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Dear Friends of GIN,

December 2006

Another year draws to a close and it has been a very busy year for us. After some 20 years in a bedroom in Anne and Arthur's house in Egham, GIN has "left home" and moved to an office in Wraysbury. (New contact details above).

Anne has taken a step back from the day-to-day running of the charity and is now living on the Isle of Wight. We have centralised the administration of GIN in Wraysbury and already have new people helping with this. Anne is however still involved with political/media work both here and in Spain and attends meetings of the Plataforma (a Forum of Spanish organisations rescuing galgos).

Our work continues for the greyhounds and galgos and we have again this year been able to fund the veterinary care of many galgos at Pep's in Barcelona, April and Paul's in Cadiz and Balbino's Arca de Noe refuge in Albacete. We have also been able to help with other costs that the refuges find themselves faced

with, for example, covering the primary veterinary testing/vaccination costs before dogs are moved to boarding kennels, along with some of the transportation costs from refuges to kennels and kennels to homes in northern Europe. Throughout the year we send many 30kg boxes of donated coats, medicines, blankets, collars and leads, all needed and appreciated by so many of the refuges in Spain and we would like to thank our supporters who make this possible.

Without the help from the adoption groups abroad our work would be very difficult, if not impossible, and we thank in particular Josephine (Greyhounds Rescue Belgium - 003232541611), Catherine (Levriers en Detresse, France - 0033386696735) and Elisa (Adopt Centre, Italy - 0039059285059) who between them have taken many greyhounds and galgos to homes in their respective countries. If any of you can help in any way with fund-raising, fostering, adopting one of the dogs these groups take from us we would be very pleased to hear from you, as would the groups themselves.

We realise that helping the dogs in Spain, as with greyhounds in the UK, is first aid and that the matter needs to be tackled at source. As mentioned above Anne is representing GIN at the Plataforma and here in the UK Martin, one of our Trustees, attends the Forum meetings in London where many welfare groups and representatives of the British Greyhound Racing Board meet to discuss improved conditions for greyhounds when racing and in retirement.

We try to keep our website [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) as up to date as possible and our English Autumn/Winter newsletter is on there now. If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter please let us know.

We would like to thank all of you for the help and support you give to our charity throughout the year and wish you, your families and your dogs, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carolyn and all at GIN

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