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

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Drawing by Monica Monti

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News Update

Dear Friends,

Here we are again coming to the end of another year and putting this newsletter together has given me the opportunity to look back over the months at the work we have been doing.

Firstly, news on our last group of galgos who arrived in June. They were a lovely group and many were soon adopted. They came from Galgos del Sol in Murcia and we are grateful to Tina and her team for organising the veterinary treatment and necessary paperwork for entry to the UK. More news on their adoptions on pages 10-11.

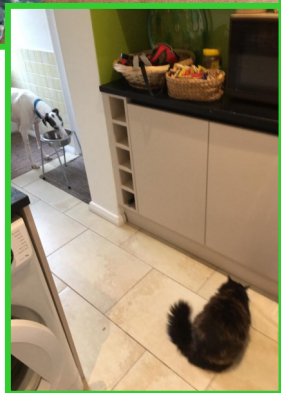
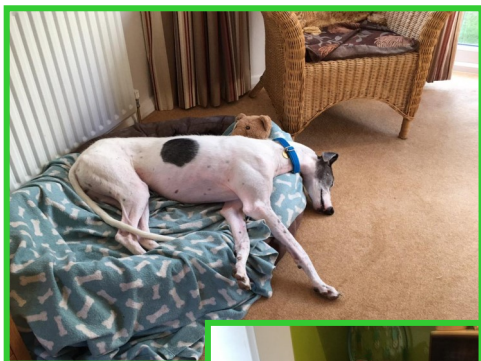
We are lucky to continue to have help with the homing from Sue and her friend Lynda. They have spent many hours at the kennels getting to know the new galgos which certainly helps with the homing. For this last group they have been joined by Mark who kindly volunteered to help with walking and socialising the galgos.

Our new group, will be arriving next month, their details and photos are on pages 18-19. If you would like to offer a home to a galgo please give us a call and we can send out our homing pack or you can download this and our homing questionnaire from our website.

Many of you will remember galgo Moo who came to the UK in June 2021. Soon after being adopted he was diagnosed with a jaw problem and had to undergo major surgery. It was a complex operation carried out by specialist vets and two further operations were required.

His recovery has been long, and not without setbacks, but we were very lucky that he could be fostered during this time by Heather. Our Trustee, Leigh, who is a vet, was also able to monitor him regularly and give us updates on his progress.

I am pleased to say with time and lots of TLC he has recovered well and has now been adopted by GIN supporters Lynne and Peter in Buckinghamshire. He is now called Stan and as you can see from the photographs he has settled well, even with the family cat!



Our 2023 calendars are available now along with our Christmas cards and other items for you and your dogs. Janet, who kindly makes the collars and fleece coats for us has come up with some nice festive designs this year to keep your dogs looking smart and warm this winter. We feature some of our new items on page 17 and many more in the enclosed catalogue—please take a look and also visit our site as some low stock items can be found on there.

<https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/>



We would like to thank all involved for once again supporting our summer raffle which, with tickets and linked donations, brought in around £3,100. Our Trustee, Geraldine Jones, kindly drew the winning tickets for us. The winners were:

1st Prize - 50" Smart TV,
Mr. Webb, Sussex
2nd Prize - Air Fryer,
C. Windeatt, Somerset
3rd Prize - Laptop,
Mrs R. Littlehales, Suffolk

There were also runner up prizes to entries from **Ceredigion, Surrey, Bucks, Gloucestershire and London.**

Daphne (right) was adopted from us last year by Louise and as you can see she is very settled in her new home. Louise has kindly offered a weekend break in a fabulous dog friendly 5 star holiday cottage in Northumberland as a raffle prize to help raise funds for our work.

We enclose a flyer giving full details/links for this on line raffle including photos of this lovely cottage.



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

We would also like to thank everyone who responded to the Shelter Appeal in our last newsletter, we were able to send some new collars, waterproof coats and dog beds to Spain.

We will be sending out our usual membership renewal letters in early December but renewals for 2023 can be made now by completing the form on page 31 or you can pay over the phone—01784 483206.

We were very pleased that Sue and Phil from Oldham visited us recently. They have done so much for GIN in Cheshire and the North West, organising many events over the years raising funds and awareness of our work. We hadn't seen them for a few years so it was nice to have time to catch up. They brought us some lovely items for our next event along with lovely coats, collars and other doggy items we can send to Spain. Please have a look at their news on pages 28-29.



Phil, Tracey and Sue

I mentioned in our last newsletter that Tracey was planning a Tandem Sky Dive to celebrate a "special birthday" and to raise funds for Greyhounds in Need, Parkinson's UK and Cancer Research UK. This was booked for 20th August but unfortunately the weather was not good and the sky dive was postponed. Now booked for **8th October**, fingers crossed!!!



Tracey sends her thanks to everyone who kindly donated. We will post news on our site and FB when the sky dive goes ahead.

It just remains for me to say a very big **THANK YOU** to Tracey and Geraldine for all their help in the office. We couldn't do our work without the wonderful support you continue to give us.

Please take care, keep safe and I wish you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carolyn x





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.

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

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On line at **powered by justgiving** and

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Trustees' pages

Dear Friends

How this year is flying by and now the days are starting to close in as well. Where has the time gone and if only there were more than 24 hours in a day!!

Our office is as busy as ever and Carolyn and Tracey, ably assisted by Geraldine, work all the hours available "and more" and we are all extremely grateful to them for their dedication and commitment to GIN.



My galgo, Mateo, chilling at home

We recognise that education of the younger generation in animal welfare offers the only hope of bringing the maltreatment of Spanish galgos to an end. We continue to invest in developing our education programme in Spain through further development of our education website—

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

and the provision of teaching resources and infrastructure at the point of need. Communication from our educational programme end-users have provided very positive feedback that the programme has been enthusiastically received by the children and that an understanding of animal welfare and the plight of the galgos is developing. We consider that our education programme is working well but will still require continued financial investment in the forthcoming financial years.

Our new Trustee, Sam has brought with her years of experience working with charities, government departments and brands developing educational campaigns and initiatives. She has helped design and produce our educational material and website and we are delighted to have her on board with us!

We are always at pains to ensure that the charity's expenditure is strictly limited to its charitable objects and that administration costs are kept to a minimum. In particular, care is taken to see that all funds spent abroad are carefully controlled and restricted to organisations known to us to be trustworthy. Trustees and staff aim to make regular visits to Spain to check on projects already completed and to research future needs. Even though Covid 19 seems to have quietened down, it has not been possible to make any visits to Spain this year so, as an alternative, we are now well versed in the art of Zoom meetings to keep in touch with the Spanish shelters!

Our work involves considerable expenditure in Europe, primarily Spain, and we are careful to ensure the prudent retention of sufficient funds to cover current liabilities and to enable us to fulfil the commitments we have made to those we work with here and abroad and enable GIN to meet unexpected future needs.

We are, as always, extremely grateful to our supporters who are kind enough to remember us in their wills. As with all other charities, legacies form a vital part of the income we can devote to our charitable work.

Whilst we appreciate people have financial constraints nowadays, we feel extremely lucky to continue receiving donations, however small or large, from supporters, followers and members of the public, as well as event organisers who continue to raise funds to help us carry on our vital work in Spain. Every penny will help change a galgo's life.

When donating, please do not forget Gift Aid. Gift Aid is a tax relief allowing UK charities to reclaim an extra 25% in tax on every eligible donation made by a UK taxpayer. This does make a difference to your donation. Thank you. Our Gift Aid form is on page 23.

We should like to reiterate our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters, followers and volunteers who stick with us through thick and thin!

Thank you!

Chris



"Adopting a galgo won't change the world but the world will change for that galgo."



Our June 2022 Galgos

Grant, now **Bertie**, had a long journey to his new home in Stockton -on -Tees, to join Gill and family. Looks like he soon found the bed!



Le bon, now **Tapas**, is enjoying his new life in London with Adva and Cedric.

Ady has joined galga Sugar in Buckinghamshire with Kathy and Kevin.



Pebbles, now **Mabel**, is enjoying her walks and has settled well with Val in Surrey.



Kamal, now **Scooby**, is getting used to his new surroundings in Middlesex now that he is in his new home with Mia and Will.



Gala has left the kennels to join galgo Brighton and Rachel in Doncaster.





Libby has settled well in her new home in Hertfordshire with Anna.

Ginebra, now **Ginny** looks like she has found the comfy chair in her new home with Giles and greyhound Alvin in Staffordshire.



Snowy has gone to her new home in Buckinghamshire to live with Amy and family and has settled in very well.



Nahekari, now **Kari**, has gone to live with galgo Fifty and Deborah and family in Kent.



Calcetines was one of the last galgos to leave the kennels and he has started his new life with Laurie and family in Solihull.

Shangi should be leaving the kennels soon for his new home.



Please take a moment to visit our **Home at Last FB** page and see more news of happily homed galgos.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/203451828157474>



Our Work Abroad

In our last newsletter I mentioned that we had a new contact in Spain, Sandy, who runs **Galgos Rescue Almeria**. We were able to arrange for some of the galgos they rescued to be transported and homed in France, thanks to Therese of Association Aide aux Levriers Martyrs.



Sandy rescues many galgos in her area and this year, like so many of the shelters, has received more galgos than normal. They were looking to increase the kennel area so that they could accommodate more dogs and asked for our help.

We have been able to offer to fund two new kennel areas for them. Work has started and the first new kennel is up and work is continuing on the other kennel and getting this kitted out for the dogs.

We have also been able to offer some help for some awnings at the centre which will provide much needed shade for the dogs during the very hot weather.



We've added a new function to our on line shop. You can now **'shop for the shelters'** by letting us know during the checkout process which items in your cart you'd like to send in our next delivery to Spain.

Our 'care' packages for the galgos are always well received, and we're pleased to be able to offer this option to our supporters. Coats, collars, leads, and even educational merchandise to help the shelters in their mission to educate the next generation will all be welcome.

<https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/>



Photos: Galgos Rescue Almeria

We are continuing to support Anna and her team at **SOS Galgos** in Barcelona. They have been busy getting the kennels ready for more dogs to arrive and also working hard on the education area. School visits are now being planned and we have been pleased to be able to help with some funding for this.

The area where the children will sit outside needed to be fenced securely and this has now been done.

The classrooms have been decorated and we were able to fund some chairs for the students and they have recently arrived.

We are hearing from other shelters now that they are making plans for school visits again, these have obviously not been possible during the lockdowns. We are keen to help promote the education project and reach more areas in Spain to help educate the children about the plight of the galgos and change the perception people have of these lovely dogs.

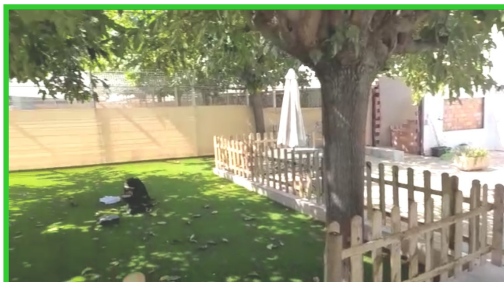
We have produced a flyer in English and Spanish to help us promote this project. If you would like copies to share with your contacts please give us a call on 01784 483206 and we can put some in the post.

We have a new contact in Alicante, Patricia, who is a teacher. She is very keen to promote the education programme in her area.

We recently had a Zoom meeting with her to discuss the plans she has and the support we can give. More news on this in our next newsletter.



SOS GALGOS



Photos: SOS Galgos



We recently were asked for our help from a small charity in Devon, **Hearts 4 Dogs**, who were raising funds to help three galgos. One, Roma, needed an urgent operation on her back leg. We were pleased to be able to offer some funding to Sue and her team towards Roma's veterinary costs and transport costs to bring Roma, Trianna and Alma to the UK.



Thanks to Sue making contact with us we heard about the work of Carmen and Christine at the **Companero Fiel Baena** in Cordoba.

We have been in touch with Carmen and Christine to find out more about their work. They help all dogs, all breeds, and receive many galgos—some in very bad condition.

We have been able to send some donated coats, blankets, dog leads, collars etc to them, which they were very grateful for, and have now offered some funding towards their monthly food bills.

We have also offered to cover some initial veterinary costs for galgos they rescue and at the time of writing this newsletter we are waiting for news on the first group of galgos we are helping. We will post news on our site and FB page and will have more to report on this new contact in our next newsletter.

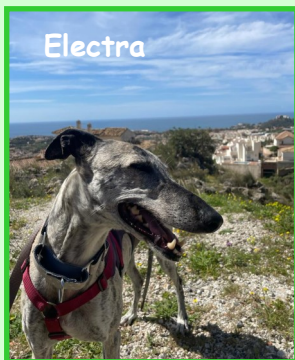


Photos:
Hearts 4 Dogs

**Please see page 7 for our
Christmas Treats Appeal**



In May we were able to fund the initial veterinary costs for more galgos rescued by Galgos en Familia in Malaga. They find homes for them in Austria, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Spain.



Electra



Kailey



Hada



Biznaga



Kamala



Mera



Rocio



Masala



Mac



Lirio



Margarita

Photos:
Galgos en Familia

Please take a look at the
enclosed flyer with full details
of our on-line raffle

Fundraising

G I N

This year more events have again been taking place around the country and we would like to thank all of our supporters for organising stalls, dog walks, street collections, car boot sales which help to raise funds towards the work but also spread awareness of our work and that of the groups we support in Spain.

We were pleased to have stalls again at the Englefield Green show in June. This show is very popular and we have attended for many years now. Geraldine, Tracey, Stephanie, Lynda, Mary and Sue manned the stalls for us.



Mandy, Amanda, Sandi and Mark

We were pleased to hear recently from Sandi in Dorset as she wanted to let us know that she and her friends, Mandy, Amanda and Mark have set up a group called Action for Sighthounds to raise funds for greyhound, galgo and podenco charities and have chosen GIN as one of the charities they want to help. They have already raised some funds for us and are busy organising more events in the Dorset area.

If you feel you can help us with fundraising please give us a call on 01784 483206 or email us info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk. We have a fundraising pack we can send out which includes literature to display.



We will post information about future events on our website
www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk
and on our FB page so please regularly visit for the latest news.



Merchandise

Here are some of our new merchandise items —more information in the enclosed catalogue and on our website greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/



Our New Galgos

Elliot is approximately 4 years old, rescued from the streets. He is a very handsome small-sized galgo. He was a very scared little dog. He has made good progress thanks to the volunteers who have taken him on regular walks and to his playful kennel mates. He can spook easily and needs time to get used to new surroundings. A lovely boy, he would blossom in a home with patience and a good character dog to play and walk with.



Elliot



Ponchito

Ponchito is approximately 4 years old and was taken from a dog pound. When he arrived he was scared and covered with dermatitis but that's all forgotten now. His striking brindle coat has grown in perfectly. He is a lovely small-sized galgo, playful and good with other dogs. A bit shy when walking outside in noisy areas, but he will be perfect walking in quieter areas. He is a playful dog, and would benefit if there's another dog in his home to play with.

Charlie is approximately 3 years old, rescued from the streets. He is a happy confident dog who loves to play with other dogs and do zoomies in the play area! If you want to see fast running, Charlie is the one who shows you how it's done! Loves to play with toys, walks nicely on a lead, enjoys human company - he's just a brilliant all rounder. Plus he has stunning markings.



Charlie



Oreó

Oreó is approximately three years old and came to GDS from Toledo. A wonderful quite confident boy, who has shared a kennel with very shy dogs to help them come around. Even though he is young, he is quite calm and not too playful, he is sociable with other dogs, doesn't get into any trouble at all. Absolutely ready for a place to call his own!

Floppy is approximately 3 years old, rescued from the streets. Very handsome dude with those floppy ears. He can be nervous with new people at first, so might need a little extra time to come around. He loves to go on walks and walks nicely on a lead. Calm, handsome and lovely boy.



Floppy



Betsy is super sweet! She's a little shy at first around people and doesn't like to be touched too much initially when getting to know someone but she is walking very nicely on the lead and growing in confidence daily. She had been on the streets with a horrid tight chain around her neck with a knitted rope tied around it. Betsy is feeling very happy and free since having that awful chain removed that was strangling her.

Meringue is approximately 4 years old and was rescued from the streets. She is a gorgeous girl, confident and very playful. She could run and play for hours and she can be cheeky too! As her favourite thing is to play and do zoomies, she would love to have other dogs to play with in her home. A wonderful all rounder.



Freya had been seen on the motorway in Almeria running up the hard shoulder. A passerby had managed to get the dog into her car. Fortune was smiling on Freya, motorway rescues are not easy or always successful by any means. Not only is Freya a beauty, she is a complete sweetie!

Rori is approx. 2 years old and was handed in with an injured leg. The leg was able to be treated and healed without surgery but is noticeable the way she walks and sits. She is a playful friendly girl, loves to run and play and has become very confident when walking outside. She walks nicely on a lead and enjoys her special time out with humans. She would benefit from being with another dog.



Preciosa is approximately 5 years old and was dumped at the end of hunting season. She is the sweetest thing! She is a calm and quiet girl, a bit on the shy side but not too much. She never causes any trouble and just likes to watch the world go by. She is lovely on a lead, great with other dogs, just generally perfect.

Photos: Galgos del Sol

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We have lost **Ronnie** due to cancer, our hearts are broken but he has lived life to the full and up to today has still had his fun loving, cheeky character. He enjoyed his horse box trips the best and stealing oh and peeing on people! I'm so glad we met him when we came to collect Zoraida (who old and rickety but still the boss) and I said if he's still here at Christmas I'm coming for him. Little did Bryn know then his birthday present was Ronnie. Thank you for entrusting him with us he's been perfect and made us laugh every day till of course today he bore his chest cancer bravely and just carried on till this morning. Gina Bryn & Liam



Ronnie



Zoraida

Just to let you know we've had to let **Zoraida** go tonight she collapsed and nothing could be done, so she's gone to join her soul mate Ronnie. Our hearts are broken she was a beautiful strong willed lady to the end. Gina Bryn & Liam

With very heavy hearts, we had to say goodbye to **Eddie**, one of our darling galgos. He was such a bundle of fun and mischief from the moment he jumped in our car when we went to adopt Rufus in 2013. We weren't planning on adopting two dogs but after settling Rufus in to his new life with us and our rabbits, we just had to go back & get Eddie. So a few weeks later, we adopted him too and since then, he has brought much joy and laughter into all our lives. Eddie lived life to the full, often at high speed and always with enthusiasm. He really was the sweetest, most affectionate boy, who not only loved his brother Rufus dearly but also accepted and 'mentored' Zeus who joined the clan a year ago. Eddie was always gentle around the sheep and ponies and wanted to be everyone's friend, even if the feeling wasn't always reciprocated! In the past year or so, his legs had become a bit wobbly and he had a series of ailments but he tolerated them cheerfully. However, just two days ago, he lost his usual joie-de-vivre. We knew something must be seriously wrong so we took him straight to the vets. His latest ailment (a "ranula" under his tongue) would have required highly technical surgery and a long period of treatment, with no guarantees of recovery. Being frail enough already, we just couldn't put him through that. So, a day after he had tried to chase his last squirrel, Eddie went to sleep, in the back of the same car he jumped into 9-and-a-half years ago and just a few weeks short of his 13th birthday. We miss our darling Eddie-Boo so very much. Nigel and Cheryl XxX



Eddie

TRIBUTES

Mia (ex-GDS) 10/11/2019 - 25/07/2022

Our beautiful **Mia** has crossed the rainbow bridge far too early, taking a piece of our hearts with her. Mia joined our family on 1st July 2021. Initially cautious, she soon settled and was such a happy girl. She loved life - bouncing through long grass, shouting at squirrels, sniffing/scent-work games, sunbathing, zoomies at the secure dog field, demanding endless belly-rubs, and meeting her friends at the local sighthound walking group. Mia was funny, playful, calm, loving, trusting... also an expert at destroying toys and gently nibbling the corners of cushions, curtains, books, my reading glasses... She made us smile, she made us laugh and we loved her so much. Unfortunately Leishmaniasis was silently taking hold of Mia's kidneys, with no visible symptoms until it was too late. She became ill on her first gotcha day and lost her battle three weeks later. We have so many happy memories of Mia's time with us, but a year was nowhere near enough with this beautiful soul.

Rachel



We were sorry to hear that Rachel had lost her lovely galga **Lulu** recently. We all remember when Rachel collected her from the kennels some years ago now.

We were also sorry to hear, from Margaret in Cornwall, that she had to say goodbye to **Mario** who had developed some heart and lung problems. Margaret kindly gave Mario a home when Anne Finch died.



It's with a great sadness I write to let you know we lost our beloved **Sorti** today. She was peacefully put to sleep in our home with big cuddles - Off to rainbow bridge to join her brothers Terry and Puppy (Domingo) and the many others of her extended family that have lived with us and her all over the years, including old GIN lovelies Annie, Duque and Tana. Adopted with assistance from Carolyn in 2013 she sadly left us today at a ripe old age of 13yrs after a short but aggressive bout of pancreatitis believed caused by a tumour. She leaves a gaping hole bigger than I can explain, but that's testament to the amazing dog she was

....We had some amazing times with her, and these were in the last year so she enjoyed life up till the very end with trips to the coast and on a broads boat. She also leaves a lasting legacy in teaching my boy, who's 6, the amazing love and companionship that these wonderful dogs provide despite their poor starts in life. So it's with sadness, but also the happiest of memories we wanted to let you know and thank you for giving us the opportunity to spend such wonderful years with such a beautiful soul.... Claudia Crisp, Matt and Isaac.



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I would like to help Greyhounds in Need CIO with an annual / quarterly / monthly gift of £.....

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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

<https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/>

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, medals, old cameras 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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choose Greyhounds in Need as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

Why not become a member of GIN—our membership fee is £12 for the calendar year (£6 for non-wage earners). Our membership form is on page 31.

We are fortunate to receive many coats for the galgos and send these to Spain throughout the year. If you feel you can help us by making coats the patterns can be downloaded from our website or if you give us a call 01784 483206 we can put a copy in the post to you.

Other items always needed in Spain— collars, leads and muzzles, feeding and water bowls, Antiparasitics, wound sprays and bandages.

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

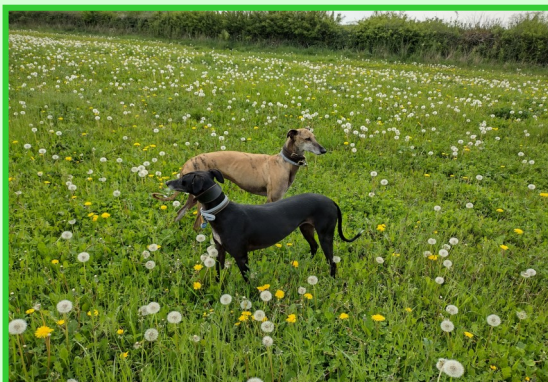


Please call us on 01784 483206 for details

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Bobby chilling in his garden in Surrey



Jasmine (front) and Willow enjoying the countryside in Gloucestershire



Lupo, originally from Albacete, now homed in Slovenia



Loki, happily homed in Nottinghamshire

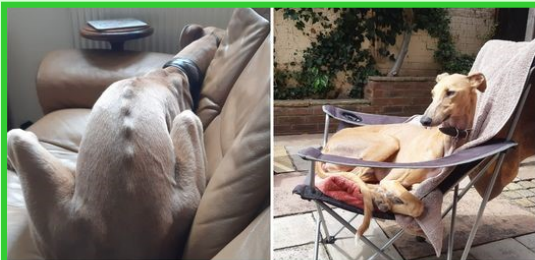


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details on the
enclosed flyer

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group on Facebook

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Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Button has definitely made himself comfortable in Staffordshire



Orion happily homed in France



Reina enjoying life in Sussex



Volunteers, Flossie (right) and Reuben having a rest from working on eBay in the GIN office



Sophie happily homed in Essex



Don't forget to look at our new galgos on pages 18-19



News from Cheshire and the North West

Hi again everyone

The last six months seem to have passed very quickly and now the nights are already drawing in. Things have been quiet here in the North West, as we have not been able to arrange as many events for our friends and volunteers as we had hoped to do.

Our last fundraising event was held in Cleveleys in May and we are hoping to organise a pre-Christmas fundraiser in the seaside town again this year. We had a successful collection last December which was well supported by volunteers and their dogs (all of us well wrapped up), locals and visitors.

Whilst in Cleveleys, we were delighted to see friends who we have homed dogs with in the past but who we haven't had a catch up with for a while, including Mary and Derek from Middleton and Jo and her family from Fleetwood with Lilly. We were also pleased to welcome Phil with Ned, Jen and Roy with Freddy and Sandra with Stella.

In the last newsletter I mentioned our meeting up for social dog walks during the summer, but our plans have had to be put on hold because we had our car stolen at the end of April and then our new (to us) car was damaged in July (not by us) after we had returned from holiday. We were reliant on hire cars for several weeks, but are now looking forward to arranging to meet up with everyone again either at Marbury Country Park or Styal Country Park during the next few months.

I will make sure that any events are publicised on the GIN Facebook page as well as by email. Please let me know if you would like to be added to our emailing list.

Phil and I are planning a trip to the Greyhounds in Need head office which is based in Egham in Surrey in September, to meet up with all those who have supported us here in the North West for so many years. We did visit the office in Wraybury with our friend Carol several years ago but have never been to Egham. We are eagerly looking forward to our visit, including a trip on the River Thames, which we are combining with a few days in Windsor. I look forward to reporting on our experiences in the next Newsletter.



Jo, Poppy and
Lilly the greyhound



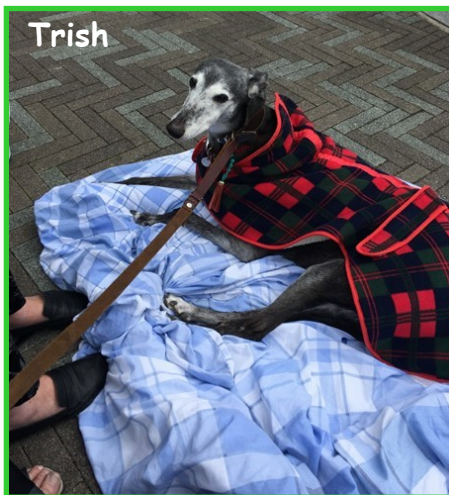
Ned (fawn) and Stella
(brindle) helping at
Cleveleys

We are looking forward to wishing Tracey from head office good luck in person with her rearranged sky dive in October. Rather her than us, but it is all in aid of a brilliant cause. Don't forget to donate on Tracey's JustGiving page.

Jen and Roy, together with their greyhound Freddy, are looking after our old girl, Trish whilst we are away, which we are very grateful for. They live in a bungalow and have cared for elderly greyhounds in the past, so we know that Trish will be well looked after. We cannot thank them enough for their help and support.

I realised when I was re-reading my piece in the last Newsletter, how much I mentioned Trish and our worry that she would not make it to Cornwall this year. Happily she did and she is still here, albeit sleeping more and only eating what she wants and walking as far as she wants to go, which varies day by day on how she is feeling.

We had a lovely time in Cornwall where we tailored our holiday around Trish's needs. We didn't visit as many places as usual, especially during the last few days when the weather was becoming hotter. Trish doesn't cope very well with the heat like many black dogs, especially greyhounds.



We did manage to take her to visit Jen, Roy and Fred, who were staying in their caravan only a few minutes away whilst they came over to visit us in our cottage.

Two of our friends have lost their beloved dogs in the last few months. Carol was devastated to lose Canela a week before her 14th birthday. She had lived with Carol for 9 years and spent the last few months enjoying her new life in Scotland. We are so pleased that we were able to spend time with her when we went up to visit Carol last October.

Carol now has a new dog, a lively young Podenco called Theo who we are looking forward to meeting on our next visit to Scotland.

Pascal and Mireille were very sad to lose their beautiful black greyhound, Ged, who we had met several times during our walks in Marbury Park.

Well, I think that's about all for now. Thanks for reading what has been happening and I hope to have more to report in my next piece in the Spring edition of the Newsletter when hopefully we will all have come through the winter and we will be looking forward to the summer.

Stay warm everyone

Sue, Phil and Trish. Volunteers. Greyhounds in Need

I have at last been given the opportunity to write the latest update myself.....so here goes!

I have now been here since 22 January this year and I have really settled in well with Judy, Mark and the other five hounds. I love being fussed and tickled and adore any attention I am given - rewarding whoever strokes me with a paw, a nudge and several kisses. I have also acquired a couple of nicknames - like most dogs do - one is Bam Bam (I think that is Barney Rubble's daughter's name in the Flintstones cartoon series?) and the other is Bambino - however, when this term is used it sounds more like Bambi "NO!"



I always clean my bowl - and finish anything the others have left if I am allowed. However, as I have put on weight since coming here I am discouraged from eating more than I should. I am told I have an enviable figure and need to keep it that way.

I have taken over from Purdy where the postman, or any other callers at our house are concerned. In fact I am even more protective of my home than Purdy was. I am told that to be a good guard dog it's quite enough to bark to alert Judy and Mark that there is someone at the door....not to whip myself up into a frenzy and become over-protective. So this 'duty' is a work in progress at the moment!

I only have one other small fault (that I will admit to) and that is pulling on the lead. I do wear a gentle leader which helps to curb my enthusiasm but where we dogs are walked, the area is full of fascinating smells. At night, various wild animals come out to forage for food and play, and these creatures include badgers, foxes, rabbits, hedgehogs and muntjac deer. So.....you can imagine the wealth of enticing scents for our keen 'galgo' noses to explore. Whereas racing greyhounds chase by sight -we Spanish greys are 'hunting' dogs and we walk along with our noses pressed firmly to the ground following the trails left by the various overnight visitors. Although the field where we are walked has mown paths, there are still large swathes of long grass harbouring the best smells. Whereas small dogs can't even be seen in these areas - unfortunately we long legged hounds are always visible so can't disappear into the wilderness. However, I look upon this 'groundwork' as valuable research in case David Attenborough decides to produce a second series of 'Life in the Undergrowth'!

Well that's about all from me and my first few months' experience of 'home life'. I haven't been threatened with a one way ticket back to Spain...yet - so it seems I have endeared myself to Judy and Mark sufficiently to have set my paws firmly under the table so to speak!!

Best wishes

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in Need

TO: Membership Secretary,
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I should like to become a Member of
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cheque /postal order/other for the annual fee of
£12 (£6 minimum for non-wage earners) to cover the
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Membership can also be paid by standing order, please
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Blood and Urine tests required in Galgos

Canine diseases endemic across the Mediterranean include protozoan diseases (Leishmania and Babesiosis), Ehrlichiosis and heartworm. These diseases can be difficult to diagnose and should be considered in Galgos bought into the UK should the clinical signs prompt you or your veterinarian to do so.

A veterinary general practice can carry out routine blood tests which provides information on whether the patient is suffering from anaemia, infection/inflammation, or indications of kidney and liver disease. Urine samples are useful if blood tests reveal kidney problems as it provides important information related to the extent of renal damage. While these tests can be vital for narrowing down the cause of the illness, they are non-specific, revealing the impact of disease instead of offering a definitive diagnosis. For this reason, further testing is required.

Leishmania

One method is by serological testing which detects Leishmania specific antibodies in the blood. Serology results showing high antibody levels from a dog with clinical signs is diagnostic. Unfortunately, since it can take up to 22 months for dogs to produce these antibodies, Leishmaniosis cannot be ruled out in a dog that is clinically well with low antibody levels. In this scenario it is wise to repeat serology annually to monitor antibody levels or to carry out tests which detects leishmania specific DNA, known as a PCR test. Samples from the bone marrow, lymph nodes, skin, blood, or joint fluid can be used for a leishmania PCR.

Babesiosis

Babesia species target red blood cells and platelets in the body. As a result, general blood and urine tests would indicate anaemia and red coloured urine. A blood smear can be made by spreading a very fine layer of blood on a glass slide to be analysed under a microscope. But since the babesia species are very small this can be incredibly challenging. Thankfully a PCR test for babesia also exists which allows direct identification of the babesia species from a blood sample.

Ehrlichiosis

Visualisation of Ehrlichia species from blood smears are rare but samples from the blood, lymph nodes, the spleen or bone marrow can be used for a PCR test can diagnose E. canis.

Heartworm

Heartworm can spread to dogs from mosquitos that have ingested immature worms, also known as microfilariae. Infected mosquitos can then transmit the disease to other dogs during blood meals.

Currently two tests exist to diagnose canine heartworm from a blood sample. One determines the presence of adult female populations of the worm (the heartworm antigen test) and the other for microfilaria (the modified Knott's test). Interpretation of these tests can be challenging since various factors including the time since exposure, recent treatment against heartworm, and the proportion of female worms infecting the dog, can cause the tests to have a negative result despite being infected. If both test results are negative but there is a strong suspicion of disease, x-rays and ultrasound of the chest would be indicated.

Greyhounds In Need test for all of these diseases prior to importing Galgos into the UK, but on occasion further testing maybe required after rehoming due to how certain infections behave i.e. Leishmaniosis.

Getika Rathor BVMSci MRCVS

Willett House Veterinary Surgeons



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 costs incurred 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 adoption fee is £175.

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

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Kesa, featured in our 2023 calendar