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Dear Friends of GIN,

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We are deeply sorry to announce the passing of Arthur, Anne's husband and our Trustee, on 22nd August, after months of illness. We miss Arthur very much; he was a very kind and caring man who worked tirelessly for the greyhounds and galgos right up until the end. We hope that with the help of you, our supporters, we can continue the work that he and Anne started years ago.

The majority of the galgos we help come from Balbino in Albacete and Mada in Almendralejo. However, we try to reach as many refugees as we can and this year have been able to take galgos from Badajoz, Cuenca, Murcia, Salamanca, Sevilla and the Villamartin refuge in Cadiz.

We are grateful to Josephine and her group Greyhounds Rescue Belgium - 32(0)496158824, who have taken many galgos, funded by GIN, from Pep's kennels in Vic. Some of these galgos have travelled by air to Brussels, others have been transported to Antwerp by road, thanks to Catherine Madry of Levriers en Detresse - 33(0)671656565. Josephine also takes GIN funded galgos from April and Paul's kennels in Cadiz.

Diana Jork of Galgos in Not, - 49(0)6039937960, and Kathi of SOS Levriers - 33(0)442272659, have travelled to Vic regularly throughout the year to collect our galgos for homing in Germany and France respectively.

Nuria of Amigos de los Galgos - 34(0)917661258, works hard for the galgos in Madrid, organising their veterinary care and often transporting the dogs herself to her contacts in France for homing.

We are pleased to continue supporting Balbino and his helpers at the Arca de Noe refuge in Albacete by funding the veterinary care and some of the transportation costs for many galgos going to Monaco, where Elisa, Chiara and members of the Adopt Centre Italy - 39(0)3398068877, meet them before continuing their journey to Modena where new adopters for the dogs are waiting.

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.

In 2008 GIN will celebrate its 10th anniversary as a Registered Charity and we hope to mark the occasion with a project to inform Spanish schoolchildren on the need to treat animals (particularly galgos) with care and dignity.

Here in the UK, GIN is a member of the Greyhound Forum, made up of many welfare groups and representatives of the British Greyhound Racing Board who meet regularly to discuss how to improve conditions for greyhounds when racing and in retirement. The Forum have formulated comprehensive proposals for a code of conduct to be incorporated into the UK's Animal Welfare Act.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the help and support you give to us, and those we work with, throughout the year and wish you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Carolyn and all at GIN



Supporters gathering in the car park at Virginia Water, Surrey, UK, ready for the annual GIN Summer picnic

Founded by Anne and Arthur Finch

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