

# Greyhounds in Need



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*We are dedicated to the welfare  
and rescue of greyhounds  
especially those in Spain*

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*Drawing by Monica Monti*

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Dear Friends

It is hard to believe that it is time for another newsletter but there is much to tell of our work over the last few months.

A big thank you to everyone who kindly sent in donations for Christmas treats for the galgos - over £600 was raised and the treats have been very well received in Spain.

We started the year by bringing our first group of ten galgos into the UK, without the need for them to go into quarantine. In February they began to leave the kennels to start their new lives.

We were pleased that eight of the ten had homes waiting for them when they left the kennels in Gloucestershire, where they had undergone their final veterinary checks. Please see some lovely photos on page 14.

Pat Whipps, a local volunteer, retired as GIN's Homing Officer earlier this year. Pat had kindly handled the rehoming of 128 galgos over the eight years that she did this very important job for GIN. Although this is a nice job as you can follow the story of a rescued galgo in Spain to a loving home here in the UK, dealing with all the enquiries, questionnaires, organising home visits and being on the end of the phone to offer help and support takes a lot of time and even more so now that we hope to bring more galgos to the UK.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat very much for all her hard work —thanks to her many galgos found loving homes here in the UK and the feedback we have received over the years from many of these homes, thanks to Pat, has been wonderful. Pat will still be helping us with other GIN work.

We are fortunate to have Sandy, a local lady who helped with the January galgos, kindly helping us again with the new galgos arriving in April.



*The coats have arrived at  
Villamartin, Cadiz  
Photo Saskia*

Our next group of ten galgos will be arriving at the end of April -their photos and details can be found on pages 35 and 36. We have had a lot of enquiries about these dogs - even before their photos went on the website. It is good to know that there is a lot of interest in the galgos.

We are again organising a Summer Raffle. The draw will be on 27th July and this year the top three prizes are - **1<sup>st</sup> prize - Portable TV/DVD, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize—Digital Camera, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize—Digital Radio.** We enclose herewith a book of tickets and hope you will again take part. Cheques, payable to Greyhounds in Need, and raffle stubs should be returned to us at 33, High Street, Wraysbury, Middlesex, TW19 5DA, by 20th July please. If you would like more tickets please call us on 01784 483206 and we will put them in the post.

Thanks to Christine (our new Trustee), Salva, Maria and Jamal, we are now on Facebook. Please visit our page—you can add photos of your homed greyhounds and galgos and meet new friends - here is the link—

[www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed](http://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed)

We are very grateful for all donations we receive, financial and material and have always made it our policy to acknowledge these. Unfortunately postage costs have increased again and some supporters are asking us not to acknowledge receipt of their donations to save money. We are happy to continue acknowledging your kind donations but if in future you do not wish us to acknowledge these we would be grateful if you would indicate this when you write to us—thank you.

Already the events are being booked up and we always need your support so please come along to the GIN stalls at various events being held around the country - more details on pages 18 and 19 and on our website.

We are pleased to let you know that our merchandise will soon be able to be purchased on-line. The delay has been mostly due to the changing of our bank account.

It just remains for me to say a big thank you to Lynne and Geraldine for all the help and support they give me in the office. We are always busy but still find time for a giggle to help us get through all the work.

**Carolyn**

## Trustees' pages

I am glad to report that, despite the current economic difficulties, GIN goes from strength to strength.

Supporters will see from Geoffrey's Treasurer's Report in this issue that we have a strong financial position from which we have been able, in the financial year just ended, to widen our work in Spain.

This has been achieved by drawing on our reserves. Supporters will see that our income has fallen significantly and we still need your support to enable us to continue our work into the future.

We have been able to provide substantial help to our dedicated Spanish friends who run rescue centres, usually with minimal resources. Their work is being made more difficult by Spain's serious recession, which often results in the withdrawal of what government support they have had.

We also report elsewhere the exciting progress which we are making with our education programme. This is in its infancy but we are delighted with the very positive response it has received from teachers and children. We are determined to build on this initial success.

We have recently made a flying visit to Spain, upon which Carolyn reports in this issue. Every time I go to visit our Spanish colleagues I learn something new and make new friends. There really is no substitute for personal contact and it is heartening to find how enthusiastically the help, which you all make possible, is received.

Of course, the year's big news is the ending, last December, of the UK quarantine requirements. This will not only save us money but will enable us to



*Baasgalgo shelter, Cordoba*

bring more galgos to our ever-expanding number of eager adopters.

We remain worried by the fact that all health requirements, save for rabies, have been swept away.

As we know, only too well, dogs from Southern Europe are vulnerable to several other serious endemic infections. We will continue to apply rigorous checks to the galgos we import and can only hope that others will do the same. However, there seems to be no way of ensuring this, in the face of a possible rush to import by individuals unaware of the dangers.

While on the subject of UK homing, I must join my colleagues in acknowledging the huge debt we all owe to Pat Whipps, who has been such a dedicated volunteer Homing Officer. Pat has had to step down for health reasons, but I know that her vast store of experience will still be available to us.

You will see some changes in our board of trustees. It's farewell to founding trustee Liz Mason; thank you Liz for your support over the years, and hello to Christine Goodwin ( at last we have a fluent Spanish speaker ) and to our hard-working Treasurer, Geoffrey Levy.

With the summer coming on - all you happy stay-at-home holidaymakers, don't forget to stock up at our shops in Brighton and Bournemouth. Do yourself a favour and help the galgos at the same time.

**Martin**



*Veronica from RECAL in Almendralejo—she will be coming to the UK at the end of April*



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## Treasurer's report

GIN enjoyed, in financial terms, a mixed year in 2011. Income from supporters was £85000, down by £15000 from 2010. Consequently our net income from all regular sources fell by £17000. These falls are clearly due to the strain on supporters' income caused by the current hard times in UK.

However GIN spent £13000 more on boarding and vet costs for greyhounds than in 2010, and additionally helped build a much needed paddock for dogs at Almendralejo and invested a further £20000 in our education project for Spanish school-children. So a lot of money was spent furthering our cause.

Legacies contributed £59000, but GIN had to draw £42000 from its reserves to fund the outgoings. Our reserves are still very strong thanks mainly to some generous legacies received over the last few years.

We are coping well with a recent change in the laws relating to charities which spend funds outside UK. We have all read grim stories of funds raised in UK to help overseas people affected by major disasters where most of the funds have failed to reach the needy. A full audit trail is now needed for all monies spent by GIN outside UK and with the help of the European groups which GIN assists, we are confident we have got well on top of the new requirements. Every payment we make needs supporting paperwork, then an accompanying letter and the recipient must send back an acknowledgement-already the files are getting thick.

Our financial transactions are complex, as we raise funds mainly in UK and spent much of it in many European countries. We were pleased to be offered free banking, so have moved to new bankers over the last few months. Again a mass of forms- every trustee and officer must supply a load of personal data, and keep signing, form after form.

A few years ago, it was believed that computers would reduce paperwork, but certainly this isn't the case when opening charity bank accounts. Then when all the forms were signed and checked-the bankers need to see us with our passports and a rates bill-in case GIN is actually a money-laundering scam.

A major issue on the change of bankers has been the need to redo all the monthly standing orders from our supporters to ensure their money goes to the new bankers. We wrote to all supporters affected, explaining the position. This income is vital to GIN, and we hope those who have not yet completed the change form will fill it in and send it back to Carolyn as soon as possible.

If that lot isn't enough to give me even more grey hairs, the tax authorities have just revised and expanded the Gift Aid declaration. You will see the new version on page 12 of this Newsletter. It's more complex than before and fortunately, we believe that we won't have to get everyone who has filled in an earlier version to fill in a replacement.

The Government keeps saying that it will reduce unnecessary bureaucracy-but continues to pile on "essential" paperwork-on the financial side of medium sized charities-I can think of the new Overseas payments regulations; new Gift Aid formalities; PAYE; money laundering; National insurance and pension matters and the Charity Commission's own expanded requirements. Of course colleagues in GIN also cope with Health and Safety regulations, insurance problems and the raft of rules covering the operating of our shops. Add on all the discrimination legislation we need to know and it's a miracle that we find any time to rescue and home greyhounds. On the positive side quarantine has finished so it's not all bad news and we have high hopes that 2012 will be a great year for GIN and greyhounds.

**Geoffrey**

 [Treasurer@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:Treasurer@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

## Education—Learn with Ginny

Our education resource has been well received in Spain. The CD-ROMS were completed and sent to Spain at the end of last year and Mada, Charlotte and Cristina have been busy visiting their local schools to promote this.



*Cristina of Galgos sin Fronteras visits her local school in Madrid. She was allowed to take her galga Dulcinea with her to meet the children*

*Photo Cristina*



*Mada of RECAL with one of the classes she has visited in Almendralejo*

*Photo Mada*



*Photo Saskia*

*Charlotte giving a presentation at a school in Malaga.*

*Photo Charlotte*



## How You Can Help GIN

**GIN's supporters can help in a number of ways -**

- \* fundraising at shows and local events
- \* organising local dog walks and street collections
- \* sponsoring galgos for homing in the UK
- \* joining GIN's membership scheme
- \* buying our merchandise or visiting our shops
- \* leaving a legacy to GIN in your Will
- \* sending a book of stamps
- \* recycling old ink cartridges
- \* making dog coats for Spain
- \* making donations
- \* making donations towards veterinary costs
  - Initial testing for the Mediterranean diseases (€40-60)
  - Vaccinations, treatment for fleas and worms (€40 +)
  - Sterilisations ( €80-130 )

**Donations can also be made ON-LINE by visiting our website and clicking on one of these buttons**



**Donating other items needed for Spain -**

- \* collars, leads and muzzles
- \* feeding and water bowls
- \* antiparasitics like Frontline and Drontal
- \* wound sprays
- \* bandages



Full details of all the above are on the GIN website [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) or can be obtained by phoning, or writing to our Wraysbury office—01784 483206,  
Email: [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

**Greyhounds in Need – Gift Aid declaration for past, present & future donations**

*giftaid it*

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made—

today  in the past 4 years  in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand GIN will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

**Donor's details**

Title .....First name or initial(s) .....Surname .....

Full home address .....

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.....Postcode .....Date .....

Signature .....

**Please notify GIN if you:**

- . Want to cancel this declaration
- . Change your name or home address
- . No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

*If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.*

**TO: Membership Secretary, Greyhounds in Need, 33, High Street,  
Wraysbury, Middlesex TW19 5DA**

I should like to become a Member of Greyhounds in Need and I enclose my cheque/postal order/other for the annual fee of £12 (£6 minimum for non-wage earners) to cover the period **1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012**

*giftaid it*

If you are a UK tax payer please complete the form on page 12 so that we can claim gift aid on your membership.

New Member

Renewal

**FROM:** Title: ..... Name: ..... (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Address: .....

.....

..... Postcode .....

Tel No: ..... Email address .....

### BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Full name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Email .....

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 / / /

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

TEN MORE LUCKY GALGOS STARTED THEIR NEW LIVES IN THE  
UK IN FEBRUARY



*Wenda positively shone on her way home with Elaine to Kent*



*Hada (Gracie) was beautiful on her way to Berkshire with Marcia and David*



*Micky was very content to motor home with Chris to Hampshire*



*Espinete (Harvey) and Luzy (Georgie) found their dream home with Debi in Conwy*



*Blanco found himself a lovely foster home in Berkshire with Catherine and Peter*



*Popeye (Pepe) took a ride to Sussex for a good life with Janet and Ian*



*Mozart decided to wait for Clint and Liz to drive him home to Lancashire*

*Pelos (below right) went home with Sue in Berkshire who also took Rambo (left) to foster*



## JAKE

I didn't really want you,  
I wasn't really sure,  
And I'll admit I had my doubts,  
When you came through that door.

Not small, or cute, or fluffy,  
With big, soft puppy eyes,  
But tall, and thin, and bony,  
With bald, pink, bulging thighs.

You weren't the kind I had in mind,  
Not in any way,  
"Perhaps it would be better if I took you back today,  
Before we know each other,  
It really won't be kind,  
To keep you here for one more day,  
And then to change my mind."

But against my better judgement, I decided you could stay,  
And quickly I discovered you were kind in every way,  
Your gentleness and patience, they really stole the show,  
"Why these dogs are wonderful, I must let others know!"

For You're my gentle giant,  
Who just needed the chance,  
To show us all what you could be,  
To wipe away that history,  
And dispel our preconceptions, which put us all to shame,  
And so we come to know and love,  
What lies beneath that frame.

And now I've come to understand,  
What I missed right at the start,  
That greyhounds need that big deep chest,  
To house their generous heart.

***Denise Dubarbier***

*(Written for my own greyhound boy who so impressed me with his loving and gentle nature that I wanted to share this discovery with everyone).*

**Happy Homings UK and Abroad**



*Leane, originally from Tina in Murcia, now homed in the Czech Republic*



*Holly (Lua) from Madrid looking very comfortable here in the UK*



*Borasca, from RECAL now homed in Belgium*



*Martina, originally from the Arca de Noe refuge in Albacete, having fun in Slovenia*



*Toby, from Albacete, now living in Slovenia*



*Niebla, originally from Albacete now homed in Switzerland*



*Winnie from Albacete,  
keeping watch on her  
boat journey*



*Seve, originally from Albacete,  
now homed in France thanks to  
Wilfrid and LED*

*Pablo (Fernando) originally  
from RECAL in  
Almendralejo now enjoying  
life here in the UK*



*Rafa, originally from Noah's  
Arc, Murcia, now living in  
Belgium thanks to GRB*



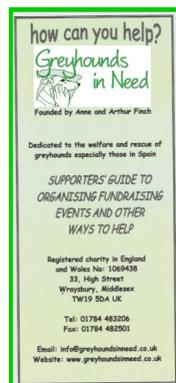
*Spider, ex-racing greyhound  
from the UK, now homed in  
Italy thanks to GACI*

**Events** Many events take place throughout the year for GIN and we are grateful to everyone involved for giving up their time to attend local shows, organise dog walks and street collections.

Full details of our events are shown on our website:

[www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

If you feel you would like to become involved in fundraising for GIN please phone us—01784 483206 or email [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) for a fundraising pack which includes a "How can you help" leaflet with lots of ideas for fundraising.



*Drawing by GACI*

**Monthly walks in Wales** Please come and join the Sunday monthly walks (last Sunday, every month) with dogs and supporters around Cosmeton Lake, Penarth. Contact Sarah on 02920 212592

**Sunday walks near Bournemouth** Please contact Sue North at the Bournemouth Shop on 01202 513000 for more information/news on future walks.

### **APRIL**

**22<sup>nd</sup>** - GIN will be running a Fun Dog Show at the Weavervale Garden Centre, Winnington Lane, Northwich in Cheshire CW8 4EE. We are always given a warm welcome by Mike and his staff so we hope you can come along. The excellent coffee shop is open from 10am. More details from Sue and Phil on 0161 620 6094



### **MAY**

**5<sup>th</sup>** - 10am-4pm - Come along and enjoy a day at the Seaside whilst supporting your favourite Charity! GIN volunteers will be fundraising in Cleveleys Town Centre, near Blackpool. Please ring Sue or Phil White on 0161 620 6094 for more details.

**5<sup>th</sup>** - Fordingbridge Street Collection, helpers needed, please contact Sue on 01202 513000

**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>** - Come and enjoy the unique Thundersprint motorbike weekend in Northwich town centre, Cheshire and help needy greyhounds too. We will be at the bike show outside the Memorial Hall on Saturday 12 May and near the race itself on Sunday 13 May from 10am. For full information please phone Sue and Phil on 0161 620 6094 or visit [www.thundersprint.com](http://www.thundersprint.com)

**27<sup>th</sup>** -GIN will have a tombola stall at the Ditchling show at Middle Farm, West Meston, Ditchling, Sussex, BN6 85F. The dog show will start at 11am. Please come along— for more details please contact Christine on 01273 674100.



## JUNE

**3<sup>rd</sup>** -GIN will have a stall at the 1st Twyford Scouts Donkey Derby, King George's Recreation Ground, Twyford, Berkshire. Gates open at 1pm. Please contact Sue Sarney for more information on 01344 861908

**10<sup>th</sup>** - GIN will be at the Animal Academy at Myerscough College's Open Day and Country Fair, Myerscough College Preston Centre, St Michaels Road, Bilsborrow, Lancs PR3 0RY, 10am-5pm. For further info. please contact Sue & Phil on 0161620 6094.

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Wraysbury Fair, Middlesex - GIN will have a stall at this annual Fair held on the village green. Gates open at 2pm, there are many stalls and attractions for all the family.

**17<sup>th</sup>** - Yellow Buses Fun Day, 10.00am to 5.00pm., Butchers Coppice Scout Ground, Duck Lane, Bournemouth, BH11 9JW. Helpers needed to man the stall please—contact Sue 01202 513000

**30<sup>th</sup>** - Greyhounds in Need fundraising stall at Winton Carnival, Bournemouth. Offers of help please to Sue on 01202 513000



## JULY

**8<sup>th</sup>** - Wilmslow Show - GIN volunteers will have a stand at the very popular show, which is held in the grounds of Wilmslow High School, just off the A34, Wilmslow in Cheshire.

There are lots of stalls and attractions, including a Fun Dog Show. More details from Sue or Phil on 0161 620 6094.



**15<sup>th</sup>** - Annual GIN Picnic at Virginia Water, Surrey. We will meet at 11am in the car park and then make our way to the picnic area.

Please contact Carolyn or Lynne for more details.

**22<sup>nd</sup>**—Ifield Village Green Dog Show, West Sussex, Show starts at 11am. For further details please contact Christine on 01273 674100

## AUGUST

**12<sup>th</sup>** - "Fun Dog Show" at the Home Farm, Tatton Park in Cheshire.

Please contact Sue or Phil White on 0161 620 6094 for more details

**19<sup>th</sup>** - GIN will have a tombola stall at the Ditchling show at Middle Farm, West Meston, Ditchling, Sussex, BN6 85F. The dog show

will start at 11am. Please come along— for more details please contact Christine on 01273 674100.



## SEPTEMBER



**15<sup>th</sup>** - 10am-4pm - Come along and enjoy a day at the seaside GIN will be fundraising and raising awareness of galgos and greyhounds in Cleveleys Town Centre, near Blackpool. Please ring Sue or Phil White on 0161 620 6094 for more details.

Please visit our website and Facebook page as more events will be added throughout the year [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) and [www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed](https://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed)

## Brighton Shop News

Since Christmas we have been reasonably surprised by the regular influx of donations, and the quality of most of the items. This has helped us maintain a good start to the year and with Spring around the corner the shop remains an interesting place to browse and look for a



bargain. We continue to change the window display on a regular basis and have adopted bright clear price labelling on our window items which clearly shows the prices we are charging.

We are looking forward to the summer months when Brighton attracts a large number of visitors and tourists. We do see many characters in the shop which makes life never dull, one or two call in twice a day to make sure they haven't missed anything.

Do come and visit the shop if you are in the area - you will receive a warm welcome.

Once again I ask if anyone could have a coffee morning or arrange an event to raise money for the galgos. Please contact me at the shop if you need help or advice.

**Christine**

### **Greyhounds in Need Charity Shop**

**19 St George's Road**

**Kemp Town**

**Brighton**

**BN2 1EB**

**Telephone/Fax : Christine Page on 01273 674100**

**✉ [BrightonShop@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:BrightonShop@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)**

**Opening hours: Monday - Friday - 10am - 5pm**

**Saturdays 10am - 4pm**

## Bournemouth Shop News

The Bournemouth shop continues to raise much needed funds towards the work of the charity and are fortunate to receive many regular donations.



Please continue to send Sue and Penny your used British and foreign stamps as these are sorted and sold in special packs on the internet. Also if you have any unwanted silver or gold jewellery—even if broken, please send this along to the shop as funds can be raised from these items.

Sue is always looking for supporters in the Bournemouth/Poole area to do car boot sales or run a GIN stall at a local event and she can provide many lovely items to sell so if you can help please give her a call.

GIN will once again have a stall at the Winton Carnival on 30th June. If you are able to come along on the day and visit the stall or if you can offer help at this and/or other events, street collections being organised in the Dorset area please give Sue a ring on 01202 513000.

More details on events booked so far can be found on pages 18 and 19 and also on our website.

### Greyhounds in Need Charity Shop

952 Wimborne Road

Moordown

Bournemouth

BH9 2DG

**Telephone Sue North on 01202 513000**

✉ [BournemouthShop@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:BournemouthShop@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

**Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.30am- 4.00pm**

**Saturdays 9.30-1.00 pm Closed all day Wednesday**

## News from Cheshire and the North West

Greyhounds in Need volunteers from Cheshire and the North West have been delighted to welcome three new galgos into our area over the last few months. We are looking forward to seeing them with their owners at our forthcoming events.

Mozart, a very handsome dark brindle galgo is now living with his greyhound friend Poppy near Chorley in Lancashire and has been renamed Sprocket....which could be something to do with his new owner's interest in motorbikes!

Luzy, now Georgie, and Espinete, now Harvey are enjoying their new lives living by the seaside in North Wales.

It would be lovely to welcome one or more of the new galgos who are featured on the GIN website and in this Newsletter and who will be coming over in April, into our friendly group of volunteers.

The winter months have been quiet so far as events and homing are concerned, although we have been fortunate enough to find forever homes for two lucky greyhounds ; Poppy who has happily been rehomed following a change in her original family's circumstances and Foxy who has also landed on her paws and is now living near Warrington with her best friend, Charity.

Thank you to their new owners for giving all these dogs the chance of a fresh start in a loving home.

We have a number of events arranged for the next few months, more details of which can be found in this Newsletter or on the Events page of the GIN website.

GIN volunteers have been invited to organise a Fun Dog Show with a variety of classes for all breeds of dog, as well as a special class for greyhounds and galgos, at the Weavervale Garden Centre in Northwich, Cheshire on Sunday April 22nd. This is the third year that we have been invited back to this increasingly popular event and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone again.

On Saturday May 5th and Saturday September 12th we will be returning to the seaside to fundraise at the Lancashire resort of Cleveleys, which is situated between Blackpool and Fleetwood.

On Saturday May 12th and Sunday May 13th you can come along to meet us with our dogs at the very well attended Thundersprint in Northwich Town Centre.

On Sunday June 10th GIN has been invited to have a stand at the Animal Academy of Myerscough College, near Preston, who are holding their Open Day. This is a new event for us and one we are very much looking forward to attending.

We have also been invited back to two of our regular summer events. The Wilmslow Show on Sunday July 8th and the Tatton Park Fun Dog Show on Sunday August 12th

For more details or information regarding newly arranged events please check the GIN events page or contact us on 0161 620 6094, We look forward to hearing from you.

And finally, we are regularly being asked by responsible owners and trainers if we can help to rehome their greyhounds if they themselves are unable to take them home once their racing days are over.

If you are interested in offering a home to one of these dogs then we would love to hear from you. At present we have Lucy, who is a five year old brindle girl (her details below).

**Sue, Phil and Carol**

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**Lucy is looking for a home**—she is a brindle greyhound who will be five years old in April 2012. She has recently retired from racing and is now ready to rest her paws in her forever home. Lucy is living in kennels in the Lancashire area. She is a happy girl with a good temperament but has never lived in a home. Have you had experience of looking after a greyhound before and could offer Lucy the loving home she deserves?



## TRIBUTES

On 5th Nov.2011, we said our last goodbyes to our beloved **Dougal**.....He spent many years being absolutely terrified of men, in particular those with beards, and children. We could only imagine what had caused him to be like this. However, once he knew he could trust us, he paid us back by giving (and taking) so much affection to us. He used to lay on his settee and if we were ignoring him, he would flail his arm around to get our attention. ....The only good that comes from an animal's death is that, when the time is right, we will be able to open our hearts & home to another needy dog..... Cheryl, Nigel & Patti Habben.



I just thought I would let you know that **Jake** (formerly Morpheo) went to sleep on Tuesday. His health had deteriorated over the past year or so. He was diagnosed with a heart murmur, had an operation on his spine for slipped disks and had severe arthritis.....He had obviously been terribly abused in the past but his good heart and character were such that he managed to trust us and was the most beautiful, gentle, sweet natured boy I have ever come across.

Kathryn Wills

**Aurelio** died of liver cancer in November 2011. Jackie told us that he was the best dog she ever had. She said as soon as they got him home he seemed to be so happy and loved being with them and their greyhound. He is very much missed. Jackie and Norman



We lost our boy today, **Red** was 14 years old and had been with us for 10 years. Before he was rescued he raced under the name of Double Gun and was always our 'champion' boy. Red always wanted to please and loved to be cuddled and was a real push over. We lost Amber last year and he really missed her and despite having our other two girls Genie & Honey as company his health declined He leaves us with memories of a dog who never grew up from a puppy, big and proud but who would always seek out the puddle to fall into or the toy to toss around as if he was in charge. Love you always and enjoy being with Amber running free without pain. Jan & Mark Watkins

....We lost our beautiful Galgo **Gartha**. She came to us from Spain in March 2002 and I remember the day she was brought to our house. We had only seen a photograph of her .....We didn't know whether at this stage Gartha would be ours but we had already set our hearts on her so we hoped we would get along. When she was brought for a home visit the first thing I did was try out a dog jumper on her because I had



heard that Greyhounds have thin skin and feel the cold, well it was actually like a bad Auntie Christmas jumper, but she let me put it on her and she looked at me as if to say "you have got to be joking" and I knew she was going to fit in to our family fine..... Gartha started to get sick in February 2011 and was subsequently diagnosed with Cushings Disease..... The diagnosis and following treatment gave her a new lease of life and we had one more precious year with her before we finally had to say goodbye in January 2012. She was nearly 15 years old. She may be gone but she will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Gartha we all love you. Amanda and Alan



I wanted you to know that my beautiful **Gomez** was pts in February. He had heart failure for the last year although had been doing really well....Friday 3rd Feb. Gomez sort of fell over in the house and then was sort of walking awkwardly. He then lay down and could not get up. ....It has really broken my heart. He was a truly lovely, regal, gentle, sensitive yet totally chilled, laid back dog. I will always remember how his neck would come up and twist like a periscope to sniff whatever he thought might be on offer. If I could attribute a human characteristic to him then I would say he was

kind as silly as that may sound..... Marion

....Two weeks ago we lost **Sayo**. She came from Italy (Rome) and she was 14 years old. Her racing name was Patricia Power. She was a very lovely hound. Sayo died in my arms .....she was so lovely.

Christiane  
Kalischewski  
(Germany)

**Izzy** (the Whizz) Sadly Izzy has succumbed to her heart condition and as I reflect on Izzy's life - the things I know well and the things I know nothing about, I recognise that she walked this life with strength, dignity and courage. She has left a legacy to more than I. Many people loved her, many recognised her strength and many felt the power of what she had to teach us. Did I say teach, I mean coach. Izzy was the perfect friend, the perfect companion and the perfect coach. Izzy came to me as a lady of mature years. She was 'shut down', not seeing or hearing anything. I thought she was deaf at first and realised that at the age of 10, the age she came to live with me, she did not recognise what it was to be spoken to. I spoke to her in Spanish to see if perhaps she was experiencing translation problems, but no, she did not respond in the slightest to anything English or Spanish. In addition to being unable to recognise language she was frozen with indecision. Whenever she was in the slightest doubt about anything she would freeze, not moving, not doing anything. If in doubt, do nothing. I observed this and recognised that this strategy had probably kept her alive in Spain for longer than most dogs have the privilege. ....Izzy is indeed special. She has moved onto another life now ahead of me and her sisters and I hope that one day in the future we will meet again.

Louise x



I just wanted to let you know that **Jaymee** (Jaybee) was finally put to rest 2 weeks ago. We adopted her with the help of GIN & LED in 2001. She lived with us in France, then Japan and then came back with us to France 3 years ago. She lived to the ripe old age of 15! Aside from having to extract some teeth throughout the years, she had no liver, heart, lung or hip problems. ....It took her a good 2 years to outgrow her shyness and the last 9 years, there was not a trace of nervousness left in her. She was a beloved pet and we were so blessed to have been able to give her such a full life. Lots of love,

Sandy Holderbach

## English greyhounds

We continue to work with Cheryl of Croftview Kennels in Kent. Cheryl has many ex-racing greyhounds and is always in need of homes for them. We have already helped with funding for the necessary veterinary costs for some greyhounds that travelled to Belgium and Italy and are pleased to again be helping more this year.

Six greyhounds will be travelling to France soon to be homed by Catherine Madry and her group—Levriers en Detresse.



In May two more lucky greyhounds from Cheryl's kennels will join more greyhounds from Ireland for their journey to Italy for homing by Elisa and Lily of the Greyhound Adopt Centre.



*Photos Croftview*

## Andalucía to Extremadura

Our recent visit to Spain started in the Andalucía region, in Malaga. We first visited Vera Thorenaar Reddering of *Galgos en Familia*. Vera, originally from Holland, has lived in Spain for many years and in recent years has got involved helping the galgos in her area who are abandoned and end up at the local dog pound, known locally as the "killing station".

She rents a small piece of land in Alhaurin de la Torre where there are some kennels, with runs, and a small paddock where the dogs can run and play. When we visited she had fourteen galgos to look after and they all looked very well and happy. Two or three were a little nervous of us to start with, one was happily digging his way to Australia, now and again a couple more galgos would help him out and it was funny to see their heads disappearing down the hole and the dust coming up at great speed as their paws were working so hard.



Vera asked if we could provide her with some more muzzles - she puts these on the more boisterous galgos when they are in the paddock just to prevent them nipping each other at play time when they get too excited. The galgos are quite clever at getting the muzzles off so they are soon chewed and need replacing. It was wonderful to see them running around and so happy. The speed they all ran at was incredible.

Vera has a few volunteers but could always do with more; she limits the dogs she can help to the number she knows she can manage. We have funded the veterinary care for some galgos helped by Vera last year and have again offered to cover the veterinary costs for some more galgos now. When they are ready to travel they will be homed in Belgium and Holland. Fortunately Vera is quite near to Malaga airport so transports by air are the best way to move her dogs.

She took us along to the local dog pound - dogs that are abandoned in the area are collected up and end up here. The majority are euthanased within a matter of days if they are not collected by their owners or rescued by people like Vera. Some dogs, if not claimed, are checked over by the vet and are offered for adoption. Looking around the kennels it was heart-breaking to see so many lovely dogs desperate for a home.

As we looked at one kennel after another it was hard to believe how anyone who had owned these dogs could just abandon them or if they had run off that they had not bothered to come and collect them.

Vera had heard that five more galgos had arrived so she wanted to go and see them. Some of the dogs at the kennels have had distemper and other diseases so Vera likes to test them first before removing them because she cannot risk her other rescues becoming ill. There were actually seven galgos by the time we arrived, one was clearly unwell and may have kennel cough. Vera has a good relationship with the staff and the vet on site will come along and take the blood from the dogs, carry out the test for distemper and Vera then takes these samples to her own vet for analysis.

We were all impressed with the work Vera and her volunteers do for the galgos - not least visiting the dog pound regularly to rescue the galgos which takes great courage. We are pleased to support her work.

Our next stop was to meet Charlotte and Dioni of 112carlotagalgos, also based in Malaga. We had met them before when visiting another part of Spain but wanted to visit the stables where they look after the dogs they have rescued in their area. Unfortunately we did not get on too well with our hired satnav and when it told us to do a U-turn on a motorway, or turn right when there was clearly no right turn, we decided to go back to the old fashioned map. We were therefore glad that Charlotte and Dioni came to meet us at a local petrol station and we followed them to the stables. I don't think we would have found these ourselves as they were very well hidden, down narrow, steep lanes.

We hear from so many of the people that we work with how worried they are that the galgos they save will be stolen so to finally arrive at the stables and see the setup there we were happy that the dogs were safe.

The family who own the farm live very near the stables and other animals - horses, pigs, and chickens are there too. We were able to take the dogs for a short walk during our visit and all seemed happy and are obviously well cared for. Finding homes is the problem especially now that the economic situation is so bad in so many countries but the number of dogs we were able to help last year was up on the previous year so we must remain positive.



*Charlotte with Halo*

Charlotte also works hard on the education programme and visits local schools, the response she has had so far has been very good and she has now been asked to go back to one of the schools and continue showing the programme to the other classes. We are very grateful to Charlotte and Dioni for helping us get the GIN Education resource into schools - how they find time to do everything with a young family too is amazing but we support what they are doing and have offered to fund the veterinary care of some more galgos with them plus give whatever help and support we can with the promotion of the education programme.



*Florence, Bartolome, Sandra, Fernando, Martin and Christine*

We travelled next to Cordoba, arriving late evening but were able to have a meeting with Sandra Baas of Baasgalgo. Fernando, who manages the shelter, and Florence who is from Belgium, but had travelled to Spain to work at the shelter for a week, joined us. Also Bartolome of Club Nacional del Galgo Espanol was able to be present for part of the meeting.

Sandra told us that the current Baasgalgo shelter suffered severe flooding last year and initially they wanted to carry out work to avoid this happening again but unless the local government carry out other work in the area the problem will not be resolved. They have therefore decided to buy some land in Toledo and set up a shelter there. They feel there will be more security for their association if they own the land and over time, and when funds permit, they can expand the shelter. Much hunting goes on in the Toledo area so the abandonment of the galgos is huge; in fact many of the galgos from Toledo end up at the Baasgalgo shelter now.

Sandra talked through her plans with us; she is actually based in Madrid and works tirelessly on campaigning for a better life for the galgos. She has many well-known people helping her to raise awareness of the galgo's plight. She is currently working on a book of fairy tales. Well known artists and writers are contributing to this and it is hoped that, once published, this will raise much needed funds for the work of Baasgalgo.

Sandra and her organisation have a lot to do before the shelter in Toledo can become a reality not least looking after 70 galgos at their current shelter. We have asked Sandra to keep us informed on this project as we feel we may be able to help with this in the future.

The next morning we visited the current shelter. As mentioned before there were 70 galgos there. We were given a warm welcome by the galgos who were in the outside paddock when we arrived, some had their coats on and others had obviously had some fun taking their coats off.



Inside the shelter the galgos have a bed area at the back of their kennel and a fair size run and in between the two "kennel blocks" is an area where there are dog beds used mostly for new arrivals.

Most of the galgos were happy, enjoyed being fussed but a few, mostly the new arrivals, were thin and one in particular upset us all.

She was a little white female galga who was so scared, she could not settle, she kept getting in and out of her bed. She was covered in wounds, they had been treated, but looking at the state of her and the wounds and the fear in her eyes it was so sad and an image that is hard to get out of your mind. At least she is safe now and will be cared for and once well she will be homed.



We are often asked why we want coats for the dogs in Spain and after this visit it is clear how much they are needed and appreciated. Although the day time temperature is quite high, when we were there it was between 15°C - 19°C, at nights the temperature drops so quickly.



When we arrived at the Bassgalgo shelter in the morning, although the sun was shining, there was ice on some of the kennel fronts and icicles from the water butts - hard to believe when later in the day we were all getting hot and taking our coats off.

We recently sent some donated coats, treats, blankets to Sandra for the dogs and it was good to see some of these being worn.

We got back in our hire car and had a long journey up to Almendralejo in the Extremadura region of Spain - another area where there is much hunting with the galgos. Regular readers of our newsletter and/or visitors to our website will know that we visited this area to visit the RECAL shelter back in 2010. We were very impressed with the work Mada does at this shelter where she receives many galgos but also other breeds of dogs.

Following our report to the Trustees after our visit we offered to fund an exercise paddock for RECAL. This was a joint project with a German group—Korbchen Gesucht. It was therefore important to visit to see this paddock now that building work on the main areas had been completed and to hand over the final cheque payment to Francisco the builder.

Some more work is being done to provide shelter/shade for the dogs during the very hot weather and some smaller areas, within each paddock, now need to be fenced off so that it is easier for Mada and her volunteers to treat a dog, rather than enter the main paddock and have twenty dogs around you and also it will help with rehoming as people can enter the smaller area to meet a particular dog they are interested in adopting. We have offered funding towards this project.

Mada has homed two galgos in Almendralejo in the last 10 years and both of these were in recent weeks. She was so pleased to tell us this and she feels attitudes are changing. She is working hard on the education project visiting schools and once the final work is completed on the exercise paddock school visits to the shelter will start again.



*Martin, Carolyn, Francisco and Mada*



*Martin, Mada and Christine next to the plaque Mada has put up at the new exercise paddock*

We could see such a great improvement in RECAL from our first visit. There were around 100 dogs there when we visited. Ten galgos had left the previous week to go to Vic but of course more had replaced them and Mada has twenty more waiting to come in.

She is finding that the hunters are contacting her more now to hand in their dogs.

In Almendralejo it is now law that all dogs are micro-chipped and because of this the abandonment of the galgos in the area has reduced and more are being handed in to the shelters. This of course puts huge strain on the shelters but often results in the galgos being handed in in better condition and often with paperwork showing their age, some vaccination details (often only rabies vaccination which they have to have now by law) and the date microchip was implanted. Some of the new arrivals were thin but on the whole they did not seem too bad and with the exception of two or three were all very friendly.



Now that the dogs can be let out to exercise and have some freedom it improves conditions at the kennels. The dogs will soon learn to toilet in the outside area which will mean the kennels and runs will hopefully be kept cleaner for longer and when the dogs are in the paddocks the cleaning of the kennels and runs can be done more easily, same with feeding. Also when the dogs return to their kennel they soon settle down for a siesta.

Mada, her husband Rafa, and her family again made us all very welcome. They work hard for the galgos and appreciate the help and encouragement we give. We were able to talk to them about the work of the shelter and Mada has many ideas which we know she will follow through, her enthusiasm to help all the dogs is wonderful and how she copes with this work, her own job and looking after her two young children is incredible.

Our visit was coming to an end, we said our goodbyes and drove to Merida to return the hire car and then Aitor, who is Mada's cousin, collected us and drove us to the airport. We had covered many miles in a few days and Christine did a great job with the driving, with Martin and me and an unhelpful satnav assisting! We were all very tired and glad to get on the plane home but visits like this are needed to be able to see at first-hand what those we work with deal with on a daily basis and how they cope, it is important for us to ensure that the kind donations that you, our supporters, give to us are used as you and we want them to be. Every shelter that we have visited is different but all are working tirelessly for the galgos and need the support of us all.

**Carolyn**

**Sponsorship** The galgos (breed name galgo español) are Spanish bred greyhounds used widely by hunters in the rural areas of Spain, for coursing hares with betting. The galgos we help are homed mainly in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland thanks to our contacts abroad.

However, we bring small groups to the UK each year. All are sterilised, micro-chipped and have been tested and found clear of Mediterranean diseases before they come to the UK. Our last group were homed in February, please see page 14. Ten more galgos, whose photos and details are shown on pages 35 and 36 will be arriving in the UK at the end of April.

If you would like to **sponsor one of the galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form below and return to Greyhounds in Need, 33, High Street, Wraysbury, Middx. TW19 5DA.

If you are interested in **offering a home** to one of our galgos please contact us by phone -01784 483206 or email [HomingOfficer@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:HomingOfficer@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) - we can then send you our homing pack .

**Sponsor a Galgo** I would like to sponsor a galgo and wish to give Greyhounds in Need (\*Circle as appropriate) \*£5 per month \*£10 per month \*£25 per month \*Other amount £.....per month

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If you are a UK tax payer please complete the form on page 12 so that we can claim gift aid on your sponsorship.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR BANK**

Bank.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR BANK**

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.....

## Our Sponsorship Galgos

Galgos from Almendralejo and Madrid have arrived at the kennels in Vic, Spain, and Pep and Pilar are looking after them for us, carrying out necessary veterinary treatments - blood testing, sterilisations etc.

The ten galgos whose photos and details are shown below and overleaf are those we plan to bring to the UK at the end of April 2012. Larger photos can be found on our website [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

They are on our sponsorship scheme (please see page 34) and if you feel you could offer a home to one of them please call us on 01784 483206 or email [HomingOfficer@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:HomingOfficer@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

**Boy** is a young white male galgo with some fawn patches on his head, ears and body. He is very friendly and gets on well with other dogs. He was rescued by Cristina of Galgos sin Fronteras in Madrid.

**RESERVED**



**Calvita** is a long haired white, fawn female galga. She is approx.2 years old. She is fine with people and other dogs but she doesn't like being in the kennels, she will be much happier once she is in a home. She comes from the RECAL shelter in Almendralejo.

**Chato** is a large black male galgo, with some white markings on his chest. He gets on well with people and other dogs. He is approx. 4 years old.



**Bon** is a large male brindle galgo with some white markings on his head, feet and paws. He is very friendly. He is approx. 3 years old and was rescued by Cristina of Galgos sin Fronteras in Madrid

**RESERVED**



**Happy** is a young black male galgo who was found wandering the streets of Almendralejo. He can be quite submissive and was picked on by other dogs when he first arrived at the shelter. He is now much better and Pilar at the kennels in Vic said he is doing well, he is learning to walk on a lead, she says he is a quick learner.

**Mono** is a young male blue/grey galgo, he is a happy dog, a little afraid until he gets to know you but can be quite playful and will enjoy lots of nice walks. He was rescued in Madrid by Cristina of Galgos sin Fronteras.



**Moro** is a black long haired male galgo, approx. 4 years old. He can be a little timid with people at first. He walks well on a lead. He was handed in to the RECAL shelter in Almendralejo by his hunter owner.

**Zora** is a lovely looking brindle female galga, approx. 2 years old. She is fine with people and other dogs once she gets to know you. She was handed in to the RECAL shelter by her hunter owner.



**Veronica**, a light brindle female galga, approx. 2 years old. She gets on well with other dogs and cats. She is very friendly. She was handed in to the RECAL shelter in Almendralejo by her hunter owner.

**RESERVED**

**Sam**, a fawn male galgo, approx. 3 years old, he was rescued by Cristina of Galgos sin Fronteras in Madrid. He is very friendly and gets on alright with the other dogs.

