

# 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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*Drawing by Monica Monti*

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Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter where we report on our work over the last few months. As always we have been very busy and this year the weather has been kinder to us for the many events held up and down the country.

We are very grateful to all of you who organise fundraising events throughout the year ranging from tables at local village fairs to dog shows, running, swimming or cycling marathons, These events raise much needed funds for our work enabling us to continue to help more greyhounds and galgos but they also raise awareness of the work of the charity.

At many of the events we are able to take dogs along and they are the stars enjoying all the fuss, and the odd treat, from visitors to the stalls. It is lovely to see children making a fuss of them and showing an interest and recently a little girl who met our Founder, Anne, and her galgos, wrote to us to become a member of GIN. She has been given a sewing machine and is going to start making dog coats for us.



It is to the younger generation that we look in the hope that they will make a difference in the future to the lives of these lovely dogs. In Spain our educational material is being well received at many schools and we are now receiving good positive feedback from the teachers.

The teachers are pleased with the education resource and report that the children are enjoying using it and learning about the galgos. School visits are arranged to the shelters and many teachers feel these are very important and necessary as they show the children the reality of the situation. We have been able over recent months to provide some education grants to enable this work to continue and have offered some funding for transport costs to get the children to the shelters safely.





*Photos: RECAL, Almendralejo*

I am pleased to write that we now have a galgo back in the GIN office looking after us.

I adopted Berby (Berbena) who originally came from the RECAL shelter in Almendralejo and arrived in the UK with nine more galgos in April this year. He has settled in very well at home and



*Berby*

in the office and soon found out where the kitchen was in Wraysbury and the treats cupboard! More news on his travel companions on page 19.



*Willow (Lian)*

We would like to thank Janet for making Martingale collars for the April galgos. They were all different designs and their new owners were so pleased with them as well as the hooded nylon macs that Catherine, another kind supporter, purchased for them. Here you can see Willow (Lian) modelling his new coat and collar.

A very big THANK YOU to all our supporters who kindly donated to our Dog Bed Appeal, we were able to fund the purchase of 27 plastic dog beds for the galgos at the Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete.

These beds are ideal for the shelters, they are easy to clean and big enough for the dogs to snuggle up in, they are strong and last quite well at the shelters but over time some need replacing as they get chewed.

We would like to provide more beds for the shelters in Spain and have included these in our Christmas appeal this year, please see page 18.



We would like to thank all involved for once again supporting our Summer Raffle which, with tickets and linked donations, brought in around £4,000.



Tracey and Geraldine, at HQ, week after week, meticulously logged all the responses, and Andy Turner of Pennyfields in Wraysbury kindly drew the winning tickets.

Winning tickets came from Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Guernsey, London, Lancashire, Hampshire and Cornwall.

Our Charity website [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) is updated regularly with latest news on our work, projects, dogs for homing, new merchandise etc but we realise that there are more ways to spread the word about our work and in some cases reach a different group of people.

Our Trustee, Christine, set us up on Facebook a couple of years ago and we now have nearly 2,600 likes. <http://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed> This has also led to home offers for our dogs and people can load up photos and give news on their dogs as they settle into their home. Also events can be placed on there to attract more visitors/sponsors. If you have time please visit and "like us"

Gennie, our new Trustee, has set us up a Twitter account, I have to admit that I think she will have to give me some lessons on how to "tweet" but again it is another way of reaching more people and raising awareness of the plight of the greyhounds and galgos. Please follow us on [https://twitter.com/Galgo\\_GIN](https://twitter.com/Galgo_GIN)

I would like to say a special thank you to Tracey and Geraldine for all their help in the GIN office. I would also like to thank Christine and Salva for coming in to the office to help us and, along with Catherine and Peter, regularly walking the galgos that we have in the local kennels.

They all join me here in wishing you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Carolyn**

## News from Abroad

**Arca de Noe, Albacete**—at the time of writing nearly 100 galgos have already left this shelter for homes in France, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland. The van GIN donated to Arca de Noe last year has already added a few hundred miles to the clock!

Many of the galgos rescued by Arca de Noe are homed in Italy, thanks to the Greyhound Adopt Centre (GACI). In June GACI have their annual reunion and this year our Founder, Anne, was able to attend.



*Fuji on his way to Germany*

Anne estimated that about 350-400 people and as many dogs attended, including staff and volunteers from GACI, Spanish volunteers from Arca de Noe, Adana in Badajoz and Galgos sin Fronteras in Madrid, representatives from SASIN the Slovenian adopting group just over the border, and mostly of course the Italian families proudly bringing along their adopted greyhounds from Ireland and galgos from Spain. GACI is possibly the largest group in Europe at the moment, homing exported greyhounds from Spain and Ireland.



*Group photo at Raduno: back left to right; Maria, Elena, Rosana and Nieves from ADANA, Badajoz; Maria Felix from Arca de Noe, Albacete; Nina from SASIN, Slovenia; Anne (GIN); Cristina from Galgos sin Fronteras, Madrid; Ana and Eva from ADANA; kneeling l-r; Concepcion and Pepa from Arca de Noe*



*Children's drawings  
of rescued  
greyhounds at  
the GACI Raduno,  
Modena*

A number of supporters have asked for news of Carbón who we mentioned in our last newsletter. He had arrived at the shelter, just before our visit there, and had a very bad break in his leg. We offered to fund the specialist surgery needed and I am pleased to write that he is now enjoying his new life in Germany after making a full recovery.



Mada of **RECAL** in Almendralejo continues her good work for the galgos. Many have travelled to Vic, Barcelona to Pep's kennels to be readied for homing. Some of the galgos leave Pep's for homing in France by Catherine Madry and **Levriers en Detresse**, and in Switzerland by Manuela Teixeira and **Levriers Swiss Adoptions**. Many come to the UK.

More on the latest arrivals in Vic on pages 34 and 35.

As well as taking galgos from Spain, Levriers en Detresse also take ex-racing greyhounds from the UK.

They have recently purchased some land and constructed some kennels so that the greyhounds can be visited by potential adopters, this certainly helps speed up the homing process and we have been able to offer some funding for this project.



*Jardin des Levriers*

Vera of **Galgos en Familia** and Charlotte of **112carlotagalgos** continue their work for the galgos in the Malaga area. Many of their rescues are transported by road to Harvey and Greyhounds Rescue Belgium for homing.



*Ryder, from 112carlotagalgos, homed by Greyhounds Rescue Belgium*

We continue to support Charlotte and Vera with funding for veterinary costs for the preparation needed so that the dogs can be homed. We also fund their transport costs.

When we last visited Vera she was hoping to move to a new site but this project is taking time and they are now looking at other possibilities for the future whilst still continuing their rescue work.



*Liria, from Galgos en Familia, now homed in Belgium*

We must say a special **THANK YOU** here from the shelters to the many supporters who regularly make and send coats, dog treats, dog bowls, collars, leads etc. These items are always needed and much appreciated. More boxes will be parcelled up soon and sent to the shelters we work with. We are including in this newsletter our Christmas Treats Appeal and hope many of you will again support this, please see page 18.



*Neizan and Sofia at 112carlotagalgos opening up the latest GIN parcel*



*Fuga*

Claudette of the **APAPA** shelter in Villablanca recently wrote to let us know that they have been able to rescue more galgos from the killing stations in Huelva. We have supported the work of APAPA for some time now and as with others doing this work in Spain they receive some galgos in very poor condition. One such case was Fuga, a lovely white galga who had a terrible slash in her neck from an incriminated rope. Claudette told us that they *"think she escaped from a hanging.*

*She was so hard to catch due to her terror. She was finally rescued by another Association in Seville but they had no shelter and she was in a residency so we offered to bring her into our shelter. She is wonderful and her analysis is negative in everything. Amazing!"*

Sadly cases like Fuga are not rare in Spain. The help and support we receive from our supporters enables us to continue funding the work in Spain and making it possible for shelters like those mentioned above and many more to rescue and care for the many galgos that are abandoned each year.

Thank you from all of us at GIN for your continued support.

**Carolyn**

## A New Trustee For GIN

The trustees are delighted to announce that Gennie Franklin has joined the Board of Trustees.

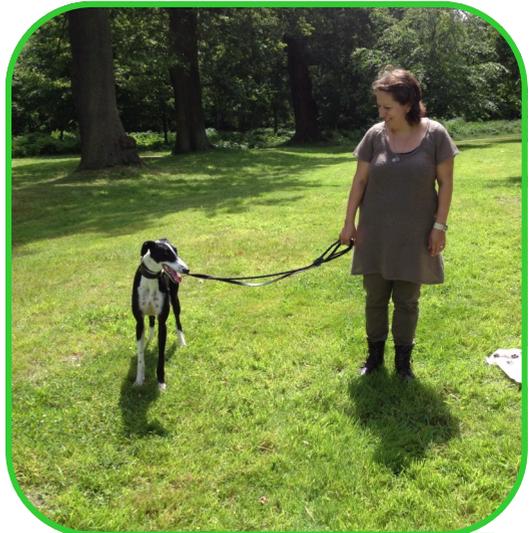
Gennie lives in Old Woking and brings to GIN a wealth of experience in many fields of the charitable and volunteering sectors. In particular she has extensive expertise in fundraising activities. She is currently South East Director of The Engineering Development, a charity devoted to the

encouragement of young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Gennie has also held important posts in Business in the Community (BITC) and at BUPA.

She also has what is probably the most important qualification we seek. That is a huge enthusiasm for our cause and a love of dogs.

Speaking in particular for myself, I greatly welcome Gennie's contribution towards lowering the age profile of the Board of Trustees.

I am confident that all our staff and volunteers will give their customary support and friendship to our new trustee.



*Gennie, with galgo Noel, at the Annual GIN Picnic in Virginia Water, Surrey*

Martin Humphery  
Chairman of Trustees

## How You Can Help GIN

GIN's supporters can help in a number of ways

- \* fundraising at shows and local events
- \* making dog coats for Spain
- \* sponsoring galgos for homing in the UK
- \* joining GIN's membership scheme
- \* visiting our shops
- \* leaving a legacy to GIN in your Will
- \* sending a book of stamps
- \* recycling old ink cartridges (we can provide postage free envelopes)
- \* organising local dog walks and street collections
- \* buying our merchandise  
(also available on-line <http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>)
- \* 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

Please follow us on -  [Twitter](#)  [Facebook](#)  [YouTube](#)

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

## Trustees' pages

Literally as we go to press, my wife and I had the good fortune to meet our new Patron Dame Judi Dench at an animal welfare function. I have included a photo of the three of us. I was thrilled to find Dame Judi so enthusiastic about our cause and wanting to do anything to help us, bearing in mind her tight work schedule. GIN is fortunate indeed to have such a caring and distinguished Patron.



*Photo © Derek cattani*

It hardly seems possible that I find myself sitting down once again to write for our Christmas and New Year Newsletter. They do say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself. Along with all our dedicated staff and volunteers it really is a joy to be able to do what we can to help our wonderful galgos and greyhounds. As I have said before, none of this would be possible without the generosity of our wonderful supporters. I never cease to be amazed at the constant flow of gifts for our dogs and contributions to our funds which arrive at Wraysbury.

On that point, however, I must tell you that along with all other charities, and quite understandably in such hard times, we are suffering a decline in our income at a time when our costs are rising. During the forthcoming year, we are planning a number of appeals and events aimed at spreading awareness of our vital work and increasing our cash flow. I am sure that you all, our dedicated supporters, will respond with your usual generosity.

In her report, Carolyn has told you about our plans to mount a special showing of an "undercover" film made in Spain which shows both the terrible maltreatment suffered by hunting galgos and the wonderful work being carried out by concerned Spanish people, who selflessly dedicate themselves to overcoming such barbarity. Those of us who have seen it have come away saddened and angry but also inspired to redouble our efforts to bring such distress to an end. Watch out for further details on our website.

GIN continues to put more and more effort and resources into improvements in conditions in the hard-pressed rescue shelters in Spain and, importantly, into our steadily growing education scheme. It cannot be said too often that the only hope of defeating cruelty to animals lies with the next and forthcoming generations.

We show you in this issue some of the many pictures we have received from our Spanish helpers which illustrate the enthusiastic response which young children always show when given the chance to see and get to know beautiful and friendly animals. It's slow work, especially in Spain, but we must never give up on trying to encourage the emergence of a kinder response to animal suffering.



By the time this reaches you the newly established Wet Nose Day will have come and gone. This is in its infancy, but is already supported by a host of celebrities and will, I am sure grow and grow as the animal equivalent of the successful Red Nose Day for children. My lovely galgo Percy is already working on this and you will see here a photo of him rubbing wet noses with Ricky Gervais, who is a tireless supporter of animal welfare. So remember next September to look out for and support Wet Nose Day, whose proceeds all go to helping smaller animal welfare groups. GIN won one of their awards last year.

I have also included a pic of GIN galgo Winnie whose owner Carla entered her in the best rescue class at the recent show mounted by Pupaid, where she won 5<sup>th</sup> prize in a huge field. Pupaid is dedicated to the abolition of the ghastly puppy farms which so disfigure Britain's reputation as a land of animal lovers.



I close, as usual, with a well-deserved thank you to our wonderful staff and volunteers, who supported by your help, make all this happen.

**Martin**



[ChairmanofTrustees@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:ChairmanofTrustees@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

## Events



We are coming to the end of the main fundraising season and it has been another busy year for everyone. Events are regularly added to our site [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) so please visit to check for events in your area — Christmas events are currently being booked and will be added soon.

We are organising a showing of a documentary called **Febrero** which has been put together by Irene Blanquez and produced by Wagging Tails. Irene has self funded this project and has kindly given us permission for this one-off viewing. The documentary shows the terrible situation of mistreatment and abandonment of the galgos in Spain and it has been made to make people aware what happens during and after the hunting season. Final arrangements are being made now and will be announced on our website shortly.

If you feel you can help at any of our events or you would like to organise an event yourself please contact us as we are always in need of more volunteers and welcome new ideas for fundraising. We can provide you with a fundraising pack to get you started.

If you live near our shops in Bournemouth or Brighton and can do car boot sales or run a GIN stall at a local event, Sue in Bournemouth (01202 513000) and Christine in Brighton (01273 674100) can provide you with many lovely items to sell so if you can help please give them a call.



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Please check our website for our  
on-line fundraisers -  
Catherine, Claire and Louise

**Merchandise** The leaves are beginning to fall from the trees and there is definitely a chill in the air which means it won't be long before the winter months are upon us.

Our Autumn /Winter catalogue and on-line shop which can be found at <http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop> has all you and your galgo or greyhound need to keep warm in and outdoors this season. Why not take a look at our new fleecy scarf embroidered with a winter greyhound design to keep the chill away on those winter walks with your four legged friends. Check out our lovely fleecy lined outdoor coat for your canine companions to keep them warm and when indoors our soft housecoat for those "duvet days".



We now stock beautiful Martingale collars in a variety of tartan colours made by Janet Martin, which will compliment any galgo or greyhound.



If you are stuck for gift ideas this Christmas – take a look at our new bags embroidered exclusively for our charity, we have a mini reporter bag and a canvas day bag which would make perfect presents for the ladies.



Don't forget to get your Greyhounds in Need Calendar featuring our rescue dogs now in their forever homes and of course our Christmas card published exclusively for us and guaranteed to give all your family and friends a giggle!!!

Please take a look - there are lots more "greyt" gift ideas to choose from and remember every merchandise purchase generates additional funds for our work in rescuing greyhounds and galgos. Thank you for your continued support.

Please note the change in postage shown in our enclosed catalogue and in our on-line shop. Postage rates continue to rise along with changes in parcel shapes and sizes and we have been looking at the fairest way to implement this.

We have been discussing this recently and have decided to remove the postage from our item price and in future this will be added as shown here. Having a franking machine has enabled us to keep the postage costs as low as possible for our supporters.

Happy shopping!!!!



**Tracey**

**P&P UK Only**

Up to £5.00 add £1.00

Up to £15.00 add £3.00

Up to £25.00 add £4.00

Over £25.00 add £5.00

**Overseas** add £10.00

## 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

## Homing UK—April Galgos

Our April galgos received a lot of interest when they arrived and very soon Felicia was on the way to her new home in Warwickshire with Elsa and John. Next to leave was Marco (Verde) who has settled in well with Sue, Bob and Katie in Yorkshire

Brita went to live with Cheryl in Kent and accompanies her to greyhound events where she loves to meet the children. Willow (Lian) has been adopted by Norma and lives in Ruislip which isn't far from us so we were pleased to see him at the annual GIN picnic.

Mateo and Mayra will soon be moving to Lincolnshire with Christine and Salva. Berby (Berbena) has been adopted by Carolyn and he has settled in very well in his new home in Buckinghamshire and at the GIN office.

Marcia has gone to live with Bob and Wendy in Gloucestershire. Noel will be leaving soon for his new home with Melanie in Nottinghamshire and we are currently processing a home offer for Legendario.

More galgos will be arriving soon, more details on pages 32-35.



Felicia



Berby



Willow (Lian)



Brita



Marco



Marcia



Noel



Legendario



Mateo and Mayra



## Happy Homings UK and Abroad



*Lidia, enjoying her trip to the seaside*



*DJ and Feline, ex-racers from the UK now homed together in France*



*Telma, originally from Almendralejo, now homed in Switzerland*



*Candy, ex-racer from the UK now homed in France*



*Storm, originally from 112carlotagalgos, now homed in Belgium*

## Happy Homings UK and Abroad



*Silk, ex-racer from the UK,  
now homed in France*



*Sara, rescued by APAPA,  
and homed in Spain*

*Willow likes the garden in  
his new home*



*Lily (Gaia), happily  
homed in Worcester*



*Aitor looking very  
comfortable in Belgium*



## Brighton Shop News

It has been a nice summer and we have had a lot of visitors to the shop looking for gifts to take home. They come in to browse for items that you can't always find in the main high street shops like old china ornaments, books, paintings.



*L-r Barbara with Flossie, Christine with Mary-Anne, Lara and Heather with Sam*

We had a fun day at the Wraysbury Fair with everyone at HQ. Myself, Barbara, Lara and Heather joined in the Super Hero fancy dress theme by dressing up as Catwomen! It was a nice day and lovely for us to see some galgos and raise money to help more.



We sell dog coats for most dog sizes along with our Galgo coats, leads, collars, keyrings, notelets etc. We have a local supporter who kindly knits smaller size dog coats for us to sell and these are very popular. Customers often bring their dogs in to the shop and they soon find where the treats tin is!

**Please continue to send or bring in your donations to the shop, we are especially in need of toys now as we will soon be getting ready for the Christmas shoppers.**

**We can also accept small items of furniture.**

Teresa, who is the daughter of Joy, one of our Brighton shop volunteers, organised a sponsored swim in the River Wye to raise funds for Greyhounds in Need.



Many people turned out on the day to watch the brave swimmers start their swim, some swimming 1k downstream and others taking part in the 2k upstream swim. £856 was raised from the event and goody bags and prizes were given out which were kindly donated by Helmet Hair, the Monmouth School Sports Club and Aqua-Sphere.

Many thanks to Teresa for organising this event which we appreciate took a lot of hard work and also a big thank you to the safety crew in the kayaks and canoes for making sure everyone was safe.

Christmas is just around the corner so please come along to the shop for your Christmas gifts and decorations. We will also have stocks of the GIN Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and other merchandise items.

Many thanks to my team of volunteers.

**Christine**

**Greyhounds in Need Charity Shop**  
45 George Street  
Kemp Town  
Brighton  
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Saturdays 10am - 4pm

## Bournemouth Shop News

This year has been even more challenging than ever. With the opening of numerous "Cash 4 Clothes" shops donations of clothing to us have been dramatically reduced. However, sales of other items both in the shop and over the internet have increased and we are now generally receiving donations of better quality goods. We have been delighted to provide wedding outfits for several brides and their mothers and have supplied shabby-chic china and candles for receptions.

Our supporter Carol Peake very kindly organised successful fundraising stalls at Poole and Winton Carnivals this summer. Luckily, we seem to have good weather here in the south and the sun shone on both days.

At the beginning of July we closed for a week for a much needed refurbishment. Several volunteers and their partners and Penny and I repainted the interior of the shop, fitted new shelving and re-carpeted throughout. It was a tremendous effort by all involved but it made a pleasant change from the day-to-day running of the shop. Everything now looks much fresher and more attractive.



**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, please send this along to the shop as funds can be raised from these items.**

We were recently invited by Ellen Kent of Opera and Ballet International to support her forthcoming production of Rigoletto in Bournemouth by giving two of our rescued hounds, Ernie and Tracy, the opportunity to make their stage debut. Ellen has long been a campaigner for animal welfare, like her mother who ran an animal sanctuary in Spain for many years. Needless to say we are all extremely excited about the event which should prove quite breathtaking. The production also features a magnificent golden eagle with a 5 foot wingspan, Nabucco, a creature which has been part of an on-going programme to re-introduce golden eagles back into the wild in Scotland where they had been hunted almost to extinction. Ellen very kindly donated several Rigoletto tickets to us which we will be auctioning through the shop and there will also be a collection after the show for Greyhounds in Need.



We are grateful to Val and Peter Crawley for co-ordinating our monthly greyhound walks (lurchers and whippets welcome). The October walk is on Sunday 5 at Upton Country Park (meet in the car park at 10.45am), followed by the November walk on Sunday 2 at Hengistbury Head (meeting at the Hiker Café at 10.45am).

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our volunteers who have helped with the refurbishment of the shop and fundraising events this summer and others who have given their time on a regular basis to help with the running of the shop.

Sue

**Greyhounds in Need Charity Shop**  
**952 Wimborne Road**  
**Moordown**  
**Bournemouth**  
**BH9 2DG**  
**Telephone Sue North on 01202 513000**

**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 once again enjoyed a successful spring and summer of social and fundraising events.

We have organised two street collections in Cleveleys, near Blackpool in May and August, which are always well supported by the local community and visitors. In Cleveleys in May we were able to find a home for a beautiful black greyhound girl, Jet, who was spotted wearing her "I Need a Home jacket" by a lovely family in nearby Fleetwood.

Jet came back to see us at Tram Sunday in Fleetwood in July. This was our first visit to this very popular event and once again, as a direct result of meeting volunteers with their dogs, we have been able to home Angel, a stunning dark brindle girl, who was looking for a home. It was a case of being in the right place at the right time for a very nice retired couple who were ready to adopt another dog.

Angel has also fallen on her paws as she is already a very much loved member of their family. She is living in Blackpool and because the couple do not have transport, they brought her to see us at Cleveleys in August on the tram! Cindy, Angel's new mum, enjoys knitting and she is planning on knitting some warm coats for the galgos.



*Liz, Sue, Carol and Clint with greyhounds  
Sprocket, Polly and Poppy*

We had a good day at the Myerscough College Open Day near Preston in June, although we did not raise as much as last year because of the position of our stall, which was out of the way and harder for the public to find.

Our Fun Dog Show, held in Marbury Park, near Northwich in Cheshire in July, was once again very successful and we are already planning for next year. We are hoping to arrange a Social Get together and Dog Walk at Marbury for later in the year to coincide with the arrival of the new GIN Christmas cards and calendars. These sold very well last year both to volunteers and to members of the public, many of whom visit the park to walk their dogs.

Our collections at the Morrisons Store in Denton, near Manchester in August were, as usual, well supported by shoppers and staff at the store.



*Black Beauties Class at the Fun Dog Show*

We were very disappointed by the last minute cancellation of the Tatton Park Dog Show in August which was an unfortunate casualty of the atrocious

cold and wet weather associated with Hurricane Bertha. This is always a very popular event and the first year that we have known it to be cancelled. Even in the very wettest of British summers somehow the sun has always shone for us at Tatton, but not this year. Let us hope for better weather in 2015.

On Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> GIN is organising a collection outside the Pets at Home Store in Bispham, near Blackpool, from 10am to 4pm. This is a new venue for us and one that we hope will become a regular date on our calendar.

The final event of 2014 will be the Dickensian Day which is to be held in Lymm village in Cheshire on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Last year's Day was extremely successful and much enjoyed by everyone who came to see us. GIN volunteers are already planning their outfits for this year! If you would like to visit us at one of our events then we would be very pleased to meet you.

Last, but by no means least, I am delighted to report the arrival of another galga who has joined our group here in the North West. Summer is a tiny little brindle girl who is known affectionately as Summer Dot. She is now living happily in Leigh, Greater Manchester, with Gina and her family, including her two galgo friends Zoraida and Rondeno. Gina and her husband fell in love with Summer whilst working as volunteers at 112 Carlota Galgos, which is a small rescue near Malaga in Southern Spain, helped and supported by GIN. None of us who know Gina were at all surprised that she came back from Spain having arranged for Summer to be transported back home to Leigh

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and to everyone at GIN for your support and for the chance you have given so many dogs to find a happy and loving home.

**Sue, Phil and Carol GIN volunteers**



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## TRIBUTES

On the 17<sup>th</sup> August we had to say goodbye to our beautiful girl **Sambar** aged 13. Only other greyhound owners can understand the joy that she brought to us 11 years ago when she joined our lives. She wasn't a GIN girl but living only a few miles from your head office it wasn't long before we realised what great work you do and became supporters. Sambar came everywhere with us including work and holidays. For many years she would meet and greet the many customers at her 'dads' office and continued this role doing the occasional half day at Cliveden National Trust Woodlands up until 2 months ago. Sambar's holidays included cars, trains, lots of boats and even a helicopter to Scilly. She loved our trips away especially when she got a holiday sofa of her own, although nothing beat her sofa at home - the pinnacle of any greyhounds career! Three weeks ago she became lame and the x ray revealed bone cancer, bless her she couldn't get comfortable and we took that difficult decision that no pet owner ever wants to take. There will never be another Sambar she was simply the best and being supporters of GIN means we know where to look when the time is right.

Moira & James



On 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2014, **Leia**, our beautiful Galga was suddenly taken ill with what was diagnosed to be a twisted bowel. Because of her age (13 years old) surgery was not advised so the heart breaking decision was taken to let her go peacefully.

Leia came to us almost 7 years ago as a foster, following a failed homing. However, from the moment she leapt into the back of the car, to be enthusiastically greeted by Pado, my Galgo, we just knew she was going to stay. It was as if she had always

been with us, she simply fitted in and became a favourite at our fund-raising events. No one could resist her beautiful almond shaped eyes and her silky soft ears! She seemed to know that by putting on a good show, she was helping to raise funds for the galgos back in Spain, hence her display of singing with her head pointing skyward followed by revolving herself in a 360degree spin when she got a little bored! One of our enduring memories will be a phone call from the vet, following a minor dental procedure, asking us to please come and collect her as her howling and battering on the crate was upsetting all the other canine residents and threatening to bring the practice to a standstill, she just could not abide being confined!

Of course, we will always miss Leia, but feel privileged to have known her for the last and hopefully best 7 years of her too-short life and also humbled by the way she enriched our lives too.

Carol, David, Pado, Draco and Canela



✦ **Benbo** After eleven and a half years with us, our wonderful lurcher, Benbo, collapsed and died. We believe he suffered a heart attack. He came to us having been found following a road accident with one back leg virtually severed. But he never let the loss of a leg slow him down and he loved his walks, his holidays and in particular his frequent trips to the seaside. Throughout his life Benbo showed a courage, dignity and love of life which can teach us all so much. His passing has left a gaping hole in our life and our hearts, but we are so grateful that he shared his life with us and we will love and remember him always. Tony & Lesley



✦ We were sorry to hear from Sue in Cheshire that two much loved greyhound friends are now running free at Rainbow Bridge. **Marlene** has left a large empty space in the lives of Jen, Roy and her greyhound brothers Arthur and Tom. Marlene will be remembered by many as a real character and she will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her, as will **Summer** who was one of the first dogs Sue, Phil and Carol homed through the Cheshire and North West Branch of GIN. He too will be fondly remembered by us all but especially his mum and dad Christine and Steven and their family, including his galgo brother Fas. Both dogs enjoyed long and happy lives after very unhappy starts, our thoughts are with those who loved them most.

✦ **Annie** arrived in England in March 2002. Having served six months in quarantine, this timid girl came to us in October 2002, as a “foster dog”. She settled in well with our two lurchers, and was adopted shortly afterwards.

She was a good dog, who enjoyed a wonderfully happy life, with every care, comfort and companionship.

In her last year she developed Cushings disease, and her heart murmur increased. Treatment was ongoing, but she was generally in decline through age, and was euthanased in March 2014, aged about fifteen years old.



Catherine and Peter

✦ We were sorry to hear that Alison had to say goodbye to **Leon**, her lovely big white galgo, who she adopted from GIN in 2008

✦ I would just like to let you know that **Odie** was put to sleep recently, his back legs gave in. We had him for nearly 8 years from GIN and he was my wonderful big friendly man. He is chasing rabbits in the sky now.

Thank you for bringing such a magnificent dog into our lives.

Joanne

## Vet's Corner—

### Caring for our Aging Companions

As our beloved companions enter the latter stages of their life it is important to ensure they remain as healthy as possible. The following lists some important points that as owners we can help to ensure our beloved pets grow old with dignity:



- Vaccinate your dog regularly - their immune system does wane as they age so an up-to date immunity against diseases such as Leptospirosis and Kennel Cough is important.
- Ensure your pet is regularly dewormed (including lungworm in those areas where it is prevalent) and has flea treatment regularly applied.
- Groom your dog frequently to prevent their hair coat from matting and check their nails regularly as excessive growth is a common ageing process.
- Always ensure your dog has plenty of fresh water available and ensure other pets do not prevent the more senior member of the pack from obtaining adequate food and water.
- Moderate exercise levels in accordance with your dogs age - it is some times better, especially in arthritic dogs, to walk your dog for shorter periods but more frequently; avoiding long walks that will put more strain on the joints and muscles. Swimming is also an excellent form of exercise which has a low impact on arthritic joints.
- When the weather is cold think about using coats and jackets for older dogs when walking and ensure your pet has a snug, warm bed for those damp days when their joints may ache.
- Weigh your dog regularly using the same scales and keep a record - the first symptom of many diseases will be weight loss and identifying this early will give your pet the best chance of stopping the progression of such diseases.

- \* Take your dog for regular checks at your local veterinary practice - 6 monthly is recommended as dogs age much quicker than humans - roughly 3-4 years every 6 months.
- \* Take your pet to your local veterinary practice should any of the following symptoms present:
  1. Increase in water intake or drinking behaviour
  2. Increase in urination or incontinence
  3. Weight loss
  4. Significant increase or decrease in appetite or not wanting to eat
  5. Vomiting or diarrhoea
  6. Straining or difficulty in passing urine and/or faeces
  7. Lameness or difficulty getting up in the morning
  8. Changes to vision or the appearance of the eyes
  9. Lumps or bumps developing
  10. Smelly breath, drooling from the mouth or obvious difficulty chewing especially dry food.
  11. Increasing size of the abdomen (tummy).
  12. Increasing inactivity or amount of time spent sleeping.
  13. Hair loss
  14. Persistent coughing or gagging.
  15. Excessive panting.
  16. Sudden collapse or weakness.
  17. Any seizures, convulsions or odd behaviours e.g. vacant expression, staring episodes

**Leigh Sobyе BVSc MRCVS**

## 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 photos and details on pages 34 and 35 show some of the galgos that are currently at the private boarding kennels we use in Vic, Barcelona. Pep, the vet, is carrying out final veterinary checks and we are awaiting news on them so that our next group for homing in the UK can be chosen and travel arrangements made, hopefully late October/early November.

Once they arrive and have settled at the local kennels we will be able to find out more about them and will put news and photos on our website.

If you would like to **sponsor one of our 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 a galgo please email us [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@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 -

[www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)



**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  
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New Arrivals at Vic



*Karina*



*Duque*



*Cotana*



*Cata*



*Karen*



*Merlin*



*Clara*

New Arrivals at Vic



*Morgana*



*Turca*



*Morla*



*Tati*



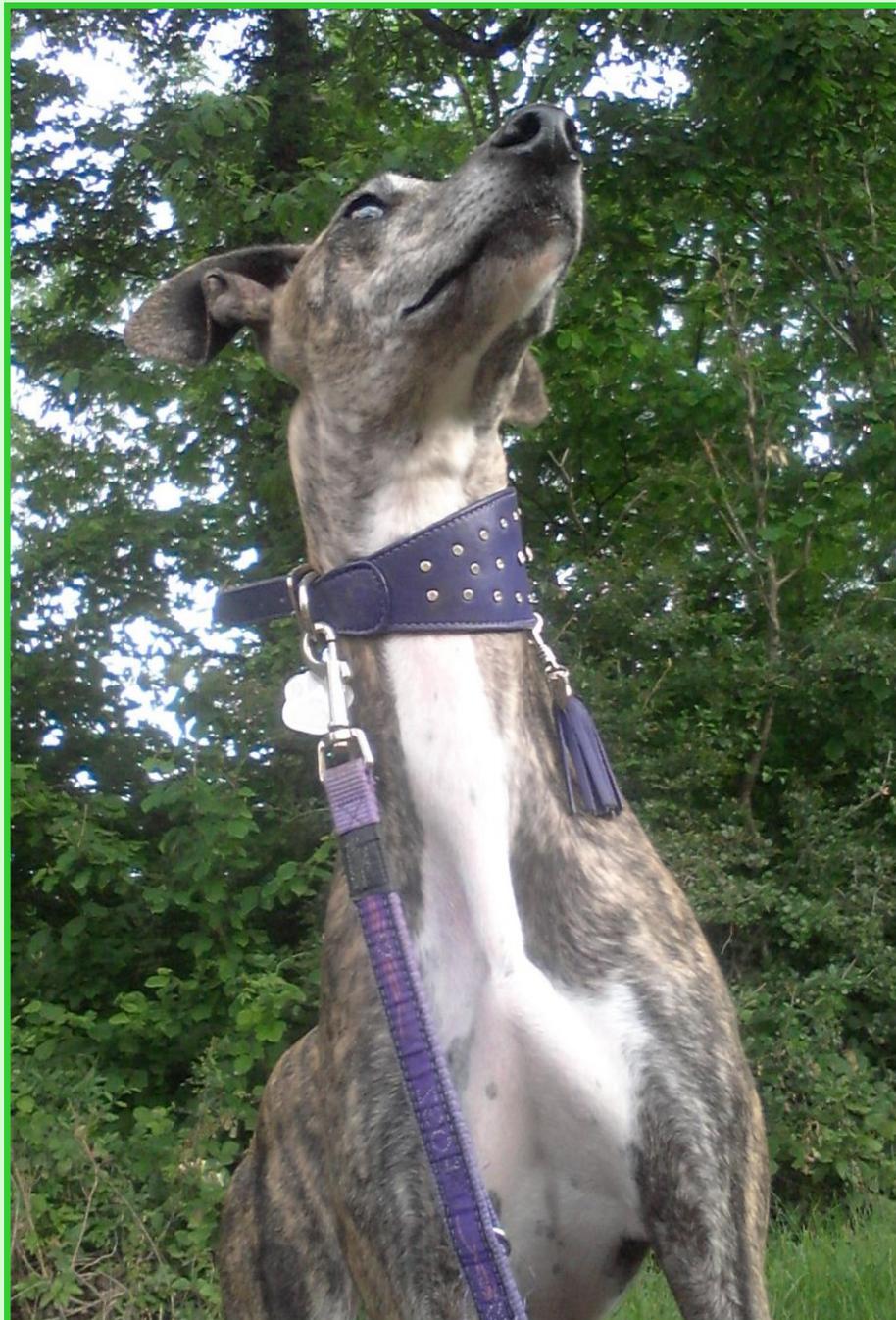
*Perla*



*Tuna*



*Gala*



*Culebra, originally from Almendralejo,  
now homed in Switzerland*