals, not us and we must be consistent if we want to change this terrible situation with the galgos in Spain.

Fortunately, the team of lawyers who handle ADANA's cases are outstanding and when we go to court, we know that there is an 80% chance of winning. Up to now, they have done the work in an altruistic manner but obviously, we have to talk to them about starting to pay for their work. They dedicate a lot of time and fundamental work in the fight against abandonment and we can't do without it. Now comes one of our problems: the money....

This is a summary of the usual proceedings even though each case has its peculiarities. It's very important for you to know that not only do we denounce cruelty cases but also cases in which the "relevant authorities" have not acted according to the "Animal Protection Law of Extremadura".

A hug for all our friends at GIN."
Eva



We are very impressed with ADANA and the work they are doing. We sponsored their III Congreso De Derecho Animal De Extremadura in 2017. We have again offered some funding towards their legal costs regarding a cruelty case they are currently involved with involving 4 galgos.

SOS Galgos, Barcelona

We are pleased to be working again with Anna and Albert of SOS Galgos in Barcelona. Our first contact was some years ago when greyhounds from Ireland were being exported to Spain for racing. Many ended up at the Barcelona track.

Anna and Albert run a veterinary practice in Barcelona and became involved, with help from Anne (GIN), and other greyhound groups in rehoming 250 greyhounds who were no longer needed as after much campaigning the last racing track in Spain, in Barcelona, closed.

Anna and Albert's work for the dogs continues and their group has grown considerably over the years. They work with people in the Seville area and place rescued galgos in kennels there for initial veterinary checks. Once ready they are transported to Barcelona boarding kennels, near to Anna and Albert, where they can arrange for potential adopters to visit. They also work with a group in the USA and are able to send galgos to them for adoption.

We have been able to offer some funding towards their veterinary and transport costs.

They work hard on promoting legislation, informing and educating the public, working to change the Spanish perception towards galgos. We are very pleased that they are keen to promote and use our educational material.

In July, SOS Galgos Barcelona held a workshop at The American School of Barcelona, where the children learned about galgos and were given GIN's slap bands, stickers and fun items.



Photos: SOS Galgos





Christmas Treats for the Galgos !



Our Christmas Treats appeal for the Galgos has been very popular over the years and our parcels

to the shelters are always welcomed—especially by the dogs !

If you can support this appeal again this year we would be grateful.

Please complete the form below and send with your donation of £3 or more to Tracey in Egham.

Your Name

Your address.....

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Amount enclosed £_____

Please tick this box if you would like a receipt

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(Please make cheques payable to Greyhounds in Need CIO) and send to :

**Tracey Sanderson, Greyhounds in Need CIO,
5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE, UK**

OR You can also donate by phone—**01784 483206**

OR

On line at  and



These kids have the #teamgalgo spirit

A big thank you to these lovely children who collected 30€ on their own to buy things for the animals cared for at Arca de Noè.

They came to the shelter on 2nd Sept. to give their donation in person and meet some of the dogs and cats and they certainly have what it takes to join **#teamgalgo**

The new term has started and more shelter and school visits are being arranged.



The children love to take part in the many activities that we have on our website and it is always hard to pick the winners from the many competition entries we receive. Pietro (left) is one of the prizes they can win and he is proving to be very popular.



We are pleased that our education material is being downloaded regularly by many in Spain. Our activities are also on the www.tes.com website which provides a range of primary and secondary school teaching resources including lesson plans, worksheets and student activities for all curriculum subjects.

We are always looking for new photographs to include in our education material. If you have any photographs of your adopted galgo or galgos enjoying life in their new home with your family and are happy for us to use them in our material/website please email them to us at:

info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

They need to be high resolution. We are particularly looking for photos of galgos with families, with children if possible so that we can show what wonderful pets they make.



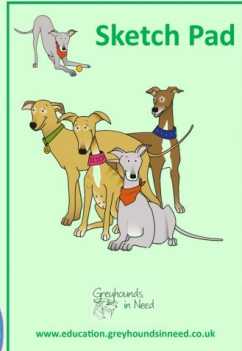
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Learn with galgos

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Download now!



Work in Spain

Galgos del Sol, Murcia

We have supported Tina and her team at Galgos del Sol for many years now. They work tirelessly helping the galgos and we have been able to fund the initial veterinary costs for many galgos they have rescued as well as funding projects at their centre.

In our last newsletter we mentioned the kind donations we had received in memory of our Founder, Anne Finch, and after funding the planting of 100 trees at Galgos del Sol, in her memory, we offered additional funding to expand the sensory garden at the centre.

This project is now complete and will help Tina and her team rehabilitate the galgos giving them a quiet, calm area away from the main kennels to socialise and gain confidence with new surroundings and people.

Anne's three legged galgo, Mario, came from Galgos de Sol.



Galgos en Familia, Malaga

We were able to visit Vera and her team at Galgos en Familia in Malaga earlier this year. They have moved to new, larger premises since our last visit.

They work tirelessly to help the galgos in their area and it was lovely to see that they have more space now and the galgos were enjoying themselves in the paddock area.

They have converted old stables into kennels and also have a nice area where the galgos can be socialised.

At the time of our visit there were some lovely puppies that we could cuddle!

It was nice to visit the new premises and to have the opportunity to talk to Vera and her team about their ongoing work.

We have supported Galgos en Familia for some years now by funding the initial veterinary costs for some of the galgos they are able to rescue.



112carlotagalgos, Malaga

We were recently able to visit Charlotte and Dioni at 112carlotagalgos in Malaga. They had moved premises since our last visit so we were all excited to see their new finca.

It was larger than their previous finca but Charlotte and Dioni have worked hard to make it a lovely place for the galgos to live and be cared for until they are ready for adoption.

They have recently added a clinic building to their premises and having a vet on site certainly eases the burden on Charlotte as the regular visits to the vets with so many dogs took up a lot of her day. We were very impressed with the clinic and were able to meet Rosa, the vet. Charlotte had asked us for some help with the clinic and this made our visit very important so that we could see for ourselves what was needed. Leigh, one of our Trustees, himself a vet, was able to discuss the clinic and equipment with Rosa and Charlotte and we are pleased to say that we have funded the purchase of the following veterinary equipment to aid their work.

- **Oxygen Concentrator**
- **Anaesthetic Machine**
- **Scales**
- **Operating Lamp**
- **Laryngoscope**
- **Anaesthetic circuits and consumables**
- **Surgical Tray**
- **Suture materials**
- **Anaesthetic Monitoring machine**
- **Surgical equipment**

This year we have also given funding towards initial veterinary costs for 24 galgos they have rescued.

Photos: 112carlotagalgos



RECAL, Almendralejo

The last project we funded at RECAL in Almendralejo covered repairs to the kennel area as well as some improvements to the shaded areas. Once the building work was completed Mada and her team finished the kennels off by giving them a lick of paint.



APAPA, Ayamonte

Claudette and her team at APAPA continue to rescue many dogs, all breeds, and we have been able to support their work for the galgos for some time now.

One of the galgos they helped recently gave birth to five pups soon after arrival so they had their hands full looking after them. They named one GIN (Ginny). They have been busy finding homes for them.

Claudette is keen to get an education program set up in their area for children aged from 6-16.

Their program will involve visits to the schools and to the APAPA shelter to meet the dogs, and cats!

They are looking forward to using the new activities on our site and taking part in the picture drawing contest.



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**Greyhounds in Need CIO — Gift Aid declaration—
multiple donation**

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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donation I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Greyhounds in Need CIO

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Please notify Greyhounds in Need CIO if you:

- . Want to cancel this declaration
- . Change your name or home address
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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

How you can help GIN



We are very grateful to many supporters who work hard throughout the year fundraising for GIN but we are always in need of more helpers. If you feel you can organize an event, have a table at a car boot sale, organise a street / store collection, sponsored walk please contact us. We can provide literature to display.

We can promote these events on our main charity website, Facebook and Twitter pages and do mailshots to supporters in the area to encourage support.

These events are very important for the charity as they not only raise much needed funds but they raise awareness of our work and the plight of the galgos. It is also good for the charity to have new members join us, often after they have picked up literature at an event they want to help, and some people have gone on to adopt one of our galgos.



Sponsored events can be added to our JustGiving site making it easier for people to sponsor on-line
<https://www.justgiving.com/gin/Donate>



Our Facebook page receives many "likes" and this has also led to home offers for our dogs. Events can be placed on there to attract more visitors/sponsors. If you have time please visit and "like us" You can add photos and news of your own dogs on here and message other greyhound and galgo owners, exchanging ideas and offering help/advice to new and potential adopters.

<http://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed>



Our Twitter account is also growing in followers. Please visit to read our news and retweet our messages to help spread the word.

https://twitter.com/@galgos_GIN



We are also on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/greyhoundsinneed.uk>



Visit our on-line shop and treat yourself or your four legged friend

<http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>

Please continue to send us your used British and foreign stamps as these are sorted and sold in special packs on the internet. Also if you have any unwanted silver or gold jewellery—even if broken, or foreign coins please send these along to us as funds can be raised from these items.

Donations can be made to GIN in a number of ways:

Cheques and postal orders can be sent to our office in Egham.

Regular monthly donations can be set up by standing order (page 18)
Donations can be made on line at



OR



Please don't forget that our merchandise can be purchased on-line or over the phone and donations, memberships and sponsorships can be paid over the phone too —**01784 483206**



We have an account on eBay where items can be sold and 100 % of the proceeds go to GIN. It is possible for our supporters to sell their items on eBay (if they have an account) and ask for a percentage or all of the money raised to go to GIN.

easyfundraising

.org.uk

Easyfundraising is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes just by shopping online.

You don't pay anything extra. Just shop on-line via the website - <https://easyfundraising.org.uk> Over 2,700 retailers can be found on the site including Amazon, eBay, Tesco, M&S and Argos

Why not become a member of GIN—our membership fee is £12 for the calendar year (£6 for non-wage earners).

We are fortunate to receive many coats for the galgos and send these to Spain throughout the year. We have the coat patterns on our website if you feel you can help us -

<http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/howyoucanhelp/coat.htm>

and

<http://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/teaching-resources/>

Other items always needed in Spain -

- * collars, leads and muzzles
- * feeding and water bowls
- * antiparasitics like Frontline and Drontal
- * wound sprays, bandages

Please don't forget to recycle your old ink cartridges to help GIN



— we can provide postage paid envelopes



Martin mentioned earlier in this newsletter that last year we suffered a shortfall in day-to-day fundraising. Like many charities we are always looking for new ideas to help raise funds to continue and expand our work for the greyhounds and galgos.

Can you help us?

On pages 20 and 21 there are lots of ways people can help GIN and we are very grateful, and often amazed, at the different ideas people come up with to raise funds but it is getting harder.

We have meetings throughout the year and often ask supporters/contacts to come along to particular meetings and very much value and appreciate their knowledge and expertise on the subject of the meeting, e.g. education.

Sam Taylor of edProjects has worked on our education programme since the beginning and her expertise and contacts have been invaluable to us.



We realise that on-line giving is getting more popular and social media generally is huge.



Social media has grown so much over recent years and we feel we need to concentrate more effort on this way of promoting our charity.



We are always looking for people to help us. Again, we would be pleased to hear from any supporters who have expertise in social media / promotion / advertising work and can offer some time to help/advise us.



If you feel you can help us in anyway please give us a call on **01784 483206**



or email us—info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

We will be pleased to hear from you!



TO:

Membership Secretary,
Greyhounds in Need CIO, 5A, 80 High
Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE

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annual fee of £12 (£6 minimum for non-
wage earners) to cover the period :

1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Membership can also be paid by standing order, please
complete the form on page 18 and return with
this completed form to the address above.



Membership can also be paid over the phone—01784 483206

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Newsletter by email

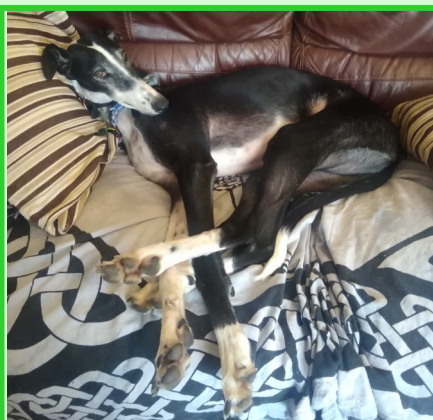
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Newsletter by post

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Lara, from Macau, now
homed in France



Gandalf enjoys his life
with Melanie in Nottingham



Mateo "chilling" on his
comfortable bed after
a lovely long walk with
the Lincolnshire
Sighthound Group

Canela originally
from RECAL, happily
homed in France
thanks to Therese
and ALM



Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Creta, originally from Albacete, now homed in Slovenia



Django, originally from APAPA, Ayamonte, now homed in France



Chilling in France !

More happily homed greyhounds and galgos can be seen in the Homing Gallery on our website and on our FB, Twitter and Instagram pages

News from Cheshire and the North West

Hello again everyone,

When I was invited to write a piece for this latest edition of the Greyhounds in Need newsletter, I wondered if I would have enough news to contribute, but when I looked in my diary I discovered that in fact a lot has happened since my last update in March.

On 3rd April 2019 one of our dearest friends and most loyal volunteers, Carol Gray, passed away after a long battle with illness. Carol and her husband, Steven, together with the greyhounds they have homed for us over the years, travelled from their home in Cleveleys many hundreds of miles to support Greyhounds in Need. Carol remained cheerful and optimistic throughout her life, and one of my lasting memories is seeing her whizzing home on her mobility scooter after our fundraising event in Cleveleys last September! Carol is very much missed by us all, especially by Steven and their greyhounds Natalie and Mary. A very big thank you from everyone at GIN for the donations to the Charity following Carol's funeral.

We have reduced our fundraising activities considerably this year, but have still enjoyed two successful street collections in Cleveleys in May and August. We had an excellent turnout of volunteers with their dogs on both dates in spite of the dreadful weather on the morning of 31st August when the heavens opened. Fortunately we enjoyed warm sunshine in the afternoon and we were well supported as usual by the locals and tourists visiting the resort.



We enjoyed a Social Dog Walk at one of our favourite venues, Marbury Country Park, in April, when we were joined by a large group of volunteers, several of whom gave GIN a donation, even though it had not been planned as a fundraising event.

We do have many amazing and generous supporters.

We will be organising another walk in Marbury later in the year when I hope to have GIN Christmas cards, calendars and other merchandise for sale.

We will also be organising a walk around Hollingworth Lake, near Rochdale, which we were unable to arrange during the summer months because, can you believe it, the weather was too hot and there is not much shade for the dogs when walking around the Lake. We can look forward to the hot chocolate and marshmallows from the cafe instead now that the weather is turning colder. Don't forget to keep an eye on the GIN Facebook and Events pages for dates and details of both these walks.

We have recently lost another of our four legged volunteers who had been a stalwart of our fundraising and social events for many years. Arthur would have been 14 years old in October, which is an amazing age for any greyhound to reach. Arthur had lived with Jen and Roy for over 12 years and had enjoyed a wonderful life. In his later years he enjoyed many happy holidays travelling around the country in their touring caravan. Arthur will be especially missed by his mum and dad as well as his greyhound brother Freddie.



(back to front) -Trish, Rosey, Arthur and Polly

We ourselves have been joined by a new volunteering recruit Rosie. She is a beautiful young black greyhound who is already getting into mischief and causing mayhem amongst her older greyhound sisters, Polly and Trish. We are looking forward to you meeting her at our future events and to taking her on holiday with us next year to Cornwall. We had a lovely holiday in Cornwall this year, when we were joined by five of our friends and fellow volunteers. Between us all there were 4 greyhounds and 6 galgos and podencos enjoying the wonderful Cornish countryside.

That is all my news from the north for now. I hope that the autumn weather is kind to us and that we can arrange at least two more get togethers before the winter nights draw in.

Looking forward to meeting up with you all again very soon

Sue, Phil and Carol.



Polly on holiday in Cornwall

Volunteers from Cheshire and the North West

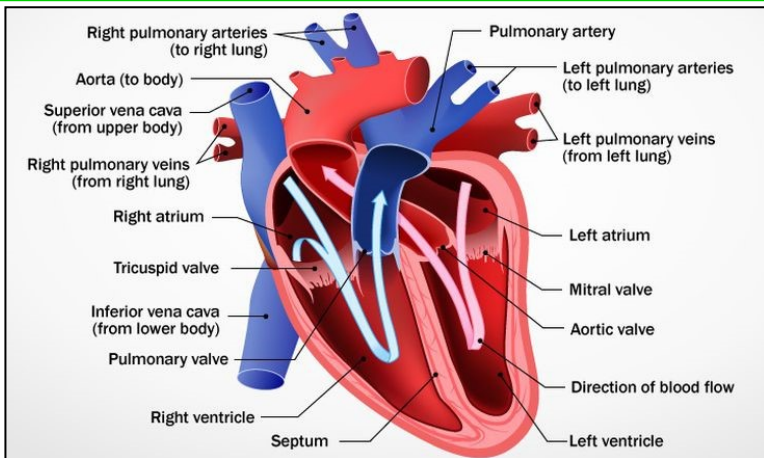
Vet's Corner

Heart disease in Dogs

Heart disease comes in many forms but the two main categories would be acquired and congenital disease.

Congenital disease is where a heart problem is present from birth whereas

acquired disease occurs later in life. This article will discuss acquired heart disease for which there are two main types in dogs: mitral valve disease (MVD) and dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM).



Mitral Valve Disease (MVD)

When the heart beats to pump blood around the body a valve should close to stop blood moving from the left ventricle chamber (which supplies the body) and the left atrium chamber (which receives oxygenated blood from the lungs and pumps it into the left ventricle). In MVD this valve closes but there is a small gap in the valve allowing for leakage of blood in the wrong direction. This causes an audible heart murmur which is heard as a 'whooshing' noise using a stethoscope. This over time causes enlargement of the left atrium due to increased pressure in this chamber which in turn can press against the windpipe causing a cough.

Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM)

Dilated cardiomyopathy is where the heart has a disease of the muscle where over time the heart becomes globular in shape and markedly enlarged and becomes unable to beat properly. A heart murmur tends to be heard further into the disease, as when the heart enlarges, the valves are pulled apart leaving a gap much like in MVD. This means that heart disease can be present with no overt symptoms or murmurs being present even in the face of quite advanced DCM and unfortunately this can lead to sudden death.

Predispositions

Although any dog can get either of the above conditions certain breeds of dog are more prone to one or the other. Smaller breeds of dog (such as Cavalier king Charles spaniels, terriers etc.) are more prone to MVD but larger dogs including Greyhounds are more prone to DCM.

Congestive Heart Failure

In mainly MVD but also in DCM often the end point is that the heart is unable to meet the body's requirements and then this leads to congestive heart failure (CHF). This is when the heart is not working efficiently enough leading to a backlog of blood flow causing fluid to build up in the lungs. This in turn makes it harder for the heart to work and also leads to coughing.

Diagnosis:

The way we diagnose these cases is by listening for murmurs or abnormal rhythms, ultrasound to actually visualise the heart, x-rays to check for fluid in the lungs and heart size and ECGs (electrocardiograms) to assess the electrical activity of the heart.

Treatment:

Treatment of CHF involves three main drugs, one to improve how well the heart pumps, one to reduce the work the heart has to do and one to remove excess fluid building up in the lungs. In the past few years one of these drugs has been proven to give an extra 15 months of symptom free life. This requires dogs with significant heart murmurs to have a heart scan to assess if the drug would be appropriate.

How to monitor at home:

The main symptoms to be aware of are coughing, exercise intolerance, increased resting respiratory rate (should be <35 breaths per minute when asleep) and fainting or collapse. If any of these are occurring then you should take a trip to the vet for a check.

Dr Alex Howell

Willett House Veterinary Surgeons



TRIBUTES

I am very sorry

to tell you, that

Pirri left us forever. But I am very glad to tell you, that he had such a good life and was so happy and grateful for living in our family and, over all, he had much more good lifetime than we had expected.

Here, in our home, he really changed from a very sad submissive position, without looking upwards, to a loved and self-confident personality: opening the kitchen door by himself and moving free inside and outside the house without restraining himself.....

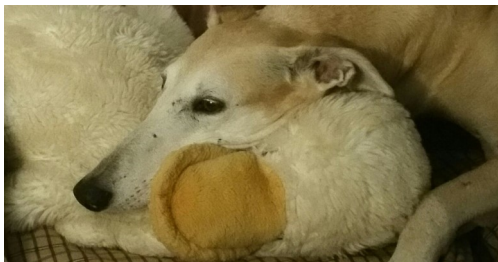
He always slept on his mattress at my husband's side of the bed. We were happy about it. But finally his legs failed. We were able to give him a very smooth death. With all my love to you and all my admiration and respect for your work and engagement,

Michaela Dettar



We thought we'd drop you a short message to advise **Galatea** was sadly sent over the Rainbow Bridge on 29th August at 9am. She was diagnosed with Cushings Disease about a week ago but there were other underlying issues, heart issues and kidney and liver failure. We did not want to subject her to tests to find out all the issues, she had suffered enough over the last few weeks and, over the last few days, you could see she wanted a rest from it all.

She reached the grand age of 12 and, being a big girl at 38kg, she did so well. She was loving until the end, an amazing lady who suffered so much in her early years but gave us so much back being part of our four legged family. We will all miss her dearly, especially Holly - who is very lost at the moment without her Galgo friend. Thank you Greyhounds in Need for giving Galatea a second chance - she deserved all the love available and she gave us so much in return. Always in our thoughts xxxxx Linda and Roy



✖ **Chica**, we were sad to hear from Elaine that Chica had passed away. She had been poorly for some time but up until recently still enjoyed her walks with Tina and Wenda. We are very grateful to Elaine and John for giving her a lovely home.

✖ Maggie and Martin in France have had to say goodbye to their galga, **Sophie**.

Maggie wrote ...She had been 'suffering' for a few weeks. and could not get into the car or be comfortable as this seemed to stir up her back legs. Bearing in mind she was the non sitting make of Galgo.....It's was a hard decision, but at the end of the day its quality of life and happiness for the dog that matters. I think she has had a good innings, at least 10 years plus. She had been a bit difficult at first but mellowed and has been much loved in the town.



Maggie and Martin

Our dear **Percy** left us on 30th June after a long and healthy life. He was the centre of our lives and the house still seems strangely empty. We still reach for the lead when going for a walk. Percy was quite famous in the GIN world. Under his Spanish name of Nico his story and picture formed the basis of our first teaching materials in our education programme for Spanish schoolchildren. Furthermore, Percy was the cover boy for Angela's book *Memoirs of a Party Animal*. When Percy first came into our lives he was completely "shut down" and it took nearly a year of TLC to bring him out of his traumatised state following his ghastly experiences in Spain where he was found near Albacete caught in a leg trap while searching for food. Percy became a happy dog and lived with us for 13 years enjoying his daily walks on Hampstead Heath where so many people exclaimed "what a beautiful dog!" How right they were! His passing was mercifully quick. He returned from his walk on the Heath and collapsed on the floor in front of us. He was at the vet within half an hour where he was found to have had a serious heart attack. Martin and Angela Humphery



We are very sad to have to report that we lost our dear old **Sam** recently. When we took him home originally it was to be for a short period until a permanent home could be found. However, we noticed that he was losing weight and generally seemed a bit lethargic so we took him to the vet and after a series of tests it transpired that Sam had a serious kidney condition, and the prognosis was that he probably had not more than six months to live.

We were, of course, devastated and resolved to keep him, and give him the best last six months possible. He must of rather approved of this arrangement—he survived for 6½ years! During this time he made countless friends, even a pen pal in the USA. He was the last of the GIN "office dogs". He took it upon himself to become the unofficial greeter, closely scrutinising all visitors, although if they had biscuits or similar about their person they were always likely to be admitted. He was bewildered for a while when we lost Mary-Anne a couple of years ago, and he kept searching the home for her. However, he came to accept her absence and to appreciate the benefits of having a sofa all to himself and not having to bolt down all his food as soon as it was placed in his bowl before his greedy "sister" could help herself. He was the friendliest of dogs (although there are a few squirrels who might dispute this!) and was always greeted warmly by passers-by, children, and fishermen on his walks. We miss him enormously and will always remember him as a much loved family pet. Goodbye old friend and thank you for all those happy times. Geraldine and Tom



✧ **Blanco** was in the first group of galgos to come over on the pet passport scheme and was kennelled in Glos.

Release day was a bitterly cold winters day with snow and ice on the ground. Most of the dogs had home offers, but Blanco, being so nervous, did not present himself very well. I took pity on him and didn't want to leave him on his own at the kennels.

Sue and her husband very kindly drove me there and back and Blanco came home with me to join our galga Annie.

Blanco was so fearful of many things-people, doorways and gateways, traffic etc He enjoyed off lead runs, and although he stayed nearby, was very reluctant to be caught again.

Careful management and patience won the day, but it took several months to overcome problems with house training due to his extreme anxiety. It was so rewarding to see him gradually, little by little, blossom into the most kind, gentle and affectionate boy, who was wonderful with everybody he met,

even the smallest child. Had he been my only dog I would have made him a "Pets as Therapy" dog.

Very recently I knew instinctively something wasn't quite right as he lost a kilo in weight A blood test, scans and x-rays plus four samples from a prostatic "wash" came back as positive for transitional cell carcinoma - a terminal condition, which is very unusual in a neutered male. We also discovered he had two shot gun pellets in him. My wonderful caring vet was in agreement that no intervention would take place, except an anti-inflammatory medication to help reduce his enlarged prostate. What ever time he had left, we wanted him to be as comfortable and happy as possible. Pressure on the bladder and bowel increased, and watching him carefully on that last day, he seemed tired, and reluctant to get in the car for his usual walk. After much deliberation that afternoon, he was put to sleep, peacefully lying on his duvet at the vets on 9.8.19., aged about 9½ years. Such a very special and loved boy, so sadly missed by me and his companion, Marcia, for whom he was her "rock" for almost five years. I gave him the best life any dog could wish for.

Catherine



✧ **Tigger** (Tango)...I am very sorry to tell you that we had to say goodbye to him about a month ago. He became very ill very quickly, he had been his usual self all morning but declined his afternoon walk. He started whimpering, and when we tried to get him to move he could not stand. We phoned the vet who said to bring him in immediately, which we did carrying him on his bed to the car. When they examined him they found that he had had some kind of trauma which had affected the nerves in his back and legs. They offered to do some tests and scans on him to find out what had happened, but at his age 13, we did not want to put him through any more discomfort. The vet said the kindest thing we could do was to put him to sleep. It was the hardest decision we had to make. He had been our loving companion on all our outings, enjoying all the things we did together. Everyone wanted to pat and make a fuss of him, which he enjoyed, and said what a kind dog he was...

Joan and Doug Mayes

✧ It is with a heavy heart I write to let you know we had to unexpectedly say a sad farewell to **Harlem** on 21.8.19.It was 2008 we first saw you a full white galgo. So timid and shy you dare not take a biscuit from us. Even though Simba was chosen, when ever I came to visit her you would be sitting so proud with a woof hello. "I'd say hello Harlem" It must have been fate that your homing fell through. Just a week with Simba I was off to collect you, on arrival home Dom saw you and said "he's a big dog" hence one of your nick names—big dog, doggy woof woof, and Super H. We were so proud of you winning 3rd prize at Leicester Sighthound Show –Best Veteran. You were a spiritual friend even when you became a tri-paw you could still give your friends a clean pair of paws. Every one who met you thought you were marvellous. Laid to rest next to Simba we will miss our house protector, your happy chatting teeth your company, our 16½ year old Super H.

Bev, Dom, Ray and Missy xx

Our Galgos



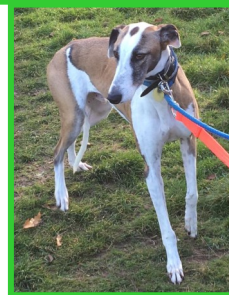
In our last newsletter we reported that **Wilma, Lluvia, Nico and Rafi** had all been adopted and we are happy to report that they are all doing well in their new homes. Brisa, now **Marisa**, was next to leave and has settled in well in her new home on the Isle of Wight. Nayma has now been adopted and doing well in her new home in London.



It is so sad to see **Carbonero** is the only galgo left in the kennels waiting for a new home. Prospective new owners just see a very nervous dog, so he gets over-looked. I and other GIN supporters who walk him, have really taken to him and can see his potential as a really lovely companion.



He will need a quiet, kind, caring and understanding home. Someone who has the time and patience to gain his trust and watch him blossom. Ideally an experience of sighthounds would be a distinct advantage. He would be best placed with another confident dog. A house with a securely fenced garden would help his rehabilitation. **Please**, there must be someone out there who could take this lovely handsome boy—could it be you?



Catherine

We have delayed the arrival of our next group of galgos, dare we say because of Brexit, but we are making arrangements now and will add their photos and details to the website soon.

Sponsorship

Our sponsorship scheme was started some years ago when we brought galgos into quarantine, for later homing in the UK.

We have continued the scheme for the galgos we are still able to bring into the UK and this continues to help with the costs involved in carrying out the necessary veterinary care needed to comply with our import regulations. The scheme also helps with the boarding costs we incur in Spain, whilst the dogs are undergoing checks/treatment, and in the UK until they are homed.



As the dogs are homed quite quickly it has become harder to allocate particular dogs to our sponsors and for this reason we changed the sponsorship scheme to cover all the sponsor dogs and we write to sponsors with news on them when they arrive and as they are homed. We are very grateful to our sponsors for the support they have given us over the years.

If you would like to **sponsor our galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form on page 35 and return it to us.

If you feel you **could offer a home** to a galgo please give us a call on 01784 483206 or email us - info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Our full homing pack, which includes the homing questionnaire, is available to download from our website -



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