



Dear Friends

2012

We are very grateful that the groups we have worked with for some time now in Belgium, France, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland continue to find homes for the galgos we can help in Spain. Also this year, thanks to Levriers en Detresse (LED) and Greyhound Adopt Centre Italy (GACI) we have been able to fund the veterinary care and assist with the transport costs enabling 18 greyhounds to be homed in France and Italy.

This year, now that quarantine has finished, we have been able to bring more galgos to the UK for homing. There is thankfully always a lot of interest in them and the photographs and news we receive from adopters is wonderful.

The work in Spain has become even more difficult. Many rescue shelters we support have suffered cutbacks in what little government support they have received in the past and are struggling to continue their vital humanitarian work, in the face of widespread indifference or even hostility. We are stepping up our efforts to help with such projects as security, improvements in dog accommodation, heating and weather protection. We continue to make substantial contributions to the costs of transport and veterinary work as well as sending many parcels of coats, blankets, dog bowls, medicines etc, kindly donated by our supporters.

In September Martin and I were able to visit Italy and were able to join in the very impressive annual gathering of supporters and their dogs laid on by our colleagues Elisa, Lily, Chiara and their volunteers at GACI. We were delighted to see so many of the galgos from Arca de Noe in Albacete, which have been rescued with our support and also to spend time with Sole, Pili, Carmen and Marifeli from the Albacete shelter, from whom we were able to hear of their current problems and to arrange for future help from GIN.

A continued preoccupation for GIN continues to lie in our schools education programme in Spain. This is making solid progress and is warmly welcomed by the schools we have, so far, been able to reach. We see this as an absolutely vital project, albeit one which will take a long time to bear fruit.

We are pleased to announce that we now have an on-line merchandising facility. You can now purchase an expanded range of GIN merchandise and pay on line. Please remember to go to our website when thinking about buying any kind of doggy needs and much more - here is the link - <http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>

We would like to thank you all for the help and support you 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



Greyhounds in Need 2012 Christmas Card

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