

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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Our New Patron

It is my great pleasure to announce that I am now a proud patron of Greyhounds in Need.

For 18 years, GIN has been devoted to the rescue and rehoming of galgos, the native greyhound of Spain.



Ricky with galgo Percy

Galgos suffer appalling maltreatment during their working lives and are then brutally killed or abandoned to starvation or worse.

The vital work GIN does is expensive, involving much voluntary work, transport to new homes all over Europe and improvements to rescue centres in Spain.

Please join in supporting this fantastic and much needed organisation and please help in any way you can.

Just liking or sharing this page

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

to raise awareness is much appreciated. No dog deserves to be treated like this. Dogs are our best friends. They are loyal, loving intelligent helpers and family members. It's time to give them a little love back.

Thanks for reading.

Ricky Gervais

Trustees' pages

As a rather dodgy Summer draws to a close in glorious sunshine, it is my pleasure to report again to our devoted supporters, without whom our work to help the tragically abused galgos would be impossible.

The big news is that Ricky Gervais has kindly agreed to become a Patron of GIN and a message from him appears on page 5. Ricky is, of course, world famous as a comedian, actor, film writer, producer and director. He is also well known as a tireless advocate for animal welfare and will, I am sure, help to spread the message of the plight of galgos and greyhounds world-wide.

What an amazing line-up of patrons for GIN! We are so grateful for the time and effort these good people put in to help us spread the word.

In the Spring/Summer issue I told you of our decision to close our Brighton shop. This has now been completed. We leave Brighton with a heavy heart and with our thanks to Christine Page and all her wonderful volunteers. I must stress that they all worked hard to make the shop a success. I am delighted to tell you that they have volunteered to set up fundraising efforts for GIN, so we will still have a presence in Brighton.

As readers will see from the front pages we have had to leave our office in Wraysbury after 10 happy and successful years, having failed to renew our lease. The good news is that we are now settled in to our new offices in Egham, which offer much needed extra space and a very good location close to all the facilities of this very busy town. I'm sure that our hardworking team will find life more comfortable and convenient in our new home.



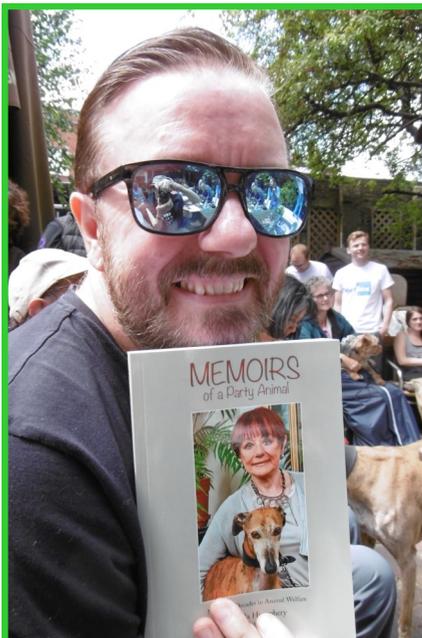
Lily (GACI) with Martin at the Raduno May 2016

You will read in this issue we have had a very busy time continuing our traditional role in supporting refuges in Spain and providing veterinary care, transport and rehoming for more suffering galgos.

At the same time we are expanding our vital educational programme in Spanish schools and helping our heroic Spanish colleagues by financing much needed improvements to premises equipment and security.

Your charity remains in good health and thanks to you all we are able to continue to expand our galgo and greyhound welfare work.

Martin



**MEMOIRS
of a Party Animal
My Seven Decades in
Animal Welfare by
Angela Humphery
(wife of our Chairman)**

Profits from book sales will go back into Angela's animal welfare fund to help the 50 charities (including GIN) mentioned in the book

You can buy your copy here

greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop

News update

Dear Friends,

We have had a busy couple of months preparing for the charity office move to Egham. After 10 years in Wraysbury this has been quite a wrench for all of us. We were unable to renew our lease and had to look for new premises.



We were fortunate to find new offices not too far from Wraysbury, in Egham High Street. We have more room here and are slowly beginning to get ourselves settled in.

We have been able to keep our phone number and email address so the only change is our postal address which is now:-

**5A, 80 High Street,
Egham,
Surrey,
TW20 9HE**

We have a redirection of mail for a year but would ask please for all parcels, correspondence etc for the charity to be sent to us in Egham now.

During this year we have been able to continue our funding to several shelters to cover necessary veterinary costs - testing for Mediterranean diseases, vaccinations, pet passports, treatments for fleas and worms, sterilisations and microchipping—all necessary to ensure that the galgos are fully prepared and ready for adoption into their new families.

We have also been able to continue to fund transport costs for moving the galgos from the shelters to the adoption groups, as well as contributing towards the transport costs involved in moving ex-racing greyhounds from England towards France, and from Ireland to Italy.

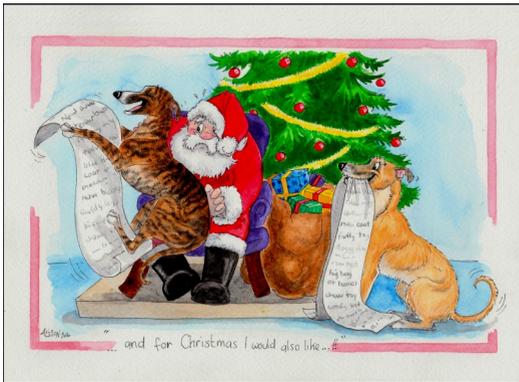
We have been able to offer additional funding to help with extra veterinary costs and necessary projects at the shelters to improve conditions for the dogs they rescue. More details on pages 12-14.

We are again including in this newsletter, page 27, our Christmas Treats appeal. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, nearly £1,400 was raised and we were able to purchase many treats and some dog beds for the shelters.



Our Summer Raffle was again popular raising around £3,000. Ranjan, our local Postmaster and owner of SAI News in Wraysbury kindly drew the raffle for us with winners from Derbyshire, Sussex, Devon, Dorset, Sussex, Wiltshire, Suffolk and Middlesex.

We were very pleased during the summer to win a £100 prize for the best stall at the local Wraysbury Fair. We have attended this event for the last 10 years. Each year there is a theme and we have all enjoyed joining in the fun, this year the theme was DISCO, which brought back some good memories for some of us! Photos are on our website and FB page.



I would like to thank Tracey, Geraldine and Irene for all their help in the office, especially with the office move and all the packing and unpacking of many boxes! They have the merchandise stock all sorted now and are getting ready for the busy weeks leading up to Christmas as supporters start their shopping.

We have our new Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and many more items for your two or four legged friends included in the enclosed catalogue.

Also we have some limited stock items for sale on line so please take a look and spoil yourself or a friend this Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters and volunteers for all their hard work during the year which enables us to continue our work for the greyhounds and galgos.

I wish you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carolyn



Education

Carmen of the Arca de Noe shelter continues with the education programme at the schools in and around the Albacete area. She visited one school recently, in an area where many galgos are bred, and she was pleasantly surprised at how kind the children were to Lena, a galga from the shelter, who Carmen took along to meet them. The children enjoyed Niko's story and they enjoyed taking part in the drawing competition to win a T-Shirt.



Carmen has also had a busy summer attending many summer camps reaching more children, each summer school has an average of 100/120 students.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that we were looking at setting up an education website, linked to our main website, which would be accessible to teachers and pupils allowing them access to certain areas of the site and the ability to use and print off material as and when needed. Work is almost complete on this new site and we are all looking forward to this becoming active in the next couple of months.



Spike

The site will have some animated characters like Spike and Rosa and we hope that the children will enjoy using the site and playing the games whilst learning more about the galgos.



Rosa

We have had some wristbands made to help promote the education programme and galgos as pets. If you would like to receive one please send a SAE to us at :-

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and we will get one in the post to you.



She visits local schools as well as organising visits to the shelter so that the children can meet the galgos.



Tina and her team at **Galgos del Sol, Murcia**, have also been busy promoting education in their area by visiting local schools and taking a galgo or two along to meet the children.



We are very grateful to the groups in Spain who have been using and promoting the GIN education material in their local areas. The feedback has generally been good and as we saw when we visited a school in Badajoz last year, the children were taking notice of the different stories they were being told about the galgos and the cruelty many suffer. To see them showing concern and having an interest in the dogs when they meet them is encouraging for the future when we all hope that life for a galgo in Spain will be much better.

2016 Projects

In our Spring/Summer newsletter we reported that the Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete needed to carry out work to change the layout of their veterinary clinic in order to comply with new laws coming into force in June 2016. Together with the structural work needed at the clinic additional veterinary equipment would have to be purchased.

We have worked with Arca de Noe for many years. They help large numbers of dogs, and some cats, every year, including the galgos.

It is less stressful for the rescued dogs to undergo necessary veterinary work at the shelter rather than have to travel back and forth to the clinic in the town. We fund the veterinary costs for their galgos who are homed in France, Italy, Germany, Slovenia and Switzerland, and were pleased to be able to offer funding for this project.

Leigh, our vet Trustee, was able to source some of the veterinary equipment.

We are pleased to report that this project has now been completed and the clinic is now up and running.



When we last met Sole and her team we discussed the need to improve the paddock areas for the galgos. During the winter these areas flood and the water does not drain away very quickly so it is not good for the dogs and limits the areas they can be allowed in. Also the covered areas were in need of repair and we have been able to fund the building of 6 new "houses" in the paddocks. Four houses have been completed and two will be finished before the winter. Four houses have been completed and two will be finished before the winter.



When we visited Mada earlier this year we discussed the need to provide more shading in the exercise paddocks. The original idea of planting trees wasn't too successful as the dogs had their own ideas about that !

We have been able to offer funding for this project and are pleased to report that this work is being done now. We will have more news in our next newsletter.

RECAL are receiving galgos now and some, like Gara, Freya and Shiva, have undergone their initial veterinary checks and will soon be on their way to Pep's kennels in Barcelona.



Freya



Shiva



Gara



Adoption Groups

We are lucky to work with a number of adoption groups in mainland Europe who work tirelessly to find homes for greyhounds and galgos.

The Greyhound Adopt Centre Italy (GACI) homed 115 galgos and 142 greyhounds last year.

We are so pleased to support their work and were again fortunate to attend their annual Raduno in June. GACI supporters travel from all over Italy for this event and it was wonderful to see so many happy dogs with their families.

Harvey and Greyhounds Rescue Belgium take galgos from Vera at Galgos en Familia in Málaga. Three galgos, Selfie, Nena and Sensi travelled recently and you can see from the photo here that Selfie is looking quite settled in her new home.

Catherine and Levriers en Detresse continue to find homes for ex-racing greyhounds from England like Harley.

Therese of Association Aide aux Levriers Martyrs is finding nice homes for the galgos from RECAL like Erika.

Nina and her team from SASIN in Slovenia continue to find homes for the galgos. They recently visited Arca de Noe in Albacete to collect some galgos and to give the dogs some nice paddling pools to help keep them cool in the summer months.



GACI Raduno 2016



Selfie



Harley



Erika



Nina at Arca de Noe



How you can help GIN

We are very grateful to many supporters who work hard throughout the year fundraising for GIN but we are always in need of more helpers. If you feel you can organize an event, have a table at a car boot sale, organise a street / store collection, sponsored walk please contact us. We can provide literature to display and if you live near our shop we can provide items to sell.

We can promote these events on our main charity website, Facebook and Twitter pages and do mailshots to supporters in the area to encourage support.

These events are very important for the charity as they not only raise much needed funds but they raise awareness of our work and the plight of the galgos. It is also good for the charity to have new members join us, often after they have picked up literature at an event they want to help, and some people have gone on to adopt one of our galgos.



Sponsored events can be added to our Justgiving site making it easier for people to sponsor on-line
<http://www.justgiving.co.uk/charity/search>.



Our Facebook page receives many "likes" and this has also led to home offers for our dogs. Events can be placed on there to attract more visitors/sponsors. If you have time please visit and "like us" You can add photos and news of your own dogs on here and message other greyhound and galgo owners, exchanging ideas and offering help/advice to new and potential adopters.

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



Our Twitter account is also growing in followers. Please visit to read our news and retweet our messages to help spread the word.

https://twitter.com/galgos_GIN



We are now on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/greyhoundsinneed.uk>

Please see page 32 for more details

Please continue to send us your used British and foreign stamps as these are sorted and sold in special packs on the internet. Also if you have any unwanted silver or gold jewellery—even if broken, or foreign coins please send these along to us as funds can be raised from these items.

Donations can be made to GIN in a number of ways:

Cheques and postal orders can be sent to our office in Egham.

Regular monthly donations can be set up by standing order.

Donations can be made on line at



OR



JustTextGiving
by  **vodafone**

You can also now donate to GIN by text. If you would like to give a donation to help a homeless galgo, please text **GINN33 £(amount)** to **70070**.



We have an account on ebay where items can be sold and 100 % of the proceeds go to GIN. It is possible for our supporters to sell their items on ebay (if they have an account) and ask for a percentage or all of the money raised to go to GIN.

easyfundraising

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Easyfundraising is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes

just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra. Just shop on-line via the easyfundraising.org.uk website. Over 2,700 retailers can be found on the site including Amazon, eBay, Tesco, M&S and Argos

Why not become a member of GIN—our membership fee is £12 for the calendar year (£6 for non-wage earners). More details on page 21.

We are fortunate to receive many coats for the galgos and send these to Spain throughout the year.

We have the coat pattern on our website - <http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/howyoucanhelp/coat.htm> but can email or put a copy in the post to you if you feel you can help us.

Other items always needed in Spain -

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

Please don't forget to recycle your old ink



cartridges to help GIN— we can provide postage paid envelopes



Fundraising

Our volunteers and supporters have been busy organising and attending events up and down the country.

Sue, Phil and Carol have organised events in Cheshire and the North West, please read their news on pages 24-26.

Elaine and Ed, who adopted Myra, organised an afternoon tea in their garden in Devon as well as a Film Night and raised over £800.



A very big THANK YOU to Sandi and everyone involved with Dorset Galgos & Friends for kindly raising funds for GIN. Their events team have organised lots of fundraising events over the last year and recently held a garden party with a dog show, a raffle & an auction, they sold home made cakes & had a white elephant stall. They have kindly sent GIN a cheque for £500 !

Please visit our Bournemouth Shop Facebook page for news of local events - <https://www.facebook.com/GINBournemouth/>

Many thanks to Rita and Mike for continuing to raise funds for GIN in the Sussex area by placing collecting boxes in local shops and organising store collections and monthly walks.

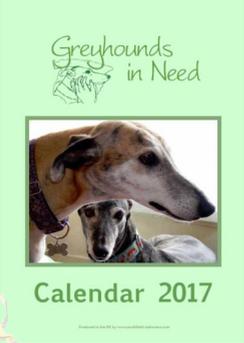


Please regularly visit our website
www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk
for news on forthcoming events





Please visit our on-line shop where you will find lots of gifts for you and your four legged friends !



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TO:

**Membership Secretary,
Greyhounds in Need, 5A, 80 High
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**Become a
member of
Greyhounds
in Need**



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 2017 to 31st December 2017

Membership can also be paid by standing order, please complete the form on page 18 and return with this completed form to the address above.

Full name.....

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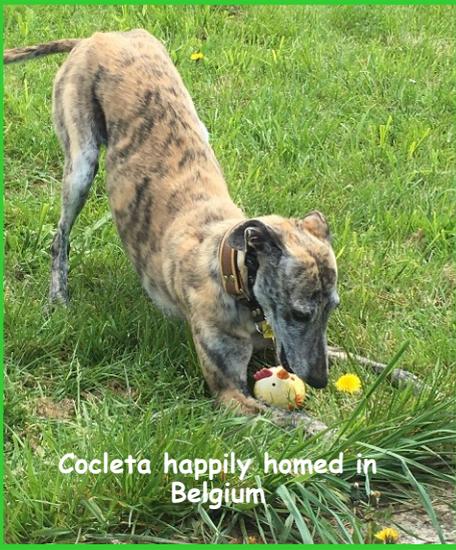
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Please tick one of the boxes below:

Newsletter by email

Newsletter by post

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Cocleta happily homed in Belgium



Baby Isaac with his best friend, Pup



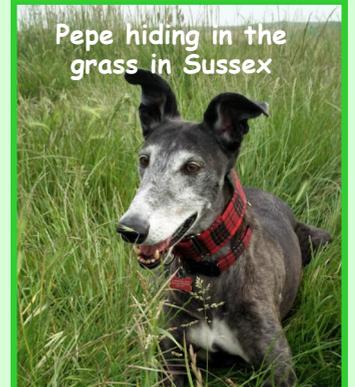
Dana and Moka, originally from Galgos en Familia, Malaga, now enjoying life together in Belgium



Galileo, from RECAL, now settled in France



Goya and Picon from Arca de Noe, Albacete now homed in Slovenia



Pepe hiding in the grass in Sussex

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Lidia, enjoying the beach
in Sussex



Shadow, ex-racer from the
UK, now homed in France



Lola looking very comfortable in
her home in Reading



Tritona has found the
table in Slovenia !



Galga Winnie
off on
her holidays

More happily homed greyhounds and galgos can be seen in
our Homing Gallery
please visit www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

News from Cheshire and the North West

We are pleased to report that the last six months have been very successful with regards to fundraising, awareness raising and homing.

Spring and Summer Events

We have enjoyed a busy spring and summer of events starting with our twice yearly visit to Cleveleys on the Fylde Coast on May 7th and ending with our return visit to Cleveleys on September 3rd. Unfortunately we were not as lucky with the weather in September as we have generally been during the summer. It rained heavily and by early afternoon our loyal supporters and their dogs had had enough. Ironically, it was the one bad day out of a fortnight of fine and sunny weather.

As usual, we have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and generous support of our volunteers and supporters at all of our events.

We have been delighted to welcome Jeanette who has proved to be an excellent organiser of the tombola displays and Chris, who has recently adopted a greyhound, Macky from us and has been a big help with the gazebos. He even came along to Cleveleys in the rain.

We have organised two Fun Dog Shows this year, the first at Appleton Thorn in Cheshire on Bank Holiday Sunday May 29th when the weather was glorious. The ice cream van did a roaring trade and several owners with their dogs took shelter from the heat under one of the gazebos which became the "doggy creche"

It wasn't quite as hot at our second Dog Show at Marbury in July, but we did manage to avoid the showers that affected the local area.

Both Shows were very successful and we hope to be able to repeat them again next year. In fact we have already pencilled in Sunday July 9th for the Marbury Show.

We have also had stalls at two other Dog Shows at Westhoughton, near Bolton in June and Tatton Park in Cheshire in August.



Appleton Thorn

We were delighted that the winner of the Best Child Handler at the Westhoughton Show was Kobey with his greyhound, Dennis, who is the son of two of our lovely friends and supporters, Nicola and Damian.

In July we ran a stall at the very busy Tram Sunday in Fleetwood. As seems to happen to us every year, it was cold and windy in the morning but warm and sunny in the afternoon. We did particularly well on the tombola at this very well attended event.

In August we held another successful social morning at the Dogs Country Club at Lowton, near Leigh, where greyhounds and galgos enjoyed running happily off lead in safe and secure surroundings. We are hoping to organise another event in the autumn when the new GIN Calendars and Christmas Cards arrive. We found the venue to be a good one for people who wished to buy their cards and calendars and to meet up socially for a brew and a natter even if they didn't want to let their dogs off lead.

The staff and customers at the Morrisons Store in Denton, Greater Manchester made us feel very welcome and were once again most generous when we were invited to fundraise outside the store in August. We find the same people shopping in the store who say they look forward to seeing us (but especially the dogs) every year.

Pub Lunch and Christmas Get Together

Two of our long standing friends and supporters, Anna and Mike, who have a greyhound, Burt, have taken over as landlords of the **Carters Arms in Wilmslow in Cheshire**. Not only do they do highly recommended food for humans but they have also started doing very popular doggy lunches as well. We have arranged a **Social Get together and Sunday Lunch on Sunday September 25th** which we are all looking forward to very much. Anna and Mike are also planning a **Christmas Lunch and Doggy Fancy Dress in December to raise funds for GIN, date to be confirmed**. All are welcome, more details will appear on the Events page of the GIN website and on the GIN Facebook page.

Lymm Dickensian Day Saturday December 10th

We are hoping to have a stand at the Dickensian Day event in Lymm in Cheshire, which unfortunately had to be cancelled last year because of torrential rain. More details, once confirmed, on the GIN website and on Facebook.



George

We are delighted to report that George, who we featured in the last newsletter, has found his wonderful forever home with Sandra and Tony, who live in Stalybridge in Cheshire.

More Happy Adoptions

After a quiet start to the year I am delighted to be able to tell you that in addition to George, six other lucky greyhounds Sunny, Ice, Kiddo, Ned, Macky and Dora have also found lovely new homes over the last few months. We have also been involved in helping to find a home for Mari, the beautiful brindle galga.

Sunny and Dora are brother and sister and it is wonderful to think that they are living together in a home with Fiona and Bob and their family in Stockport after being kennelled together all their lives. **Ice** is their brother and none of them were interested in racing. He is a handsome white boy who is living happily with his galga sister in Warrington. Last but by no means least is **Macky**, a stunning black greyhound who is the fourth dog from the same litter. He has found a loving home with Chris who lives near Northwich in Cheshire. **Kiddo** is another handsome black greyhound who is happily enjoying a quiet life in Westhoughton with Caron and her family, whilst **Ned's** tail has never stopped wagging since he found his forever mum and dad, Jackie and Phil, in Ormskirk. Ned even won second prize in a Waggiest Tail class competition at a local Dog Show which is pretty much unheard of for a greyhound.

Sad goodbyes

Once again we have had to say a sad goodbye to several of our loyal four legged friends and supporters. Sandra and Tony had to bid farewell to **Sam** who had enjoyed a long and happy life with them. Sam was a real character and is very much missed but his passing has left a space for George who is now enjoying his retirement in Stalybridge.

Andrea and Richard have lost their special boy **Sii**, about whom they have written a very moving tribute in this newsletter, please see page 28. **Ben** was the first winner of our Best in Show trophy at the Marbury Dog Show. He is very sadly missed by his mum, Karen. Donna and Tony were devastated to lose **Honda**, who was one of the very first greyhounds we homed when we started the Cheshire and North West Branch for GIN. **Bonnie** enjoyed a wonderful life in her beautiful home and garden in Brittany and Thelma and John are heartbroken by her loss. **Carlo**, who has only recently passed away, is very much missed by his mum and dad Carol and Steve. Many of you will know Carlo who very regularly attended our events with his greyhound sister Natalie.

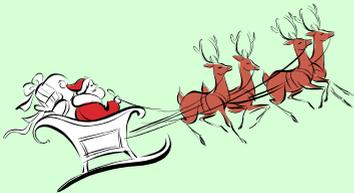
If you are interested in offering a home to a greyhound or galgo or would like to come along to one of our events, then we would love to hear from you

Sue, Phil and Carol
GIN volunteers, Cheshire and the North West

Christmas Treats for the Galgos !

Why not treat a rescued galgo to a Christmas treat?

"A well worth-while Christmas present for a friend?"



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

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,
5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE, UK

TRIBUTES

I am writing to tell you that Barnstoneworth (**Barney**) who we adopted from you in 2007 has passed away aged 15/16. He was Samuel when he was in quarantine.

Although he never really got over his nervousness of people/ squeaky doors/ bicycles/ or anything really, he was content at home with his other housemates, outliving 2 of them and helping settle in another two. His ashes will be scattered with the other two at his favourite beach.
Lisa & Richard Marks



We wanted to let you know that **Reuben** nee Danko, who we adopted from you on 30th April 2010 was PTS on 7th July. He was an old boy and poorly back legs and a bit dithery in his mind bless him. He was on medication but we felt his time had come and he slipped peacefully away in my arms at home. Very sadly missed. You could not have asked for a more gentle beautiful loving boy, laid back and so good natured we loved him dearly. he has left a big hole in our family Fern, nee Marina, is still going strong and apart from various fostered dogs we now have a little podenco Lili from Spain.....Thank you so much for letting us adopt these 2 beauties.

Yours sadly Anne and Peter Hill

Sii—We knew you were trying to get our attention, picking up your bowl and dancing round the kennel as if to say look at me I can do tricks. We asked them about you and were told, "Oh that's Radar he's called that because of his permanently sticking up ears. He's been with us a while poor boy, no one seems to want him as he's a big lad and quiet boisterous." That was all we needed to know, there was no way we were leaving you there another day although the aptly named white and fawn boy with the sticky up ears would definitely need a change of name!! You came home that same day complete with bowl and a happy smile and soon settled in. It was very apparent that you were a very special dog from day one, bounding round the living room knocking everything flying and generally causing chaos. After five minutes of mayhem flopping onto the floor with a huge sigh.....that was when we realised your new name had to be Sii didn't it? It didn't take you long to learn that outside was your bathroom and inside was for sleeping, eating and getting cuddles from everyone. However you also soon picked up some naughtier tricks like counter- surfing for tasty snacks, taking crafty slurps of beer from a left pint pot when you thought no one was looking but best of all chewing the corners of our newly fitted kitchen cupboards in protest at being left. People asked how we could put up with you always getting into trouble but we knew no matter what you did you were our Sii Dog and we loved you. You got your first "asbo" at 7 years old. After a run in with a local feline and a traumatic visit to the vets a very nice policeman paid us a visit to find out what had happened. He took one look at our wounded soldier with his clawed and scratched face and said he would not take things further proving you were muzzled whenever you went out. We moved to Pembrokeshire late last year to live in the countryside and be by the sea, we think you enjoyed it although you weren't quite sure what waves were all about at first and paddling in cold wet water at your age was an acquired taste! What you definitely loved was bounding round your new garden playing chase with your sister Izzy nipping her bum trying to encourage her to play. Most times she would tell you off but every now and then she would join in the fun and chase you round and round the lawn until you both collapsed in a heap. Recently you took to sunbathing on the lawn, always lying in the same spot listening to the birds and watching the cows in the fields. You always looked so contented and happy. Guess growing old wasn't so bad after all. Last week after taking a tum for the worse you decided that the time had come to say goodbye and so with great trepidation and sadness we let you quietly and peacefully go to sleep. It was undoubtedly the hardest thing we have ever had to do but we knew you were in pain and just wanted to make it stop. Sii, our wonderful loving boy you will be in our hearts forever and we will always miss you terribly.



All our love Andrea, Richard & Izzy xxxxxx



✦ **Blaise**, our beloved clown died peacefully on Monday 4th July after a very short illness. Adopted by a friend on 3rd April 2009 he enjoyed his walks with Arfa (also from GIN) & came to me at the start of 2013 to be company for Arfa who died later that year. Blaise was a wonderfully happy hound with a whirligig tail. He loved everyone & gave us loads of laughs. His never seemed to know where his paws were going as he zigzagged at top speed on the local beach. I never heard him growl & he was a quiet, gentle boy who relaxed



✦ Sadly we had to have **Abbie** put to sleep as the cancer in her lymph nodes in her neck grew too big and were restricting her breathing. She was put to sleep on the sofa at home with me feeding her sausages and Lidia cuddled up to her. Lidia was very brave as she really doesn't like vets but she stayed with Abbie on the sofa throughout, we're very proud of her!

Janet Martin and family

while having acupuncture & canine massage so he remained very healthy until less than a week before he died. Yvonne Autie

✦ **Honda**, May 2013– April 2016 It is with so much sadness that we have to inform you of the passing of our 'beloved Honda' on the 7th April, 2016. An old graceful lady who was taken away from us so suddenly. We had the honour of her coming into our lives just over 10 years ago. A mischievous, headstrong but gentle lady who has given us so many treasured memories to look back on and remember her by. Ten very precious years.

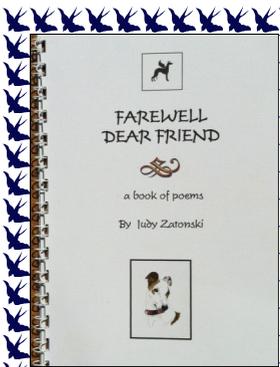


She was, and always will be an exceptional dog, a true friend, a faithful companion and a solemate both to myself and Tony. She made us so happy even when you felt down, she made you smile. She was so special.

Honda's favourite pastime was food, she would eat anything. She loved crumpets and marmite for her breakfast, a treat of Hash Browns on a weekly shopping spree, a packet of quavers on an occasional trip to the pub, but most of all—her Sunday Roast dinners, rolling around on the grass to wipe the gravy off her nose. She loved the outdoors, especially long walks with her dad, when she was able too, and going fishing, cuddling up to her dad in his sleeping bag in the Bivvi at night. She also loved the sun, wherever there was a patch of sun Honda would lie in it. She loved the attention of others, and was always happy, and smiled as she greeted them. She loved playing with our Grandchildren, and found it fun when they helped bath her. She was so gentle with them. We cannot put into words our loss, but wish to thank Greyhounds in Need, for bringing her into our lives and making our family complete.

Life is going to be so different without Honda, but the previous time we shared with her, and all the lovely memories, hopefully will give us the strength to face each new day without her. We want to say a big thank you to our 'beautiful Honda' for all the love and treasured moments you gave us, and for making us so happy in sharing your qualities in your lifetime with us. You will be so sadly and deeply missed every day, goodnight and God Bless, our Angel, and sleep well, our dearest Honda. In our hearts you will always be there.

Love always Mum and Dad (Donna & Tony)



"Farewell Dear Friend"

is a book of poems written by Judy Zatonski, which includes a foreword by Jilly Cooper. Exclusive to G.I.N. More details in the enclosed catalogue.

Ticks and tick borne diseases



What is a tick and where does it live?

Ticks are parasites that need to consume blood from a host animal to survive. They split their time between grassy environments and feeding on host animals (such as dogs, birds and humans). The adult, nymphal and larval stages of ticks find their hosts by detecting exhaled carbon dioxide, vibrations and shadows. After climbing on the host the tick embeds its sharp mouth-parts into the skin and feeds on blood for hours to days. After feeding, the tick drops off the host and develops through its lifecycle.

Why can ticks cause a problem?

When feeding the tick releases saliva into the host which acts as a method of disease and bacterial transfer. The three most important problems caused by ticks are described below:

Local bacterial infections: - bacteria can enter the tick bite wound and cause a local infection. This causes the area where the tick has bitten to become a red and inflamed lump which may ooze pus. If you notice this on your dog you should seek veterinary assistance.

Lyme's disease: - this is caused by the tick transmitting a particular type of bacteria into the host. Not all ticks are infected with lyme's disease but the disease is present in the UK. Some, but not all dogs with lyme's disease develop a 'bulls-eye' rash at the tick bite and symptoms of the disease are variable, but can include joint pain and lameness and fever.

Babesiosis: - this is caused by the tick transmitting a tiny Parasite into the hosts blood stream that damages the red blood cells. In dogs the symptoms include dark brown urine, fever and lethargy and can result in anaemia. Babesiosis is relatively uncommon in the UK but more widespread in other parts of the world.



How can I reduce the risk of tick-related problems?

Lyme's disease and babesiosis are serious diseases and whilst both are relatively uncommon they can be challenging to treat in dogs. This is why it is important to control and prevent ticks and there are a variety of products to help achieve this. These pet products can work by repelling the ticks and reducing their likelihood to bite and also to kill a tick that tries to feed.

It is useful to check your dogs coat for ticks after walking. If you find a tick you can either remove it yourself using the special tick removal tools or get a veterinary professional to safely remove the tick.

It is important not to pull or scratch a tick from your dog as incorrect removal may increase the likelihood of local bacterial infection if part of the tick is left behind.

Contact your veterinary surgeon for further information regarding ticks and tick prevention products as it is important to control other parasites such as worms and fleas alongside ticks.



Leigh Sobye BVSc MRCVS



Instagram and Facebook



Instant coffee, yes but Instant Gram?? I had heard the younger family members talking about it, using it and showing photos but me?? These thoughts shot through my brain as, once again, I gingerly put my hand up at a GIN Trustees' meeting, volunteering to set GIN up on Instagram

I have to confess that the first thing the family did was to correct me on the name - Instagram NOT Instant Gram!! Lesson one!!

I have never seen a keyboard clicked so fast as I did when I asked for help with the setting up! I could not keep up! In what seemed the blink of a couple of hours or less GIN had its own Instagram account and photos were being added. A very big thank you to the family!

What seemed a social media mystery to me is now a likeable friend. Since setting up in the Spring we now have 110 followers, 132 following us and have added 33 photos. We have Instagram followers in USA, Canada, Australia and Europe, which is fantastic. Instagram is a great way for people to learn about GIN, see our photos and support us. It is also a super way to see the lovely photos and captions that other Instagram users post of their hounds. A hound community! Instagram is also a good way to learn of other charities who are working tirelessly to save and rehome dogs from terrible conditions and death around the world.

Facebook is now well established in GIN. We currently have 12,275 "likes". Ricky Gervais recently agreed to be a GIN Patron which has added thousands of new followers to our Facebook page.

If you use Instagram, Facebook or know someone who does, please look Greyhounds in Need up and follow or "like" us. If you would like photos of your galgos or greys to be posted, please send them to HQ -

info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

or post them yourselves on Instagram with a link to Greyhounds in Need.

Our precious galgos and greys need all the help and support they can get!

Thank you,

Christine, GIN Trustee

Galgos update

Titania, who we featured in our last newsletter, has now been adopted. She arrived in the UK last year and was fostered for some months before being adopted and starting a new life in Hertfordshire where she is doing very well. She is now called **Tilly**.

All our April galgos have now been adopted and all are doing well with their new families.

Triana and **Tamara** are now living in Sussex. **Ronaldo** and **Cantina** are now settled in Oxfordshire. **Tarkan** had a long journey to his new home in Scotland. **Entumia** is now living in Bristol. **Nico** has gone to Kent and the last galgo to leave was **Sparky** who travelled to Nottingham to start his new life.



Tilly



Triana



Nico



Tamara



Ronaldo



Tarkan



Sparky



Isi (Cantina)



Entumia

Sponsorship

Our sponsorship scheme was started some years ago when we brought galgos into quarantine, for later homing in the UK. We have continued the scheme for the galgos we are still able to bring into the UK and this continues to help with the costs involved in carrying out the necessary veterinary care



needed to comply with our import regulations as well as helping with the boarding costs we incur in Spain, whilst the dogs are undergoing checks/treatment, and in the UK until they are homed.

As the dogs are homed quite quickly it has become harder to allocate particular dogs to our sponsors and for this reason we changed the sponsorship scheme to cover all the sponsor dogs and we write to sponsors with news on them when they arrive and as they are homed. We are very grateful to our sponsors for the support they have given us over the years.

Due to our office move we have had to delay the arrival of our new group of galgos until early next year. They are arriving at Pep's kennels now and their photos and details will be added to our website soon.

If you would like to **sponsor our galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form on page 35 and return it to us.

If you feel you **could offer a home** to a galgo please give us a call on 01784 483206 or email us info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

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

www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk





Sponsorship

I would like to sponsor the galgos 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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Please pay the above amount on the same day every month starting on the.....until further notice

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Please return to: Greyhounds in Need, 5A, 80 High Street,
Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE, UK



Entumia, originally from RECAL, Almendralejo, now happily homed with Stacey and Jacob in Bristol.
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