

Greyhounds in Need



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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,

It is hard to believe that it is newsletter time again. This year has been a very difficult one for all of us. From March—August we took it in turns to come to the office each day to deal with post and orders and worked from home the rest of the time. From the beginning of September myself and Tracey went back to the office full-time and we have been working on this newsletter and the enclosed catalogue and generally catching up with everything.

We would like to thank all involved for once again supporting our summer raffle which, with tickets and linked donations, brought in around £9,400.

Due to the current situation our Trustee, Geraldine Jones, kindly drew the winning tickets for us -

**1st Prize - £1,000—
Mrs Swann, Worcestershire**

**2nd Prize - £500—Mrs Barford,
Worcestershire**

**3rd Prize - £100 - Mrs Fenwick,
Co.Durham**

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

A big THANK YOU from all of us at GIN to all of you who responded so generously to our raffle during these difficult times, making it a great success.

We mentioned in our last newsletter that we had to delay the arrival of our galgos who were due to arrive in April. I am pleased to say they finally arrived in June and have all been adopted (please see page 16) We were also able to bring 15 more galgos over in July—please see pages 17-20 for the latest news on them.

We have had a lot of interest in the galgos and home visits and kennel visits have taken longer to organise. We have been fortunate to have help with the homing from a local GIN supporter, Sue Sarney. Sue has adopted two galgos from GIN over the years and organised and helped at many events. She has been able to contact potential adopters and organise some socially distanced home and kennel visits for us.



As schools are reopening here and abroad we hope that the education project will be able to start again.

We have had some nice comments from parents who have been downloading some children's activities from our site during lockdown.

We included a couple of pages in our last newsletter for your children, grandchildren to complete and were pleased to receive some completed sheets back. We include a Christmas page in this newsletter (page 15) which you may like to give to your children, grandchildren. All completed pages returned to us by 12th December will receive a prize in time for Christmas.

It can cost between
£36 and £60 to test
one galgo for the
Mediterranean
diseases



It has been strange for us not having any events to organise this year, we had lots of plans at the beginning of the year but events were postponed. We now look forward to next year when we hope things will be better for everyone.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank many of our supporters who came up with different ways to help fundraise. Some grew plants in their gardens to sell to neighbours, some put items on eBay to sell to raise funds and many of you supported our appeal for food donations for the galgos in Spain, raising nearly £4,000. We were therefore able to offer this help to Galgos del Sol, Galgos en Familia, Arca de Noe and SOS Galgos.

We mentioned in our last newsletter about an event at Buscot Park but this has been postponed now until next year. Please keep looking at our website and Facebook pages as we will post on there news of events as and when these are booked.

We enclose our latest merchandise catalogue and hope you will take a look and find some gifts for you and your four legged friends, We have more items and some limited stock items on line <https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop/>

It just remains for me to say a very big **THANK YOU** to all of you, our supporters and volunteers, without the support you have given us over the years, especially this last year, we would not have been able to achieve what we have for the lovely greyhounds and galgos.

Please take care, keep safe and hopefully soon life will get back to normal for us all. I wish you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carolyn x



Trustees' pages

Dear Friends,

I would firstly like to thank Martin for writing so many Trustee Pages. The Trustees will now be taking turns and I somehow drew the short straw to take the first turn.

From the early part of 2020 times became different and very difficult. Huge thanks must go to our loyal HQ staff, Carolyn and Tracey. They took turns each working one day at home and alone at the office the following day. It is not easy to carry out your normal role from two bases when you are used to having everything to hand under one roof. They have done a remarkable job and I am sure they are relieved to be back at the office working together.

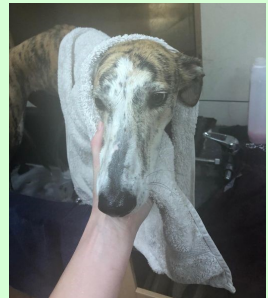
In June we were finally able to bring into the UK the first group of Galgos this year followed by another group in July, this time from Galgos del Sol.

We are lucky to have found some kennels where the care is nothing short of a five star hotel service. The staff go above and beyond ensuring all is well. The dogs all have a bath to keep them looking their best for visitors and potential adopters.

Homing is going very well despite it taking longer to process applications due to restrictions of the pandemic. It is amazing how the interest in Galgos has increased since the outbreak of Covid 19. We have a large list of people showing possible interest in adopting a Galgo.

Like all charities we have suffered a dip in regular donations, but our Summer Raffle was very successful thanks to our loyal supporters.

Tokio

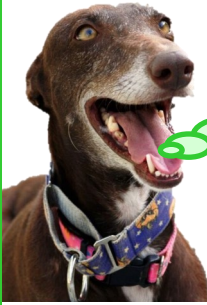


Mike



Tyko





It can cost approx.
£12 for flea and
worm treatments

We have been able to continue our important work with the Galgos and are still able to support over 100 ex-racing Greyhounds being homed in France, Italy, and the UK.

We are incredibly grateful for continued donations of dog coats, blankets, towels, collars, leads, muzzles, and dog food which enable us to regularly send large boxes of these items to support the work of the shelters in Spain.

The shelters are very appreciative of the contents of these boxes and I have it on good authority that the Galgos get really excited when the boxes arrive and get opened. They gather round to see what goodies they have.

We need to continue sending these gifts so please continue to donate whatever you can.



Photos: RECAL

Many thanks,

Pat



Please note that we can accept membership payments, general donations, sponsorships as well as merchandise orders over the phone.

Please give us a call on 01784 483206

The Story of Mike

Since the beginning of the current crisis, all the Spanish shelters have been and are still under great strain and, in April, GIN received an urgent request from ADANA of Badajoz for financial help with a young galgo called Mike.



Mike, a young, two-year-old, long haired galgo, had spent many months surviving as best he could in the countryside, hobbling on three legs, until he approached a local farm where the farmer took pity and started feeding him. The farmer eventually contacted ADANA who took Mike in.

Mike had a limp, grade 5/5 and couldn't put his rear right foot down due to an old, very complicated and untreated fracture of the femur. The fact that Mike was hobbling on 3 legs and unable to hunt was probably why his owner/hunter threw him out.

ADANA took Mike to the vet where he had 2 leg operations which went well but due to bad muscle wasting and shortening over the previous months, Mike had to have a period of intensive physiotherapy to help the muscles recover and be able to put his right leg down again.



ADANA asked if GIN would be able to help with Mike's veterinary costs and we are pleased to say that we were able to pay them in full.

We, at GIN, are always extremely grateful to all our supporters for their very kind and generous donations, be they large or small, as they make it possible for us to support the shelters' requests for help. Every penny counts!!

Throughout May, Mike had intensive physiotherapy and ADANA told us that, despite all his pain and suffering, Mike was a very loving, sociable, happy and playful galgo. Even the physiotherapists had fallen in love with him!!

Whilst Mike was having his physiotherapy, a Forever Home was found for him in Germany with a lovely family and garden and on 29th May Mike started his journey Home Forever!!

Once Home, Mike continued to have physiotherapy and is going from strength to strength now. He's well, loved, safe and happy which is all a galgo/a ever asks for.

There are thousands more galgos waiting for their chance of a happy life, just like Mike.

Christine
GIN Trustee



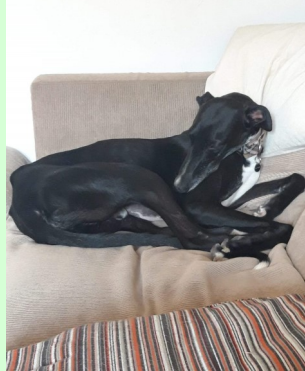
It can cost approx. £30
to prepare pet passport
papers for a galgo, incl.
microchipping

Photos: ADANA

Transportations

Many dogs have stayed longer at the shelters in Spain due to the Coronavirus pandemic as countries went into lockdown. The situation in some countries has become a bit easier and transports of dogs has been allowed again.

We were pleased that Arca de Noe in Albacete were one of the first shelters to be able to move galgos again. Sole told us that 52 galgos have travelled to France to new homes. Le clan des levriers found great homes for 4 galgos and Association Levriers 74 found 48 very good families. Here are photos of some of the dogs now settling in their new homes.



Photos: Association Levriers 74

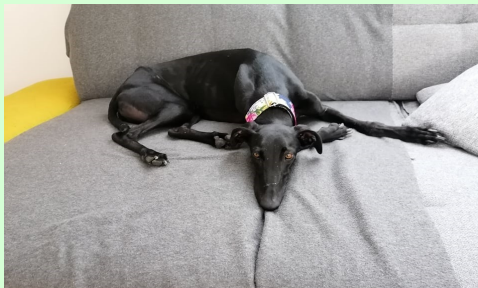
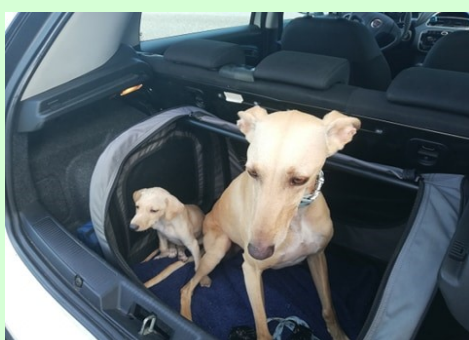
GACI have been able to take 40 galgos for homing in Italy. They always make a lovely video of their arrival in Modena, definitely worth watching (link right).



<https://youtu.be/YpOFW9-Ib8g>

Nina and her team of SASIN in Slovenia were able to go to Arca de Noe again to collect more galgos. Here are some photos Nina sent us of her visit to the shelter and some of the dogs she was able to take, already settled in their new homes.

Photos: POMOC HRTOM



Catherine Madry of Levriers en Detresse took four galgos, Kody, Paco, Latina and Menta on the same transport as our June galgos. They are now enjoying life in France.

In June and July our galgos for the UK could travel—more news on pages 16-20. We have two videos of their arrival on our website, these videos were kindly made by Eva and Jorge of Todopatás. Please take a look.



Eva, Catherine and Corinne



<https://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed/videos/297409098120741/>



https://youtu.be/mOp99T_lq9w



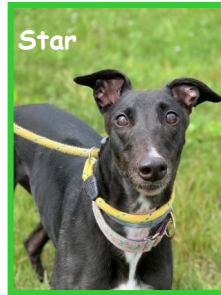
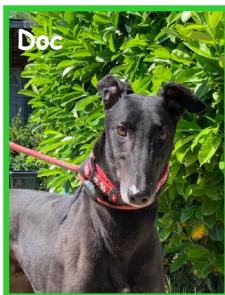
Photo: Galgos del Sol

The shelters in Spain have had to cope with many more dogs over recent months due to lockdown.

Volunteers have had to obtain special permission in order to visit the shelters to look after the dogs. Thanks to the response we received to the food appeal in our last newsletter we have been able to offer them additional help during these difficult months.

As well as Arca de Noe, RECAL in Almendralejo, APAPA in Ayamonte and Galgos en Familia in Malaga have all been able to resume transports.

Catherine and her team also help ex-racing greyhounds. In October they will be looking forward to the arrival of Raider, Pancho, Doc, Princess, Star and Zico from England.



GACI also help ex-racing greyhounds from Ireland and as soon as transports were possible they arranged two transports taking 42 greyhounds. You can see a video of their arrival in Modena here -



<https://youtu.be/fjQxjxN6trU>



<https://youtu.be/6GWMq7Bdb-U>

Elisa, Chiara, Lily, Sabrina and their team work tirelessly to find lovely homes for around 150 greyhounds each year, as well as over 100 galgos.

We have been able to fund the veterinary costs for the galgos, along with some transport costs. We also contribute towards the transport and some boarding costs for the greyhounds. We are very grateful to the adoption groups for finding homes for the dogs.



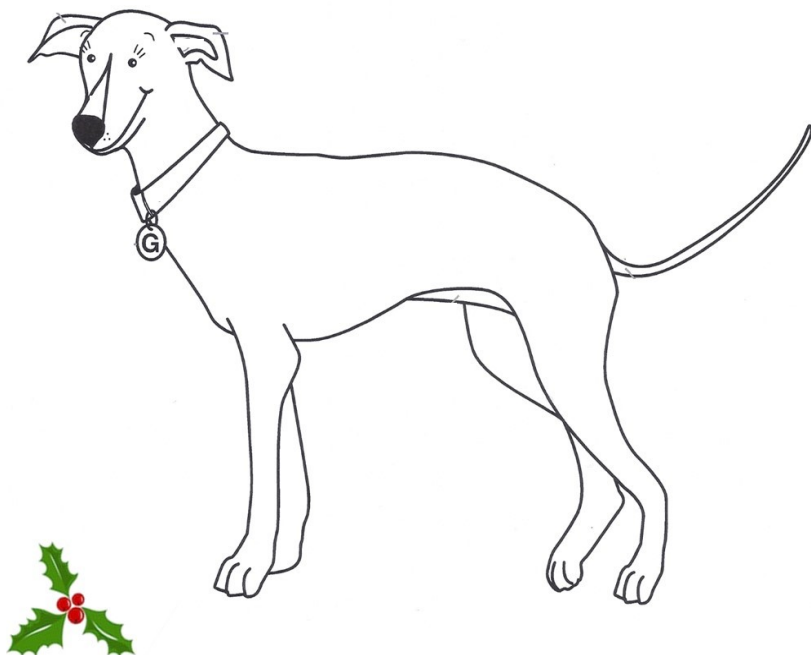
Please visit our on-line
shop where you will
find lots of gifts
for you and your
four legged
friends !



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

Please colour me
a Christmas coat

Greyhounds
in Need



Ginny is the Greyhounds in Need galga. She was rescued from her life in Spain and now helps to raise awareness of the galgos. She helps young people and children to learn all about galgos, so that more galgos can have loving homes just like she does.

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

Please send completed pictures to Greyhounds in Need CIO at
5a, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey TW20 9HE or ✉ info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk
before 12th December, 2020, so that we can send out your prize before Christmas !

Our June Galgos

Our April galgos finally arrived in June and were soon adopted. Elvis, now **Jake**, was the first to leave and he has been adopted by our Trustee Geraldine and her husband Tom. He is getting used to his new home and becoming very popular in the neighbourhood. He has already visited the GIN office to make sure we are working hard.



Jake



Olive and Basil



Cati

Next to leave was Katy, now **Cati**, and she is settling well with Sherilyn and her family in Reading.

Kay, now **Basil**, and Kesa, now **Olive**, have been homed together with Danielle, James and family in Newbury. They are enjoying life and have made new friends with the other pets in the home.



Kesa

Next to leave the kennels was Trina, now **Kesa**. She has gone to live with Sarah in Maidenhead. She likes to play with her toys.

Litri, now **Lenny**, was the last one to be adopted but he has a lovely home by the sea with Anja and family. He was a nervous boy but he and greyhound Mitch have become good friends and Mitch is certainly helping Lenny to gain his confidence.



Lenny (left) and Mitch

Our July Galgos

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter we have had many enquiries from potential adopters for the galgos and were pleased to be able to arrange for fifteen more galgos to come to the UK in July.

We were very grateful to Tina and her team at Galgos del Sol for preparing these galgos for us at short notice and to Eva and Jorge of TodoPatas for transporting them safely to Mutts n' Moggies, the boarding kennels we use here in the UK.



Eva and the GDS team



Eva and Jorge



Marie (Mutts n Moggies) and Leigh

It was nice to meet Eva and Jorge again and hear about the journey and of course to meet the galgos! Our vet Trustee, Leigh, came to the kennels when the galgos arrived and checked them over. They were all so good and apart from a couple who were a bit nervous of us, they came quite happily for a fuss and of course some treats!

Marie, Emma and their team soon had the dogs fed, watered and walked and when we left they were all very comfortable in their new kennels.

We gave them a couple of weeks to settle and also to give ourselves some time to get to know them and then started to make arrangements for potential adopters to come and visit them.

The first galga to leave was Tania, now **Purdy**, and she travelled to Lincs. with Di to start her new life. Di is the sister of our Trustee, Christine, so she was on hand to help if necessary.



Purdy

Next to leave was Madrona, now **Kofi**, he has gone to live with Cameron and Mona in Warwick and seems to like his new bed!



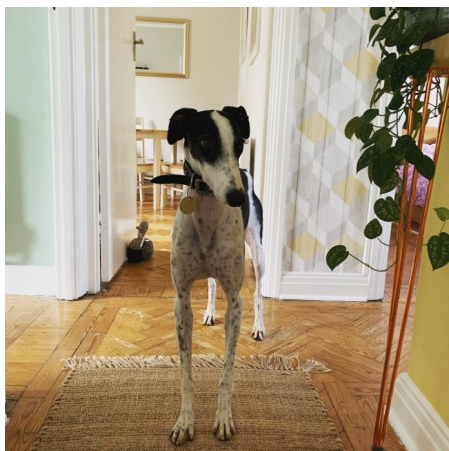
Rachel and her family from Surrey were the next to visit and they fell for Luna, now called **Rosa**.



Tokio, now **Bella**, was the next to leave and she has joined Lucy and her family in Buckinghamshire.



Lucia, now **Winnie**, soon followed to her new home in London with Helen. She has her own Instagram account so we can keep up with her news. She also has her galga cousin, Pam, to play with.



Tyko, now **Bob** has been adopted by Richard and family in Hillingdon and will be living quite near our office in Egham so we hope to see him again soon.



Valentine left the kennels with Rosella and he is now getting used to his new life in London and gaining confidence by copying his new greyhound friend.

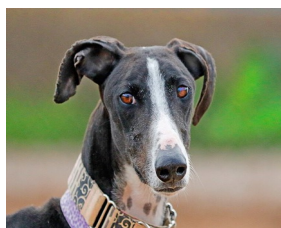


Africa was next to leave and she is now enjoying life with Bali and her family in Gloucestershire.



Mike has gone to live with Georgina and family in Oxfordshire. He is spending some of his time at work with Georgina and some time living on a boat.

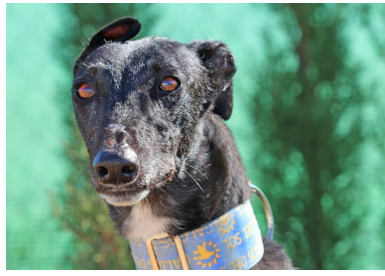
The following galgos should soon be settling in their new homes as kennel visits are taking place at the time of writing this newsletter.



Bob is approx. 2 years old. He was rescued from the streets in a very poor condition. He had many sores. He has really come round and is now a lovely big bouncy, playful, boy who enjoys treats and hugs.



Sidney is approx. 2 years old. He was caught on the streets with another galgo during the shut down due to the coronavirus situation. He is a lovely dog with a wonderful personality.



Amsterdam is approx. 5 years old and was rescued from the streets. She had been bitten in her leg and it was badly infected. She has recovered well and just loves cuddles, is always in your face wanting attention, lovely on a lead, nice with other dogs.



Usain is approx. 4yrs old and arrived at Galgos del Sol very scared. He had been living on the streets. His fear aggression has now disappeared and he walks nicely on a lead. He's now a happy boy, still wary of new people at first.



Onda is approx. 2 years old, brilliant with other dogs, great on a lead and loves a cuddle. A bouncy girl!! She was originally from a rescue in Jumilla. She is very confident



Highway is approx. 5 years old. He was found literally walking up the middle of a busy road. He does great sharing with other dogs. He's a tall boy and loves a fuss and cuddles. He has lost a toe on one foot.

Please keep checking our website for news of our next group of galgos. Their photos and details will be added as soon as a transport date is fixed.



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

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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 22)

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.



Send a Book of Stamps! – these kind donations certainly lighten and share the load of postage costs on GIN which is something we cannot control. Stamps, of any denomination, are very welcome.

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.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

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

I should like to become a Member of
Greyhounds in Need CIO and I enclose my
cheque /postal order/other for the annual fee of
£12 (£6 minimum for non-wage earners) to cover the
period :

1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

Membership can also be paid by standing order, please
complete the form on page 22 and return with
this completed form to the address above.

Membership can also be paid over the phone—01784 483206



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Address.....

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Tel No:.....

Email address

Date:.....

Please tick one of the boxes below:

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Newsletter by email

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Newsletter by post

TRIBUTES

It is with great sadness we have to report that **Holly** (previously Lua), who we homed almost 9 years ago, left us recently to travel over the Rainbow Bridge to join her bestest Galgo friend, Galatea, who we lost last August. Holly was really never the same after Galatea left us and she sadly lost her fight from kidney failure.

She has been through the wars at times, suffering from acute allergy issue but she was always known at our vets as the best patient they had ever treated, never flinching and accepting all the needles and tablets needed. She introduced us to the world of Galgos, always being a collie person in the past. When the time is right and we have the accommodation (she leaves behind 4 others!!) we will definitely be there to take in another galgo soul - they are an amazing breed.

Thank you Greyhounds in Need for saving Holly and for giving us the privilege to own such a gorgeous lady. She will always be in our hearts and minds.

Linda and Roy xxxx



Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Purdy, originally from RECAL, Almendralejo, now doing some sunbathing in Warwickshire



Kody homed in France by Catherine and LED

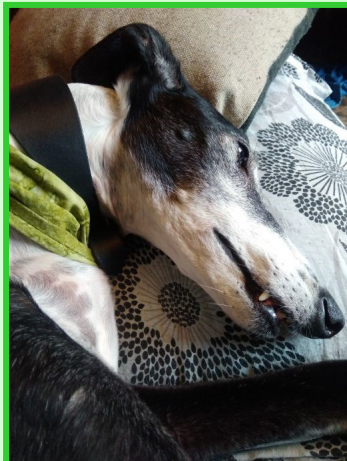


Bono (left) and Marisa having a paddle in Bembridge



Orion (left) and Red cuddled up on their sofa in France

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Gandalf enjoying a snooze in his home in Nottinghamshire

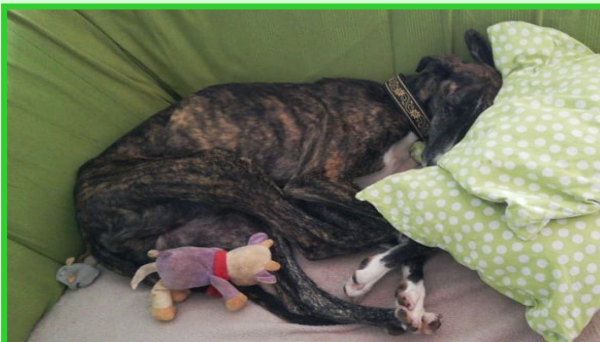


Cimba, originally from RECAL, Almendralejo now homed in France



Morena, from Albacete, now homed in Slovenia

Myra checking out her lovely garden in Devon



Casimero happily homed in Slovenia

News from Cheshire and the North West

Hello again everyone,

We hope that you are all safe and well and that your dogs have enjoyed the additional time they have been able to share with you during these unprecedented times.

For all of us, I'm sure that being able to walk our dogs as part of our daily routines helped to maintain some kind of normality during the early days of the lockdown when none of us had any idea of how long it would last.

We cannot believe that six months have passed since writing our last piece for the newsletter. We tried to be optimistic as we looked ahead to the summer and autumn months which we usually spend meeting up with our friends and volunteers whilst helping to fundraise for GIN. We have not been able to meet up with many of them since the end of last year.

Sadly, all fundraising and dog walking events have had to be put on hold and there seems to be very little prospect of their being authorised any time soon, especially for us here in the North West. We had hoped to be able to fundraise in Cleveleys on September 12th, fortunately the Local Authority who issue the licences have been very sympathetic and have told us that we can have new dates when the restrictions are eventually eased.

We will keep you posted on the GIN website and Facebook pages when we are eventually given the go ahead to organise our events.

We have had some sad news during the summer. Sheila and Mike had to say a very difficult goodbye to their lovely greyhound girl, Missy, who was a very welcome visitor to many of our events, especially at Marbury and Cleveleys. Helen and Nigel were devastated to lose Red, a handsome black greyhound, who had become a valued companion to Nigel during his retirement.

The last few months have given us an opportunity to remember many of the happier times and wonderful memories we have enjoyed during the thirteen years we have been volunteering for GIN.

We have always had brilliant support from all the staff at GIN HQ as well as from the Trustees and of course our volunteers. Here are some of our memories of both the people and the dogs we have met along the way.

**PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK
PAGE FOR NEWS ON EVENTS AS WE WILL KEEP THESE
UPDATED WITH THE LATEST NEWS**

Thank you

In May 2009 we held a Fun Dog Show with the help of the rangers at the National Trust property of Lyme Park in Cheshire. Braving the rain, over the course of the weekend we raised the brilliant total of £1655 for GIN. (Thank you to Janice and Barry for the information).



In December 2010 GIN volunteers celebrated a busy year of fundraising and home finding with a pre- Christmas meal at Appleton Thorn Village Hall near Warrington

One of our volunteers, Mireille, with some very sleepy dogs after an exhausting day of fundraising and awareness raising at the Tatton Park Fun Dog Show Cheshire, in August 2011.



Carol, Phil and Sue appropriately dressed to celebrate the Dickensian Day fundraiser held at Lymm in Cheshire in December 2013.

We remain positive and look forward to making many more happy memories when we are able to meet up again at our fundraising and social events in the very near future

Stay safe everyone

Sue, Phil and Carol
Volunteers from Cheshire and the North West

Getting through firework season:

While many of us look forward to bonfire night and fireworks season, this can be a very stressful time for our pets.

Around 80% of pet owners have had a pet that is afraid of fireworks. This fact sheet is designed to help you make this time a little easier for your pet to cope with.

Signs of fear in dogs during firework season:

- Trembling and shaking.
- Clinging to owners.
- Excessive vocalisation (bark, whine, howl).
- Cowering and hiding behind furniture.
- Trying to run away.
- Soiling the house.
- Pacing and panting.
- Refusing to eat.
- Dribbling.
- Self trauma.
- Destructiveness.



How to help your dog:

- *Walk your dog before dusk to avoid fireworks.
- *Close any doors, windows and cat flaps to prevent escape.
- *Many dogs and cats will try to hide when they hear fireworks. This helps them to cope with their fear. You can help your pet by making sure they have a hiding place where they feel safe. Create a comforting 'den'. This could be inside a wardrobe or cupboard, or behind a sofa. Pad it with old pillows and blankets to help soundproof it.

Your pet may already have a preferred hiding place. That is fine; they should not be forced out if this is already the place where they feel most relaxed. In the weeks leading up to firework season, let your pet have access to this den at all times and, for dogs in particular, offer healthy treats and praise when your dog uses it, this will build a positive association with this space.

*Ignore fearful behaviour, such as panting, shaking and whining. Dogs may pick up on their owner's anxiety which could make the problem worse. Do not fuss your dog or try to reassure when he appears scared since this can signal that the response is appropriate. It is best to either ignore any fearful behaviour that occurs or better still be positively jolly at these times, to signal that there is nothing to be worried about.

- * Provide your dog with distractions such as new toys and chews.
- *Close the curtains and switch on the TV or radio to mask the noise.
- *Do not leave your dog alone while fireworks are going off, they will be calmer with a familiar person at home.
- *Do not punish your dog as this will only make them more distressed.

Treatments:

A pheromone plug-in placed nearby can also help devices such as Adaptil will release natural calming chemicals that help to reassure your dog are now available commercially. These chemicals are naturally produced by dogs in certain situations and are known as pheromones. If you plug in a device in your dog's favourite resting place in a blacked out room and leave it on the whole time, you may find that this helps your dog cope through the firework season, but ideally start it a few months before firework season. They will probably continue to react to the noise by stopping what he is doing when the noise is heard but should not panic.

Medications:

There are several medications and herbal remedies available to help your pet during this season. If your pet has needed these before, or if you feel that your pet would benefit please make an appointment with a vet.



Leigh Soby BVSc MRCVS

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 -



www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk





Sponsorship

I would like to sponsor the galgos and wish to give Greyhounds in Need CIO (*Circle as appropriate) ***£5 per month**

***£10 per month**

***£25 per month**

***Other amount £.....per month**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK

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INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR BANK

Please pay the above amount on the same day every month starting on the.....until further notice

Sort Code.....Account Number.....

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.....Post Code.....

Signature.....Date.....

Email address.....

Please return to: Greyhounds in Need CIO,
5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE, UK



Rosa (left) and her new friend Ginny