



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

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Cover: Flossie (left) and Reuben happily homed in Berkshire



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# News Update

Dear Friends,

Once again I am writing this newsletter from home and finding it hard to believe that we have all been dealing with this awful pandemic for over a year. I am sure, like me, you all hoped that 2021 would bring some normality back to our lives. It is therefore good to hear that restrictions are being lifted slowly but for now we all have to continue to find ways to deal with the situation.

Tracey and I have been able to do quite a lot of our work from home and have again continued to take it in turns to go to the office to deal with the post and parcel up and send off eBay purchases and merchandise orders. We would like to thank you all for your patience as it has taken us longer than we usually take to respond to postal correspondence and orders.

We have been overwhelmed this past year at the continued generosity of our supporters. We have also received some lovely messages from you which has

definitely helped keep our spirits up.

Many of you have sent in donations and over £2,000 was raised for Christmas Treats for the galgos.

Our Summer raffle last year was very successful and we hope we can count on your support again this year. We enclose a book of raffle tickets with this newsletter. The Draw will take place on 27th August, 2021.

Unfortunately at the time of writing we don't have any events planned. As you know we, and many supporters around the country, organise stalls at local fairs, walks and street collections but for now we have to wait to see what might be possible later in the year. Please keep checking our website and Facebook page as we will post any news regarding events on there.

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We keep looking for new ways to fundraise and during lockdown have had more time to put items on eBay. We receive some lovely donations throughout the year and as people have more time at the moment to shop on line have been amazed at the sales we have had. Tracey has been busy researching donated goods and loading on the photographs and descriptions onto the site. Also some supporters have loaded up items and donated a percentage or all of their sale value to GIN so many thanks to you all for doing this. If you have any items you would like to donate to us please give us a call—01784 483206. Please take a look at our eBay page—you might find a bargain!

https://charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/Greyhounds-in-Need-CIO/74131

As we all seem to have more time to shop on line please don't forget that you can help us raise funds by shopping via the **Easyfundraising** website—

<a href="https://easyfundraising.org.uk">https://easyfundraising.org.uk</a>
it is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes. You don't pay anything extra.

Also by shopping via <a href="https://smile.amazon.co.uk">https://smile.amazon.co.uk</a> - Amazon Smile and choosing Greyhounds in Need as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

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 <a href="https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/">https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/</a>

In our last newsletter we reported on the homing of the June and July galgo groups, some of the July group were waiting to go to their homes once some restrictions were lifted and I am pleased to write that they are now settling well in their new homes, more news on page 8.

We continue to receive a lot of interest in the galgos and have a long waiting list of very patient potential adopters for them.

At the moment we have a new group of 15 galgos who have been rescued by Tina and her team at Galgos del Sol in Murcia. Moo (right) is packing his bags ready for his trip to the UK. Sadly their arrival has been delayed due to the current restrictions and the new regulations following Brexit. We are making plans now to bring them over soon so please keep checking our website and FB where we will announce their arrival. Some photos and brief information on



them can be found on pages 16-18. We are now contacting potential adopters to organise socially distanced/virtual home visits etc.

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.

Carolyn x

# Trustees' pages

Dear Friends.

As we turn the corner into Spring and the easing of lockdown restrictions approaches, we can say goodbye to a difficult past year in which our charity work was greatly challenged and look forward to better times.

During 2020, our wonderful Head Office team had to work mainly from home, apart from taking it in turns to check the office and collect work, parcels or send out orders.

All our fundraising events were cancelled but the Summer Raffle went ahead which was well supported and a success.

Our Education Programme in Spain also had to be stopped as visits between the schools and shelters were forbidden but we hope these will start again as soon as possible.

Despite the pandemic, hunting continued in Spain which meant our dear friends and colleagues at the Spanish shelters had to risk their health and safety rescuing the abandoned and injured galgos. Their work and the cruelty they see never ends.

We did however manage to bring into the UK in June and July two groups of galgos for rehoming and we are very happy to say all 21 galgos are adopted and happy in their Furever Loving Homes, including Purdy (right) who was adopted by my sister.



Some of the galgos can be seen on our new Facebook page, "Home at Last",

where adopters can post photos and stories of the greyhounds and galgos they have adopted from GIN over the years. If you have a photo you would like to go on our page, please ask to join the group via FB, more details on page 9.

Our online merchandise continues to sell well, especially during the colder months with our warm, fleece lined coats! There are many other lovely items to purchase too, not only for winter!! Please take a look at our new shop, more news on pages 14 and 15.

Our eBay site is going well, and we are always happy to receive "pre-loved" items to sell in order to raise funds

We are always profoundly grateful for the generous donations and legacies we receive, as without them we could not continue our work helping the very deserving greyhounds and galgos, supporting the shelters and future projects.

It is very unlikely that any fundraising events will go ahead this year either apart from the Summer Raffle again, so every penny we receive from you counts and is vital to our work!

Following Brexit, the rules and regulations for the transport and importation of animals from Europe have changed considerably and Carolyn and I have been busy getting to grips with the new paperwork, to ensure our very good Spanish transporters and the galgos comply with the new regime and have smooth journeys. No mean feat!

Carolyn still has a long list of people wanting to adopt a galgo, which is always encouraging, and we hope to bring more galgos over as soon as the system is ready.

The Trustees would like to thank all our donors, supporters and followers for their continued support and generous donations during these difficult times. We couldn't do it without you!

Our great Head Office team and volunteers have risen to the challenge once again with their dedicated and hard work. Thank you very much to each and every one of you!

Life is better with a galgo or greyhound in it!!

Stay safe and well,

### Christine



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

# Our July 2020 Galgos

Five of our July galgos had to wait until the last lockdown had eased before they could join their new families. I am pleased to say they have all settled in well and all enjoyed their first Christmas in a home.

Amsterdam, has found a lovely home with Aarona and family in Colnbrook. She has a new doggy friend, Hunter, and 2 cats for company.



Bob, now **Pedro**, has gone to live in Hertfordshire with Gemma and Veronika.

Sidney, now **Reuben**, was adopted by Sue, our homing lady, and her family in Berkshire. He has galga Flossie to help him get used to his new life, He is a nervous boy.







Usain, now **Gryphon**, enjoying life in his new home with Christine and family in Surrey— he soon found the sofa!



Highway, now **Bobby**, left the kennels soon after Amsterdam and he has gone to live in Surrey with Laura and family.

### Social Media



Thanks to our Trustees, Christine, who manages our Facebook page and Pat, who manages Twitter for us, we continue to receive a lot of interest in our work and many likes and tweets. We aim to keep these as up to date as possible, linking some items with our Instagram account.





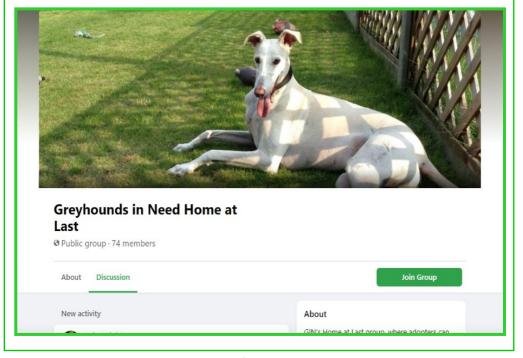
It's lovely to see that some of our galgos have their own Instagram accounts, they are very clever, and we can keep an eye on them and see what they are getting up to!

We have recently added a new group under our Facebook page called

### Greyhounds in Need Home at Last

This is a group that people ask to join, via FB, and then they can add news and photos of their dogs and be in touch with other galgo and greyhound adopters. It has started well and it is nice to see adopters of our greyhounds and galgos discussing their dogs and sharing news, photos and videos on their progress. Please take a look and join us -

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



### Our Work Abroad

Some of the plans we had for the last year have had to be put on hold as the shelters and adoption groups we work with have also had restrictions to deal with in their own countries.

The shelters have continued to rescue and care for many galgos and we know how hard everything has been for them. We have been able to continue our funding for the necessary initial veterinary care their rescues have needed and also, when possible, cover some transport costs for moving the galgos within Spain.

The adoption groups have, like us, received many home offers and have been working their way through these. We were therefore very pleased that Arca de Noe in Albacete were able to organise a transport, in January, of 20 galgos to the Greyhound Adopt Centre, Italy. You can see some photos opposite of some of them in their new homes.

Elisa, Chiara, Lily, Sabrina and their team at GACI are amazing as they were also able to arrange the transport of 27 greyhounds from Ireland to Italy. Their adopters were so pleased to finally meet their new dogs.

You can see videos of their arrival at these links -



https://youtu.be/3-9aA1eayFY



https://youtu.be/Mot4tkc31VA

Nina and her team at SASIN travelled to Arca de Noe, Albacete in February to collect sixteen galgos, including Thor, Chenoa, Carlota and Alejo (below) for homing in Slovenia.





















For most of the last year the shelters have been unable to have school visits or go to schools to talk to the children. The activities from our education website

### https://eduction.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

have continued to be been downloaded which is good news. Some groups in Spain are hoping they can have summer camps for the children this year.



We have been able to fund the building of some mini kennels at Galgos del Sol in Murcia. Tina and her team rescue many galgos in and around their area and work tirelessly to give them every chance to recover from their ordeals and have the chance of life in a home.

# Galgos del Sol-2015





We have supported Tina for some years now and on our second visit in 2015 we were able to visit the site of the new shelter, it was huge and work had just started on the first kennel block. (photos left)

Over the years we have continued to support the work of Tina and her helpers with funding for initial veterinary costs, education grants etc and also been able to take some galgos from her for homing here in the UK

Our new group will be coming from Galgos del Sol and you can see more details of this lovely group of 15 galgos on pages 16-18.

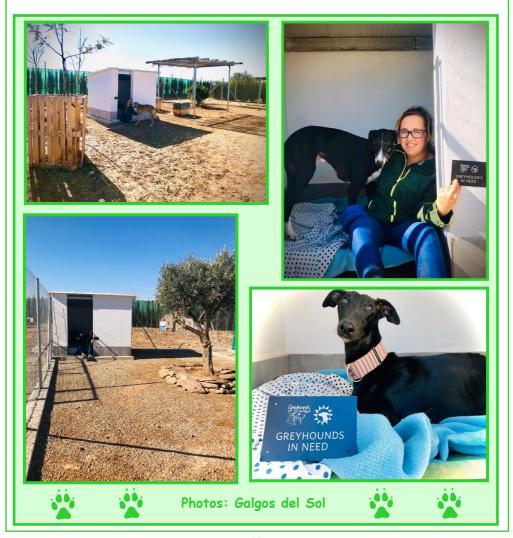
We heard from Tina earlier this year that the final project at the shelter was to provide two day parks for the galgos, two areas at the far end of the site, away from the kennels where the dogs could spend the day and chill out with each other and the volunteers.

Some dogs do not do well in a kennel environment no matter how much love and care they receive and for the nervous dogs these parks should prove invaluable.

We were therefore pleased to be able to offer funding for the mini kennels that were needed in these parks to provide some shade for the dogs.



The mini kennels are now complete and Nomi at Galgos del Sol is getting them ready for the galgos.



### Merchandise

During lockdown we have been able to spend time reviewing our merchandise and have, with the help of Sam and Mark our website designers, set up a new on line shop site. We needed an updated site as ours was quite old and sadly some problems we experienced could not be rectified.

We have also been looking at our product range and have been able to find some new items and these are included in our new catalogue. We have more items on our shop site, including some limited stock items.

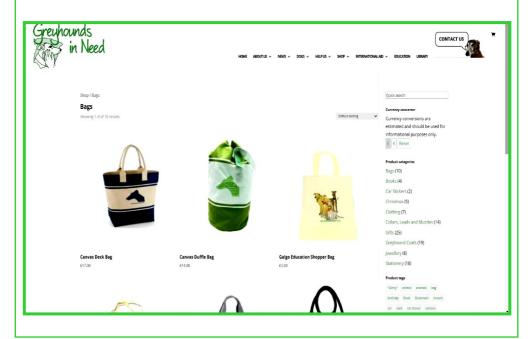
**Please note**: orders can be made on our new shop as a "guest" but if you set up an account on our old shop you will have to set up a new account on the new shop. Due to the data protection regulations we have not been able to transfer the customer accounts over to our new shop.

Please contact us if you need any help placing an order.

Orders can still be made by cheque by post and over the phone — 01784 483206.

Pease take a look at our new shop site—we hope you like it!

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





# Our New Galgos

### Our new galgos from Galgos del Sol, Murcia, will be arriving soon!



Sara, a white female galga around 5 years old. She is extremely sociable and has lived in a home before. Lovely on a lead, great with other dogs and just generally perfect.

Ear Muffs is a year old male galgo who was rescued from the streets. He's a big puppy really that will need an experienced sighthound owner. He was

named by the shelter in Spain, Ear Muffs, as he has tufty bits hanging off his ears which is super cute. He did really well with the behaviourist at the shelter in Spain but can be a

little naughty and jumpy with others. He is great with other dogs.





**Milan** is quite shy at first but will come round if given time. She is nearly  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years old and was rescued from the streets. She is great with other dogs and walks nicely on a lead when she's relaxed.

Zeus is a male galgo, approx. 5 years old. He is very friendly and loving and patient with other dogs. Great all rounder in general but can express himself a bit when he is unsure of things.





Saltarin is approx. 3 years old. He is a sweet boy but can be nervous at first. He was taken from a Galguero who had neglected him. He's a bit skittish on a lead and will need some lead training. He will take time to adjust to his new home.

Moo is approx. 3 years old. He was on the motorway in Spain and was rescued by a local woman and then came to Galgos del Sol. He is a sweet boy, walks lovely on a lead and is quite calm and chilled. He is a good all rounder really. No obvious fears and loves human attention



Mia, approx. 2 years old, arrived at Galgos del Sol on Christmas Eve, she was

rescued from the streets and was fostered for a little while so has been in a home. She is lovely and sociable,

just perfect really.

Tux (right) was rescued from the streets. He is a handsome boy, approx. 2 years old, quite scared at first but will come out on a lead and does quite well once settled. He has



benefited from being with some confident dogs but he will need an experienced owner to help him gain his confidence and trust again.



**Zaira**, a female galga, around 3 years old. She is a lovely girl but can be timid.

She will need an experienced dog owner and would benefit from a confident dog in the house. She is lovely and playful with other dogs.

Yuma (right) is a lovely confident sociable girl ready to just walk into a home. She is approx. 4 years old.

She arrived at Galgos del Sol

on Christmas Eve. She loves other dogs and her favourite thing at the shelter was walking in the sensory garden.



Dinky is a tiny galga, almost whippet size, possibly a whippet galgo cross. She is a bit scared at first and would benefit from being with other dogs as they help her along. She was on the streets alone, as always, and needed a trap to be caught! She is approx. 2 years old.



Liberty a sweet boy that was on the streets and had a tooth infection. He walks beautifully on a lead. He plays like a puppy sometimes which is nice to see as he was a bit scared at first. He is approx. 4 years old. He was spotted running down roadways and through fields with another galgo. They were finally caught in a trap.

Berry is a young extremely loving boy that is perfect with other dogs. He also loves people. He has an old break in the leg after being hit by a car but he uses it just fine. He can pull a bit on





the lead. He is approx. 3 years old.

**Eve** is a lovely sweet galga. She has trade mark cut on her ears of being with a gypsy in Spain. She is fantastic with others dogs and walks nicely on a lead.

Chestnut was found lying in the dirt, he had been abandoned. He is quite shy at first but slowly comes around, he will take time to gain his confidence again. He enjoys his walks and likes doing zoomies when he thinks no one is looking. He is approx. 4 years old.



Please keep checking our website for news on the galgos

www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

## Our new website

Lockdown has also given us the opportunity to work on a new website for the charity, Web designers, Sam and Mark, have also re-designed our main site, this was long overdue, and it now has many new features.

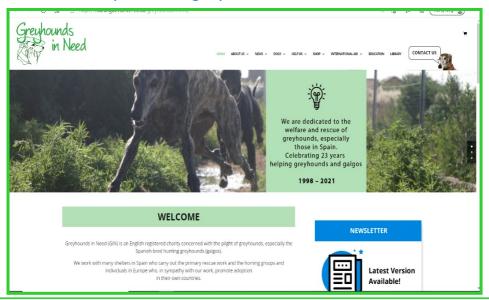
We will, as before, keep our site up to date with news and on the home page you can see we now have a blog and our latest news will be put on there. We will also add details of any events we may be able to book later in the year.

We hope you will take a look at the site and find navigation around the various sections much easier. We would appreciate any feedback.

We are always pleased to receive photos of your homed galgos and greyhounds and like to add these to the Homing Gallery on the site plus every year we have our GIN Calendar and always need photos for this.

Please visit—

# https://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



### BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Full name
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I would like to help Greyhounds in Need CIO with an annual / quarterly / monthly gift of £
Name of your bank
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Bank sort codeAccount Number
Bank Instruction:- Please pay the stated amount on the same day each year / quarter / month, starting on / / /
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SignatureDate

Please send this form to your bank

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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:
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. Want to cancel this declaration . Change your name or home address . No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.
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, when such events can be booked, 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 <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/gin/Donate">https://www.justgiving.com/gin/Donate</a>



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 <a href="https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/">https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/</a>

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 20) 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 Stamps cannot control. Stamps, of any denomination, are very welcome.

# easyfundraising 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 - <a href="https://easyfundraising.org.uk">https://easyfundraising.org.uk</a> Over 2,700 retailers can be found on the site including Amazon, eBay, Tesco, M&S and Argos.



Amazon Smile is another way to help GIN. If you smile.amazon.co.uk and

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 24.

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.



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Become a member of Greyhounds in Need CIO

# <u>TO</u>: 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 20 and return with this completed form to the address above.

Membership can also be paid over the phone—01784 483206

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Please tick one of the boxes below:	
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# TRIBUTES

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My galgo, **Chico**, who I adopted from you on the 11th May 2012 had to be put to sleep recently. He was

the most amazing gentle boy, loved by everyone that knew him. I am absolutely k devastated. He's been by my side for over 8 yrs enjoying so many different walks and making no end of friends. For the last 4 vrs or so he has shared his life with Zara, a crazy podenco who we adopted after we lost our saluki who Chico adored. When Zara arrived I'm not sure what Chico made of her at first. She was...and still is an absolute nutcase! But he soon grew to love her and they spent many happy times playing chase and beating up. months ago Chico was viciously attacked by a rottweiler. He spent over 3 hrs in surgery of which was touch and go. The main concern was a puncture to his



chest wall. He was 11 yrs old then. But he pulled through but was never able to run again after that. Three months after the attack he had to have his left eve removed. The vet thinks it had detached due to the attack as the rottweiler had pushed him onto his left side. But he recovered from the op really well and managed amazingly well with one A few months ago we noticed Chico was not great on his legs at times. The yet thought it was probably arthritis due to his age. ( around 12) A course of cartrophen injections did nothing. Further tests revealed it was Degenerative Myelopathy, a disease of the spine that slowly paralyses the legs. All of a sudden it seemed to take off and Chico could hardly stand let alone walk. He had such a great life with us and he was such a happy boy. 

Goodbye Cleo - farewell girl...I had to let you go You enriched my life so much - more than you'll ever know Smarter than the 'average' dog - One step ahead were you Keeping me upon my toes - And full of mischief too Running rings around your Mum - The waste bin was fair game Tea bags scattered everywhere - Life just won't be the same My red spuds also caught your eye - You scattered them around But close inspection soon revealed - No teeth marks could be found I thought the dog food was quite safe - How silly could I be? Where there's a Cleo there's a way - To get one up on me! It seems that you had several pups - In your youth - in Spain Your Mother's instinct stayed with you - When you to England came You cared for all my other hounds - Just one big family .... Concerned that they were all OK - Like any Mum would be You'd found it hard to breathe of late - And your distress was plain The vet prescribed some pills for you- To make you well again But alas 'twas not to be - The end was near and so The kindest, only thing for me... - To let my Cleo go Dear Cleo - you'll be sorely missed - 'Farewell' my dear sweet friend



Marcia was originally a "foster" dog with me in Nov.2014, and then adopted in Feb.2015. She was a companion for Blanco, having just lost Annie aged 14 years. She was always a nervous girl with people, but was gentle and well behaved. On visits to GIN HQ, even though she

But tho' we've had to say 'Goodbye' - My love for you won't end.



knew everybody, she couldn't quite bring herself to be stroked, even when wagging her tail with pleasure. Very recently she showed signs of slightly "favouring" her back right leg. A visit to the yet and medication seemed to improve things. A second visit, and more medication didn't seem to be working guite so well, so x-rays were carried out. The news was very bad—she had osteosarcoma (bone cancer), and the vet thought it might have already spread. To save any further deterioration and increased pain, it was decided not to bring her round from the anaesthetic, but just let her go. The onset of this condition was very rapid, but I made sure Marcia didn't suffer in any way. Her life with me was a happy one, with every care, comfort, good food, and lovely daily walks in Windsor Great Park-what more could a dog want. It has left a big hole in my life having lost two dogs with cancer in the past 18 months. The house is strangely so quiet, and as I come to terms with her loss. I am trying to keep busy and be positive. I tell myself to think about the many other people whose lives have been affected by the loss of loved ones due to the Covid 19 pandemic, and that puts everything into perspective, Catherine

# Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Rosa and Onda, happily homed together in Surrey



GIN, happily homed in Slovenia





Filly and Sally homed together in Warwickshire



Bobby, originally from Galgos del Sol in Murcia, now looking very comfortable here in the UK

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# Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Perdio enjoying his life in France



Pinch, originally from Galgos en Familia now settled in Belgium



Bono (left) and Marisa relaxing on the Isle of Wight



Galgo River and his new friend Bailey sunbathing in Reading

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### News from Cheshire and the North West

Hello again everyone,

We are looking forward with optimism to meeting up with many of you later in the year. Hopefully better times are ahead and we will be able to resume all our fundraising and social activities which have had to be put on hold for the last twelve months. How much has changed since writing my piece for last year's edition of the Spring and Summer Newsletter. The last year has been very difficult for us all, especially during the cold, wet and dark winter months.

Last October our dear friend Graham passed away. We had known Graham and his wife Sandra from the early days of our becoming involved in greyhound welfare nearly thirty years ago. We met through our mutual love of greyhounds. It was Graham who first negotiated our being able to fundraise and awareness raise in Cleveleys, where we have met some wonderful friends and volunteers and as a result have homed many greyhounds and galgos. Graham will be sadly missed by us all. RIP Graham.

We do have many happy memories of our visits to Cleveleys and hopefully we will be able to add to those memories later in the summer.

Over the last six months we have learnt of the passing of several of our four legged friends. Charity passed away last September, she would have been thirteen in September and is much missed by her greyhound friend Foxy and her owner Jim.

Carol sadly lost two of her rescued Spanish dogs Drako aged twelve years and Trevor nine years within a few days of each other in November, whilst Pascall and Mireille greatly miss their white and black greyhound girl, Pearl who would have been thirteen in January.

We ourselves were devastated to lose our beautiful little black greyhound girl Rosie, very unexpectedly in October. She was only five years old and a real character, we miss her dreadfully.

I thought that I would take this opportunity to mention some of our older greyhound and galgo friends, many of whom are sharing a home with another friend, which just goes to show how addictive these dogs are, one is never enough. Some of them are getting a bit creaky and wonky (as we all are) but many are still going strong. Sincere apologies to those dogs and their owners who I have not mentioned. I hope to include you in my future newsletters.

Syd is still fit and active at the ripe old age of thirteen and a half. He has a new greyhound friend called Peggy after he lost his long time companion, Daisy. Syd and Peggy are both keeping their owner Adele on her toes.

Syd 💮

Jet and Lilly are neither in the best of health at the moment. Jet will be twelve in June and Lilly eleven in November. They live in Fleetwood where they are much loved members of Jo and Leo's family.



Sprocket (formerly Mozart) the

brindle galgo, lives happily in Chorley with his black and white greyhound friend Dolly, aged nine. Sprocket's mum and dad Liz and Clint said they were told he was

"about eight"
when he came
to live with
them ten years
ago!

Gold and Alli are two sisters who were both twelve last

October. They are both fit and well, living in Manchester with Ellie and Derrick.



Lily (left) and Jet

Stella and Tom will both be twelve later this year and are in reasonably good health. They live in Cleveleys and have been a great comfort to Sandra since the passing of her husband Graham.

Natalie and Mary also live in Cleveleys. Natalie will be twelve in June and Mary will be ten. They have been loyal companions to Steven following the sad loss of his wife Carol, one of our much loved and missed volunteers.

Foxy will be twelve in July. She lost her pal Charity last September. Both dogs have been a great comfort to their owner Jim, who lost his wife Jenny another of our lovely friends and volunteers in January 2018.

George will be twelve in June, he lives happily in Stalybridge with Sandra and Tony, whilst our two girls Polly and Trish will hopefully both reach the age of twelve in August and will be well enough to spend their holidays with us again in Cornwall in July.

Looking forward to meeting up with you and your dogs as soon as possible later this year. Don't forget to check the GIN website and Facebook page for the latest news of events. Take care everyone and in the poignant words of Captain Sir Tom Moore "Tomorrow will be a good day"

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

### Vet's Corner

All of the galgos we rescue are tested for Leishmaniasis, Babesiosis, Heartworm and Ehrlichiosis which are diseases that occur in Mediterranean countries but are not commonly known or endemic in the UK. The tests we undertake are to ascertain whether an individual galgo is currently infected with this disease but diagnosis can be challenging and latent infections can be difficult to diagnose. I give below more information on one of these diseases, Leishmaniasis.

### Leishmaniasis:

# Causing agent:

Leishmaniasis is caused by the protozoan parasite Leishmania infantum, which is transmitted by sand flies of the Phlebotomus species. Dogs are the major reservoir for this infection.

### Geographical distribution in Europe:

Leishmania infantum can be found in Spain in the Mediterranean coast, south coast and some central regions like Madrid, in most of the parts of Italy, being more predominant in the southern regions and Sardinia and in Mediterranean coast of France.

#### Transmission:

The Leishmania parasite is transmitted to the dog by the bite of the sandfly when feeding on the dogs' blood. The most common time of the year for the sandfly to feed on the dog is from April until late September. Sandflies are weather dependent and are more predominant near water sources like rivers. The incubation period can take from 3 months to seven years. Leishmaniasis is a zoonotic disease; this means it can be transmitted to humans by the sandfly as a vector, so the dog can act as a reservoir for the parasite. This transmission can happen in countries in Southern Europe where the sandfly is present; however the clinical signs would not be like the dog's clinical signs. Recently blood transmission has been reported and, therefore, we recommend none of our re-homed galgos act as blood donors.

### Clinical signs:

Leishmaniasis can have many different clinical signs like skin lesions (scaling, hair loss and ulceration especially of the head and pressure points), abnormal nails growth, recurrent conjunctivitis, decreased appetite and weight loss, exercise intolerance and lethargy, vomiting and blood found in the stools. However the most common ones are Epistaxis (Nose bleeds), ocular abnormalities and renal (Kidney) failure. On clinical examination enlarged lymph nodes and spleen can be observed. Renal failure due to immune-complex glomerulonephritis eventually develops and is believed to be the main cause of death in dogs.

### Diagnosis:

By blood test to detect *Leishmania* antibodies (ELISA test); more complex tests for identification can be done like a PCR test.

# We recommended annual antibody testing for all our rehomed galgos.

### Treatment and prevention:

If the dog shows any of the clinical signs found above and it has been in an endemic area it should be taken to the veterinarian and let the veterinarian know in which country the dog has been to. The main drugs used for the treatment of leishmaniasis are the pentavalent antimony meglumine antimoniate and allopurinol.

Miltefosine is a relatively new anti-leishmanial drug that can be used for the first month of treatment in combination with allopurinol instead of meglumine antimoniate. Amphotericin B is also used but it is highly nephrotoxic (Toxic for the kidneys). These treatments are often designed to improve the dog's condition temporarily but sometimes the disease can reoccur. The treatment does not eliminate the parasite. Keeping infected dogs where the sandfly is present needs to be thought about as a treated dog is considered as a carrier and can transmit the parasite via the sandfly to other dogs and people.

In endemic countries dogs are given topical insecticides in Deltamethrinimpregnated collars or spot-on drops to reduce the number of sandfly bites.

A new vaccination has been licenced in Europe offering protection against Leishmaniasis. This vaccination should only be given to dogs that test negative for diseases and will be particularly useful for dogs travelling to areas where Leishmaniasis is endemic. Trials are currently underway to test the use of this vaccine in animals previously exposed to Leishmaniasis but results are not expected for at least 5-10 years!

More information can be found on our website www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Leigh Sobye BVSc MRCVS



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## Special Cases

We continue to fund initial veterinary costs for many galgos the shelters in Spain can help but we often get asked to help some special cases and in recent weeks have been able to give help to three shelters with some sad cases.

Vera of Galgos en Familia asked us for help with two galgos her group had rescued - Kimbra and Violet

Kimbra arrived with an open fracture, a distal ulnar and radius fracture with displacement. She was x-rayed and seen by the trauma specialist. He kept her in and operated. She has a 3.5 mm DCP plate fitted with 9 screws. She is on total rest for 6 weeks and will then be seen again by the surgeon At the time of writing she is doing very well and Vera and her team are happy with her progress.

**Violet** arrived at the shelter unable to put any weight on her rear leg, she had x rays, the vet suspected a fractured tibia and she was seen by the trauma specialist. He kept her in and operated straight away.

The surgeon repaired and stabilised the fracture using five crossed needles and a cerclage thread to act as a tension. Violet went into foster, along with Kimbra, and also needs 6 weeks of total rest. The surgeon will see her again after the 6 week period. She is also making good progress.

Popeye and Zeus arrived at Arca de Noe, Albacete with broken legs. They were x-rayed and both had bad fractures which the vet said would take some time to completely heal.



They had to be kept in a small area to start with and they needed to rest to give their injuries time to heal.

Sole, at the shelter, has recently emailed me to say both dogs are now going out for short walks and the vet is happy with their progress.

Soon they will be able to be adopted and start their new lives in a loving home.



Isabel at APAPA in Ayamonte wrote to ask if we could help with a galgo they had rescued, called **Zeus**. He had suffered a bad injury to his front leg and would need x-rays and an operation. Esther, a volunteer at APAPA, has been looking after him and helping his rehabilitation. His stitches have now been removed and the vet said his leg is healing very well.

Isabel says Zeus is a champion and they are so pleased with his recovery, he is a lovely boy and as soon as he is ready they will find him a lovely home.



# **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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