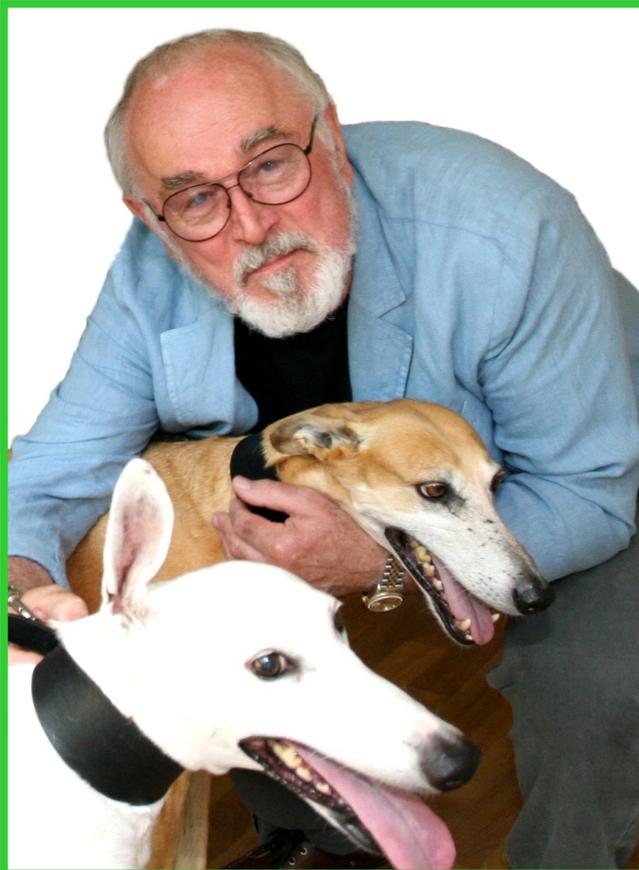


Greyhounds in Need



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

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Cover: Our Patron, Peter, with galgos Mary-Anne (front) & Sam, adopted
by Geraldine (our Trustee) and her husband Tom. **Photo:** ©Alan Bostock



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We are now able to accept card payments over the phone for merchandise orders—please ring us on 01784 483206 to place an order.

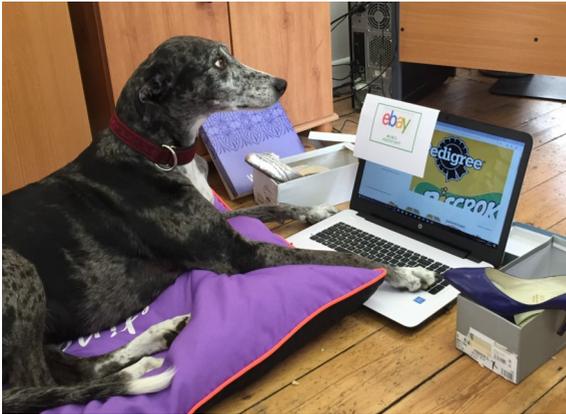
Please don't forget to look at our new merchandise in the enclosed catalogue



You can still order on line at - <http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>

easyfundraising [.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) One way our supporters can help us, especially at this time of year when we are all thinking about buying gifts for Christmas, is to use the website -

Easyfundraising when buying on-line. This is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes when you shop on-line. You don't pay anything extra. Over 2,700 retailers can be found on the site including Amazon, ebay, Tesco, M&S and Argos.



ebay sales of donated items are doing well and this year to date around £1,000 has been raised thanks to Tracey, Christine and Luna checking and researching items before advertising them for sale and then parcelling them off promptly to buyers.

Supporters can 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.

Luna (Christine's dog) likes to come to the office and help with the ebay work

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracey and Geraldine and all of our local supporters for their help in the office and our supporters and volunteers around the country 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 x



Christmas Treats for the Galgos !

Our Christmas Treats appeal for the Galgos has been very popular over the years and our parcels to the shelters are always welcomed—especially by the dogs !



If you can support this appeal again this year we would be grateful.



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**

You can also donate to this appeal by text -

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

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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

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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.

Trustees' pages

As you will see from the many reports in this issue of our Newsletter, your charity has, as usual, been frantically busy. I continue to be astonished at the amount of work our small dedicated staff and our volunteers get through.

I must start by telling you about a major change in the governance of your charity. For some time now, it has been made clear that we should follow the example of so many other forward-looking charities by becoming an incorporated body.

The opportunity of achieving this status without the complications of becoming a company was provided by legislation passed in 2015 which set up a new status called a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees decided to go down this path because it offers the advantages enjoyed by a limited company, without the need to change the way the trustees run the charity, while remaining responsible solely to the Charities Commission.

The major advantages are twofold. Firstly the trustees are no longer personally liable for the charities liabilities (just like company directors) and, secondly, the CIO is a legal entity able to enter into contracts, leases and the like. These, at present, have to be in the names of trustees who change over time. Perhaps most importantly, it has become clear that prospective trustees are increasingly unwilling to be appointed to unincorporated charities. We have now been granted the status of a CIO. Supporters will see little or no change. We will keep you posted.

The latest international greyhound crisis has arisen in Macau. For a good many years there has been poorly regulated racing at a major venue in this city, which was formerly a Portuguese colony and is now part of China. The track is about to close, for which we must be thankful, but this will leave up to 600 greyhounds homeless. Valiant efforts are being made by a local animal welfare group, who hope to be able to bring these dogs to Portugal. Of course, we can do nothing to help from here, but we have offered our assistance if and when these abandoned dogs can be brought to Europe. Is there no end to the cruelty meted out to greyhounds?

In this connection, please read my account on page 16 of a visit to Romania, which is for dogs a hell on earth. We will do what little we can to help greyhounds and crosses.

For more cheerful reading, please turn to page 28 for news of a lovely visit to our friends at GACI in Italy. It really lifts the heart to see 200 or so greyhounds and galgos with their adoring owners, knowing that so many of them have been rescued through the generosity of our supporters.

We continue to believe that the only hope for the future lies in education and are stepping up our efforts and spreading our work into new areas in Spain.

In closing I must offer, renewed thanks to our devoted staff and volunteers and to our supporters, without whom we could do nothing to help galgos and greyhounds.

Martin



Our Patron, Jilly Cooper, with her greyhound Bluebell (left) and galga Purdy—who lives with Judy and Mark in Warwickshire

Education

We are pleased to report that the education website is working well and has been used in Summer camps in parts of Spain recently.



When we visited Spain earlier this year we were able to sit in on one of the classes at the Arca de Noe shelter and were very impressed at the interest shown by the children. Having three galgos taking part certainly helped and the children were very keen to ask questions and after the class they were taken around the shelter to see the dogs.

We would like to thank supporters for donating to our education project. We realise this is an on-going project and we will continue supporting the individuals and shelters in Spain who are promoting education in their areas. We hope in the near future to set up a schools partnership scheme with schools here in the UK.

In our enclosed merchandise catalogue you will see that we have produced a 2018 calendar featuring some of the drawings made by the children taking part in this project. We have also produced a mug featuring our cartoon galgos. Proceeds from sales of these items will go towards the education project.

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW EDUCATION SITE

Meet the Galgos !

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION IS IMPORTANT



Greyhounds
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Free teaching resources for schools

Supporting English as a foreign language in Spanish schools

AND

Spanish teaching in UK schools

education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

<http://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk>



You can download the GalGo! Game for free here -



Report on the III Congress of Animal Law of Extremadura, 26th-27th May in Badajoz

We were able to offer funding towards this Congress, organised by ADANA and received the following report from Eva...

"In general, we are very happy with the outcome of the Congress because it has been the big opportunity to finally open the doors with Badajoz City Council.

We've been trying for years to get them to see that our projects are the result of works and collaborations which are doing very well in other cities and the simple fact that they welcomed us was a miracle. This congress and the two previous ones have convinced them that these are serious and necessary proceedings from the outset to protect and defend animals and that ADANA is a serious organisation. Agustin Mansilla Zambrano has organised all the congresses together with the School of Lawyers of Badajoz. Agustin is a member of ADANA and a collegiate lawyer. He has represented ADANA in all trials attended with magnificent results.

We've had many problems with this congress to agree a definite date. Although initially the School of Lawyers seemed happy with all the proposals we made, every time we proposed a date it was not convenient for them and this made it very difficult to organise the speakers and, of course, to spread the word so that as many interested people as possible could attend. I'm not going to go into detail because it has been really extremely disagreeable and many times we felt like throwing in the towel but we have to say that one of the reasons the congress was finally held was thanks to the insistence and help from GIN.

Despite this, there were 36 registrations. People came from Asturias, Madrid, Andalucía and different areas of Extremadura and we counted on the Mayor who opened the congress and this would have been unthinkable a few years ago. All the speakers were exceptional and they literally had to throw us out of the meeting room because it was so interesting and we didn't want it to end. The attendees participated like never before and many stayed for the dinner in order to continue talking, exchanging experiences, opinions and contact numbers for the future.

It's clear that to organise a congress like that every year is very complicated. The speakers' diaries are already almost full for the year but we want to have a meeting to discuss just this topic when we return from holidays. There are many things we have to improve but we all agree that this has been the best congress out of the three.

Eva, ADANA"



Visit to Spain - June 2017

It was a privilege to travel with Martin, Leigh and Carolyn to meet the dedicated people running rescue and rehoming shelters for galgos in southern Spain, and see some of the vital work that the charity supports and funds.



Our first stop was at Arca de Noé in Albacete where our wonderful host Sole and her team of staff and volunteers showed us the improvements that GIN supporters have made possible. We saw the updated veterinary clinic, where dogs can be treated more easily on site, and neutering operations carried out with less stress to the animals.

New insulated galgo kennel blocks help keep the dogs cool in the blistering summer heat, while underfloor heating will keep them cosy during the winter months. There are also now solid pathways between the runs. Shelter workers previously had to cope with walkways made of old wooden pallets that were sinking into the mud.

Improved security measures mean the height of the wall around the centre has been raised significantly. Previously, galgos were simply being dumped over the wall of the shelter. The centre rehomes more than 100 galgos a year in Italy, while others travel to France, Germany and Slovenia. A new air-conditioned van funded by GIN supporters keeps dogs more comfortable during transport runs.

We also met a group of around 45 school students from a nearby village who were taking part in the centre's education programme, which aims to raise awareness of the plight of the galgos in Spain.

With enthusiastic help from three of the centre's gorgeous galgos, the students had a chance to see how these dogs could be loving friends and companions, rather than chattels to be discarded at the end of the hunting season. GIN has funded a new education and exercise area at the shelter so groups of children like these from nearby schools can visit on a regular basis. The charity has also developed a new education website with downloadable guides and activities for use in classes.

Volunteers at Arca de Noé told us how just 10 years ago, it was practically unheard of to see someone walking along the local streets with a pet galgo. Now, it was becoming a more common sight - a testament to the work of the staff and volunteers at both this and other rescue shelters.

We next travelled to Tobarra to meet Camille, who with her mother Margaret, runs the APA Santa Clara dog shelter. This centre takes in strays and abandoned dogs, including many galgos, and finds homes for them in the nearby area and beyond.

One of the first things we saw was a litter of around nine galgo puppies, who had been rescued after being abandoned in a cave.

The dedication and hard work of the shelter volunteers was clear, but Camille showed us some of the problems they faced on their current site - makeshift runs and shelters cobbled together from old pallets and beds, erratic water supply, and rat and mouse problems. Added to that, the current owner of the land they were using was planning to sell up in the near future.



GIN is hoping to help the mother and daughter team with some funding towards the building of a new shelter on land nearby, with purpose-built runs and dedicated galgo blocks.



Our final visit was to Galgos del Sol near Murcia, where Tina and her team run an impressive shelter that has been supported by GIN for some years now. Many improvements had been made since GIN last visited the site, which can now house more than 100 galgos, as well as podencos and other breeds.

We saw the two new kennel blocks, newly built office, new exercise area and the on-site accommodation for volunteers, some of whom had travelled from as far away as the USA to help out at the centre.

It was both inspiring to see the wonderful work done by the staff and volunteers at the shelters in Spain, and heartbreaking to see how cruelly treated some of the dogs had been before being rescued.

But, most of all, it brought home how much they all still need our support.

Lynn Jackson, GIN Bournemouth Shop Manager

2017 Projects

Arca de Noe—it was good to be able to visit this shelter again and see the improvements that have been made since our last visit. The new kennel blocks have made such a difference and in the heat were nice cool places for the dogs to shelter in—and us at times! We continue to fund the veterinary costs for the galgos. Sole and her team are able to rescue. Last year around 170 were rescued, cared for, transported and adopted in France, Germany, Italy and Slovenia.



Turquesa and Sugar getting ready to greet the children at Arca de Noe

Two new projects were discussed when we visited—one was replacing the interior fencing. The current fencing was installed over 10 years ago and is important as it keeps the dogs securely separated in their paddocks. This now needs replacing and we have offered some funding towards this.



Another project we are funding is a new roof on the quarantine kennel block. Dogs are kept in this block when they first arrive so they can be checked, treated if necessary, before mixing with the dogs already at the kennels. Work will be starting soon.



Whilst we were in Albacete we were able to visit a small exhibition in the town of paintings done by Balbino Cerro, who used to run the Arca de Noe shelter.

Balbino asked us to choose a painting for our new office and we chose the painting (left) of a Cave house in Chinchilla, near Albacete.

It now has pride of place on our office wall!

APA Santa Clara—this was our first visit to APA Santa Clara and our visit coincided with the urgent need for this shelter to move from their current premises to new land being offered by the council.

We were able to visit the current shelter and the new piece of land and were able to discuss the necessary work. Margaret had sent us plans for this project when she wrote to ask for help earlier in the year. Margaret and her team help all breeds of dogs, and some cats, in their area. After discussions with our Trustees, on our return, we have offered funding for the building of two kennel blocks for the galgos they rescue. Work has started on this project and hopefully they will be moving in before the end of the year.



Galgos del Sol—Our next stop was to visit Tina and the new centre and what a difference from our last visit. Last time we saw a large piece of land with the first kennel block under construction. Tina and her team have worked so hard to get this centre off the ground and it was amazing that so much has been achieved. We saw lots of happy dogs, volunteers working hard playing and caring for the dogs. The sensory walk, the play areas and still lots of space for more to be added. We were glad that the new office, with air conditioning, had just been completed so we could shelter in there from the heat!

Tina is as keen as us to promote education in her area and uses the GIN materials in her education work. We discussed our new website with her and were able to look at the plans she has for a new education building on the site. We have now offered funding for this building and work has started. Tina also mentioned running free bi-lingual five week courses for local children, using the material, to help them understand more about the galgos in their area. She hopes that parents will be keen to enrol their children.



Visit to Romania

As I indicated in the last Newsletter, I and my wife accompanied Alison Standbridge, the founder of PAWS2RESCUE on a short visit to Romania in late May. The purpose was to see something of welfare conditions in Romania and of the hugely difficult rescue and rehoming efforts of Alison and her helpers.

It is difficult to describe the appalling suffering of the thousands of stray dogs in Romania. I thought I had some acquaintance with such scenes from our work in Spain. I can only say that what I saw in Romania will haunt me for the rest of my life. Our first port of call was to a compassionate dog rescuer near Bucharest who cares for about 50 strays in his own home, many of whom are seriously injured or sick. Some little way away he owns and runs what is known as a "private shelter" which contains 500 dogs and puppies. Most of these are healthy but some badly injured by traffic accidents and maltreatment. The task of caring for this number of dogs must be overwhelming, especially since there is very little money to spare. The requirement for dog food alone amounts to 200 kilos a day. This requires regular visits to a local pet superstore where helpers and staff have to beg shoppers to buy them a bag of food.

It will be difficult for people in UK to visualise a country which is a member of the EU, where one can easily come across 20 stray and feral dogs in one street, never mind those wandering the open roads. Of course this results in a huge number of deaths and injuries of dogs, especially at night. Our journeys were regularly brought to a sudden stop to rescue these wretched strays. This situation was brought about by the actions of Romania's brutal communist dictator Ceausescu who brought thousands of peasants into the city as industrial workers who were housed in the brutalist soviet style blocks still to be seen today and prohibited from keeping their dogs. This resulted in many being cast out on the streets where, predictably, they have hugely multiplied. Periodic slaughter by the authorities has, of course, done nothing to help the situation which can only be attacked by mass sterilisation. Efforts in this direction are being made by charities, including Paws2Rescue, but the task is immense.

Next, we drove to Ploesti some 35 miles north of Bucharest, to look at a "public shelter" supported by local government, where we found 1000 dogs kept in truly horrific conditions in an establishment meant to house no more than 600. The dogs and puppies are kept in overcrowded enclosures, most without shade in a region where temperatures rise to over 40C. It appeared that no attempt at clearing up faeces had been made for a long time resulting in an obvious risk of infection and an overpowering stench. Despite denials by the staff, it is clear that dogs must be being destroyed and, almost certainly, by barbaric methods. Certainly the insanitary conditions must give rise to disease and death.

The authorities lay down that dogs in public shelters must be made available for adoption and there is a sign to that effect on the gate. However, we made two such requests and were refused on clearly trumped up grounds, such as "that puppy is undergoing treatment" and another is "reserved". Our friends arranged for local people to make similar requests; all were turned down. Since the shelter receives government funding on a per dog basis, the conclusion must be that the numbers are being corruptly kept as high as possible. We met some German women who said they were from a German charity which "supported" the shelter. If so, their efforts seem to have no beneficial effect. Perhaps the most distressing aspect of the treatment of dogs in Romania is the frequent sight of dogs in dire distress owing to sickness, injury on the roads and straight barbarism, who are past any available treatment but are not put down because, we were told, of religious objections. I will not attempt any detailed description but, as I have said, these sights

will remain with me, and with all other compassionate witnesses, for life. Some years ago the appalling treatment of orphans in homes in Romania came to light. We are told that great strides have been made in bringing this tragic situation to an end. Now is the time for "man's best friend" to be made free from imprisonment and torture.

One would hope that the European parliament would concern themselves with such blatant disregard of all humanitarian principles in a member country. Judging by their complete failure to act in Spain, this seems a distant prospect.

Of particular interest to GIN supporters is the strong probability that greyhound racing is either actually taking place or is planned. Websites of the Greyhound Club Romania and others indicate strong support for racing. I am trying to run down firm evidence. Rumour has it that Irish dogs have been imported via other countries. If this turns out to be the case, hopefully it may be possible to obtain firm evidence from tattoo numbers.

Meanwhile, with the assistance of Paws2Rescue, GIN has imported two lovely dogs, Sofia and Allegro, from Romania for rehoming. They are greyhound crosses. Sofia, is beautiful and very friendly, she is approximately one year old and was found abandoned on the streets. She walks very well on a lead, likes to meet people and gets on well with other dogs, especially Allegro. They both have similar markings. Allegro is approximately 2 years old. He walks well on lead and loves to lean on you as you walk along, he likes lots of fuss.



We're looking for homes now for these two dogs, it would be lovely to home them together as they have become quite attached. If you feel you can offer a home to one or both of them please contact us on 01784 483206 or send us an email to info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

It is our hope that this start may lead to more GIN action to help these maltreated dogs.



Martin



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 also on Instagram

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

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



You can also 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.

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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 23.

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

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Fundraising

We would like to thank our supporters around the country for again organising events to raise funds for GIN. Sue, Phil and Carol have been busy in Cheshire and the North West, please see their news on pages 26 and 27. This year again Afternoon Teas have been organised in the summer months, two in Devon, thanks to Elaine and Jayne, and one in Egham thanks to the ladies of Five Pennies. A total of £2,300 has been raised.

Julia Austin completed the Pier to Pier sponsored swim in Dorset, Sandi Ridge organised a street collection in Poole. The Sunday monthly walks continue in Bournemouth, please contact Lynn or Carol at the Bournemouth shop for more details—01202 513000. Trevor in Sussex helps GIN by emptying the many collecting boxes we have in shops in his area. Janet continues to make our fleece coats and martingale collars and always generously donates some to the shelters in Spain. Heather in Sussex continues raising funds from her car boot sales and many more people around the country support us in so many ways. A BIG THANK YOU to you all!

Our Summer raffle, with tickets and linked donations, brought in £2,300. Matthew Field of D.F. Glass Designs in Egham, kindly drew the winning tickets —

1st Prize — £500 - Mrs C. Wright, Sussex
2nd Prize — £250 - Mrs J. Martin, Sussex
3rd Prize — £ 50 - Mrs O. Cannan, Devon

There were also runner up prizes to entries from Surrey, East Sussex, Shropshire and Essex.



Elaine's tea party-Photo©Jenny Steer



Jayne's tea party



Five Pennies tea party



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



<http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>

TO:

**Membership Secretary,
Greyhounds in Need, 5A, 80 High
Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE**

**Become a
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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 2018 to 31st December 2018

Membership can also be paid by standing order, please complete the form on page 20 and return with this completed form to the address above.

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Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Happy Homings UK and Abroad

Danny, ex-racer from the UK enjoying the beach in France, thanks to LED



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



Hero, ex-racer from the UK happily homed in France



Myra enjoying her lovely Garden in Devon



Purdy looking very comfortable in her home in Warwickshire



Miguelo, from RECAL, loves his walks in France



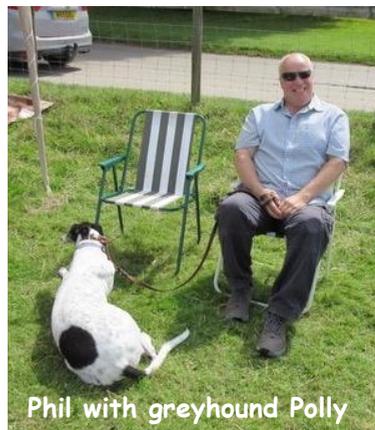
News from Cheshire and the North West

Where has the summer gone? It only seems a few weeks ago that GIN volunteers and supporters in Cheshire and the North West were planning our events for the Spring and Summer and now the nights are drawing in and we are thinking about what events we will be organising in 2018.



So far this year we have organised two successful Fun Dog Shows at the Dogs Country Club at Lowton in April and Marbury Country Park in July. We have also had a stand at one of our favourite events, the Tatton Park Fun Dog Show in August.

Our fund raising events in Cleveleys in May and August, although well attended, did not raise as much as we have done in previous years. We have done very well, however, with coin donations from collecting tins at Kay's Chip Shop in Cleveleys and at the Pet Shop in Houghton Green, Denton in Greater Manchester. We are very grateful for the generous support of their customers and staff.



We are always delighted with the support we receive from our friends and supporters, especially when we see the return of many of the dogs we have helped to home, but we have decided to reduce the number of events we organise next year. This is due partly to changes in circumstances and also the fact that none of us are getting any younger! The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that we have significantly reduced the number of events we have been involved in this year.

We will continue to organise fund raising events such as the street collections in Cleveleys which do not involve putting up gazebos and transporting boxes around, but we do not plan on arranging our own Dog Shows. We will probably still attend the Tatton Park Show, although it does involve gazebos and boxes, but it is very easily accessible.

Visit to Care Home

In the last Newsletter I mentioned that we had received a request for someone who might be able to visit an elderly resident in a Care Home who loved greyhounds.

Many thanks to our friend Gina who visited with her galga Dreamer for what proved to be a very emotional visit, not just for the resident whose daughter had requested the visit but for some of the other residents who very much enjoyed meeting and stroking Dreamer.

Dogs Homed

I am very pleased to be able to write that three lucky greyhounds have found their forever homes in the last few weeks.

Red a very handsome black greyhound has found a lovely home with Helen, Nigel and their family, which includes his great friend, a three legged greyhound cross called Ice. We could not believe the speed with which Ice can run around the field on three legs and we don't think that it will be too long before Ice and Red are enjoying running around together.

Pippa is a stunning blue and white girl who has really landed on her paws with Sue in Bolton. Pippa was fostered by our wonderful foster carers Ellie and Derrick and their family. They brought her along to the Tatton Dog Show where she met Sue who immediately fell in love with her. Pippa now lives only a few doors away from two of our friends, Sheila and Mike and their greyhound Missy. It was they who introduced Sue to the joys of owning a greyhound. Pippa and Missy are fast becoming firm friends.

Pippa's brother Pat, now Edgar, is also an eye catching blue and white greyhound. He is now living very happily with his mum Lynne and his new family, which includes a cat and two snakes (!) in Salford.

Although we have no formal events planned for the rest of the year, we are hoping to arrange some social get togethers and dog walks so that everyone can still keep in touch. Do keep a lookout for an event near you in Cheshire and the North West on the GIN Events and Facebook pages.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

**Sue, Phil and Carol
GIN volunteers**



Carol (left) and David with their dogs, Liz and Clint with their motor home and volunteers - Carol and Steve on the right at the Tatton Show



Ellie, Derrick & Jen at the Tatton Show

Visit to Italy



It can cost between
£70 and £170 to
neuter a galgo



Once again I have had the pleasure and privilege of attending GACI's "Raduno" in Modena. This time my wife Angela, who is a keen activist in many fields of animal welfare, came with me.

We enjoyed wonderful weather and the usual great hospitality and enthusiasm of our Italian friends and colleagues. GACI continues to receive and re-home large numbers of our galgos and Irish greyhounds sponsored by GIN.

As always it was a great thrill for us to see about 200 lovely dogs, with their devoted owners, showing off their paces in the show ring but, more often than not, sleeping in the sun!

As well as meeting with our Italian friends, I was able to have useful conversations with our Spanish colleagues from Arca de Noe in Albacete and from ADANA in Badajoz, who were also attending the Raduno.

One of the highlights of occasions like this is for us to see the fruits of our labours and the amazing benefits brought to these much-abused dogs by the generosity of our supporters.

There is no doubt that GIN is held in high regard in Italy and I was much cheered by several owners who thanked me for GIN having enabled them to adopt such wonderful pets.

We must all be grateful to GACI for their huge and successful efforts to give so many abandoned galgos and greyhounds their forever homes.



Martin

TRIBUTES

We just wanted to let you know, we sadly lost **Puppy** yesterday. He had a second bout of

Osteosarcoma that came in his pelvis. It was inoperable and we managed it for a time on pain killers to keep him comfy and still enjoying life. Sadly it came to the point that it was no longer fair to keep him around, simply for our sake, and made the decision to say goodbye. We had him put to sleep comfortably at home, surrounded by all of us, which thankfully was wonderfully peaceful for him. Thank you for giving him to us, we have had a wonderful time sharing our lives with him and will always be glad we were given the chance to give him the life he deserved. Claudia, Matt, Isaac and Sorti x



At some point during the end of 2004/ beginning of 2005 a litter of Galgo puppies were born in the arse end of Murcia, Spain 1,400 miles away to a loveless life of being used for a very short period of time chasing hares in huge tournaments. If they were any good they got to live longer. Most are abandoned or killed in ways I won't go into. A certain little red fawn puppy, now a young dog was a reject. A proper reject. A big dog with clumsy gangly legs and a huge heart who wasn't interested in chasing or ripping anything to pieces. He was abandoned and badly burned with battery acid or boiling water, not necessarily in that order but he was left to fend for himself on the streets badly injured and terrified like so many others just like him. No food, no water and no name. At some point he also sustained a horrible compressed spinal injury from being brutally kicked from behind or

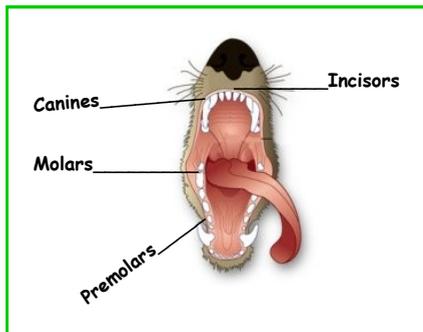
being hit by a car... We'll never know. He was finally caught outside a restaurant eating scraps from the bin next to the Juan highway (our equivalent of a motorway) and a year in a crowded sanctuary followed where although frightened he was fed and cared for best they could with so many dogs to care for and given the name 'Zarza' He was then chosen to come to the UK with 5 other lucky Galgos to be finally homed after 6 months of quarantine funded by GIN (Greyhounds in Need) whom I simply can't thank enough.

Rejected by several potential adopters who were too 'upset' by his scars or said he was far too big... He was I think the last or second last to be chosen. This is when I saw him. Can't remember how or why I was on that site but I saw him and my heart skipped a beat. I didn't notice his scars but fell in love with his face.. A face I would fall in love with over and over again for the next ten and a half years. **Archie** could open every single door in the house (courtesy of Mully teaching him) and would help himself to a Scooby snack from the cupboard even if his breakfast or dinner was just two minutes late. He also had the amazing knack of saving his biggest loudest burps for when people kissed him or blew them over your dinner that you were just about to eat. He rarely fell asleep watching a film and he spent hours watching telly squashed between us all. I kid you not - the antiques road show being a particular favourite of his and his stink eye when he was unimpressed with something was second to none.... I could go on and on.. He always knew what I was thinking as I did him.

He had to leave me on Thursday. We watched the sun come up together and he had his favourite breakfast. We sat at home quietly with all the doors open watching the rain and listening to the birds singing for hours before they came. He slipped away gently in my arms to meet little Mully on rainbow bridge with dignity and wet from my tears which just won't stop falling And surrounded by his family who adored him. The vet like so many before him said he was one of the loveliest and bravest dogs he had ever met. Everyone who knew or met Archie loved him. He was my big, gentle goofy boy, my baby, my sunshine on the darkest days, my best friend. He was quite literally my World and I was lucky enough to be his. Ally xx

Vet's Corner—

Dental disease is very common in pet dogs and particularly so in greyhounds, who are genetically predisposed to this problem. It can have a huge impact on a dog's welfare, both on their comfort and their general health - dogs with dental disease are more at risk of kidney and heart valve problems, among others. Importantly dogs with painful teeth often don't stop eating, so eating well isn't a sign that their teeth are ok!



Fortunately appropriate home care can greatly reduce the development of dental disease and more severe dental problems can be addressed by your vet in practice, leading to a happier and healthier pet.

Normal anatomy

Adult dogs have 42 teeth in total. As puppies they are born with another set called the 'deciduous teeth' which fall out as they grow and are replaced by the permanent adult set. An adult dog has 12 incisors, the small front teeth which are used for grooming and nibbling. The four large canines are used as weapons against other dogs and for killing prey, and also for communication and holding objects. In total there are 16 premolars which lie behind the canines. These chop and cut food into smaller pieces and like the canines can be used for holding. At the back of the mouth there are 10 molars which are used like human molars for grinding up food to be swallowed.

Dental problems

Just like in humans, in dogs plaque builds up over time on the teeth. Plaque is an invisible layer of bacteria which sticks to the tooth surface. Calculus, which we can see, is formed when minerals in the saliva are deposited in the plaque to make a hard coating over the tooth. This calculus is rough textured which makes it much easier for bacteria to stick to, leading to more and more plaque build-up. The bacteria in the plaque irritate the gums causing gingivitis - red and inflamed gums. Gingivitis is one of the most commonly encountered dental problems vets see and when severe can result in loose, painful teeth and halitosis (bad breath). Eventually it may lead to loss of teeth. Other problems with the teeth can also arise, such as broken teeth - these are usually painful for the dog and can get infected and so should always be assessed fully by a vet.

Home care

Brushing your dog's teeth once daily is the best and most effective way to reduce the build-up of plaque that can lead to sore gums and loose teeth. It should be done using a soft or medium brush and flavoured toothpaste to help them accept it.

The brush should be angled slightly upwards for the top teeth and slightly down-wards for the bottom teeth, and moved in a circular motion concentrating on the point where the gum meets the tooth.

Dental diets can also help to reduce dental problems. These are special diets which have a large kibble size to encourage chewing and are textured to help remove plaque from the teeth. Dental chews also help to reduce plaque and calculus by physically cleaning the teeth during chewing. Some chlorhexidine or zinc-containing pastes and gels are also available.

The key to dental home care is starting young - getting them used to tooth brushing and having their mouth checked by a vet when they are puppies will delay the need for veterinary interventions to clean their teeth and help your vet keep a close eye on the state of their teeth as they grow older.

Veterinary dental care

Depending on the degree of dental disease present your vet may recommend a dental under general anaesthetic. This can also be done as a prophylactic measure at intervals to prevent dental disease developing. During a dental your vet will scale all the teeth to remove the hard calculus. Problem teeth - including broken teeth, loose teeth and those affected by gum recession - which are likely to be painful or accumulate plaque faster, are usually removed. Finally polishing removes plaque and stains.

Key points:

- **Dental disease is very common in dogs and can have a big impact on their wellbeing**
- **If allowed to progress dental disease can lead to painful gums and loss of teeth**
- **Appropriate home care can delay the need for veterinary treatment by reducing the build-up of bacteria-containing plaque.**
- **Veterinary treatment of dental disease may be needed to remove calculus and problem teeth and can be done routinely as part of dental disease prevention**

**Correction – the author of this article was incorrectly stated previously.
The article was written by Dr P Gardiner MA VetMB MRCVS**



At home with a blind lurcher, a greyhound and four galgos!

Arthur my blind lurcher was the first to join us. He had been 'retired' at the age of 7 from being a working dog and his owner was seeking a comfy seat for this gentle lad. What a joy he is, easy going, fits in with all the other hounds and despite his blindness he copes remarkably well with day to day life and out on his walks. Next to join the pack was my beautiful dark brindle galga Cleopatra - Cleo to her friends! She was the last of her group from Spain, courtesy of GIN, to be homed back in July 2015. Cleo is very intelligent (as are all the galgos) a bit of a thief (understatement of the year!!) with a big personality. She insists on sharing my single bed each night and you can guess who gets the lion's share. Then along came Billy a 10 year old black and white greyhound who had been in an unsuitable home where he had not been taken for walks. A happy soul - not the brightest of hounds - but one who just enjoys regular outings and a loving home. Next to join these three was Gemela (now Ella) another galga from GIN. A quiet unassuming brindle girl who appears to know exactly when mealtimes are due and has no trouble in vocally reminding me that she is hungry! A year



later Tobi joined us - again from GIN. A long haired galgo with funny eyes and wonky ears but very endearing despite his slightly odd appearance. Tobi considers himself a lap-dog and this loving boy is forever putting his paws on my knees hoping to climb up and share my chair. He is a true TV Addict - his favourite programmes being Supervet and the Yorkshire Vet and Tobi is fascinated by cats and chickens when they appear on the screen. Finally



Sorti (now Sophie) brought my canine companions up to a total of six. A very timid black girl who has gained reassurance and confidence from the other hounds. She came round much quicker than expected and was going out for walks in just over a week of living here. There is still a way to go as although I can stroke her on some occasions - at other times she shies away. It didn't take her long to learn what treats are and she often races down the garden with her pal Tobi. Little and large, smooth and hairy ..but they do say opposites attract!! I am honoured to be 'Mum' to such a lovely family of canine 'kids.' There is never a dull day and despite their occasional misdemeanours - they soon cheer me up if ever I am feeling down.

Diane, Essex

Galgos

Seven of the eight galgos we brought to the UK earlier this year have now been adopted.

Freya went to live in Wiltshire. **Ela, Tobi and Sorti** are homed together in Essex. **Viva**, is now living in Tadley and **Sibella** has settled well in Chichester. **Gara** travelled to Yorkshire to join Cooper.

Shiva is still waiting to be adopted.

Shiva is a young female galga, approx. 2 years old. She has some white markings on her chest, tail and paws. She was handed in to the RECAL shelter. She is a lovely looking dog and very friendly. She has got used to the kennel staff and us now and gets very excited when people visit. She loves to run around the paddock area and we have tried to take videos of her but she is too quick! She will fetch a toy or ball when we throw it, she never quite brings it back to you but with some training she probably will. She needs a home where she will have company and where people are around to spend time with her and get her into a routine. She is young and playful and wants to please, she will take time to settle but will make a lovely pet.



We are currently finalising our next group of galgos for homing in the UK and their photos and details will be on our website soon
www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

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.

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

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

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



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Mari, happily homed in Essex and enjoying her favourite walk - the Flich Way in Dunmow