

GIN's eight galgos in Nottingham International Quarantine Kennels, Cottam, 23/11/2003-22/05/2004

Galgos (breed name galgo espanol) are Spanish bred greyhounds and often stunning looking. They are used widely by hunters in the rural areas of Spain, for coursing the hare with betting but the season is only 4 months after which time they are abandoned or cruelly and often ritually, 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 socialisation and a lot of reassurance that they are never going to be hungry or hurt again. They were rescued in the first place by volunteers who themselves suffer the hostility of their own countrymen for showing such concern and care. The eight currently in quarantine mostly come from the south in Cordoba, Andalucia. Photographed at Notts Quarantine, 27th March. Release date is 22/05/04. They look very different now to when they first came in. They of course can be visited and fussed and showered with home comforts during their 6 month quarantine period. When these are released and homed, a new group will be taking their places. All are currently reserved by expectant owners in Coventry, London, Market Rasen, Maidstone, Blackpool and Catford.



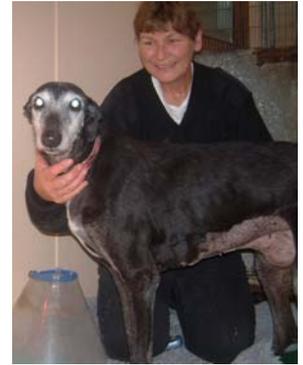
Sol Reserved. Stunning brindle male, about 4 yrs. Very friendly. His eyes are full of laughter. He loves to play with his blanket, usually removing it from his bed and swings his rag toy around in circles. He is fun but not destructive.



Rosi Reserved. Fawn female, about 5 yrs. Very gentle and lovely natured. She has a very pretty face and is very affectionate, loves cuddles and is very playful. Sadly she has had to lose most of her tail due to having damaged it due to too much wagging!



Trisi Reserved. Brindle and white female. About 5 yrs. Quiet, friendly, gentle and inquisitive. She was slow to put on weight but is positively tubby now! She loves to cuddle up to you and be tickled, hugged and kissed.



Abu Reserved. Well built, tall black female with white face. 7-8 yrs. Long haired. Recently had mammary lumps removed. Lovely girl, very peaceful and craves affection. Seen here with Maureen who works at the Notts kennels.



Cabri Reserved. Fawn female, about 2-3 yrs. Lovely temperament. She is tiny and cute, loves her food encouraging you to give her treats by giving a little series of quiet yips which become louder and more insistent. She likes cuddles and kisses.



Dena Reserved. Sweet natured fawn female. 5-6 yrs. Is kenneled with Sol and is full of fun and mischief. They work as a team, one distracting you whilst the other sneaks behind you so you trip and fall into their beds. (What a good way to get more cuddles!) She loves having her nose rubbed!



Trem Reserved Smallish longhaired striking brindle boy. 5 yrs. Has found his voice and you can't walk past him without receiving a bark of reproof. Outgoing personality. Attention seeking. Loves a game of tug-of-war but is not destructive.



Aldo Reserved

Large, strong, brindle male. 4-5 yrs. Very loving. Friendly and would love to play. Was rescued by a neighbour from an alcoholic hunter who used to beat him - still

slightly wary of anything new that someone might be carrying. When it is feeding time, he holds up his front paw as if it hurts in the hope of getting the sympathy vote and a little more food. (A big faker!).

My First Trip to Notts Quarantine

I went to spend 2 days at the kennels meeting Wendy and her staff, and seeing for the first time Sol, who I am adopting, since falling in love from a large photo (which I might add has now grown to 2 to include his kennel mate Dena, such a sweet girl).

On arrival I was greeted by a member of staff, and an assortment of Wendy's own dogs, golden retrievers, nine week old puppies, all named after baker items, who were just simply adorable, wanting loads of cuddles, Tibetan terriers and Rosie the cocker spaniel, complete with lampshade, hitting every door and wall on the way. It was so hard to know which one to cuddle first but I am afraid the puppies won. Then I met Wendy, who gave me the warmest welcome I think I have ever received anywhere in my life and within minutes I felt I had known her for years. Then there were the other staff, who were so friendly and their genuine care for the animals and love oozing out. After a couple of cups of tea and a sandwich I felt part of the team.

I set off with Rachel for the kennels, my heart in my stomach and I did explain my emotions would get the better of me. The looks of "please love me and take me home", got to me except for one couple who thought they were posing for Vogue in their matching blue and red coats sniffing the air, noses high, looking very aloof and smug after loads of kisses and cuddles. I sat with Sol and Dena, trying to make as much fuss of both of them, but she kept insisting on sitting in front of him in the bed, which he chewed for England.

All was quiet and peaceful and as I looked at the 8 galgos all I could think of was my admiration for all Anne has done in her years of undying love to help save these wonderful gentle animals and all the work that is done by Carolyn, Arthur, the refuges in Spain and all the great people who make this work possible all over Europe and the USA. Just to have saved 2 dogs from the awful plight that might have been and know that they will be so loved (and spoilt) makes me feel so proud to be part of GIN. I must not forget to mention all the staff and Wendy in Nottingham where the galgos want for nothing: they may chew up blankets, coats etc, but they are offered more; heat lamps, runs, doors shut at intervals to give warmth and such great details to everything. All cuts, illness, anything unusual is spotted immediately, recorded in a book and given verbally to Wendy and action is taken with brilliant vet care.

Sunday: I was up at 7 a.m., cup of tea and off we went to do the morning chores. Every kennel has to be emptied of every shred of chewed blanket, paper and walls scrubbed where necessary, runs and kennel floors cleared, washed and dried, bowls put out, bedding changed, food and medicines given. With 2 of us washing we had done the lot in record time and it was great being part of it. After this, tea and sandwiches and at 2pm I was given a lift to the station for the homeward stint.

Thank you so much Wendy for your hospitality and all the staff for making it such a good time. **Liz Mason, Trustee**

GREYHOUNDS, GALGOS & LURCHERS RESCUED BY 'GREYHOUNDS IN NEED' AND LOOKING FOR ADOPTION

Our charity tries to help greyhounds everywhere but especially those dogs who were exported abroad to southern Europe for racing or who were bred abroad and suffered abandonment and cruelty and who have no chance whatever of salvation. These dogs are beyond the reach of other UK rescue groups who already have their hands full. We home most of our rescues in northern Europe but a small percentage, despite quarantine restrictions, we bring to UK to help share the load. All are wormed, vaccinated, sterilised/castrated and should have had dentals before adoption. In the cases of elderly dogs and those carrying ongoing problems, the charity is willing to help adopters with vet costs.

If you are interested in adopting one of our lovely dogs, please contact us for a homing pack which gives you general information on keeping a greyhound as a pet. When you have read this and when you feel ready to offer a home, then please complete the questionnaire included in the package and return it to us. Our homing assistant, Pat Whipps, will then get in touch with you to arrange a home visit to enable us to try to match try the right dog to the right home.

**Greyhounds in Need reg charity no 1069438 5, Greenways, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9PA
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These greyhounds and lurchers from the UK and the Republic of Ireland were rescued after retirement or abandonment. They may be confident, defensive or nervous which doubtless reflects their particular history. Lester and Dalby are in Leicestershire, Billy is in Cambridgeshire, 'Judge' is in Salisbury, Gemma and Flynn are near Bournemouth and the rest are in Farnham, Surrey. The 2 galgos are in Windsor and Leics. Contact us for details.



Billy
5yr old, 90IB Billy is a magnificent, very special dog whose working/breeder/owner has asked us to find him a home. Billy is beautifully bred and has won many shows and competitions, hence he is not castrated. He is lovable, and playful, He has not lived in a home yet. He probably cant be trusted with cats or small dogs, and should only run free in a secured area. We would love



'Call The Judge'
Handsome 2 yr old male greyhound, strong, alert and inquisitive, still slightly aloof but well adjusted to the human race. Had been picked up as stray and taken in by a quarantine kennels. Is castrated.

to find him a loving country home where he could live comfortably in his retirement.



Lester and Dalby - RESERVED

Two lurchers, 2-3 years old, possibly related. Dalby goes to pieces without Lester. Need dedicated owner who understands sighthounds, prepared to meet their needs. Need regular human

attention or they become bored and may chew things. Need good exercise and lots of space to burn off energy and strong owners who can cope with their enthusiasm. With company, they are responsive and easy to manage. They have a lot of affection to give and would make the perfect family pets in the right circumstances.



Flynn - is a happy and friendly, brindle 2½ year old boy who likes the company of the dogs. He gets along happily with children too. At present he is in a foster home with two other greyhounds but he longs for a permanent home of his own. Contact Sue on 01202 513000/527350



Gemma is a beautiful, extremely affectionate 6 yr old greyhound bitch. She was rehomed 2 years ago but had to leave due to her owner taking a full time job. Gemma would ideally like another med/large sized dog for companionship and needs plenty of TLC. Contact Sue for more details on 01202 513000/527350

Two Spanish Galgos



Reina (being fostered) 3- 4 yrs old from Amnisti-animal, Madrid. Very charming white and brindle female with one blue eye, who is really very comical with wonky ears and loves to climb all over you! She is a dominant dog, has a lot of character, is very energetic and needs a little taming as she play nips and can be rather wild at times. She is very light on her feet and quick to react to any stimulus. We think she could be restless when left alone, though she is improving. She needs a firm dedicated owner who has time to devote to her and her antics. P.S. Reina is definitely finding her feet these days and has shown such dominant traits, verging on the anti-social, that we are seeking the advice of a behaviourist. We need to resolve these problems before she is homed.



Paco

He came from Toledo and is about 3yrs. He has already been in a home for some months. In kennels he has shown no problems. He is a sensitive dog, who was picked on a lot by the others dogs in the shelter he came from and this has perhaps made him possessive of his new found safe environment. He looks for that special owner who can give him the attention and reassurance he needs.

The Egyptian Pups!

Our international work for the greyhounds sometimes takes us into exotic places! We are not infrequently contacted via the Internet by animal lovers in other countries who in desperation mail us for help for animals they have found in distress. We cannot use greyhound donated funds for such purposes, but we are often able to share our contacts and to give the benefit of our experience on the import and export of dogs.

One such contact was Jan, an English lady who, on her travels, discovered the plight of Desert Dogs in Sinai in Egypt. As a result, six of these desert dogs are being quarantined at discount price at Notts Quarantine by Wendy who felt very sorry for Jan and her dogs. Four of them are looking for homes on their release date on May 8th. The picture here shows three litter pups born mid October who are growing bigger by the minute who will need potty and lead training on their release and Bertie a youngster from another litter.

If you are interested in adopting one of these pups, please contact Wendy on 01777 248302.



Three Desert Dog pups!
The tricolour female is Jennie
The fluffy red female is Tessa
The red and white male is Monty



Bertie - A youngster of 8 months, retriever-like with a terrier head. friendly and fun and very clean.

The following English and Irish bred ex-racing greyhounds are available now for homing at Kildara kennels, a racing kennel in Surrey where the trainer is retiring. GIN has offered to help. Initial vaccination, sterilisation and dental costs may be covered by GIN but may not be able to be carried out where they are at present. These logistics need to be discussed with the new owners. More information can be sought on these dogs from Debbie Buxcey (Kildara Rehoming)on 0787 9615471, or from us in GIN.



Prince
Black, male, 33kg, 4yrs, Experienced greyhound owner only. Very friendly and good with people but hates other dogs. Awaits castration. Retired due to cracked wrist, healed, which will not affect him as a pet.



Floyd
Dk Brindle,male, 30 kg, 5 yrs, suitable for first time owner. . Good with other dogs, not for cats, okay with kids, can be left, full of character and fun



Darkie
Black, male, 32kg, 3yrs, suitable for novice, okay with other dogs and might detrain with cats, okay with kids, can be left, all round lovely dog, no vices, Retired due to cracked wrist (healed) which will not affect him as pet.



Damien's Brother
Brindle, male, 30kg, 8 yrs, suitable for novice, okay dogs and cats and kids, Can be left, Gentle boy, Laid back and quiet



Damien
Did not race. Brindle, male, 30kg, 8 yrs, suitable for novice, dogs, cats and kids, and can be left. Gentle boy ,



Knockers(!)
Brindle,male,33kg 3yrs, Suitable for novice. Okay dogs and cats and kids, Can be left. Gentle boy. He has raced, but decided he didn't want to any more!



Blue
Blue and white male, 30 kg 5yrs, suitable for novice, not for cats. not for other breeds, Okay kids, Can be left. Bouncy boy. Would suit family



Nero
Dark brindle castrated male 31kg Born Nov 96. Suitable novice. Okay dogs of his size. Not for cats. Okay kids.Can be left. Lovely bouncing boy. Has already been in a home.



Chuckie
5yr old small, 28 kg black male, castrated, rescued due to home split up. Cuddly. Would probably detrain to live with anything. Longing to be in a home again.



Treasure
Black, female Last season Oct 2003, 26kg, 5yrs, Needs experienced owner, okay other dogs, not for cats, okay kids, Can be left, Very loveable and gentle girl, She is an escape artist, so a secure garden is a must. However, she does come back!



Bella
Brown Brindle, female, 28kg Season due Jan, 2004, 5yrs, Needs wise owner. Okay other dogs, not for cats, okay kids, uncertain about being left,. Loves to take a ball to bed with her. Loves company.



Cheynee
Fawn, female, season not known.. 27kg, 4 yrs, Experienced owner preferred. not good other breeds, Not for cats, okay kids, will be okay alone once settled, - will need help with this. Retired due to cracked wrist- healed, -



Foxy
Brindle , female, Last season Dec 2003. 26kg, 4 yrs, suitable novice Okay other dogs, , not for cats, can be left, Lovely bitch ,adores children,. She is also very lively and will make a good family dog



Poppy
Blue/white female. Last season Sept 2003. 31kg 8yrs. Suitable novice. Okay other dogs. Not for cats. Can be left. Lively, affectionate, friendly . Ideal family pet. (apologies for photo- well you cant win 'em all!)

Poppy
Blue/white female. Last season Sept 2003. 31kg 8yrs. Suitable novice. Okay other dogs. Not for cats. Can be left. Lively,



loves food, retired due to mild hock sprain.

Clove
Brindle, female, 29kg, born 2/1/2000, last season Nov 2003, Suitable novice, okay dogs and children, not for cats, can be left, boisterous and very friendly, loves to play and



Jasmine
Blue brindle, female, born Sept 99, last season Jan 2003, 30kg, suitable novice, likes dogs hates cats, can be left, lovely friendly character and great with children .Routine racing retirement.



New Year Reception in Antwerp!

l-r Anne, Carolyn, Josephine, Isabel from Zaragoza & Cristina from Madrid

Transportations from Spain to Belgium

Josephine of Greyhounds Rescue Belgium is beyond doubt our most prolific homefinder in Europe, having homed more than 3000 galgos and greyhounds from Spain since she started her organization in December 1999. I am in perpetual admiration of her strong qualities as an organizer, fundraiser, guardian of multiple dogs and her extreme patience and forbearance, coupled with a wicked sense of humour which carries her through the obstacles and trials facing this difficult work. Where others would crumple, she grows, and her achievements augment daily! She would be the first to admit however that nothing can be done without the help of those around, and though we could all do with twice as many volunteers than there are to carry out the work, the high calibre of those surrounding Josephine is very evident each time I go there.



Already in love!

Olivio from Jaen, meets new owner Liese

Josephine, approximately every 3 weeks collects 5-6 galgos flown in free with Virgin Airways from Madrid or Cadiz, though someone has to buy a ticket and accompany them each time. GIN is currently financing the preparation for export of a steady trickle of galgos at Alpha kennels in Rota near Cadiz, thanks to April and Paul Carrier and we are helped too by Jane Garcia near Cadiz who also prepares galgos. These deliveries are in addition to the regular transportations by van of 15-25 of GIN's prepared dogs from Vic, approximately every six weeks. A team of people are involved in getting these dogs from the four quarters of Spain to the one central point where we can get them rehabilitated, tested, treated and prepared for transport by road to homes abroad. The volunteers involved stretch from Andalucia in the far south of Spain, from Extremadura in the far west and the Central plateau areas of Toledo, La Mancha and Madrid right up to the extreme north east in Vic where Pep Plans, the vet, kennels and carries out the health procedures for us, ready for export.



Jo lifting out a trusting Rubi!

Thanks are due in Spain especially to Pep and his partner Laura, Pilar who works at the kennels, Mo Garcia Santos of Pro-Galgo, who does great work liaising for us with her linguistic, computer and photography skills and who all too conveniently for her and us, lives near the kennels in Vic! Also in Spain we should mention the volunteers at the shelters who do the primary rescue work and who prepare the dogs initially before sending them on to us; for example, Laura in Andujar, Bartolome in Cordoba, Balbino and Maria in Albacete, Ana Garcia in Madrid, Guadalupe and Isabel in Zaragoza, Juan Jesus in Cadiz, Isabel in Caceres, Mada in Almendralejo, Mercedes in Ubeda, Rafa in Cordoba, Cesar in Salamanca, Alicia in Madrid, and many many more— I apologise for not having the space to mention more.



Crema from Cadiz exploring!



Iris tired after finishing off the cream

In Belgium, we should mention Bianca, Jo and Sabine Stoop, Myrjam, Marc and Marianne Crauwells, Eddy their 'resident engineer!', Jella and Marcella who does all this amazing photography, Pieter and Sonja, Jen, Sabine and Gerard, and especially all those generous adopters in Belgium who have responded to Josephine's pleas for help to give these dogs a new chance in life.



Albi, Rubi and Hermano arrived! Up Periscope!



First sniff!

The major part of GIN's funds go on this aspect of our work, and it is obvious why. Do bear in mind that visitors would be very welcome to attend GRB's reunions, walks and fundraising functions which you would find very enjoyable when the weather warms up! Hop on Eurostar or a ferry or take a cheap flight to Brussels or Antwerp and make a weekend of it and see scores of happy galgos whom you've helped fund!

*Anne
(pics by GRB supporter, Marcella Zappeij, Holland)*



Eddy(Rt) with the transporter he built!



Josephine's indoor kennels(her living room)



Jo and Myrjam arriving last November

News from GIN's Sponsored Galgos.....

You may remember that in our last newsletter in October, the twelve Spanish galgos chosen for the GIN sponsorship scheme were being held in the care of Rosario in Herencia, Castilla La Mancha and with Nuria in Madrid, whom we financed to take care of them. They were mainly galgos whose exports to homes were delayed by the need for treatments for Mediterranean diseases. Readers will be pleased to learn that nine of them have already gone now to homes with our sister organisations in Holland and France. (See Sue North's page 16 and the sponsorship form on page 17). The remaining three, *Nevado, Vega and Tin Tin* are still being cared for by Rosario. Tintin and Nevado have Leishmaniasis but are doing well on their treatment and we hope homes can be found for them and Vega soon. Meanwhile Nuria has taken on six more galgos under our auspices and Rosario too has collected up more galgos whom we are offering to finance too. Following our plea on behalf of Rosario and her refuge last Autumn, we are delighted to say that several of you did send very valuable help in the way of finance and materials, and Rosario was deeply moved by the sympathy and practical help extended towards her. I would mention in particular the very generous contribution from Rosario's 'Paws Across the Pond' twin, Judi McGovern of Greyhound Pets of America, Louisiana....! What a miracle that scheme has turned out to be for almost unknown humble hardworking volunteers like Rosario!

We thank all of you for your very generous response to our message and trust you will be pleased to learn of the happy outcome of these dogs.



"We want to express our thanks to GIN for their efforts in making coats for the Spanish galgos. Last October, they sent us 36 boxes of coats made by English people to be distributed among a list of refuges GIN knew were in need. We have added some other refuges also in need."

Nuria Blanco, Amigos de los Galgos,



Angel, Bartolo, Sombra, Tracy, Polka and Emi go to homes in Holland

Thanks to two transportations, good cooperation and to a team of volunteers stretching from Madrid to the remote underdeveloped country area of La Mancha (described even by Spanish people as being light years away from city life), these 6 GIN sponsored galgos were among those brought into the care of Betty Mercey and her team of helpers in Greyhounds Rescue Holland. The rest were from other associations working in Madrid: ALBA, ANAA, PROA and Far From Fear. We thank



Rosario in Ciudad Real, Nuria of Amigos de los Galgos, Irene and her supporters in ANAA who transported some dogs to Germany, and Fred and Joyce of GRH who drove them the rest of the way to Holland. We give special thanks to Betty and her supporters from all of us in those various associations, for finding forever homes in Holland for these dogs. We thank Fred too, who, on behalf of GRH, visited Rosario at her refuge in Herencia in La Mancha, offering support.



Tena, Raul and Mora go to homes in France

Nuria kindly transported these 3 sponsored galgos from Madrid to France to Levriers en Detresse who took them for homing. We are grateful to Nuria who did the footwork in the first place, rescuing these three from the awful Azuqueca dog pound, and bringing them into Blas' Madrid boarding kennels at a discount price, where GIN covered the costs. Here Nuria arranged their blood testing for Mediterranean parasite diseases, their treatments, documentation and other export requirements. Nuria later took into the boarding kennels six more galgos, Luisa, Golosa, Rubia, Ben Hur, Rosana and Lucy with help from funding from GIN. Nuria herself works very hard while these dogs are in kennels. She travels three hours every day across Madrid after work visiting them and takes them to and from the vet for their medical care and into her home when they recover from surgery. On March 13th Cristiane, Michelle and her husband came to Madrid on a double mission; to bring medicines and food collected up in the south of France for Rosario's refuge and also to collect *Louisa, Golosa and Rubia* to go back with them to France to homes. Then on April 3rd, Nuria drove to France again with *Lucy, Rosana and Ben Hur* who has completed his major treatment for Leishmania.



Arrived!



On their way to France

We are extremely grateful to Catherine Madry, Christiane, Michelle and her team in LED who found homes for these 9 dogs, taking on their awesome responsibility for the next 10 years.

Nuria expresses her thanks!

The Paws Across the Pond 'twin' of Nuria and Amigos de los Galgos, is GPA Central Texas. Nuria is extremely grateful to them for all the wonderful things they have sent including.....she says "I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THIS EVENING THE MICROCHIP READER !!!!!!!!!!! IT WORKS PERFECTLY OK. It will be very useful for our work in gypsy and scrap-dealers' settlements where we meet many stray dogs, and also in the middle of the Metropolitan city. So it means that we will not need to go to a vet's (which usually is not at hand in this big city) and we can know straight away if the dog is registered or simply abandoned. It is a GREAT HELP. We could not afford one ourselves as it very expensive for us to buy here but I have always dreamed of having one"



VISIT The GIN Shop at:

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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, greyhound coats, stationery, jewellery, key rings, car stickers, and greyhound statues, all at reasonable prices.

We also sell bric a brac, household items, furniture, good quality clothing, toys ,books etc

NOTE TO ALL OUR READERS

Due to my moving house please address all future correspondence for the Bournemouth GIN office to the shop address

The shop has had a quiet period during January/February – time to catch our breath before fundraising events start for the summer. Several events are being held in the Bournemouth area this year including our celebratory Summer Fayre/BBQ at the shop on Saturday 5th June at 11am. It's hard to believe it's 4 years since we started to knock down walls, build shelving and splatter ourselves with paint to create our interesting and successful shop premises.

We recently received a number of interesting collectors items, amongst them several Butlins badges dating from the 60's which should fetch up to £12.50 each.

Just before Christmas I was called to help with a very sad cruelty case involving an elderly greyhound bitch. She was found starving, unable to stand, had numerous lumps all over her tummy and was even in season ! Later on closer examination she was also found to be deaf. How could anyone be so heartless and abandon this poor, elderly dog. John Dunton, a Fordingbridge vet, very kindly took her under his wing, nourished her, got her on her feet again and asked for my help in finding her a good home. Luckily a lovely family living nearby who had previously adopted a blind greyhound, Stevie (Wonder), needed a companion so I had no hesitation in asking them if they could possibly offer a home to this sweet greyhound.... They now call her Daisy.

After several months of TLC Daisy is still a little wobbly on her legs but very secure and happy. Stevie sometimes gets a little annoyed when Daisy plonks herself on him as he can't see her coming. Recently Daisy was spayed and unfortunately the lumps on her tummy were found to be cancerous. Several were removed and in addition one of her ovaries. She is now making progress and is quite happy, thanks to the kindness of her lovely family and John Dunton.

This year we are again holding a national raffle and take this opportunity to enclose a small book of tickets with this newsletter. We have some lovely prizes on offer including a Hotel Break in Cornwall, shopping vouchers, a painting of your favourite pet, magazine subscriptions, tickets to Thorpe Park and many others. I hope you will be able to sell a few tickets for us; if you require any extra please ring me on 01202 513000 and I will be happy to pop some in the post. Funds raised from this event will help our 4-legged friends enormously. Have a lovely summer and please support us as much as you can. **Sue**

We are still looking for homes for two local greyhounds - Gemma and Flynn. Their details are on our homing page 11 and below.



GEMMA – is a beautiful and extremely affectionate 6 year old greyhound bitch. She was rehomed 2 years ago but her owner got a very demanding job and was rarely at home, finally realising that it would be impossible to keep Gemma. Ideally Gemma should be homed with another medium or large-sized dog for companionship.

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Life as a GIN volunteer

'I have been working as a volunteer in my local greyhound charity shop for about 18 months. I have been having many problems in my personal life and I find the job very therapeutic.

My tasks are varied and interesting, from sorting bags and boxes (of which there are many) to ironing and pricing and of course serving the customers. I have made many friends from both other volunteers and customers, but the highlight of my job is when someone brings in one of the greyhounds which Sue, the manageress, has rehomed. It's good to see a happy healthy dog knowing that possibly he was hardly alive when he was found.

It gives me great satisfaction to know that I am doing just a little to raise funds to help alleviate the suffering of these wonderful animals. ' Margaret Bolson

"I have worked in the GIN shop as a volunteer since its conception and was present at the opening day. I don't think any of us thought that it would be so busy, with people filling the shop and crowding to the counter with their bargains ! That was almost four years ago now and the shop has gone from strength to strength, with many of those first customers now very regular buyers. There are so many things on sale that you really have to be firm about what you buy yourself; otherwise you would be taking a bag of goodies home every week. There are always so many things to do in the shop and all the volunteers play their part -= sorting the goods coming in, ironing clothes before going for sale, pricing, washing crockery, etc.

It is lovely when some of the greyhounds come in that Sue has re-homed as they are so obviously adored by their new owners and are living the life of Riley now. It really makes you feel good to know that at least some greyhounds have been given a second chance in life and come up trumps.

Other things that come under the umbrella of "volunteer" are street collection days and I go on as many of these as I can, along with my greyhound Jilly who is the star attraction! She laps up all the full and attention as she - as do so many greyhounds - absolutely loves people and cannot wait to get to them. By the time we get back home it is a wonder she isn't bald, she has been stroked so much! It is such a good PR exercise to take a dog along with you as a lot of people do not have much idea about greyhounds and when they see you with such an affectionate animal many of them are genuinely surprised to find that greyhounds are so lovely. The only downside to the collection days are that I always have to take a bed along with me so that she can do what greyhounds do best - lie down !

Spring/Autumn Fairs are also a big item on the GIN calendar of events and again everyone comes into play with organising the tombola, cake stalls, refreshments, etc. Baking skills are also a pre-requisite.

You definitely have to have a sense of humour in the shop and sometimes there can be tricky customers to deal with, but Sue has trained us all up to black belt standard in judo so we feel quite confident that we can cope with any problems. I do wonder if Sue actually ever goes home as she works so hard for GIN, along with Penny, but I do see her lock the shop up when we finish on Saturday so I suppose she must do....

Stephanie Cartwright



FLYNN – is a happy and friendly, brindle 21/2 year old boy who likes the company of the dogs. He gets along happily with children too. At present he is in a foster home with two other greyhounds but he longs for a permanent home of his own.

A note from Geoffrey

As GIN's Treasurer, my main role is to make sure that GIN doesn't spend more money than it has money coming in. We prepare accounts for each calendar year, and 2003 was a pretty good year for the charity, in financial terms. Our income totalled £201500, with excellent contributions from the shop and merchandise sales as well as some very successful central campaigns to raise funds. This is like-for-like around £23000 better than 2002, although in 2002 we received a large legacy, which took the total income for 2002 to £195000.

In 2003 we spent £207000 in total on direct aid to greyhounds, promotion, newsletters, shop expenses, merchandise and office/administration costs. So we did spend slightly more than we took in 2003, and this has reduced the reserves of the charity to £16000, which is less than we would like.

As with all charities, the trustees of GIN are torn between spending every penny we have to rescue greyhounds and building up worthwhile reserves to enable GIN to get involved in a major emergency. In 2003, the trustees decided to spend, not save.

One subject dear to the heart of charity treasurers is **Gift Aid**. We claimed £4500 in 2003, and are concentrating on beating that in 2004 and have already claimed over £3000 in January and February. Any UK taxpayer who donates to GIN and signs our Gift Aid form adds around **28%** to the value of his/her donation to GIN. So if you donate £100 to GIN and sign the form, the Inland Revenue **gives GIN a further £28**. Repeat-the Inland Revenue **GIVES** GIN money!!! The 28% applies to any donation, large or small.

The only caveat is that you **must** pay more UK tax than the Gift aid payable to GIN on your donation- so if you donate £100 to GIN and sign the gift aid form you must pay more than £28 in tax in the tax year the donation is made. If the donor is a higher rate taxpayer (currently 40%) there is actually a small advantage as the donor's total tax bill is reduced slightly for all Gift Aid donations.

Gordon Brown is (surprisingly) keen to support charities and Gift Aid is a generous way of doing so. We would be very grateful if more of our donors (regular and one-off) would fill in the GIN Gift Aid form below - but don't if you pay little or no UK tax.

Geoffrey



Lurchy, a galgo mix from Bartolome in Cordoba, completed quarantine last autumn and is now homed with Arthur and Anne. He is now Geoffrey's friend after a few nips and tucks!

GREYHOUNDS IN NEED

REG.CHARITY NO. 1069438

GIFT AID DECLARATION

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.....

NOTES

1. Please notify the charity if you change your name and address while the declaration is in force.
2. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity – it will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
3. If in future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 2)
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity. Or you can ask your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.

Sponsor a Greyhound

I would like to sponsor a greyhound and wish to give 'Greyhounds in NEED' (*Circle please as appropriate)

*£5 per month *£10 per month *£15 per month * Other amount £.....per month (not less than £5 per month) by Standing Order

Or * £600 one off payment for one dog for whole 6 months of quarantine or rehabilitation period (Cheque only)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK

Bank.....
Address.....Postcode.....

BANK INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

Account Holder's Address..... Postcode.....

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

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.'**

**DONATE
ONLINE**

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, back from the Inland Revenue if you complete the "Gift Aid" form on page 17. Once a Gift Aid Form is signed by you, we can claim tax back on previous gifts you have made from April 6th 2000. Web users can also donate online on the Greyhounds in Need site through www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk, which also takes care of the tax claim.

BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE (photocopy if you wish)

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

I would like to help the greyhounds with an annual / quarterly / monthly gift of £.....
Name of your bank.....Address of your bank.....Postcode.....
Bank sort codeAccount 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.

Informing us of this is optional but it would be nice for us to be able to thank you.

<p>Luxembourg Account G.I.N. Dexia, Banque Internationale à Luxembourg 3.157/ 9020/ 663</p>	<p>Germany Kreissparkasse Kaiserslautern, BLZ 540 502 20, No. 100 161 6601, KENWORT GIN-POPPENDICK</p>	<p>USA "Greyhounds in Need" PO Box 460, Hagaman, New York 12086</p>
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Please consider leaving a lasting gift to GIN in your will

Everyone should make a will

How do I leave a gift to GIN?

"What if I've already made a will?"

"Residual" Gift

"Pecuniary" Gift

Suggested wording for codicil to GIN

Did you know too you can leave an item (like a piece of jewellery) to GIN to be sold by us to raise funds?

**These and other questions answered!
See our full article in our previous Spring 2003 issue or ask us for a copy,**

or e-mail: louise.pinkney@care4free.net
for further guidelines or to request someone to contact you and answer any of your questions.

Louise Pinkney LL.B. for GIN

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Greyhounds in NEED

Registered Charity 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 2004 to 31st December 2004**

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

Address:.....

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

Everyone will receive a card and a small gift Tick box if we need to amend your name/address on our database (see the envelope)

Message from Audrey

It is now nearly a year since I have been dealing with Membership for GIN and I feel I already know many of you so well. I certainly find it really amazing how kind, interested and generous our members are. I also know that Anne and Carolyn would like me to thank you for the cards, photos and letters, which cheer and encourage us all in the office. Membership continues at a steady rate and a big thank you to everybody who has filled out the Gift Aid Declaration. This does mean that we can claim extra money from the Government and that's always a good feeling!

Audrey

Merchandise

Thanks again to everyone who bought Merchandise last year. Christmas sales were a great success and provided GIN with a great end of year boost to their income! Thanks for all your kind messages and photos of your lovely dogs. We really do appreciate your comments. We have spent the past couple of months searching for new products and we are pleased to report we have a few new goodies below. Thanks to all who joined in the bidding on our Internet e-bay site (seller "hareyjohn") this is an ideal place to sell our one off Greyhound giftware which has proved very popular.

Adrienne and John

Our popular coats are now available with a polo neck!



Polo neck double thickness fleece

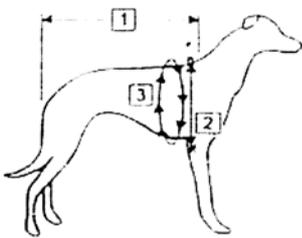


Polo neck thermal waterproof coat



Polo neck rain mac

COAT MEASUREMENTS



How to Measure your Dog

If your dog is a typical Greyhound/Whippet shape, the only measurement we need is (1) from between the shoulder blades to the base of tail. If your dog is a different breed, we require two other measurements as shown at fig. (2) from shoulder to elbow and (3) around the largest part of the chest



Quartz Alarm Clock with Greyhound Heads on face £4.50



House Number Plaque

This delightful wall plaque would look great outside any Greyhound lover's house. There is space available for you to place your house number or name. £5.50 each MS033



£5.50 GBP

This lovely china mug has a cartoon greyhound design.

Catalogue No. MS030



Greyhound Picture Frame

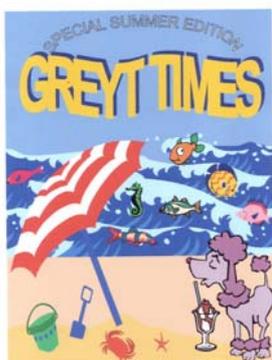
What better way to display your favourite photograph! This attractive frame holds a 6 x 4 inch photo! £4.95 each Catalogue No MS032



Cartoon Greyhound notelets Pack of 5 blank notelets £2.50 per pack - GC006 This design is also on our new mugs!

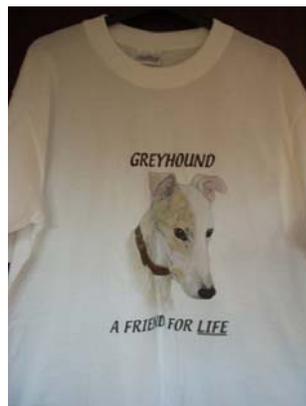
We Sell Anything!

Do you have any unwanted CD's, DVD's, Video's, Computer Games etc? If you do, we can sell them at our shows! Pop a few in the post to us!



Greyt Times. Special Summer Edition! - Monica Monti

£2.50 A delightful book for young children containing crossword puzzles, word search puzzles, join the dots and much, much more. Many thanks to Monica, a greyt friend of GIN's for producing this book.



T-Shirt with a beautiful design created by Judy Zatonski. Available in White, Extra Large Only - £6.99 each

Catalogue No MS017

Have you been to Europe/USA lately and got some Euros/Dollars left over? Send them to us, small amounts soon add up!

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**GREYHOUNDS IN NEED
MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM**
11 Englemere Road, Priestwood,
Bracknell, Berks, RG42 1TJ
Tel: (01344) 456816 e-mail Dukiebaby@aol.com



DESCRIPTION	CAT. NO	PRICE	AMOUNT	SIZE/COLOUR	TOTAL £
Book – Pet owners Guide to the Greyhound - Anne Finch	BK001	£5.99			
Book- Greyhound by Juliette Cunliffe	BK005	£10.99			
Book – Rescue tales of Compassion & Love - Nora Star (incl tales by A.F)	BK006	£10.00			
Book – My dog can't stop farting	BK008	£3.99			
Book – All Bets are off! – (Ch. on Plight of Greyhounds in Spain by A.F.)	BK010	£12.00			
Book – Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies by Lee Livingood	BK004	£12.99			
Book – Greyhound Colouring/Puzzles & Crosswords for kids! By M. Monti	BK011	£2.50			
Book- The Ultimate Greyhound ed. by Mark Sullivan (Pt 111 by A. F.)	BK-003	£25.00			
Notelets- Pack 12 Cartoon watercolours of Greyhounds by Sandy	GC002	£2.50			
Notelets – By Catherine McIntyre Pack of 4	GC005	£2.95			
Postcards – Assorted pack of 4	GC004	£1.75			
Vic Granger cards Pack of 4 assorted designs	GC003	£3.95			
Notelets-Cartoon Greyhound! Pack of 5		£2.50			
Tassels for collars in assorted colours	MS007	£4.00			
Black leather fish shaped collars 16” or 12”	CC001	£4.00			
Mug –Cartoon Greyhounds china mug		£5.50			
Mug Bone china with 2 Greyhounds in full colour	MS017	£5.50			
Photo Frame decorated with Greyhounds		£4.95			
House Plaque with space for you to add your house number or name		£5.50			
Book mark-With our ‘GIN’ design		£0.55			
Key ring (plastic) with Greyhound heads.	MS002	£1.00			
Key ring model of a standing Greyhound (Silver plate)	MS-Key	£3.95			
Car Sticker “Greyhounds are for life not just for racing”	MS004	£1.50			
Car Sticker – GIN Logo	MS005	£1.25			
Car Sticker – Greyhound’s head	MS15	£1.50			
Coat w/ hood &thermal lining Green/Black/ Wine/ Blue/Red/Navy Waterproof. Sizes – 24” 26” 28” 30” (other sizes can be made available for any breed)	DC001	£20.00			
Polo neck coat thermal lining Green/Black/Wine/Blue/Red Sizes – 24” 26” 28” 30” (other sizes can be made available for any breed)	DC002	£21.00			
Nylon Mac (*Polo or *Plain neck-please state) Sizes 24”, 26” 28” 30” Green/ Blue/Red/Black/Navy (any size for any breed)	DC003	£7.50			
Housecoat/Pyjamas (all sizes) warm & cosy at night! (Dark Green)	DC004	£8.50			
Coat waterproof with wool lining, no hood, tie fastening. All colours all sizes	DC009	£16.00			
Polo neck Double Fleece Coat –I colour (grey)all sizes,(for any breed)		£9.50			
Double Fleece Coat –blue, Red or check(sizes 24” to 30” only)		£9.50			
T-shirt - Greyhound head. “A friend for life” XL only	MS017	£6.99			
T-shirt – “Not all Greyhounds hate cats” Size XL only	MS16	£6.99			
Brooch – Standing Greyhound in Silver or Gold Plate	JW004	£3.95			
Quartz Alarm Clock with Greyhound Heads on face		£4.50			
Necklace – Standing Greyhound on a chain Silver or Gold plate	JW007	£4.50			
Earrings to match necklace in silver or gold plate (pierced ears)	JW002	£4.50			
Pendant Greyhound on 20” chain (22 ct. Gold Plate)	JW009	£9.50			
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