

Homeing update from Pat.....

Due to the Christmas/New Year holiday period the quarantine release took place over 3 days at the end of December. Unfortunately this meant that I could not be at the kennels but thanks to the co-operation of the kennel staff and the new adopters all dogs went off happily to their new homes.

In addition to the six quarantine dogs, Tolo who was left from the June release, also left for a new life at the end of December. Now called Frodo he decided to go home with Lili to Somerset where Linden and Rob treat them like royalty, even taking them to a castle for their exercise.



Frodo and Lili just taking it easy

The feedback that I get from adopters has been as always excellent. Word from Derbyshire is that "Izzy the whiz (was Luz) is fantastic, she is totally beautiful and we love her so much", whilst Julia from East Sussex says of Renata "She really is a joy and comes more and more out of herself everyday".



Annie (was Alba) pretty in red out for a Christmas walk in Warwickshire with her "sister", Inca and their mum, Elsa

Dante (was Sultan) has settled in very well with Lisa, Richard and family in Lancashire and Lupi is happy in East Sussex. Lupi will always be grateful to Chris (Izzy's dad) for taking her from the kennels well on her journey home until she could meet up with her new mum, Julia.

Some of you may remember Candela (now called Inca) who went to live with Hazel and Richard in Hertfordshire. Firstly the family moved further south to Berkshire but in December they moved much further and settled in Toronto, Canada. They live right on the edge of Lake Ontario, where Inca is just loving it and having much fun in the snow. I have a Canadian friend who lives not very far away and who knows she may well get to meet her first Galgo! Thanks to Hazel and Richard for still keeping in touch.



Inca (was Candela) enjoying her first Canadian winter

We of course still help to home some of the dogs from Kildara and continue to have a very good relationship with Debbie. One of the Farnham dogs who has obviously taken very well to retirement is Honey..



Honey who retired to Guildford to live in luxury with Caroline.

As always there has been much interest in the current quarantine dogs who as usual are all gorgeous - see back page.

Pat

Tributes

My darling Poppy, a beautiful brindle Galgo, well she wasn't mine really, she was rescued by GIN from Leon, Spain. I first got to know about GIN when I was asked by a friend if I would like to visit four rescued Galgos who were so traumatised and were in quarantine at Raystede in April 1999. "Just go when you can," she said so I went along to meet Poppy, Mickey, Fern and Bambi.

I was asked to sit with Poppy, she was very nervous. I visited for many weeks with a bowl of food to try and win her heart. I sat one end of the kennel, usually on her bed, and she would lay down at the other end. At every move I made she would sit up, afraid of what I was about to do.

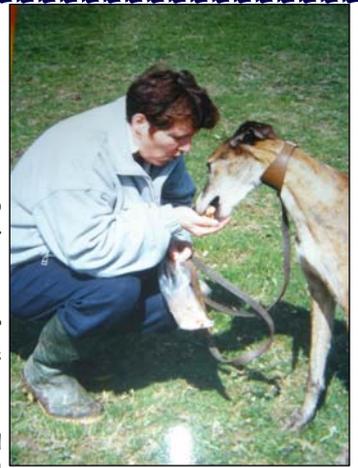
I spoke to her (not in Spanish I must admit) saying her name, over and over, usually for two hours or more each visit. It was very frustrating as I wanted to give her a cuddle or stroke her, but she would just run past me if I tried to touch her.

After many hours of doing the same thing, visit after visit, one day I stood up and Poppy continued to lay where she was. I walked over to her and finally got the chance to stroke her; she was still very tense but for me it was so wonderful to be able to get close to her and have finally won some trust.

She was a gentle, sweet, galgo; all my hours and patience were worth it. Poppy was my friend and I loved her and I hope she loved me. My visits after that were great and went from strength to strength. I could sit with her all the time, there was no running away, we had finally made friends and she trusted me.

In Sept. 1999 she left quarantine and all four galgos went together to the wonderful Barwick family kennel in Sussex. They could all still be together and run freely in the fields—what a joy for them. I remember going for my first walk with Poppy. I was so nervous, she was so free, so happy and I was so proud of her. I had many times like this, I could not wait to finish work and go to see her, walk her and even talk to her. I eventually even got her to eat from my hand, an action that many dogs take for granted. She would even run up to me when I arrived. Over the years which she had under the care of the Barwicks she was happy and loved, along with Mickey, Fern and Bambi.

Sadly, she was diagnosed with cancer last year and died in January 2006. I miss her so much. God bless my sweet gentle galgo, you are a gentle loving breed and I will never forget you. Thank you to Kim, Doreen, and Colin Barwick for all your love and kindness. Love, Christine Page



LOPEZ - (OUR DEAR DOPEY). Tailends:- October 31st 2003 - December 30th 2005

Our wonderful sweet-natured gentle giant died last night (December 30th 2005, aged 11) after going into a sudden relapse caused by the Leishmaniasis disease which had afflicted him for the last year - although he must have contracted it years ago when he was kennelled at the track in Rome. We would like to thank our vet Alison Hume from the Mullaocott Veterinary

On 6th October we had to make the sad and difficult decision to say our goodbyes to Ben. As Negus he was brought over from Rome in 2000 with about 20 other greyhounds and spent some time at Doreen's kennels. He came to us about 3½ years ago and had his 12th birthday in August. Around Easter he started to suffer breathing problems and an endoscopy showed a growth on the lung, it was hoped it would not grow too quickly but he then developed other problems. Up till the end he was a good-natured cheerful old boy, very popular with our 3 grandchildren. The youngest liked to put socks on his feet while he slept. He is of course missed by us all.

Jan and Peter Ashton, Dorset

Hospital for coming out immediately to help our boy. He had been doing so well and was happy and enjoying life to the full when he suddenly and without warning started to show signs of pain. He was on treatment for Leishmaniasis and also having Chinese herbs which really seemed to be helping him. It was obvious last night that this was one last battle which he could not win and I had no choice but to say goodbye to my special boy to prevent further suffering. I am absolutely devastated at losing his gentle presence in our little family of old dogs. Life will never be the same without him. Sweet dreams my darling boy. Moss left us just a few days ahead of you and will be there to show you the way to join all those other dear souls who once lived with us here at Tailends.

With all our love from Mummy and Daddy, your special friends Sugarlump and Poppy, also Tweenie, Bluebell, Barnie Rubble, Bobby, Papa, Gloria, Arfa and Charlie. X X X X X X

Membership News

We know that many members are anxious not to overlook renewal dates so, as promised in our last newsletter, we would like to remind you that membership runs for the calendar year. Renewals/new applications for 2006 are welcome—please see form below.

Membership continues to rise and we are pleased to see that there has been a big rise in members filling in the Gift Aid application form. Don't forget, just fill in the form on page 19 of this newsletter and forward to us and if you pay UK tax, forget it - we do the rest and get a very welcome payback from the Tax man.

If you are not already a member and would like to join, please complete the form below and return it to us with your payment, we will then send you a Membership Card and a little gift from us as a thank you.

Thanks to everybody for your continued generosity and support.

Audrey

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Greyhounds in NEED

Registered Charity in England and Wales No.1069438

TO: Membership Secretary, *Greyhounds in Need*, c/o 5 Greenways, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PA

I should like to become a member of *Greyhounds in Need* and I enclose my cheque/postal order/other for the annual fee of £10 (£5 minimum for non-wage earners) to cover the period **1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006**. Please tick one of the boxes below.

= New Member

= Renewal

FROM: Name:.....(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address:.....
.....
.....

Tel No:.....

Fax No:Others: (mobile, e-mail, etc.)

NEWSLETTER MAILING

We keep our website, www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk. as up to date as possible and our newsletter and other articles about our work are put on there and are able to be viewed and printed off from the site.

It would be very helpful if supporters who regularly access our website and no longer wish to receive a newsletter by post let us know by telephoning 01784 436845 or by dropping us a line to : Greyhounds in Need, 5 Greenways, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9PA, or emailing us on info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk ; we can then amend our records.

Many thanks !

Hi everyone,
 We are now in the process of organising our events for 2006 and hope you will offer your support with these. We would greatly appreciate donations of cakes, raffle/tombola prizes, plants, etc., for our fairs and also help on the day. If you know of any fetes or other events in the Bournemouth area this year where you could hold a fundraising stall for us we can supply you with a variety of goods to sell.

Esme would like to hear from you if you would be willing to participate in the Dorchester Street Collections in May and November with your dog. It really is an enjoyable couple of hours and you get to meet some interesting people. (Esme can be contacted on 01305 262320)

Our monthly social dog walks have been a great success thanks to Gareth and his good organisational skills; even though I of all people couldn't find the venue for the February one! Needless to say, I have now borrowed a New Forest Ordnance Survey map from the shop. For dates and details of each walk please ring Gareth on 01202 527380 or email him

kt.thomas@tesco.net

The May walk, however, will be our annual sponsored walk around Hengistbury Head so please ring me on 01202 513000 for your sponsor form.

We do accumulate lots of saleable items for Car Boot sales if you could spare a few hours to raise money for us in this way. Please ring me on 01202 513000 if you can help.

Finally, thanks to those of you who send in used postage stamps. You are keeping our enthusiastic philatelist, Aileen, extremely busy sorting them!

Sue



Sophie and Mr Mac by Kate Thomas I do love being a lady of leisure, and its just fab' to have a place of your own. What do you make of retirement Mac? Well Sophie, I guess you could say sofa so good!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 5 March

SOCIAL DOG WALK for greyhounds/lurchers. For details Contact Gareth on 01202 527380 or email – kt.thomas@tesco.net

Sunday 14 May

Annual SPONSORED WALK at Hengistbury Head, Christchurch Meet at the Hungry Hiker Café 10.45am for 11am start. Sponsor forms from Sue on 01202 513000.

Wednesday 24 May

STREET COLLECTION in Dorchester, 9.30am – 2.30pm. Offers of help please (preferably with your dog) to Esme on 01305 262320

Saturday 3 June

Fundraising stall at PELHAMS, Kinson, Bournemouth. 2pm Brenda and family.

Sunday 18 June

Fundraising stall at OAKDALE COMMUNITY FAIR, Poole 2pm. Brenda and family.

Saturday 8 July

SUMMER FAIR/BBQ at Greyhounds in Need shop/garden, Bournemouth. 10.30am – 1pm. Tombola, cakes, refreshments, games etc.

Sunday 17 Sept

BIKERS FOR GREYHOUNDS. Motorcycle ride around Dorset Further details from Lynn on 01202 872029.

Saturday 23 Sept

AUTUMN FAIR at Greyhounds In Need shop/garden. 10.30a,m - 1pm. Raffle, christmas stall, cakes etc.

7 – 28 October

DOG PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION (any breed) For details ring Sue on 01202 513000.

Saturday 25 Nov

DORCHESTER STREET COLLECTION 9.30am – 2.30pm Offers of help please to Esme on 01305 262320.

For more events please see page 4



**VISIT The GIN Shop at
 952, Wimborne Road (opp
 Somerfields supermarket)
 Moordown, Bournemouth
 BH9 2DG Tel 01202 513000**

Come and visit this very attractive shop, bring your dogs and be prepared to buy a bargain!

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
 Friday, 9.30am.- 4.00pm.

Saturdays 9.30-1.00 pm

Closed all day Wednesday.

Greyhound related merchandise: collars, cards, mugs, greyhound coats, stationery, key rings and car stickers all at reasonable prices. We also sell bric-a-brac, household items, furniture, good quality clothing, toys, books,etc.

News from Wales

Well here we are again with another newsletter!

Since last time I have attended another National Childbirth Trust Nearly New Sale (1st October), this time in Bridgend, as I still have quite a few children's toys and books to sell (especially the famous Tupperware toys that were donated to me to raise funds for GIN – only about another ten boxes of twelve shape-sorter buckets to go and numerous bath toys!) I've tried to persuade Carolyn to take some from me but haven't had any success as yet – can't think why!

On 5th November three female greyhounds arrived from Ireland with John Carroll.

The first was a fawn girl, Lola, now living in Taffs Well with Ian and Victoria Jenkins and Dizzy (very aptly named!) the terrier cross. (See photo).

Next was Sweet, a dainty, little, black girl who went to live in the Llanishen area of Cardiff with the De La Cruz family. She seems to have settled in well and came to join us on January's walk at Cosmeston Lakes, Penarth.

Brindle Willow was the third – she travelled to Chepstow to her new family but, unfortunately, things didn't work out for her there and she needed to leave just before Christmas. Ian found her a new home ready for the beginning of January but she needed somewhere to go for the couple of weeks in between. To the rescue came Sarah, Mark and Barbara (oh and Mo-Mo the greyhound of course). They looked after Willow until 2nd January when Hilda from Barry was able to offer her a new start. Willow is quite a character and I'm sure she will keep Hilda entertained!

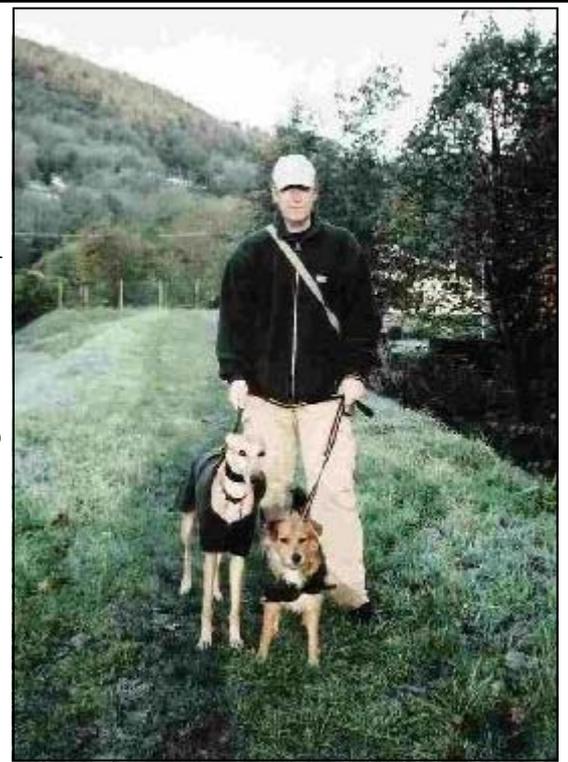
I'd like to say thanks to Suzie for 'manning' the walk at the end of October; and Ian and Fiona for taking charge at the end of November. I was unable to go as I was away with my daughter at cheerleading competitions (which for some reason nearly always fall at the end of the month – typical!).



Lastly I'd like to ask again – if you know of any events coming up where we could have a stall for GIN please could you let me know on telephone number 01443 224386 or, if I'm not about, Suzie on 01443 441204 or Louise on 01656 656548. It would be a big help.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped out with things,

Siân



GIN is grateful for all donations from it's many supporters—we are very pleased to receive cheques, postal orders, even bank notes. As well as these we offer the bank mandate and Just Giving methods set out below.

HOW TO DONATE TO GIN

The main GIN account is at:

**Barclays Bank, 71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex, TW20 4PS, UK,
Sort code 20-81-11, Account no. 00176508, Account Name 'Greyhounds in Need.'**

**For overseas donors please consider using a transfer of funds to GIN via
IBAN GB70 BARC 2081 1100 1765 08. SWIFTBIC BARCGB22**

Regular donors can use the monthly standing order mandate below. If you pay UK tax, we can claim a further 28% (that is 28 pence more on every £1.00) of your donation, membership and sponsorship fees, from the Inland Revenue if you complete the "Gift Aid" form on page 19. Once a Gift Aid Form is signed by you, we can claim tax back on any previous donation you have made from April 6th 2000 and of course all future donations.

BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE (photocopy if you wish)

Full name.....
Address.....
.....Postcode.....

I would like to help Greyhounds in Need with an annual / quarterly / monthly gift of £.....
Name of your bank.....Address of your bank.....Postcode.....
Bank sort code-.....Account Number.....

Bank Instruction:- Please pay the stated amount on the same day each year / quarter / month, starting on / / /
(1 month from today) to:- Barclays Bank PLC, 71 High Street, Staines, Middlesex TW20 4PS
Account number 00176508 Sort code 20-81-11 Account name: Greyhounds in Need

SignatureToday's date.....

Please send this completed form to your own bank.

You do not need to inform GIN that you have set up this mandate but it would be nice for us to be able to thank you.

USA donors can use the following account

"Greyhounds in Need"
PO Box 460, Hagaman,
New York 12086

* **Send a book of stamps !** *
* This still continues to be a very helpful way of donating *
* to the Charity, especially for the smaller pocket. This *
* cuts our unavoidable costs. *
* **Second class stamps are the most useful please.** *



Donate Online

Web users with credit cards or debit cards can also donate online on the Greyhounds in Need site through Just Giving, www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk, which also can prepare appropriate Gift Aid claims. Click on the button ! - next to which is a currency converter.

Just Giving is a very effective way for credit/debit card holders to donate to GIN

LEGACIES

Everyone should make a will.... Legacies are very welcome and we have access to experts in this area who would be delighted to help any supporter considering a bequest to GIN in his/her will. Frequently raised points and questions are :

- . How do I leave a gift to GIN?
- . What if I've already made a will?
Residual Gift
Pecuniary Gift
- . Suggested wording for codicil in favour of GIN
- . Did you know too you can leave an item (like a property or a piece of jewellery) to GIN to be sold by us to raise funds?

We are preparing a new explanatory leaflet—please email / phone us for a copy.



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Can you sponsor one of our galgos currently in quarantine ?

Galgos are used for coursing the hare with betting, but the season is only 4 months after which time they are often abandoned or brutally killed. Many have not been handled kindly, some have suffered victimisation in overcrowded shelters in Spain, making them wary of other dogs and some need gentle socialization and a lot of reassurance. They come from towns all over Spain. They can be visited during their quarantine period. All are sterilized, micro-chipped and have been tested and found clear of Mediterranean diseases. Ages are approximate.



The galgos shown overleaf are all on our Sponsorship Scheme which helps with the cost of processing through quarantine. If you would like to sponsor a Galgo please contact Sue on 01202 513000 or complete the sponsorship form below.

Thank you

Sponsor a Greyhound I would like to sponsor a greyhound and wish to give "Greyhounds in Need" (*Circle as appropriate) *£5 per month *£10 per month *£25 per month *Other amount £.....per month (not less than £5 per month by Standing Order or £900 one-off payment for one dog for whole 6 months of quarantine (cheque only).
The dog I wish to sponsor is(optional)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK

Bank.....

Address.....Post Code.....

BANK INSTRUCTIONS

Please pay the above amount on the same day every month starting on the.....until further notice

Sort Code..... Account Number.....Account Holder's Name.....

Account Holder's Address..... Post Code.....

Signature.....Date.....

Please return this form to "Greyhounds in Need Shop", 952 Wimborne Road, Moordown, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH9 2DG

("Greyhounds in Need" use only)

To: HSBC, Moordown, (40-13-06) for the credit of "Greyhounds in Need", Account No. 61305646



GREYHOUNDS IN NEED GIFT AID DECLARATION REG.CHARITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES NO. 1069438

Title..... Forenames..... Surname.....

Address.....
.....Postcode.....

I want the charity to treat all donations I have made since 6th April 2000, including my annual subscription, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration, as Gift Aid donations.

I enclose a donation of £.....

I declare that I have paid an amount of income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity will reclaim on my donation (currently 28p for each £1 which I donate).

Signature..... Date.....

Galgos in Quarantine - Release day 7th July 2006

If you are interested in adopting one of our galgos please contact Pat Whipps on 01784 434735 for a homing pack and more information about the dogs now available.



JUSTINE—6 year old female
RESERVED



QUEEN—7 year old female
RESERVED



MORPHEO—5 year old male **RESERVED**



MR SMITH - 6 year old male
RESERVED

COTTAM CUTIES

ODIE the brindle boy, as handsome as a prince, always happy to be under your hand, never one to wince;

LIBRA the black girl, crafty and astute, who can resist her, she ever so cute;

MORPHEO the white wizard lovable but shy, such an affectionate greyhound, with the kindest of eye;

QUEEN our stately black lady, so eager to please, a fussy little lovebug, at times quite a tease;

SAMUEL the wiggler, so affectionate and keen, eager to have some of whatever he's seen;

NIKITA a shy girl, such a contented beauty, a lovely well marked face, making her a real cutie;

SMITHY the nervous boy, not sure who to trust, if you make him a promise, keeping it is a must;

JUSTINE the tail wagger, helps Smithy chill out, she's one lovely lady with nowt taken out.

Arthur Wheeler



ODIE—5 year old male



NIKITA—6 year old female
RESERVED



LIBRA—2 year old female
Irish greyhound



SAMUEL—4 year old male

If you are able to sponsor one of our dogs please complete the form on page 19 and return it to us.
If you are a UK tax payer please don't forget the gift aid. Thank you !