

Greyhounds in Need



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

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Dear Friends

It's newsletter time again so that means six months have passed, hard to believe but lots to tell you of our work and future plans.

This year, now that there is no quarantine, we have been able to bring thirty galgos to the UK. We are pleased that there is always a lot of interest in the galgos and already four of the new group, arriving in October, have been reserved. Their photographs and details are shown on pages 35 and 36. We hope more will have homes waiting before they arrive. We board the galgos in kennels near to the GIN office and are therefore able to visit them and take them for walks. We have been fortunate to have Sandy, a local lady, visiting the kennels regularly to take the galgos for walks. This helps us to assess them better and make sure, as far as possible, that the right dog goes to the right home.



Our Summer Raffle raised £5,400 from ticket sales and linked donations. We would like to thank all involved for once again supporting our raffle. Lynne and Geraldine, at HQ, week after week, meticulously logged all the responses and Rosemary Jones, Chairman of our local Staines Tangent Association, kindly drew the winning tickets.

Lynne, who has worked in the GIN office for nearly 3½ years retired in July. We would like to thank Lynne for her help and wish her well in her retirement.



We were fortunate to be able to welcome Tracey back to GIN, many of you will remember she used to work in the GIN office some years ago before moving abroad. She joined us again in mid-July and says she doesn't feel like she has been away !

Tracey has been busy looking for merchandise for us to sell to raise funds towards our work and we hope that you will find something you like in the enclosed catalogue. Our merchandise can also be purchased on line now — please visit - <http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>

We will be adding new items throughout the year. It is now possible to order a gift certificate, on line, an ideal Christmas present for a friend giving them the chance to choose their own gift.

This year our Christmas card has been designed by Alison Lingley, who has designed cards for various charities over the years. Our card is called "Home Sweet Home" and sold in packs of 10—£5.50 a pack incl. p&p. Order information is given in the enclosed catalogue and on our website.



Our education programme is slowly getting around schools in Spain thanks to the shelter volunteers we work with. We know this is a long term project and the benefits, we hope, will be seen in years to come. The shelters keep us

up to date on their school visits and it is nice to hear that many are invited back time and again to present the resource to different classes in their local schools.



Children visiting the galgos at RECAL, Almendralejo

We are very grateful to all of our volunteers who have been very busy fundraising this year despite the poor weather we have had this summer and many events being cancelled.

Sue, Phil, Carol and their volunteers in Cheshire are out most weekends fundraising for GIN. Sue and Les in Worcestershire are busy with car boot sales and store collections. Rita in Sussex is kept busy with the many collecting boxes she has placed in and around Sussex which bring in around £3,000 each year. Many more supporters organise street collections and have stands at local events, organise walks, and it is possible now to set up an on-line donation facility on the **JustGiving** website—<http://www.justgiving.com/gin>

This is ideal for people organising sponsored walks, running marathons and is easy to set up. It enables supporters to donate on line and also has the facility to claim gift aid on behalf of our charity. All monies raised are credited to the main charity bank account automatically.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in fundraising for GIN for all their hard work organising and running events for us. We know ourselves how much time and effort go into these and they are not all about fundraising they also help to inform people about the work of Greyhounds in Need and encourage people to become members of GIN, sponsor a galgo and in some cases offer to adopt one !

The shelters in Spain have had a very hard year, the economy is bad in Spain as it is in other countries but again the animals suffer. Shelters that we work with report a larger number of galgos being looked after at their shelters. It seems in some areas that more are being handed in by their hunter owners, often by hunters who would normally be keeping their dogs during the non-hunting season.

The shelter in Albacete that we work with are worried about break-ins. The hunting season has started in Spain and this is when galgos can be stolen. Sadly when shelters are broken into many dogs escape and damage is done to the kennels. We met recently with volunteers from the Arca de Noe shelter and they are currently putting together some plans for making their shelter more secure. They want to increase the height of the fencing to make it harder, hopefully impossible, for people to get in and also to stop people throwing dogs over the perimeter fence. Their heating system has broken down and this is another important item that they need to replace. We are awaiting information and quotes for this work to see how we may be able to help them in the future.

This shelter take in many galgos each year. We are able to help with funding for the veterinary costs necessary to prepare these dogs for transportation and homing in Italy and Slovenia—around 100 each year.



Martin and I recently met with Elisa, Chiara and Lily of *GACI*, Italy, and Nina of *SASIN*, Slovenia, when we attended the "9th Raduno Nazionale Levriers Adottati" which was held in Modena.

Hundreds of people and their greyhounds and galgos turned up for this annual event. It was wonderful to see so many happy dogs wandering around and getting lots of fuss and to meet families who are obviously delighted with their adopted dog.



As many of you know, it was when the Rome greyhound track closed down in 2002 that *GIN* first came into contact with *GACI* and they had the responsibility for homing over 300 ex-racing greyhounds. They continue to help home many ex-racing greyhounds from England and Ireland and have extended their work to find homes for Spanish galgos too.

At the event there were many stands, some manned by people who have adopted dogs from *GACI* and who now want to help their wonderful work.

The Dog Show which was held late afternoon brought tears to our eyes, so many lovely dogs and an impossible job for the judges to choose a winner. The one class that moved us all was the class for the black greyhounds and galgos.

It is always harder to find homes for the black dogs and yet seeing so many all lined up together with their coats shining you wonder why these dogs are overlooked. GACI are trying to find more homes for the black dogs and now have designed a new logo—"Greyhounds in Black " and one of their supporters made some black wooden greyhound statues as a centrepiece for the show to encourage more home offers for these dogs.



Nina and her team from SASIN had a stand at the show, they had travelled the four hours from Slovenia to be there. This was the first time we had met Nina and it was good for us to have the opportunity to talk to her about the work she is doing in Slovenia.

She has been working hard to find homes for the greyhounds and galgos and organises walks so that the public can meet the dogs and find out more about them. She and her team have found many homes for the dogs and travel to Modena during the year to collect their reserved dogs and get them ready for their transport to Ljubljana.

Sole, Pili, Carmen and Marifeli from the Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete had also travelled to Italy for this event and it was lovely to see them meet up with galgos they have rescued. Marifeli has been rescuing galgos in the Albacete area for over ten years and she said that she could never have dreamt that she would ever see so many galgos wagging their tails !



Sole, who runs the Albacete shelter, has some new contacts in France, Germany and Switzerland and between them they hope to take between 60 and 100 galgos each year. We were able to talk about these new contacts when we met and at our recent Trustees meeting it was agreed that we could offer to fund the veterinary costs for these galgos which will help the shelter and ensure that the dogs are fully and properly prepared before their transportation from Spain.

We continue to support Galgos en Familia in Malaga. This organisation is run by Vera, a Dutch lady who has lived in Spain for some years now. She finds homes for the galgos in Holland and also in Belgium thanks to Greyhounds Rescue Belgium.

We recently funded some new fencing for Vera so that she could separate the galgos more easily. She takes galgos from the local pound and likes to keep them in a separate area whilst they undergo necessary initial veterinary checks. We have also provided some funding for some little kennels which provide some shelter for the dogs from the heat and also give the more timid galgos a place to shelter when needed.



We continue to send many boxes of coats, blankets, medicines and treats to Spain. We share out these donations amongst many shelters and are always in need of more.

Sadly postage costs have increased but we still receive parcels of coats from many of you each week and these are much appreciated, and needed, by the refuges.



If you are able to make some coats for the dogs we would be grateful, we have included the patterns on pages 12 and 13.

Carolyn

Thank you from the refuges

We have just started working with a new group in Villablanca, called APAPA, run by Claudette. They help all breeds and contacted us to see if we could help with the galgos they rescue. We are looking forward to working with them and recently sent them some coats and treats and received the reply below from Claudette—

.....we have received the huge box with all the donations you have sent us.....

It was a big surprise! Thank you and all of the people working so hard to make this possible. We know it is hard work and we really appreciate the help. Please let all of your team know that we really are thankful and our dogs will really enjoy all the nice treats that you have sent as well as the beautiful coats for the galgos. The hand knitted ones are really lovely and the person who took the time to knit them should be thanked especially. What a wonderful gesture. Please let them all know that we have received it and that it will all be put to good use. Also the educative material will be used by our association to help the children in our area become more sensitive with the problem of abandonment in general. Once again, thank you!!!.....



Parcels also went recently to the Villamartin shelter in Cadiz and Saskia wrote *Today the San Anton shelter workers were happy to receive again a big Greyhounds in Need box with warm coats for coming winter.....*
As it's still 30+ the pictures show you that the dogs were more impressed with the sweets!



Mada of the RECAL shelter also received her parcel and emailed us

We have received a big package from you. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

All the things are very useful: the collars from the greyhounds, the sweets, the pills, the clothes, the blankets...

We are very grateful to you. Please, say thank you to your people for this.....

Fatima at the shelter in Chiripaina emailed us

we have received this important donation, we are grateful to you and everyone who want to help, donations will be very well received by our dogs and when I put the coats on I can send photos ...so they can see how much our dogs enjoy them, we are extremely grateful for this help.....

Dog Coat Patterns

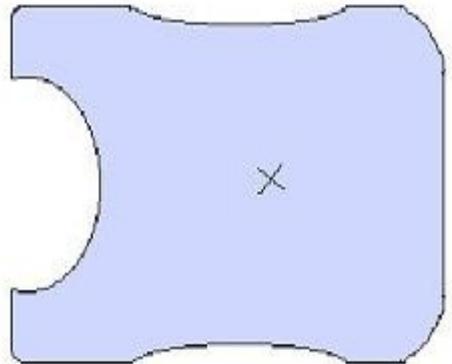
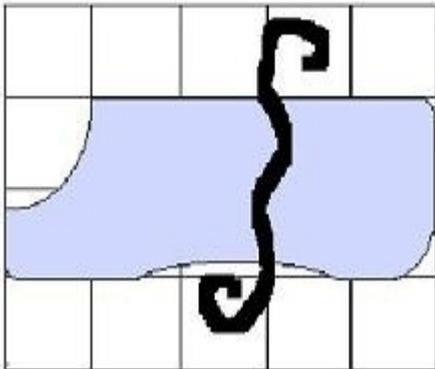
Blanket coat

Using the template below as a pattern (each square on the grid is 6" (15 cm) sq.), present the top edge of the template to a fold in your material and cut it out double.

Do this twice, and with right sides together, sew all round the outside edges leaving a small gap to be able to turn the whole thing inside out. Sew a six foot band of soft material at least two inches wide onto the middle of the back for the belly band. Finally, oversew or bind the two thick edges which go over the breastbone, very firmly together. This can be a weak spot.

Standard blanket/coat material can be used double unless it is particularly thick and could do singly, perhaps with a flannelette/soft cotton lining.

Another idea is to cut up and use material from second hand waterproof coats or padded dressing gown material.



Knitted coat

You will need -

- Size 8 or 4mm needles
- 500g ball of Arran wool or suitable thick wool.

1) Cast on 100 stitches in garter stitch and knit for 24 inches.

Divide neck as follows:

2) With right side facing, knit 43 stitches then cast off 14 stitches which will be centre of the neck.

3) Knit the remaining 43 stitches from the left hand needle onto the right hand needle.

Shape neck as follows:

4) Starting at beginning of row knit 43 stitches then slip remaining 43 stitches onto stitch holder.

5) Starting at neck edge decrease one stitch every alternate row (by knitting two stitches together) until 20 stitches remain, then cast off.

6) Return to remaining 43 stitches on stitch holder and repeat to match other side. Wrong side facing, sew neck ends together.

To make belly band:

7) Cast on 1.5 inches in garter stitch.

8) Knit for 66 inches and cast off.

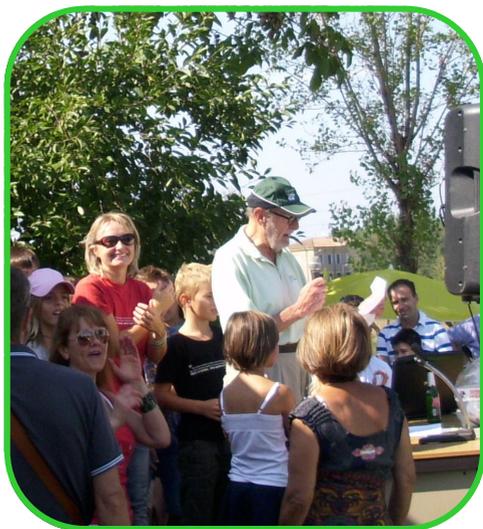
9) Sew band onto dog coat half way down. (To tie under belly)



Trustees' pages Since I last reported to our supporters, there have been some important changes to the management of the charity.

At the end of July Geoffrey Levy, our long-serving Treasurer retired after ten years of looking after our financial affairs in a expert professional manner. We thank him for his hard work for the charity and for his passionate interest in the welfare of our galgos.

Eric Goodley, our Independent Examiner, has kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. We welcome Eric, who already has a good grasp of our financial systems and will be able to provide continuity and his own professional expertise to our financial affairs.



*GACI reunion - giving my speech—
in Italian ! - with Elisa and
Lily looking on*

I am especially delighted to tell you that the well-known actor Peter Egan has agreed to become a Patron of GIN. Peter needs no introduction. He has appeared on TV in such famous productions as "Cold Comfort Farm", "Ever Decreasing Circles", "Prince Regent" and "Reilly Ace of Spies" as well as numerous stage and film productions. Watch out for Peter in the Christmas episode of "Downton Abbey" and in Alan Bennett's new play "People" at the National Theatre, opening in October.

But, perhaps more importantly for GIN, Peter is in his own words, a "self-confessed Dog Nut". He is Trustee and Patron of ALL DOGS MATTER and Animal Champion for ANIMALS ASIA FOUNDATION.

We welcome two new trustees. Geraldine Jones has for some years rendered sterling service as a volunteer in the office at HQ and has acquired a thorough knowledge of GIN and its work. She is the proud owner of Mary-Anne a beautiful galga thought by her previous adopter to be beyond control but now, thanks to plenty of TLC, a happy family member. Leigh Soby is a local veterinary surgeon who is dedicated to our cause and will bring to the board of trustees a wealth of vital expertise.

With all these changes, I think that the management of your charity is well placed to carry forward our vital work in Spain and elsewhere.

The work in Spain has become even more difficult owing to that country's serious financial difficulties. The rescue shelters we support have suffered cutbacks in what little government support they have received in the past and are struggling to continue their vital humanitarian work, in the face of widespread indifference or even hostility. We are stepping up our efforts to help with such projects as security, improvements in dog accommodation, heating and weather protection. We continue to make substantial contributions to the costs of transport and veterinary work.

You will read, elsewhere in this issue, Carolyn's report on our recent visit to Italy, where we were able to join in the very impressive annual gathering of supporters and their dogs laid on by our colleagues GACI (Greyhound Adoption Centre Italy). We were delighted to see so many of the galgos from Arca de Noe in Albacete, which have been rescued with our support and also to spend time with our Spanish friends, from whom we were able to hear of their current problems and to arrange for future help from GIN.

A continued preoccupation for GIN lies in our schools education programme in Spain. This is making solid progress and is warmly welcomed by the schools we have, so far, been able to reach. We see this as an absolutely vital project, albeit one which will take a long time to bear fruit.

I must congratulate Carolyn and her staff for successfully setting up our new on-line merchandising facility. You can now purchase an expanded range of GIN merchandise and pay on line. Please remember to go to our website when thinking about buying any kind of doggy needs and much more.

Like all other charities we have suffered a downturn in income, resulting from the current financial climate. We have adequate reserves and will remain strong, but a long-term fall in contributions will damage our ability to carry on our work. Please continue to support GIN and perhaps to remember us in your will.

I close by thanking all our staff both at HQ and our shops for their continued devotion and hard work.

Martin



ChairmanofTrustees@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

How You Can Help GIN

GIN's supporters can help in a number of ways -

- * fundraising at shows and local events
- * organising local dog walks and street collections
- * sponsoring galgos for homing in the UK
- * joining GIN's membership scheme
- * buying our merchandise or visiting our shops
- * leaving a legacy to GIN in your Will
- * sending a book of stamps
- * recycling old ink cartridges
- * making dog coats for Spain
- * making donations
- * making donations towards veterinary costs
 - Initial testing for the Mediterranean diseases (€40-60)
 - Vaccinations, treatment for fleas and worms (€40 +)
 - Sterilisations (€80-130)

Donations can also be made ON-LINE by visiting our website and clicking on this button



Donating other items needed for Spain -

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

Full details of all the above are on the GIN website
www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk or can be obtained by phoning, or writing to
our Wraysbury office—01784 483206,
Email: info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Christmas Treats for the Galgos !

Why not treat a rescued galgo to a Christmas treat?

"A well worthwhile Christmas present for a friend?"



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

Your Name

Your address.....

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.....

.....

Amount enclosed £_____

Please tick this box if you would like a receipt

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

Tracey Sanderson, Greyhounds in Need, 33, High Street,
Wraysbury, Middlesex, TW19 5DA

Greyhounds in Need – Gift Aid declaration for past, present & future donations

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made—

today in the past 4 years in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand GIN will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Donor's details

TitleFirst name or initial(s)Surname

Full home address

.....

.....

.....PostcodeDate

Signature

Please notify GIN if you:

- . 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.

**TO: Membership Secretary, Greyhounds in Need, 33, High Street,
Wraysbury, Middlesex TW19 5DA**

I should like to become a Member of Greyhounds in Need 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 2013 to 31st December 2013**

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If you are a UK tax payer please complete the form on page 18 so that we can claim gift aid on your membership.

New Member

Renewal

FROM: Title: Name: (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Address:

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..... Postcode

Tel No: Email address

BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Full name

Address

..... Postcode

Email

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

Name of your bank

Address of your bank

..... Postcode

Bank sort code - - Account Number

Bank Instruction:- Please pay the stated amount on the same day each year / quarter / month, starting on / / /

Signature Date

NINE LUCKY GALGOS STARTED THEIR NEW
LIVES IN THE UK IN APRIL



Zora



Mono



Veronica



Moro and Chato



Calvita



Bon



Boy



Happy

Zora (now Twiggy) went to live in Derbyshire with 5 cats !

Mono had to have most of his tail removed due to an old injury, he was nursed back to health by our local vets and one of the nurses offered him a home. He too is living with a cat and some rabbits.

Veronica was probably the quietest of the group and took a while to get over the long journey from Spain but she is now doing very well with her new family in Hampshire.

Moro and **Chato** really bonded in the kennels and we all hoped that they could be homed together. We were very fortunate that Sarah and Geoff offered a home to them both and they are now living in Plumstead.

Calvita also had a long journey up to Lockerbie but she is doing well and enjoying her new life with galga Menta.

Bon (now Chino) had a long journey to Aberdeen but he soon settled in with Ann and her family.

Boy (now Chico) was one of the first to leave and he is now living in Dorset.

Happy (now Hap) is now living happily in Surrey with TC the cat.

Can you offer a home to Sam ? a young male galgo who arrived in the UK with the nine galgos above in April. Unfortunately he has not been offered a home yet which is surprising as he is a lovely looking dog.

He is approximately three years old and was originally rescued in Madrid where he had been used for hunting. He has a few scars from his time in Spain. He is currently living in a foster home with another galga and has settled in quite well and is housetrained.

He is very sociable and loves lots of fuss and attention. He enjoys his walks and walks well on a lead. He also enjoys his food. He seems to get on with other dogs but would probably best be homed as an only dog or with another younger dog as he likes to run around and play and can get quite excitable. He shows some interest at the moment with cats and squirrels so if homed where there are cats he would need someone with time and patience to de-train him.

If you feel you could offer Sam a home please call us on 01784 483206.



Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Flossie doing her bit for GIN here in the UK



Blanco, originally from Albacete, now homed in Slovenia



Ghost, an ex-racing greyhound from the UK, now homed in France



Dagny (Gwen) an ex-racing greyhound from the UK now settled in France



Mono, a galgo originally from Madrid, now enjoying life in the UK

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



*Fernando now settled here
in the UK*



*Lola (Mia), who came from the RECAL shelter in
Almendralejo now resting in Belgium*



*Kyle, from Murcia, jumping
around in Belgium*



*Lagartija from
Almendralejo now
living in Switzerland*



Gauga Annie homed in the UK with Archie the cat

Brighton Shop News The shop has had a busy summer, despite the weather, with lots of people from all over the world visiting the shop especially as it was the Queen's Jubilee year. We had a great window complete with cakes and lots of donations of memorabilia to sell and received many nice comments about our display.



Unfortunately the weather did spoil some of the fundraising events, with many regretfully being cancelled. It is a lot of hard work organising these events and many were cancelled at short notice. Let's hope next year will be better.

We still have a lot of donations coming into the shop and the shelves and rails are full with clothes, gifts and our own merchandise—dog coats, notelets, keyrings, Christmas cards, collars and lots more !

Christmas will soon be with us so do come along and buy a few gifts to help the greyhounds and galgos. Also, if you would like to have a coffee morning or organise a fundraising event for us please contact me at the shop on 01273 674100. The dogs need all the support we can give them.

Once again thank you to my team of volunteers for their hard work.

Many thanks also to Sue for making coats for the dogs but also for making the lovely knitted greyhounds which sell very well in the shop.

Christine

Greyhounds in Need Charity Shop

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Kemp Town

Brighton

BN2 1EB

Telephone/Fax : Christine Page on 01273 674100

✉ BrightonShop@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Opening hours: Monday - Friday - 10am - 5pm

Saturdays 10am - 4pm

Bournemouth Shop News The first few months of this year have been very challenging for our Bournemouth shop. Although donations of goods have been flooding in sales are down on previous years, despite the notion that more and more people are buying second-hand clothes and other items. However, our late summer has now improved our takings together with extended opening hours.

As we continue to receive plenty of good donations we would still like to hear from supporters interested in having a stall at a Car Boot Sale or other local event for us. We always have plenty of interesting, good quality items which have not sold in the shop and would be ideal for this purpose. Alternatively, if you would like to organise a collection at a local store then I would be happy to help with paperwork, etc. (Please ring me at the shop on 01202 513000.)

Some of you may know I adopted a rescued saluki lurcher called Snoopy a couple of years ago. I recently came across an interesting article which seems to connect hounds with my family even when I was a child. My father's sister and family who were farm workers lived in a house called Dragon Cottage in a small hamlet called Bisterne (Hampshire) which



is not far from Bournemouth. Over the front door is carved a dragon in commemoration of Sir Maurice Berkeley and his two trusty hounds who killed a devouring dragon in 1459. Apparently the dragon "did much mischief upon man and cattel." Needless to say I am now researching this interesting story!

Finally, please continue to donate your unwanted gold and silver jewellery (even if broken). It is surprising just how much cash a few items can raise to help the greyhounds and galgos.

Sue

Greyhounds in Need Charity Shop
952 Wimborne Road
Moordown
Bournemouth
BH9 2DG

Telephone Sue North on 01202 513000

✉ BournemouthShop@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.00am- 4.00pm
Saturdays 9.00-1.00 pm Closed all day Wednesday

News from Cheshire and the North West

Volunteers from the Cheshire and North West Branch of Greyhounds in Need have enjoyed a successful and enjoyable summer fundraising and awareness raising in spite of the very wet weather.

We managed to dodge the showers at all of our events apart from our annual visit to the Wilmslow Show in Cheshire which had to be postponed because the ground was waterlogged even though the weather was fine on the day the Show was scheduled to be held. We have been invited back to next years Show which is to be held on Sunday July 14th 2013.

This year we have added two new events to our calendar. In June we had a stand at the very popular Myerscough Agricultural College Open Day near Preston in Lancashire. The weather was glorious and members of the public were very interested to meet the greyhounds and galgos. We have been invited back to Myerscough in June next year.

In July we organised a Fun Dog Show at Marbury Country Park near Northwich in Cheshire. Everyone enjoyed what we hope will become an annual event.

We are looking forward to having a strong representation of Cheshire and North West GIN volunteers at the attempt to break the World Record for the most dogs of a single breed walking together, to be held at Escot Park in Devon in September. It should be a fantastic sight to see 1000 greyhounds and galgos gathered together. Hopefully we can report that the Record was broken in the next Newsletter.

We are indebted to our committed and enthusiastic group of volunteers and supporters who come to support us at our events no matter what the weather. It is especially rewarding to see dogs who we have helped to rehome over the years coming back to see us with their proud owners. We were delighted to see Lupi Lou who is much loved and now living in Preston at the Tatton Dog Show; Pearl who has only recently found her forever home; Karl now Syd who is living in the Cheshire countryside with his friend Daisy; Foxy and Charity as well as lots more of our greyhound and galgo friends. Many thanks to you all as well as to everyone at GIN HQ for your support and encouragement.

Sue, Phil and Carol

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Fundraising in Cheshire



TRIBUTES

I wanted to let you know that I had **Diana** put to sleep in July. She had deteriorated rapidly and the time had come.

She passed away so peacefully but of course I am left in bits. She was the most amazing little angel anyone could wish for and she enriched my life more than words can say. I am missing her so much already. Carol x



I thought I would let you know that we had to have **Bella** put to sleep.. You may recall I wrote to you in Feb. asking if you knew of any weird reasons for her problems. These got worse and eventually the vet found masses of protein in her urine.....We had a couple of reasonable days but she was uncomfortable had lost tons of weight , was loathe to eat (not a galgo trait!) and was not happy.....She had more or less given up, spent the morning with her head on my lap so we had to make the worst decision of our lives to send her away from the comfort of her home was not an option and she appeared to be making it abundantly clear that enough was enough. It was a very peaceful ending and in death as in life she was the perfect dignified lady. She is sorely missed by us and the cat and the amount of people in our village who have sent their condolences is amazing. Everyone that met her loved her to bits. Thank you so much for giving us 5/6 years of joy. Adele

✦ **Gracie**—I write to let you know that my beautiful galga Gracie (Pintada) died on 9th August. She arrived in October 2003 and we had nearly nine happy years together. I miss her dreadfully but can comfort myself with the knowledge that she had nine happy years.
Sue

✦ I adopted **Flash** from GIN in Bournemouth in 2001. Sadly he passed away last month at the grand old age of 15. He was such a pleasure to have and look after and a very good friend. Thank you for all the excellent work you do.
Shelley

✦ On the 23rd June 2012, we had to have **Patti** put to sleep. We think she must have been over 14 years old. She was one of the group of galgos brought to the UK and released to new homes on August 12th 2000.....She was known as Gina but we thought Patti suited her better. It was evident that, aside from being abandoned in Spain, she had been well treated as she feared nothing and loved everyone, especially elderly men and children.Since we already had 2 free running rabbits, we had to de-train her which was quite a challenge and it took several months before we felt happy to remove her muzzle in their company..... Sadly in recent months Patti's hind legs were beginning to fail her. We had her checked over by a specialist but sadly there was nothing that could be done to help this so we just managed her condition for as long as we could. We gave her inordinate amounts of love and fuss and it was only when she became increasingly unable to stay upright on her walks that we had to make the awful decision to let her go. She remained comfortable and happy right to the end. We can only hope she is now romping around and back where she belongs, with Dougal. Nigel & Cheryl (& Rosie & Hunny - the bunnies)



✦ It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the loss of **Clover**.

She had what appeared to be a fit, and collapsed, we called the vet and on their advice kept her warm and I stayed with her most of the night, she was not able to stand and it was hard for her to even raise her head up for long. On Saturday morning we took her to the vet and she was diagnosed with acute kidney / liver failure, and was suffering terribly, so it was with very sad hearts that we had to say goodbye to our wonderful, lovely, faithful girl, who is very much missed by us all.

Graham and family

Vet's Corner

Slugs and snails and puppy-dogs' tails

Not just a line from a popular nursery rhyme, but also a warning to dog owners to be aware of an increased threat to their dogs' health posed by a rise in the number of reported cases of a disease, that until recently has been relatively rare, and one that is caught by dogs eating infected slugs and snails.



Canine Angiostrongylosis is a life-threatening disease of dogs caused by a very sophisticated worm. The worm is called *Angiostrongylus vasorum*, often referred to as lungworm or French heartworm due to its discovery in France in 1866.

The worm was first reported in the UK in 1975. Vets across the southern half of the country and in Ireland are now reporting significantly more cases of dogs with the disease than in the past years. As yet it is unclear why there has been an increase, but the worm is known to favour warmer temperatures - something the UK seems to be experiencing lately. Foxes can also be infected, and the increase in urban fox populations might be another reason why vets are seeing more cases in dogs as infected foxes spread worm larvae in their poo.

Infestations of this lungworm often results in death if not diagnosed or left untreated. Early diagnosis by a vet, followed by appropriate treatment should usually lead to a full recovery.

There are many symptoms to watch out for, although an infected dog may equally appear totally healthy.

Persistent coughing, reluctance to exercise, depression, weight loss, fits, vomiting, diarrhoea and persistent bleeding from even insignificant cuts are all possible signs.



Dogs under the age of two appear to be more susceptible than older dogs even though dogs of all ages and breeds can be affected. The wide range of symptoms can easily be confused with other illnesses so contacting your veterinary practice is important in case any of the above signs have been noticed.

For this lungworm to infect a dog it has to pass through an intermediate host and then be eaten by the dog. In this instance, the intermediate hosts are slugs and snails.

Dogs do not normally willingly eat slugs or snails, although some might unwittingly do so by eating grass or anything else they choose to eat while outside. Outside water bowls or the practice of feeding dogs outside might increase the risk of them eating a slug or snail.

If you suspect your dog may have eaten a slug or a snail, or habitually does so, please book in for a check-up. A simple monthly-applied spot-on, such as Advocate[®], will treat this lungworm and a wide range of other problem parasites, including fleas and roundworms.

Just ask your vet for advice!

Leigh Soby BSc MRCVS

Events

Many events take place throughout the year for GIN and we are grateful to everyone involved for giving up their time to attend local shows, organise dog walks and street collections.

Full details of our events are shown on our website:

www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



Jubilee Garden Party in Wraysbury

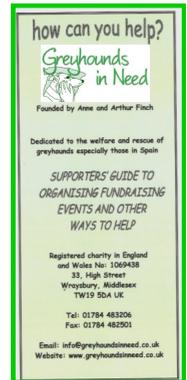
and on our Facebook page



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



If you feel you would like to become involved in fundraising for GIN please phone us — 01784 483206 or email info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk for a fundraising pack which includes a “How can you help” leaflet with lots of ideas for fundraising.



Drawing by GACI

Monthly walks in Wales

Please come and join the Sunday monthly walks (last Sunday, every month) with dogs and supporters around Cosmeton Lake, Penarth. Contact Sarah on 02920 212592.

Sunday walks near Bournemouth

Please contact Sue North at the Bournemouth Shop on 01202 513000 for more information/news on future walks.

Sponsorship

The galgos (breed name galgo español) are Spanish bred greyhounds used widely by hunters in the rural areas of Spain, for coursing hares with betting. The galgos we help are homed mainly in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland thanks to our contacts abroad.

However, we bring small groups to the UK each year. All are sterilised, micro-chipped and have been tested and found clear of Mediterranean diseases before they come to the UK. Our last group were homed in April, please see pages 20 and 21.

The ten galgos whose photos and details are shown on pages 35 and 36 are all from the RECAL shelter in Almendralejo. They are currently at the kennels in Vic, Barcelona and Pep and Pilar are looking after them for us, carrying out necessary veterinary treatments - blood testing, sterilisations etc. They will be coming to the UK in October. Their details are on our website and already four have been offered homes.



Pep at the kennels checking the galgo paperwork

If you would like to **sponsor one of the galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form on page 34 and return it to us at:

Greyhounds in Need, 33, High Street, Wraysbury, Middx. TW19 5DA

If you feel you **could offer a home** to one of them please email HomingOfficer@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk or give us a call on 01784 483206. Our full homing pack, which includes the homing questionnaire, is available to download from our website—

<http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/adoption/adoptionFrame.htm>

Sponsor a Galgo

I would like to sponsor a galgo and wish to give Greyhounds in Need (*Circle as appropriate) *£5 per month *£10 per month *£25 per month *Other amount £.....per month

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If you are a UK tax payer please complete the form on page 18 so that we can claim gift aid on your sponsorship.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK

Bank.....

Address.....

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INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR BANK

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

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

Account Holder's Name.....

Account Holder's Address.....

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

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



Luna - a white female galga, approx. 4 years old.

She is a little shy but has a nice character. She gets on well with other dogs. She was rescued in Almendralejo.

RESERVED

Maruska - a female, long haired galga, approximately four years old. She was found wandering the streets near the shelter. She is a little frightened when she first meets you. She is fine with other dogs.



Mancha - a white female galga with some brindle patches. She was handed in to the shelter by her hunter owner. She is a little timid until she gets to know you. She is approx. three years old.

RESERVED

Maisy - a black female galga, approx. 4 years old. She has a white chest and some white markings on her nose, paws and tail. She was handed in to the shelter in Almendralejo by her hunter owner. She is very shy and will take time to regain her trust. She gets on well with other dogs.



RESERVED



Maria - a black, female, long haired galga with a white chest and grey muzzle. She is approximately three years old.

She is a very nice friendly dog and gets on well with other dogs.

RESERVED



Baco - a 4½ year old male galgo, black with a white chest and some white markings on his head, paws and tail. He was rescued from the streets and had been hit by a car. Fortunately he did not suffer any broken bones and he has recovered well. He is very friendly with people.

Panuchi - a lovely looking male brindle galgo, approx. 2 years old. He is a friendly dog and good with other dogs. He is also alright with children. He is not cat friendly - at the moment, but we will be able to assess him better once he arrives in the UK.



Rapy - a male, brindle galgo with a white chest and white paws.

He is a quiet dog. He gets on well with people. He is approx. seven years old.

Codi - male, brindle galgo. approx. 3 years old, with a white chest and white markings on his paws and nose. He is very friendly with people. He is alright with female dogs but can be a bit dominant with male dogs - we will be able to assess this better once he is in the UK.



Esquivo - a fawn, male galgo, approx. seven years old. He was handed in to the shelter in Almendralejo by his hunter owner. He is very friendly and gets on well with other dogs. He has some little scars on his nose and has suffered tail damage but this has healed well.