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

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Cover photo: Annie (front) and Blanco happily homed together
here in the UK



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Dear Friends,

When you receive this newsletter it will be Autumn and the majority of our fundraising events will now be over for another year. Despite a rainy start for many of them once the summer began we were very pleased with the attendance at events held up and down the country - more news on pages 14-17. These events are very important for the Charity as they help to spread the word on the work that we do and encourage more people to offer help, become members and in some cases offer a home to a greyhound or galgo.

Our colleagues abroad have also had a busy summer with their events and in early June the Greyhound Adopt Centre Italy (GACI) organised their 10th Raduno Nazionale Levriers Adottati and this year Tracey and I were lucky enough to attend this event which was held in Modena.



Front row, left to right, Sabrina, Chiara, Lily and Elisa

Elisa, Chiara, Lily and Sabrina work tirelessly throughout the year finding homes for the greyhounds and galgos. The majority of the greyhounds that are homed by them come from Ireland and the galgos come from the Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete and the ADANA shelter in Badajoz.



The weather was lovely and many people had travelled long distances to attend this annual event. Some were booked into local hotels, with their dogs, and others were in camper vans near the venue. It was wonderful to see so many people turn up to enjoy this gathering. Walking around and meeting people it was easy to see how happy the families were with their greyhounds and galgos and for us to see dogs that we have only seen photos of before was wonderful. GACI have worked very hard to promote black greyhounds as pets and this has been successful and there were many entries for their special dog class in the Fun Dog Show.

Nina, from the Slovenian Association for Sighthounds in Need (SASIN) had travelled from Ljubljana to have a stand at the show. They have been working hard to find homes for the greyhounds and galgos in Slovenia and they organise walks so that the public can meet the dogs and find out more about them. Nina and her team have found many homes and travel to Modena during the year to collect their reserved dogs.

Sole, Mari-Feli, Elena and other volunteers from the Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete had also travelled to Italy for this event. It was lovely for them to see the galgos that they had rescued over recent years now looking so well and happy in Italy. Mari-Feli is the lady who manages to catch many abandoned and scared galgos, and has the scars to prove it!

A Fun Dog Show was held late afternoon. The judges had an impossible job to choose the winners. There were several classes and, as mentioned before, a special class for the black greyhounds and galgos.

The owners and dogs waited for their turn to walk around the arena to much applause as Elisa called out their names. Prizes were awarded and cameras were clicking away all the time. Elisa thanked everyone for attending and making the Raduno so successful. I did a short speech in Italian (with help from Google!) thanking all at GACI for their tireless work for these needy dogs.

The whole event was very moving, the collaboration between GIN, GACI, SASIN and Arca de Noe goes from strength to strength, thanks to which many greyhounds and galgos are rescued, helped and then transported and homed.



Left to right, Carolyn (GIN), Elena, Mari-Feli and Sole (Arca de Noe) and Tracey (GIN)

Following the Raduno and during the next day we were able to have meetings with everyone to discuss our future work. Homing in most countries seems to be slowing down a little. GACI and SASIN work hard to promote greyhounds and galgos as pets and GIN will continue contributing towards the transport costs for the greyhounds and will also continue the funding for the important and necessary veterinary costs needed for the galgos.

We were able to talk to Sole and her team from Arca de Noe, Albacete about the new project we had offered to fund at the shelter. This project involved the building of a new galgo kennel block within the main shelter; divided into four sections next to an exercise paddock.

This is a secure area for the galgos with an under floor heating system. At the time of writing this newsletter I am pleased to say that this project is nearing completion and the galgos will soon be settled in their new kennel.



It can be very cold in Albacete during the winter and this kennel block will certainly keep the galgos warm until homes are found.

Last year we were able to offer funding to Arca de Noe in order for the shelter walls to be heightened to improve security and we are now funding a security lighting system which should also be completed before the winter.

We realise that the funding we give for veterinary and transport costs to Arca de Noe and many other shelters in Spain is needed and important but helping where we can, and when we are able, with special projects like the galgo kennel are as important. The work that the volunteers carry out every day, often in the face of widespread indifference or even hostility needs to be supported. Thanks to their hard work and dedication many dogs are rescued, cared for and rehomed.

In July, Greyhounds Rescue Belgium (GRB) organised a Greyhound Memorial Day and this year Martin, Geraldine and I were invited to attend. This event is dedicated to the memory of greyhounds and galgos everywhere who are sadly no longer with us. The event has always been well attended and this year was no exception.

Harvey, the President of GRB, his wife Ann, who is Treasurer, Nadine (Secretary), Ineke (Facebook lady), Michel (driver) and many volunteers had worked

hard to set up the hall in Antwerp ready for the meeting. Supporters arrived with their dogs, dog beds under their arms and before very long the hall was full. It was lovely to meet some of the dogs, whose care we have funded in Spain, and see them so happy with their new families.



Harvey gave a speech bringing supporters up to date with the work of GRB and thanking those present for coming along to this special day. Martin thanked GRB for inviting us. We then went for a walk to the beach and hundreds of tagged white balloons were released in memory of the greyhounds and galgos. Nadine had presented Harvey and myself with special paw print balloons for us to release in memory of our dogs, Jordan and Lurchy, who had both sadly passed away on 15th July.

The Priest then carried out a blessing for all the dogs, it was a lovely summer day and the dogs were so well behaved, all happily waiting their turn.

GRB take many galgos that GIN are funding in Spain. They organise "info evenings" throughout the year and potential adopters are invited to these.

They are told about the plight of the greyhounds and galgos, they learn about the breed, they can meet some dogs at this event and are told of the available dogs for adoption. During our visit we were able to have meetings with the GRB team to discuss our work and our plans for the future. We are very grateful to them for taking so many galgos for homing and on occasions like Greyhound Memorial Day we are able to see how successful their work is.

We have recently been able to offer some funding towards boarding costs in Belgium which has helped with their homing, We look forward to our continued collaboration.

These visits are very worthwhile. The help and support GIN gives to these groups is very much appreciated and we couldn't do this without the wonderful support we receive from you all. Thank you.

We continue to support other shelters in Spain and are making plans now for future visits to gather information on possible projects and meet with the volunteers to discuss their current work and future plans.



We also continue to send many boxes of coats, blankets, medicines and treats to Spain and take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for continuing to send or bring these kind donations to us in Wraysbury.

We have been able to help some ex-racing greyhounds from the UK thanks to Sue, Phil and Carol in Cheshire and the North West, Catherine of Levriers en Detresse, France, and Harvey of Greyhounds Rescue Belgium. More greyhounds will be travelling to France for homing before the end of the year.

Our new group of ten galgos arrive in the UK in October. Their photos and details are on our website and are also included in this newsletter on pages 34 - 36. Already we have people asking about them and it is good to know that there is still a lot of interest in these lovely dogs. They make wonderful pets. Please contact us if you feel you can offer a home to one of our galgos.



Paddy, now Zak, an ex-racer homed in the UK by Sue, Phil and Carol

We again include in this newsletter our Christmas treats appeal, page 18. Last year we were overwhelmed to receive over £1,200 and the shelters in Spain were very grateful for the treats purchased for the dogs.

Our 2012 Christmas card was very popular and we asked Alison Lingley to design another card for us this year. It is called "Christmas Eve". Full details are in the enclosed catalogue.

I would like to say a special thank you here to Tracey and Geraldine who help me in the office, every day is different, we are always busy and the days go so quickly. They join me here in wishing you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carolyn

Lurchy

On the 15th July I had to say goodbye to Lurchy. He was 12 years old and until very recently he had always been in good health but he developed what was first thought to be a urine infection but after many tests a prostate tumour was discovered and this quickly caused him all sorts of problems. My vets were very good but there was nothing more they could do and I had to make one of the hardest decisions I have had to make and let Lurchy go peacefully.



Lurchy came originally from Cordoba and arrived in the UK in 2003 and went into quarantine kennels. On our visits to the kennels over the next six months we could all see that he was a character. He loved to have visitors and before you had hardly got chance to get into the kennel he had you pinned to the side with his paws on your shoulders and then would start to check you over looking for treats. He shared the kennel with Fran who had a similar character to Lurchy so there was never a dull moment when these two were together.

Arthur, who founded GIN with Anne, adopted him on his release from quarantine and he was always at Arthur's side. It wasn't long before he was attending GIN events and meeting the public, he loved all the fuss and cuddles and was a great ambassador for GIN. Arthur and Lurchy used to run the agility courses at some Country Shows we attended and Lurchy was quite happy showing the other dogs what to do, only now and again making up his own route around the arena.

When Arthur sadly passed away in 2007, Lurchy came to live with me. He was a lovely dog, never any trouble. He went everywhere with me, including to the office every day, and had his own little corner with his bed and toys. He always welcomed visitors to the office and soon had them trained to bring treats for him. He even received gifts in the post from many GIN supporters. He was loved by so many people and will never be forgotten. I know that my son Jack and I will not be alone in missing him, GIN HQ is not the same without him here looking after us.

Thank you to everyone for the lovely tributes you have sent to us, they are much appreciated.

Carolyn x

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 (€50-80)
 - Vaccinations, treatment for fleas and worms (€50 +)
 - 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

Trustees' pages

I must apologise for my ugly mug shot, only set off by the beauty of my galgo Percy.

The occasion was a local fun dog show held by All Dogs Matter, a wonderful charity in North

London founded and run by our good friend Ira Moss. Percy won the "Mr Hampstead" class.



We remain very concerned about a problem I highlighted in the last Newsletter. This concerned the reported authorisation by the local government in Andalucia of the "training" of greyhounds and galgos by tying them behind motor vehicles. It now appears that this was not actual legislation but an approval of a set of rules drawn up by an association of hunters. Of course this, in practice, amounts to the same thing and is, probably, just part of a campaign of smoke and mirrors to try to justify this outrageous practice. We will continue to fight against such barbarity.

Our greatest problem is still the lack of suitable homes for our dogs, both here in the UK and in all the European countries where we carry out rehoming. Other charities are suffering the same problem, which undoubtedly stems from the current economic downturn. As many supporters will know, the ownership of a dog is now a pretty expensive undertaking and many will now hesitate before taking on such a commitment.

Please help us by spreading the word that, contrary to popular myth, galgos are easy pets to keep, do not need masses of exercise and will respond massively to a little TLC.

You will see from Carolyn's report in this issue that we have continued our programme of visits to our homing partners in Europe and further visits to Spain are currently scheduled. We place a high value on these trips which enable staff and trustees to meet face-to-face with the people who are working at the coalface. This helps us to appreciate their problems and to decide where our help is best needed.

As I have reported before, GIN has embarked on a programme of increasing our expenditure on capital projects, which are sorely needed by our partners in Spain and elsewhere. You will read in this Newsletter of a major project which is nearing completion in Albacete in Southern Spain, where we have funded much needed kennels with heating, exclusively for the many galgos they rescue. Further projects of this kind are in the planning stage, all thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Make sure you have a look at the Brighton Shop report on page 24. You will see that we have moved to bigger and better premises. I'm sure this will lead to even better things for our successful Brighton enterprise and I must thank Christine and her noble band of volunteers who have struggled on wonderfully in our old very cramped shop.

Martin



ChairmanofTrustees@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



Fundraising news

2013 has again been busy for GIN supporters up and down the country organising and attending events to raise funds and awareness of the work of the charity.

Sue, Phil, Carol and their volunteers have been busy with events in and around the Cheshire area. They have a great group of volunteers who come along with their dogs and lend their support and help with manning the stalls and talking to the public.



Left to right, Sue, Phil, Carol and David at the Morrisons Store collection

Sue in Worcestershire continues to do well with the car boot sales and street and store



collections; if you can help in the future please give Sue a ring on 01527 869395. Terry Howkins, a retired teacher who lives in Worcestershire has been a GIN supporter for some time now and helps Sue. He recently made two lovely carved collection boxes for Sue to have on her stalls and they have received a lot of interest.

Rita in Sussex raises much needed funds for GIN by placing collecting boxes in the Bexhill and Hastings area. She could always do with some help collecting these boxes so if you can spare an hour or two please give her a call on - 01323 833652.

Patricia Cory and her group in Suffolk have started fundraising for GIN and one lady in the group, Joelle, has been helping us with our new galgo merchandise.

In June Sally McMullen and her group on the Isle of Man had a busy day at the Isle of Man TT races and later in the month were kept busy providing the support crew for Dale Farquhar who completed the 85 mile Parish Walk in 17 hours, 35 minutes - well within the 24 hour deadline. The weather conditions were terrible, strong winds and sudden heavy showers, which got worse during the night section. It was a gruelling race, but he made it. Not only did he make it, but he was one of only about 200 finishers out of 1500 and came in 18th place on his first ever home run.

The GIN HQ Team have been busy with local fairs and collections. We are lucky to have good supporters who come along, whatever the weather, to lend a hand, filling their cars up with tables, tombola prizes etc and bringing along their dogs to meet the public.

Our annual GIN picnic at Virginia Water on 14th July fell on one of the hottest days of the year, but it didn't stop many galgos and their owners meeting up and showing their support.



After some meeting and greeting with the galgos checking each other out with a wagging of tails, we set off for the Totem pole. We had some inquisitive galgos along the way stopping to look at the lake and paddling making us humans very jealous because of the heat!

Thank goodness for the large tree at the Totem pole that provided much needed shade for a picnic. As bags and boxes were opened it was definitely "watch out there's a galgo about", many a sausage and pork pie went missing - funny how every galgo was licking their lips. When we had finished our picnics both 2 legged and 4 legged relaxed and enjoyed a short siesta and watched the world go by.

After everyone had recharged their batteries, helped along by an ice cream - us lucky humans this time! We started to take the walk back to our cars after a very enjoyable few hours. The Annual GIN picnic is such a lovely way of seeing all the lucky rescue galgos and their forever families again and thank you for your continued support.



The GIN Dorset monthly walks group celebrated their Tenth Year with an anniversary walk and picnic at Upton Country Park in Poole on a lovely sunny day and everyone had a lovely time including long time supporter Shirley who celebrated her birthday and was presented with a card and birthday cake accompanied by a very tunefully sung version of "Happy Birthday" ! Mollie and

Keith who used to run the walks and Peter and Val who now run them were both touched by a presentation of a thank you card and framed print of their walk leading hounds.

These walks are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am at Upton Country Park, Upton , Poole, Dorset, BH17 7BJ. Facilities include free parking, toilets and cafe.

<http://www.uptoncountrypark.com> A special thank you to Amanda for sending in the lovely poem.



Greyhounds in Need Walks

*Through rain and shine,
Through mud and sun,
Making friends, raising
Funds, having fun.*

*New hounds have come,
Whilst others, sadly
To the Rainbow Bridge
Have gone.*

*Across forest heathers
And Hengistbury sands,
We have walked miles and
Miles across local lands.*

*Refreshing cold drinks
And pub lunches too
Supporting the greyhounds
And Galgos*

*With much laughter
And a few tears,
We've been meeting up every
Month for ten whole years!*

Amanda

Our Summer Raffle raised over £5,000 from ticket sales and linked donations. We would like to thank all involved for once again supporting our raffle. Tracey and Geraldine, week after week, meticulously logged all the responses and Bruce Banbury of Soprano's in Wraysbury kindly drew the winning tickets.



As well as the people mentioned here many other individuals and groups around the country have stands at their local events and we take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to you all.

Future events are shown on the Events page of our website - www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

We also have supporters who are fundraising for GIN and donations can be made on-line by clicking on the justgiving logo on our website.



If you feel you would like to become involved in fundraising for GIN in the future please phone us on 01784 483206 or email us at info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk for a fundraising pack.

We also have a ["How can you help"](#) leaflet with lots of ideas for fundraising, please contact us for a copy.

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

TEN MORE LUCKY GALGOS HAVE STARTED THEIR NEW LIVES IN THE UK

Nine of our last group of galgos who arrived in April have now been homed. **Misha** is living with her new family in London. **Lidia** went to join galgo Pepe in East Sussex. **Tango** is living quite near us with his family in Middlesex and came back recently to one of our events. **Zira** and **Zeus** got on so well together in Spain, and in the kennels here, and we hoped they could be homed together—we were therefore very grateful to Phillip and Teresa from Cardiff for offering them a home. **Troya** also went to Wales with her new family to join galgo Pedro who came from Spain a few years ago. **Sorti** is now living with galgo Puppy and family in Kent, **Alegria** is homed to a family in Middlesex and **Nerea** has gone to live with greyhound Vernon and family in Coventry. We hope that Galatea will soon be settled in her new home.



Galatea is waiting for her forever home. She is a nervous girl and will need a special home where someone has the time to give to her to help her gain her trust. She is approx. 5 years old.



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

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.....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 2014 to 31st December 2014**

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If you are a UK tax payer please complete the form on page 20 so that we can claim gift aid on your membership.

FROM: Title:.....Name:.....(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Address:.....

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.....**Postcode**.....

Tel No:..... Email address

Date:.....

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.....

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Nicola, ex-racer, now homed in France



Pepe, originally from Almendralejo, now homed in Belgium



Tawny with her toys in Belgium



Mosca (left) and Pirri settled in their new home in Spain



Celes (Angel) an ex-racer from the UK now looking very comfortable in her new home in France

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Marcella, originally from Albacete now living in Slovenia



Chester, ex-racer now homed in France



Lucia (Alegria) homed here in the UK



Jock (Jack) ex-racer homed in the UK



Vevas, originally from Albacete, now homed in Switzerland



Twigg and Blossom, the cat, cuddled up together here in the UK

Brighton Shop News *We've moved !*

It was decided earlier this year that we needed to look for bigger premises for the Brighton shop. The shop was opened in August 2009 and thanks to Christine and her volunteers, it has done very well. The shop has always been fortunate to receive many donations and storage has always been a problem.

After some months of searching we have finally moved into our new shop, still in Kemp Town. Full address and details at the bottom of the page.

Please come and visit us, you will always be welcome and if you can offer to help in the shop, sorting donations, pricing items, serving customers, Christine will be pleased to hear from you.

Before leaving the old shop Christine had a visit from Pauline, a local GIN supporter who adopted galgo Merlin from us, and her sister Jan (photo bottom right). Jan has kindly produced a book of Animal Poems to raise funds for Greyhounds in Need, Sumatran Orang Utan Society and the Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Copies can be purchased at our shops and on-line for £5.00.



Christine (left) and Lara who joined in the fun as Pirates at our local Wraybury Fair



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Opening hours: Monday - Friday - 10am - 5pm
Saturdays 10am - 4pm

Bournemouth Shop News Our shop continues to thrive and donations are still coming in thick and fast. I don't think there will ever be a time when we will run out of stock! Much needed funds are still being raised by the sale of used postage stamps sent to us by our supporters. These are packaged and sold on the internet; please keep them coming! We also still welcome any unwanted jewellery - broken gold/silver items also appreciated.

Many thanks to Jo and family who kindly organised a collection with their friends and greyhounds at the Bikers Night on Poole Quay recently and collected donations of £50. If you would like to organise a fund-raising event for GIN in the Bournemouth area such as a store collection (Asda, Castlepoint is a good venue!), stall at an autumn/Christmas fair or any other event, we have lots of lovely stock at the shop you are welcome to use.

Our monthly walking group celebrated their tenth anniversary on September 1st with a walk in Upton Country Park followed by a picnic in the lovely grounds. A big thank you to Mollie and Keith, Val and Peter who have organised the walks over the past ten years.



If you are in the Bournemouth/Christchurch area on the first Sunday of the month then please join us with your greyhound/lurcher/whippet for a friendly walk. We usually meet at Upton Country Park but feel free to give me a ring on 01202 513000 to check the venue. Look forward to hearing from you. Kind regards **Sue**

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Bournemouth
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Telephone Sue North on 01202 513000

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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

Greyhounds in Need volunteers and supporters have enjoyed a successful spring and summer of social and fundraising events thanks to the good weather, with no events having to be cancelled this year.

Last year's Wilmslow Show was rained off because the ground was waterlogged, this year dogs and their owners were thankful for the shade of the gazebos as the sun blazed down.



*Sue, Phil, Carol, David and supporters
at the Tatton Show*

We are very grateful for the enthusiastic support of everyone who comes to visit us at our events, so we were delighted that Sadie, a rescued greyhound from Ireland, won Best in Show at the Wilmslow Fun Dog Show, for two of our friends from the Stoke area, Jules and Rob.



*Taking it easy at the
Wilmslow Show*

On July 21st we held our own GIN Fun Dog Show at Marbury Country Park near Northwich in Cheshire, where the Reserve Best in Show was won by Daisy, a stunning black greyhound, owned by Adele, another of our very supportive volunteers.

We are hoping that the Marbury Fun Dog Show will become an annual event on our North West calendar, as everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, especially all those proud owners whose dog had won a rosette.

The resourcefulness and generosity of our volunteers never ceases to amaze us. Just as we think that we are running short of tombola and raffle prizes along come several of our staunch supporters, each with a bagful of goodies for the stall.

This year, in addition to the scrumptious cakes, scones and biscuits for sale for both human and four legged consumption, which have been baked by our volunteers, we have been very fortunate to be able to demonstrate the needlework expertise of our very own Carol Cushnie.



Cushnie's Cushions (as well as peg bags and aprons) have proved to be extremely popular and greatly admired by visitors to our GIN stall.

Two lucky greyhounds have found their forever homes over the summer months. Jock, now Jack, was spotted by a family whilst we were fundraising in Cleveleys in May and is now living happily by the seaside.

Paddy, now Zack, has found his forever home in the Oldham area, where he has really landed on his paws. He is living with his greyhound friend Zara close to a large Country Park where he is already enjoying running around off lead. Dear Arthur still hasn't found his perfect family. We thought we had found him the ideal home but, through no fault of Arthur's, it was not to be. If you are interested in a very loving but not cat friendly 4 year old greyhound boy then do please get in touch

To everyone who is reading this newsletter and who may not be able to come along to our events but who contact us and support GIN in many other ways, thank you so much.

Please look out for our events on the GIN website. We are hoping to add one or two new venues to our calendar in 2014 and there may be an event happening very near to you.

Sue, Phil and Carol

GIN volunteers in Cheshire and the North West

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TRIBUTES

My Best Friend, my beautiful **Clio**, passed away on the 3rd of May, her leg was broken due to bone cancer, I had the best five years with her, she raced under the name Shana Hiatt, she was the biggest Diva going, had her own little ways, she ruled me, and I was happy that she did. My other greyhound Juno, keeps looking for her. Her ashes will be going in the huge hole she dug in the garden, rest in peace Clio.

Diana x

She was 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ too young to go.



Sadly earlier this year Wendy and Bob had to say goodbye to their galgo, **George**.

Just to let you know that we lost our beloved **Inca** on Sunday 11th August. We wish to thank you for bringing her into our lives and hope you will keep up the good work.
Elsa and John



Bo-Bo, who was adopted from GIN in 2005, passed away earlier this year. He is much missed by Cheryl

Abigail and Paul contacted us recently to say that **Mona**, originally Cabri, had passed away. She had been homed with them in 2004

Dear Greyhounds in Need

I just wanted to let you know that my beautiful **Gracie** has passed away. She was formerly known as 'Queen' and we adopted her along with Jake (Morpheo) in 2006. She lived until the grand old age of 14 years old and she had good health right up until recently. She was diagnosed with a tumour in her lung and became very unwell in a short period of time. She stopped eating and was finding it difficult to breathe, so we had to make the decision to have her put to sleep. She didn't suffer, the vet came to our home, he was very kind to her and we were holding her at the end.

Gracie was the sweetest natured, most gentle dog. She was a loving, happy dog who made a huge positive difference to our lives, the house is empty without her pattering about. She had a good life with us, she was loved and she knew that we thought that she was a special girl. We are already missing her so much. I know that my husband and I will have so many lovely memories of Gracie but we are both so sad to have lost her. She was our beautiful girl.

Kathryn

Dear Greyhounds in Need , We are sorry to be informing you that on 3rd June **Tiza** passed away. Aged approx. 13. She was one of the Galgos rescued in 2003 and was initially rehomed here in Cornwall by you. However this didn't work out and 1 week later she found herself in kennels at Praze nr Camborne being looked after until you could find a home for her and the other dog she was rehomed with.It took me 20 mins to get close enough to her to let her know we wouldn't harm her..... It was a very easy decision to offer this poor animal a home.....In the last 9 1/2 years Tiza has run on beaches and dunes , played in grassy meadows, slept on sofa's and a few beds, been loved every day and had great companions in Willow and Alfie.



It has to be said that she was not the smartest of animals. She would lie underneath the Glass dining room table at meal times hoping to catch a scrap or 2 , only to bang her head when getting up, every night for several years. In her last year she learnt to use the dog flap, it had been there since before she arrived. Her life though very comfortable had been blighted by various cases of Cancer and it was this that eventually caught up with her. Her final day being spent lying in the sun in our garden.

We will miss her greatly. Julian and Tamsin (Redruth Cornwall)

It is with deep sadness I inform you that **Figo** has had to be put to sleep... Known to many at Greyhounds in Need he had been soldiering on with an enlarged heart for best part of 2 years. More recently he went off his food and started to get very fussy what he ate. I tried everything from sausages to fresh cooked chicken, tuna steaks etc but he slowly refused to eat.

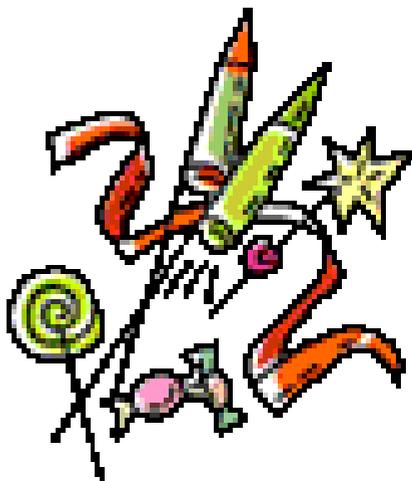


He had been under the vet on medication for the last few weeks and all medication was given disguised as treats i.e. Cheese and sausages ...Figo was even refusing these. He was due for a chest Xray at the vets but under the stress of waiting he collapsed, the vet rang me and asked me to return and it was decided that there was nothing further that could be done for him as his quality of life was suffering and things would only get worse as he was not eating or drinking...

Figo and I travelled extensively together where I went he went and was always the star, everyone he met fell in love with him. He slept by my side on my bed and would always follow me everywhere I went. He loved his ball and running free on the beach even a swim in the doggy pool at the beach. He loved his rides in the car and did not mind long journeys. He was also loved by many of the service users and the local MIND for mental health coffee club meetings where I worked as a volunteer. Figo always brightened up any situation with his presence and was always eager to please. A big thank you should also go to Greyhounds in need for their support when I first got Figo from you..... he loved me unconditionally and would only respond to my commands, I must point out that was his choice not mine..... Martin

Vet's Corner — Getting through the Firework Season

While many of us look forward to bonfire night and fireworks season, this can be a very stressful time for our pets. Around 80% of pet owners have had a pet that is afraid of fireworks. This fact sheet is designed to help you make this time a little easier for your pet to cope with.



Signs of fear in dogs

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

How to help your dog

- Walk your dog before dusk to avoid fireworks.
- Close any doors, windows and cat flaps to prevent escape.
- Provide a den for your dog in its favourite place.

Ignore fearful behaviour, such as panting, shaking and whining.

Dogs may pick up on their owner's anxiety which could make the problem worse.

Provide your dog with distractions such as new toys and chews.

Close the curtains and switch on the TV or radio to mask the noise.

Do not leave your dog alone while fireworks are going off, they will be calmer with a familiar person at home.

Do not punish your dog as this will only make them more distressed.

Plug in an Adaptil diffuser next to your dog's den; this will help them to feel more secure. Adaptil is also available as a spray or collar.

Medications

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

Desensitisation

It is possible to desensitise your dog to the loud noises created by fireworks or any loud noise but this will require some work outside of firework season. Most veterinary practices will be able to discuss a desensitisation programme using special noise phobia cds.

Leigh Soby BVSc MRCVS

Can you offer a home to Amy and Curro ?

We have been asked to find a home for two galgos who came to the UK in 2011. They were homed together but sadly due to a change in circumstances these two galgos need to be rehomed.

Curro is a large black male galgo with white/grey markings on his head, chest and paws. He is approx. 4½ years old. His current owner says he is a loveable rogue, very

mischievous and cheeky! He loves playing games, has loads of energy and is also extremely intelligent!, he gets bored quickly and needs lots of stimulation. he will constantly make you laugh at his antics. He is not cat friendly.



Amy is a small brindle female galga with some white markings on her head, chest, paws and tail. She is approx. 6½ years old. Her current owner says she is very lazy and loves her creature comforts. She is very shy at first with people but once she gets to know you she is fine. She is not good with other dogs, she has had some basic training but after being attacked by another dog,

she is now even more fearful of them and can be very aggressive towards them. Apart from Amy's fear of other dogs, she is a lovely, gentle and affectionate dog and loves lots of cuddles! She is not cat friendly.

Although it would be nice to rehome these two galgos together this is not always easy or possible. From the information we have been given above Curro would seem the sort of dog who would settle in a new home alright but needs a home possibly where someone is with him for most of the day to keep him occupied and spend time with him. Amy will need a special home where someone has the time and patience to help her overcome what seems to be fear aggression and help her gain her confidence back.

If you feel you can offer a home to Amy or Curro please contact Carolyn or Tracey on 01784 483206.

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 20 so that we can claim gift aid on your sponsorship.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK

Bank.....

Address.....

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

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

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Our Sponsorship Galgos

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. 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. The ten galgos whose photos and details are shown below and on the next two pages will arrive in the UK in October. Once they have settled in we will be able to find out more about them and will put news and more photos on our website.

If you would like to **sponsor one of the galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form on page 33 and return it to us. If you feel you **could offer a home** to one of them please email us or give us a call on 01784 483206.

Our full homing pack, which includes the homing questionnaire, is available to download from our website.

Flaco, a white male galgo, nearly three years old. He was rescued from the streets of Almendralejo. He is good with people and other dogs. He can be a little timid.



Zoraida, a three year old brindle female galga. She was found abandoned on the streets of Almendraeljo. She is a quiet dog but gets on well with other dogs.

Curro is a white/brown long haired galgo. He is a big dog, approximately three years old. He is friendly with people and gets on well with other dogs.



Gaia, a young black long haired female galga. She is a little shy until she gets used to you. She was found in the street in Almendralejo. She gets on well with other dogs.

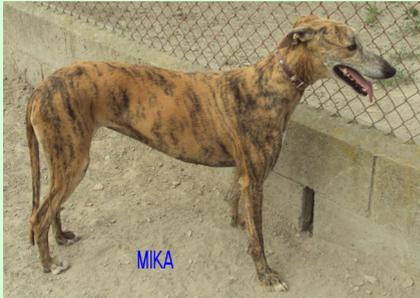


Lenin, a dark fawn male galgo, approx. six years old. He had been roaming the streets until he was rescued. He is a little timid.



Rondeno, a black male galgo, very friendly and good with other dogs. He is approximately two years old.

Tarzan, a dark fawn male galgo with a white chest, approximately two years old. He was picked up from the streets. He is very friendly with people and good with other dogs.



Mika, a light brindle female galga. She was rescued from the streets. She is very good with people and other dogs.



Panonique, a dark brindle female galga with a white chest, approximately three years old. She was handed to the shelter by her hunter owner. She is good with people and other dogs.



Dorabella, a beige female galga, approximately six years old. She is quite big, very friendly and gets on with other dogs. She has many scars from her hunting days.