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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 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.

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



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.

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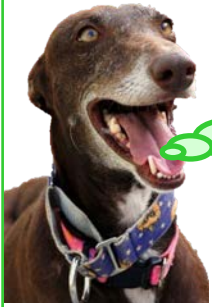


Mike



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**



Photos: ADANA



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