

Greyhounds in Need



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Anne Finch 1943–2018
Founder of Greyhounds in Need



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

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Cover: Anne Finch and her galgos Kayla (left) and Mario



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Dear Friends,

Many of you will have heard the sad news that our Founder, Anne Finch, died on the 5th August. She passed away peacefully at the Earl Mountbatten Hospice on the Isle of Wight at the age of seventy-five.

Anne, together with her husband Arthur, founded Greyhounds in Need twenty years ago, with the principal aim of rescuing, treating and homing ex-racing greyhounds and Spanish galgos.

In our last newsletter Anne recalled those early years when the GIN office was in the back bedroom of her home and the work was mostly carried out by phone or fax as we had no computers, just an old word processor. Often translations were needed and Anne was able to obtain some help from students at Royal Holloway University, where she worked at the Health Centre, as well as her hairdresser and piano tuner!



*Anne was visited by Sooty from the local Donkey Sanctuary where she used to help.
(Photo: Mountbatten Hospice)*

Thinking back to the time when we wanted to bring some ex-racing Irish greyhounds from Spain to England, into quarantine, we all remember working out the costs involved and looking at the GIN bank account - the two didn't add up! Anne had tremendous belief that we could raise the necessary funds and many hours were spent sending out letters, making phone calls to obtain some help with funding this rescue.

Anne was loved and respected by all those concerned in Greyhound welfare and by a host of people in the wider animal rescue and protection field and many kindly responded to our appeal, the funds were raised, and the dogs came to England, for six months quarantine, and then to homes.

Anne's work for the greyhounds often involved trips abroad. These were important as new contacts could be made hopefully leading to more help for the dogs and offers of homes could follow. We all have our memories of Anne and one memory I have is of our visit to Germany. Anne had been invited to open the new Greyhound/Galgo room at Tierheim Feucht, Haus der Hoffnung (House of Hope), a room where owners, supporters and interested people could gather together with their dogs, enjoy friendship, and learn about how it is to adopt one of these lovely animals as a pet.

On our arrival at Nuremberg Airport we were greeted by about 15 greyhounds from Rome, Ireland and Spain, with their owners. A lovely start to our visit causing much interest in the arrivals lounge. We were then taken to the Tierheim and met more adopted greyhounds and galgos and their owners. We were made very welcome. Anne made a speech and cut the ribbon and declared the new room open and she was presented with the white Dove of Peace for her service to greyhounds. It was nice to see Anne receiving such heartfelt recognition for her work for the dogs. Later we were taken to a local Church for a Blessing of humans and animals.

On our last day it snowed, it was December, and outside our hotel all the Christmas market stalls were open. Before flying home, we decided to look around the market. I was looking for a Christmas present for my son. We saw a toy on one stall but decided to look around to see what else there was.

In the end, with the snow really coming down heavily, we made our way back to the stall only to find the toy had gone! Anne said, "don't worry I can speak some German" and then proceeded to explain to the man on the stall what we were looking for. The snow was getting heavier, the man's face was a picture as Anne was talking away and making lots of hand movements about this toy. The snow kept falling and we were getting no nearer to buying the toy and we both looked at each other and burst into giggles. The man then reached under the table and handed Anne the toy and in perfect English said "is this what you want?" - all three of us couldn't stop laughing.

This work is tough, the pressure to help as many greyhounds as possible is always there but at times humour is needed to help us cope. Anne had a great sense of humour and over the years we giggled many times when recalling this story. I'm pleased to say after all Anne's efforts my son was very happy with his present!

Anne was an inspiration to so many of us and we know that we will be joined by countless friends and colleagues in remembering with pride the life achievements of a remarkable lady. Anne has left a wonderful legacy, her Charity Greyhounds in Need. We are all proud to say that we will continue her good work, but she will be missed greatly by us all.

Carolyn x



News Update

Dear Friends,

The last six months have been busy, as always, and we hope that you will enjoy reading this newsletter and catching up on our news.

On pages 15-17 you will be able to read about the support we have given to the shelters in Spain, helping the galgos. We are also able to help English and Irish greyhounds find homes in France and Italy by funding their transport costs. Please keep an eye on our website as we are able to report on these transportations and post some lovely videos of their arrival in Italy.



Our Christmas Treats appeal is always popular and you can treat the galgos again this year by completing the form on page 13.



Carbonero (left) is coming to the UK later this month, along with six more galgos. Their photos and brief descriptions are on pages 32 and 33. Once they arrive we will be able to visit and get to know more about them and will update our website with news. If you feel you can offer one a home please contact myself or Tracey at the office.

This year we have done very well with money raised on eBay thanks to the hard work of Tracey and Christine. We are fortunate to receive some lovely donations which can be sold on eBay and in the first 6 months of this year we have raised more funds than last year so please keep the donations coming, it is amazing what sells.

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.

News Update

Tracey has been busy looking for new merchandise items (some shown here on the right). Please take a look at the enclosed catalogue as we have included many items which would make ideal Christmas gifts. We also have our very popular Christmas cards and calendars again this year.



Don't forget you
can order over
the phone now!

I am pleased to write that Aliseda, Orion and Pantera who came to the UK in February, and mentioned in our last Newsletter, have now all been homed. Aliseda is living in Feltham, Orion in France and Pantera in Hampshire.



Don't forget
to check the
website next
month for
our online
auction



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracey and Geraldine and 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 galgos and greyhounds.

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

Carolyn x



Trustees' pages

In the Spring/Summer issue of this Newsletter which celebrated GIN's twentieth anniversary, I saluted, on your behalf, the wonderful work of our founder, Anne Finch. It is with the greatest sadness that I now have to report Anne's death on the 5th August 2018. In this issue you will be able to read a moving tribute to Anne from the pen of our General Manager, Carolyn Davenport, who worked with Anne almost from the founding of GIN.



For myself, I can only add that Anne's inspirational work was what first drew me into trying to help in her efforts to save and care for the beautiful but sadly abused galgos and greyhounds. Of course, she was guilty of a huge con trick when she invited me to become a trustee of GIN, saying "don't worry, it's only a few meetings a year". As it turned out, the work has consumed most of my retirement. I hasten to add that it has also brought me great joy.

We are delighted to report that Pat Whipps has agreed to become a trustee and has already brought to the board the benefits of her long experience of our work. Many supporters will know Pat well from her years of devoted work as our Homing Officer.

As you will read in these pages, we continue to expand and improve our work on school education in Spain. This work is difficult and costly, but it cannot be said too often that it offers the only hope of an eventual solution to the problems we face. Supporters can be assured that this important work will never prevent us from expanding and improving our help for galgos.

We continue to improve infrastructure at the rescue centres in Spain and to spend significant sums on veterinary care and transport. We will shortly be welcoming some of our Spanish colleagues to a meeting at Egham, together with our educational consultant, to discuss the way ahead.

I am sure that supporters will welcome the news that we intend to set up one or more permanent projects in Spain dedicated to the memory of Anne Finch. More details will follow in later Newsletters.

Supporters will perhaps have read of the serious situation which has arisen in Macau, following the recent closure of a notorious racing stadium and the potential abandonment of up to 500 greyhounds.

Although the distance involved presents huge problems for us, we are co-operating with colleagues in France and the UK in efforts to rehome some of these dogs.

Continuing the international theme, we have only just been made aware of the desperate plight of hunting greyhounds in South Africa, which mirrors, only too closely, the horrors in Spain. At this early stage, we are doing what we can to help a struggling local group with veterinary costs and may be able to expand this venture. More news later. It seems that wherever you look you will find these wonderful dogs being cruelly abused!

But we are not downhearted. With the help of our generous supporters and that of our dedicated volunteers and staff the work will continue to be pushed forward following the inspirational example set us by Anne Finch.

**Martin
Chair of Trustees**

Remembering Anne Finch

My first contact with Anne Finch was in January 2000 when enquiring online about adopting my first Greyhound. In a following phone call Anne described in detail a female ex-racer from Spain who was kennelled in Devon and she told me about the Galgos in Spain with such passion.

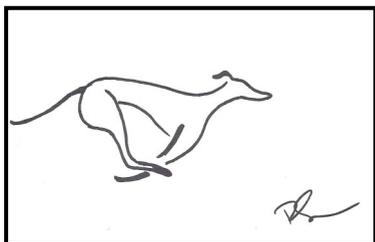
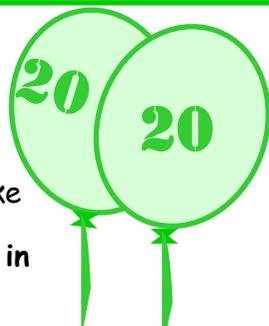
I adopted the ex-racer purely from Anne's description and she was perfect. I didn't meet Anne until sometime later at a Greyhound Blessing in the Chapel at Royal Holloway University of London. That was when I knew Anne really was the wonderful person I had thought she was. Whatever life threw at her Anne's passion for the dogs never waned. They always came first. I shall never stop thanking Anne for enabling me to adopt my first Greyhound and later my gorgeous Galgo.

Now as a Trustee of GIN I am in a privileged position allowing me to help take forward the work started by Anne.

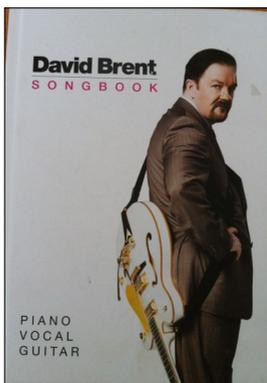
**Pat Whipps
Trustee**

GIN Auction

This year we are celebrating **20 years** as a registered charity helping with the rescue and rehoming of greyhounds and galgos. Our Patrons - Jilly Cooper CBE, Dame Judi Dench CH DBE FRSA, Peter Egan and Ricky Gervais have kindly donated the items below for our online Auction which will take place in November. Please check our website www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk next month and join in the Auction to help the greyhounds and galgos.



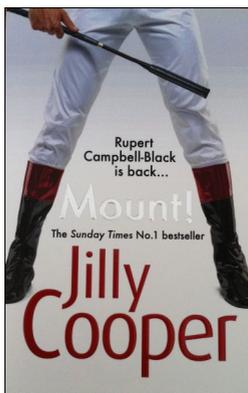
Greyhound drawing by Ricky Gervais and donated by him to GIN together with a signed copy of David Brent Songbook



Pencil Sketch drawn and kindly donated by Peter Egan

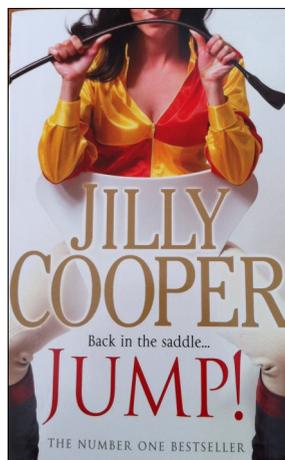


Signed Script of "As Times Go By" Kindly donated by Judi Dench



Autographed copies of Mount! and Jump!

Kindly donated by Jilly Cooper



Celebrating 20 years helping greyhounds and galgos

"OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY"

We had a small get together at the Greyhounds in Need office in Egham in May to mark "Our "20th Anniversary". Peter Egan came along to say a few words and we were joined throughout the day by local volunteers and supporters.



We also had a prize draw to win a Pet Portrait generously donated by talented American artist Esther Clair (www.detailedportraits.com)

Here is the lucky winner, Michael Smith of High Wycombe, with Esther's portrait of Scooby, Michael's golden retriever.



Education

The education programme continues to do well in Spain. Many individuals and shelters are using the material and the response from our contacts in Spain continues to be positive.

The children are uploading their drawings to our website and we are organising monthly competitions—it is so difficult to choose a winner but you can help up by visiting our Facebook page and "like" your favourite drawings.

We are currently looking at new activities to be added to the website based on the feedback we have received. At the moment making the galgo puppet seems to be very popular with the children.



Photo: Galgos del Sol

May Competition winners from Arca de Noe, Albacete



Arturo Molina Jimenez, age 10



Esteban Armero Guillen, age 7



Eva Lopez Gomez, age 8

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

You can also donate to this appeal by text -

BERB33£(amount) to 70070

TO:

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

**Become a
member of
Greyhounds
in Need**



I should like to become a Member of Greyhounds in Need CIO 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 2019 to 31st December 2019

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.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Tel No:.....

Email address

Date:.....

Please tick one of the boxes below:

Newsletter by email

Newsletter by post

Support for shelters

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter the education programme is going well and we are pleased that the response is growing and the feedback is positive. Tina and Sam are working hard at **Galgos del Sol** and it is lovely to hear that schools are booking places now for future workshops they will be holding at the new education building we were able to fund. We support their work by providing a grant to cover the costs involved in running these workshops, including insurance to cover those involved.

We have also been able to fund the planting of 100 trees at Galgos del Sol in memory of our Founder, Anne Finch.



Carmen, Margaret and their team at **A.P.A. Santa Clara de Tobarra**, have finally moved into their new shelter and are already receiving many dogs. We were so pleased that we could help their great work by funding the building of two kennel blocks for the galgos as well as some shading for the new centre and a storage area for coats, blankets etc. At present we have offered to fund security cameras and these will be installed soon. They have all worked so hard, coping with many challenges, but they will be settled in before winter and hopefully will gain some more volunteers to help them.



On our last visit to Spain we were able to discuss future projects with Sole and her team at **Arca de Noe**, and one project was the need for new interior fencing to improve the security between the different paddocks. We were able to fund this project and I am pleased to say the work is now complete.



Photos: Arca de Noe



We continue to fund the initial veterinary costs for several shelters in Spain and last year assisted in the rescue and rehoming of ~700 dogs.

We appreciate that many galgos who are rescued require emergency treatment and special care and we will always help as much as we can with such cases.

Frank was one such case. Eva of **ADANA** in Badajoz emailed us to see if we could help. Many attempts had been made to rescue Frank but in the end ADANA asked for the help of another group, **SOS Rescue**, as they have more specialised equipment to help with such rescues. Frank had been seen crossing the streets and his front leg was clearly badly broken.

ADANA were receiving many calls about him and people were leaving food out for him but this meant that trying to catch him in a cage with food was difficult as he was not hungry. Finally thanks to the experience of Juan Carlos from **SOS RESCUE** and after many hours waiting, he literally jumped over the dog and could rescue him. The galgo was scared and he bit Juan Carlos in the arm. Frank was taken to the vets and later operated on, the fracture was old and the bones were not in good condition but we are pleased to write that Frank has made a marvellous recovery and is now happily homed in Italy.



Photos: ADANA

Marea was found by **RECAL** in Almendralejo with her wrist broken. She underwent surgery and had a titanium plate inserted and needed a skin graft, which was taken from her backside. She recovered very well and is now enjoying her new life in Germany.



Photos: **RECAL**



Mada at **RECAL** has also had to deal with galgos Pechut who arrived with a broken hip, Brilliantina who had a very bad wound on his neck and Jerte who was in a very bad condition and was at the vets for some time.



Arca de Noe, Albacete received a galga, Mariola, who had suffered a hip fracture and the head of her femur had to be removed. She required specialist care but has made a full recovery and is now living in France.

Vera at **Galgos en Familia** asked for help for an elderly galga. She was found in the village of Cordoba and had been badly beaten in the area of her intestines. She has undergone two major operations and her recovery is slow but Vera is hopeful she will recover well.

We continue to help the shelters and adoption groups with transport costs within Spain moving the galgos to shelters and also with moving them to the adoption groups we work with in several countries.

Without the wonderful support we receive from you, our supporters, and the amazing collaborations we have with the shelters and adoption groups abroad we would not be able to do this work.

Anne and Arthur started their work for these lovely dogs many years ago and we will all do our best to continue their work helping where and when we can. Supporting the shelters with funding for veterinary costs so that the galgos are properly prepared for transports and homing is important to us. Also funding transport costs to ensure that dogs are transported safely in fully equipped vehicles is help that we have increased over the years.

Many charities now are focussing on education and we are keen to continue our funding and promotion of this project. The material on our website is being widely used and well received and we hope to build on this in the future.

**Greyhounds in Need CIO — Gift Aid declaration—
multiple donation**

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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____ and any donation I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Greyhounds in Need CIO

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My details

TitleFirst name or initial(s)

Surname

Full home address

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PostcodeDate

Please notify Greyhounds in Need CIO if you:

- . Want to cancel this declaration
- . Change your name or home address
- . No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



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 (page 18).

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.

easyfundraising

.org.uk

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).

We are fortunate to receive many coats for the galgos and send these to Spain throughout the year. We have the coat patterns on our website if you feel you can help us -

<http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/howyoucanhelp/coat.htm>

and

www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/teaching-resources

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

Memories of Anne

I first met Anne Finch in the late nineties when she had put an advert in a dog magazine for people to help with greyhounds being transported from the race tracks in Spain to Calais, France to be united with new families. I rang Anne and the next weekend I rolled up at Anne's house at 2am to be met by her husband Arthur offering me refreshments which was lovely.

Anne and I set off for France and I will always remember the first time I saw greyhounds arriving there in terrible cramped conditions in a lorry and was so pleased to get them out and for them to be able to move freely and have cuddles. Their nails were cut and they were checked over, Anne was running here, there and everywhere, I could not keep up with her. The greyhounds were so remarkable and within an hour were lying in their new families vehicles, many in the typical greyhound pose, totally chilled after their terrible ordeals.

It certainly was a day and memories I will never forget and all down to Anne and her dedication and hard work. I did this trip with others again and was with Anne and another lady on a boat in the middle of the English Channel when we heard the news of the death of Princess Diana.

After this Anne asked me if I would become a Trustee of her new charity Greyhounds in Need, I was thrilled to do this and started attending meetings and getting involved with lots of new people in animal rescue. Everything happened in Anne's house in Egham with Arthur's refreshments flowing as usual.

Anne was the most dedicated person I have ever known and the memories of times with her and how she changed the lives of all the dogs she helped will stay with me all my life.

**Liz Clarke (nee Mason)
GIN Trustee 1998-2011**

'PLEASE HELP RESCUED GREYHOUNDS'

In the late nineties whilst reading a magazine, I came across Anne's advertisement, 'Greyhounds in Need seek willing people to help raise funds for rescued greyhounds.'

Armed with various leaflets, a donation tin and a few saleable items I was soon out at car boot sales spreading the word and raising money. People seemed extremely interested in the plight of greyhounds and galgos and within a short time I decided to take fundraising a step further; in June 2000 Anne proudly opened the first Greyhounds in Need charity shop in Bournemouth.

Local interest in the charity snowballed. Friends Gareth and Kate organised monthly greyhound walks, other friends and supporters sewed coats from old blankets for the galgos in the Spanish refuges and regular Street Collections were organised in Dorchester, Bournemouth and Wimborne.

We set up fundraising/awareness stalls in shopping centres and at carnivals, and held summer fayres/antique valuation days in church halls and in the shop garden.

A few years later Penny and I set up a Sponsorship Scheme and the annual Greyhounds in Need raffle which continues today.

I retired from Greyhounds in Need in 2015 and moved to Cornwall but I am so pleased that the Bournemouth shop continues to do well. I am very proud to have been part of Anne and Arthur's charity for over 15 years; Anne was an extremely inspirational woman and I will always treasure fond memories of her.

Sue North
Founder and now retired Manager
of the Bournemouth Greyhounds in Need shop

I first heard of Anne Finch when I was asked if I could spare some regular time to visit three traumatised galgos in quarantine at Raystede Animal Centre. I was told I could go in the kennel with one of them, Poppy. My first visit was very sad as I couldn't get near her, she would just run away every time I tried. As the weeks went by she did learn to trust me and we became great friends.

I learned of the work Anne was doing to rescue and rehome the galgos. I first met her in 2002 when I did a fundraising evening at Brighton Racecourse.

Anne was dedicated to rescuing and rehoming these beautiful gentle galgos. I thought she was traumatised as much as Poppy at the cruelty that was going on in Spain to the galgos.

It was a privilege to know this kind lady, she will never be forgotten. RIP Anne, we will all carry on your good work.

Love Christine Page x

GIN Volunteer and
Brighton Shop Manager 2010-2016



Thank you very much for the lovely messages we have received about Anne recounting many happy memories and much praise for the wonderful work she started for the greyhounds and galgos. We have forwarded these to Anne's sister, Barbara.

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Toby, happily homed in Essex



Careta, originally from RECAL
now homed in France



Merlin (left) and Aliseda looking comfortable in Feltham



Purdy enjoying her garden
in Warwickshire



Maggie (left) and Tamara
enjoying life in Sussex

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Orion looks very happy in his new garden in France



Mister, ex-racer from the UK now homed in Normandy



Tabby & Myra on a train ride to Eggesford, Devon, where they went for a lovely walk in the forest



Layla looking very comfortable on her sofa in Essex

More happily homed greyhounds and galgos can be seen in the Homing Gallery on our website or on our FB, Twitter and Instagram pages



Josephine enjoying life in Belgium

News from Cheshire and the North West

Hello everyone from Greyhounds In Need volunteers here in the North West. We hope that you and your dogs have enjoyed the glorious summer. We were lucky with the weather for our street collections in Cleveleys, on the Fylde coast, which were held in May and August. Once again we were delighted with the support we received from our supporters and from the public, which always includes lots of visitors to the area. The weather was ideal for the dogs, warm but not too hot.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the social dog walk we had planned for the day after the Cleveleys event in August, as the weather changed dramatically to incessant rain. No one wanted to end their walk with a car full of wet dogs!

We were also very disappointed with the visitor numbers for the Fun Dog Show at

Tatton Park in August, which is always one of our favourite events. The weather forecast was not good and we think that this put a lot of people off. After so many lovely sunny days it was unfortunate that the Sunday of the Show dawned very cloudy with a forecast of rain.

In contrast, we were unable to set a date for the social dog walk we were planning around Hollingworth Lake, Littleborough, near Rochdale because of the very hot weather. The three mile walk takes just over an hour and there is not a lot of shade for dogs or their owners, so we decided to rearrange the walk for the autumn when hopefully the weather would be more suitable .

I am pleased to confirm the dates for the two rearranged dog walks (both weather permitting) when we hope to have the new GIN Christmas cards and calendars available for sale :

On Sunday October 28th 2018, meet at the Visitors Centre, Hollingworth Lake, Rakewood Road, Littleborough, OL15 0AQ from 11am. On Sunday November 4th 2018, we will meet at the Visitors Centre, Marbury Country Park, Comberbach, near Northwich, CW9 6AT, also from 11am.

More details on the GIN Facebook page nearer the time

Once again this year we have done very well with coin collections from GIN collecting tins at Kay's Chip Shop in Cleveleys and Haughton Green Pet Shop in Denton, Greater Manchester. We are very grateful for the generous support of their customers and staff.

Sad news It is always sad to hear of the passing of our lovely four legged supporters, many of whom we have known for a long time. We have been involved in Rescue and Rehoming for over twenty years and this is always the hardest part.



We are so pleased that many of our friends and volunteers stay in touch with us and feel able to share with us their grief at the loss of a member of their family. This summer we have heard about the sudden passing of **Benny**, who was an older gentle dog, much loved and missed by Jen and Roy and his greyhound brother, Arthur. **Amy** was a stunning black and white girl, who is a very much missed companion of her lovely owner, John. **Poppy**, a nervous fawn girl, will be sadly missed by her loving family of Sue, Mike and Laura.

We last saw **Daisy** at Tatton Park, so we were devastated to hear of her unexpected passing by our friend Adele. Daisy was inseparable from her greyhound brother Syd and she will be greatly missed.

We are very grateful for the continuing support of our loyal friends and volunteers even though we are reducing our involvement with fundraising and rehoming. We will continue to do what we can to promote the excellent work undertaken by Greyhounds in Need both in the UK and abroad

**Sue, Phil and Carol, Volunteers,
Greyhounds in Need, Cheshire and the North West**



Fundraising

We would like to thank all involved for once again supporting our summer raffle which, with tickets and linked donations, brought in around £4,840.00

Tracey and Geraldine, at HQ, week after week, meticulously logged all the responses, and John Butters of Butters Associates, Egham, kindly drew the winning tickets –

First Prize – £500 – Mrs R. Littlehales

Second Prize – £250 – Mrs D.Reid

Third Prize – £ 50 – Mrs J.Andrew

Thank you also to our Patron, Jilly, for taking part in Pointless Celebrities and nominating GIN as her chosen charity.

With the lovely weather we have had this year the events up and down the country have done well and we would like to thank each and every one of you for all the work you put into arranging these and raising funds and awareness of the work we do.

We are always looking for new ways to fundraise so if you have any ideas or feel you can help us with this please give Carolyn or Tracey a call at the office—01784 483206, they will be pleased to hear from you.

TRIBUTES

✧ We were sad to hear that **Lorelei** had passed away in April, she was 12 years old. Hilary adopted her from GIN some years ago.



✧ Hello, We just wanted to let you know that a Galgo that we adopted from you many years ago passed away recently. **Matias** was such a lovely dog, he had his issues that we worked through and he went on to be a role model to so many clients' dogs before retiring a few years ago. He helped spread the word about Galgos generally and was always a sweet natured boy. He taught us a lot. He died at age 15 with his favourite people around him and we miss him still!

Thank you for the opportunity to know him and love him, he was a super-special boy. Keep up the good work, Julia & Steve

✧ We heard the sad news in August that **Iris** had to say goodbye to **Hercules**, he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He was a lovely boy and enjoyed travelling with Iris and ended his days in Switzerland.

✧ Hello Carolyn, I have the sad news to tell that my little **Winnie** has gained her wings. The vet came over and put her to sleep, she fell asleep forever in the sofa and in my arms. She had a good but short life and a dog death.

The chemo was not working and the cancer was very aggressive so I did not want to be experimenting

treatments on her just for my sake of keeping her. I am devastated but feel I have done the right thing for her.



Best wishes Carla

✧ Hello, heartbreaking news I'm afraid. Our beautiful Galgo **Pedro**, previously Fenix who we rehomed from yourselves in 2007, was sadly put to sleep last night at The Royal Vet College Hertfordshire after advice from the Vet. He was suffering from a tumour on his liver, which was causing him difficulty in breathing, and we took what we felt was the kindest decision we could for him. He had lost a great deal of weight, despite still having a good appetite, and he was also starting to have problems getting to his feet from muscle loss in his legs. He spent 6 months in quarantine kennels in Retford, as this was before the pet passport scheme, and when we first saw him there our hearts melted. He was the sweetest natured most lovable soul one could ever wish to meet, and wanted nothing other than a warm bed, a full tummy and some affection. Everybody who met him was smitten by his lovely personality and he will be greatly missed. Kindest regards, David & Joanne

*****IMPORTANT MESSAGE*****

General Data Protection Regulation

As many of you may already know, in May 2018 the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) became law in the UK. This superseded the 1998 Data Protection Act.

As a supporter of Greyhounds in Need (GIN) , you can be assured that we have always taken data protection very seriously and take every practicable measure to ensure your information is safe and accurate at all times.

We never sell your data or share it with anyone outside of GIN.

There has been much debate about how charities should keep in touch with their supporters. Some charities are contacting their supporters and asking them to **opt in** to continue receiving news in the future. Others, like GIN, especially as many of you are regular donors, members, sponsors, have chosen to rely on what the new legislation calls "legitimate interest", which simply means that we undertake to keep you informed of our work, as we always have done, via our newsletters and website, as we feel that you would expect us to do so.

We send out emails with links to our new newsletters and if you would like to receive communications from us by email in future please telephone us on **01784 483206** or send us an email to **info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk**

Our full Privacy Policy can be viewed on our website -

www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support

Raw Feed Diets: Friend or Foe?

The practice of feeding a raw meat based diet has seen significant growth over the past decade. It is a subject that divides opinion, even in the veterinary industry, with varying arguments from nutritional implications to wider health impacts. The lack of any significant in-depth evidence for or against, continues to fuel the fire of debate. So as a dog owner what do you need to know in order to make a decision based on the best information we currently have?



The advocates of raw food diets argue they provide the best 'natural' food source for your dog from an evolutionary perspective. Users have anecdotally claimed that they see an increase in energy, improved digestive systems, shinier coats and a decrease in some allergic skin diseases.

Opponents of the movement however have concerns regarding the nutritional balance, contamination with bacteria and danger of bone consumption.

So here are some facts that we do know:

- Our modern day domesticated pooches are now genetically a long way from wild wolves in many aspects. This includes diets they have become adapted to. Geneticists in 2013 found that our pets have adapted to starch- rich diets as opposed to protein since being domesticated thousands of years ago.
- Raw food diets have been shown to have greater palatability.
- Bacteria (E.Coli in 80%, Salmonella in 20%, Campylobacter & Listeria in 43%) have been isolated from a range of commercial raw feed products in a recent study.
- Freezing does not kill bacteria.

Undoubtedly a raw food diet is likely to be more palatable than a dry kibble diet. I mean, who can honestly say their dog would prefer a dry biscuit to a juicy, tender morsel of meat? We also just do not know yet whether the other claims made by pro-raw feeders are vindicated. Currently there is no scientific based evidence to back them up. That does not however mean there won't be in the future.

It is the growing body of evidence regarding potential implications with wider health that seems to make the non-converted uneasy. The bacteria listed above are no joke. Isolation of them on the best commercial raw feed available has to be a worry. This is not just a danger to the pet, but also to their human counterpart who handles the raw meat and picks up the aftermath in the park, in which bacteria are then shed.



The presence of bones in diets is also contentious. Whilst they do a great job of cleaning teeth, they also provide a risk in their journey through the digestive tract.

If you do decide to go raw, it is vitally important that you do your research and make sure the diet is executed properly. Use a commercial diet that tests its product to ensure adequate nutrition is met. Producers that are DEFRA accredited and part of the Pet Food Manufacturers Agency (PFMA) are required to do this in order to meet trading standards. One thing that both sides of the debate can agree on is the difficulty of feeding raw based on home recipes. Studies have found even expert nutritionists don't always get the balance right! Secondly, be completely aware that you are handling raw meat, whether home-made or commercially sourced, from which multiple bacterial organisms have been isolated. Make sure your hygiene when defrosting, handling, feeding and cleaning is heightened, and you have measures in place to protect both your animal and other members of the household.

Of course, as with any diet, the best of one will be better than the worst of the other. The dog on the best raw food diet will be better off than the dog on the worst non-raw food diet. Most importantly, your dog should be on a specifically formulated diet that is safe and contains all the required nutrients and minerals.

Frustratingly, we cannot yet give you a yes or no answer to the title of this article. Whilst there is enough emerging evidence to suggest raw food diets can be a foe, we certainly cannot rule out their added value as a friend. It is to be seen in the coming years if any evidence base can be produced for the positive claims made by pro-raw feeders, so watch this space!



Willett House Vets

Galgos for Adoption



Carbonero, a lovely looking male galgo, approx. 4 years old. He is a little shy. He was brought to the shelter with two more galgos.



Wilma, a 9 year old female galga, black with some white markings. She is friendly with people and other dogs. She was found on the streets.



Lagartijo, a brindle male galgo, approx. 5 years old. A little shy. He was handed in to the shelter.



Brisa, a brindle and white female galga, approx. 4 years old.

She was handed in to the shelter in Almendralejo and is a little shy.



Lluvia, a light brindle female galga, approx. 5 years old. She is a little shy with people but gets on well with other dogs.



Nayma, a fawn female galga, approx. 3 years old, She was found on the streets of Almendralejo She is friendly with people and can live with other dogs.



Nicolas, is a dark brindle male galgo, approx. 5 years old. He is good with people and other dogs, He was found on the streets and has lost a toe on his rear paw.



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. The scheme also helps 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 -



www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



Sponsorship

I would like to sponsor the galgos and wish to give Greyhounds in Need CIO (*Circle as appropriate) *£5 per month

*£10 per month

*£25 per month

*Other amount £.....per month

NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK

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



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