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Dear Friends

Another year is coming to an end and it has been a busy one for us. We are pleased to report that the number of galgos we have been able to help has remained steady and thanks must go to the many adoption groups we work with who work tirelessly to find homes for them.

The interest in the galgos continues to grow in the UK and although we only bring a few here each year, because of quarantine restrictions, the number of home offers we receive far exceeds the number of available galgos.

We were delighted that our Petition to the Spanish Government received 16,738 signatures, many accompanied by heartfelt messages. We received a reply from the head of the cabinet office, thanking us and all the signatories for our interest but offering no help beyond a statement that the existing laws and arrangements for their enforcement were quite adequate. He also stated that it was a simple matter for any citizen to report cases of cruelty and to get satisfaction by applying to the Guardia Civil. We have replied saying that there is overwhelming evidence to show that this was not the case and that this could be confirmed by the experience of our colleagues engaged in animal welfare in Spain. To date we have received no reply.

We travelled to Southern Spain in September and visited the shelters run by Mada (RECAL) in Almendralejo, Fatima (Asociacion Protectora de Animales) in Chiripaina, Saskia (San Anton) in Villamartin and Concha (Refugio Kimba) in Chiclana. Visiting the shelters, and all are different, we were able to see for ourselves what these wonderful people have to deal with on a daily basis. They all care for so many dogs, all breeds, with little funding and rely very much on donations, mostly from abroad.



Coats and Christmas treats arrive at Fatima's refuge - Asociacion Protectora de Animales, Chiripaina

While in Spain we were greatly encouraged by the initial reception given to our education project. We have since heard that teachers, schools and welfare groups all over the province of Extremadura are enthusiastic. This gives us great hope for the success of our initiative and for its extension to cover other provinces of Spain.

It just remains for us to thank you all for the help and support your give to us and those we work with and we take this opportunity to wish you, your families and your dogs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Carolyn and all at GIN

Founded by Anne and Arthur Finch

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