

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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Cover photo: Zoraida (left) and Ron, happily homed here in the UK.
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Dear Friends,

It's newsletter time again and we hope you will enjoy reading our news and catch up on our work over the last six months, plus read about our hopes and plans for the future.



Photo: Villamartin

I would like to take the opportunity here to thank our supporters for their kind donations to our Christmas treats appeal. We were amazed that the money raised totalled £2,550.44 and we were able to share the treats with several shelters in Spain where they very well received.

The Christmas treats were sent along with some veterinary supplies kindly donated by the Worldwide Veterinary Service, and lovely dog coats which again many supporters have made for us. They are always needed in Spain so a big "thank you" from us and the galgos !



Photo: Pilar, Vic



Galatea

Regular visitors to our website will remember Galatea, she came to the UK in April 2013 and was quite a nervous girl. We knew she would need a special home and were very grateful to Linda and Roy for giving her a chance. I am pleased to say they have now adopted her and she is settling in well with them and their other dogs, Holly and Sheena.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that Amy and Curro needed to be rehomed due to a change in circumstances. We are grateful to Netty for offering a home to Amy, who has settled in well with her (please see page 7), and are pleased that Curro has been able to stay with Mark.



Micky

Christine in Southampton wrote to tell us that her galgo Micky had been entered into his first Fun Dog Show which was held near to their home.

He came first in his class and then third in the show. The photo on the left shows a proud Micky with his rosettes.

We were pleased to welcome Catherine Madry, President of Levriers en Detresse (LED) in France, to the UK. Catherine has helped find homes for many greyhounds and galgos over the years. Her group are regularly taking greyhounds from the UK and recently collected some galgos from the kennels we use near Barcelona. We have been able to fund some veterinary, boarding and transport costs for these dogs.



Catherine at GIN HQ with galgos Mary-Anne and Sam

Catherine talked to us about the plans LED has to build a small kennel block which will help their rehoming programme. Potential adopters will be able to visit these kennels and meet the dogs and this hopefully will increase the number of dogs that are homed.

Earlier this year, Wraysbury, like many villages near the River Thames, suffered from severe flooding. We were fortunate at the GIN office to remain dry but it was a worrying time. Many businesses and homes were affected and roads had to be closed. The village green (left) was more like a lake but the water level has gone down slowly and plans are being made for the annual Village Fayre, which is held on the green every year. This is a very popular and well attended event. More details on this and other events are on pages 16 and 17.



We are again organising a Summer Raffle. The draw will be on **25th July** and this year the top three prizes are — **1st prize - iPad Mini, 2nd prize — Smartphone, 3rd prize—£50 Gift Voucher.** 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 **21st July** please. If you would like more tickets please email—

info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

or phone 01784 483206 and we will put them in the post.

The hunting season has now ended in Spain and the last couple of months have been busy for those we work with. The abandonment of the galgos seems higher than before and there are currently many campaigns, petitions circulating which help to put pressure on the authorities.

Mada of the RECAL shelter in Almendralejo and many other groups in the Extremadura region organised a protest meeting in a village where there are

Please don't forget to recycle your old mobile phones and ink cartridges to help GIN— we can provide postage paid envelopes



Photo: RECAL

many hunters. A number of people came along with their dogs to offer support and join their march through the streets. We all need to keep the pressure up in order to bring about changes for the galgos. We have just come back from a

trip to Spain to visit some of the shelters to discuss what further help we can give them and also we wanted to see how the education resource we put together is doing and discuss further work needed on this as we, and those we work closely with, feel that education is the way forward. The aim of the resource is to help children have a greater understanding of the galgos and encourage them to develop empathy for them and help make a difference to the many that are in need of loving homes. More on our visit on pages 8-12.

Homing seemed slow for the early part of last year but picked up in the Autumn and we were pleased that the number of galgos and greyhounds that we had been able to help our contacts in Spain with had increased from 2012. The adoption groups in mainland Europe work tirelessly finding homes and we are always looking for more homing opportunities for these lovely dogs.



We keep our website up to date with news on the latest dogs for adoption and also report on their transport and arrival in their new country. We like to put on as many photos as possible on the site and also include the video footage of the arrival of the galgos and greyhounds in Italy. If you get chance please visit our site to watch these and see many happy people and hounds !



Can you offer me
a home?

I would like to say a special thank you here to Tracey and Geraldine for all their help in the office. We are always busy and the workload seems to increase but we keep on top of things. The galgos that come to the UK are put into kennels near our office and we are lucky to be able to visit them regularly to get to know the dogs more and take them for walks. We are also able to meet potential adopters and introduce them to the galgos and oversee the adoption process. If you feel you can offer a home to one of our galgos please contact us, full details and photos of the next group to arrive, including Marcia (left), are on pages 34–36.

Carolyn

News from the Shelters

Arca de Noe, Albacete—We last visited this shelter in 2011 and on our recent visit could see how much work the volunteers have carried out over the last three years. They help all breeds and currently have 90 galgos, some they are getting ready for the next transport to Italy.

Last year we were able to offer funding towards the building costs to heighten the shelter wall and also the costs involved in installing security lighting. This has been successful and prevented break ins and stopped many dogs from being thrown over the shelter wall.

We were also able to offer funding for the purchase of a fully equipped van to enable safe transportation of the many dogs that leave the shelter for homes in other countries. They had an old small van but had to hire vans to carry out large transports, this was costly and not without problems.



Sole, at the shelter, wrote to us after the last trip to Italy

Dear Carolyn. The trip to Italy went very well !!! The volunteers who were driving were very excited with the new van and they were writing me every hour to say, everything is perfect!!! The temperature, the air, the speed... ..everything!!!! I am so happy!!! The temperature control is perfect. It is so good to know that all the dogs travel in good conditions. Before, I was always very worried for the cold or heat. Now, no more...

The new galgo kennel block we were able to fund last year has been well used and the galgos loved the new heated area. They have plenty of room now and can keep warm during the cold months. They have left their mark at the entrance !



We are now looking at purchasing some new plastic dog beds for the shelter. (Approx. cost £15-20 each). They are always needed as many get chewed throughout the year. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of these beds please send a donation to our office in Wraysbury with a note "Dog Bed Appeal" so that we can identify such donations. Thank you.

Sole and her team look after their dogs so well. Although there were some nervous dogs who will take some time to gain their confidence again, the majority were happy, friendly and just looked so pleased to have more visitors to fuss them.



Whilst we were there we were told about a galgo, Carbón, who had just arrived at the shelter and an x-ray (photo bottom left) showed he had a very bad break in his right leg. Our Trustee, Leigh, discussed the case with Juan, the shelter vet, and Sole and agreed that specialist orthopaedic surgery was needed. The cost for this surgery, which would be carried out by specialist vets in Albacete, was estimated to be €800-900 and we offered to cover these costs.



We have now heard that the operation was carried out the day after our visit and Carbón is expected to make a full recovery,





Just as we were leaving the shelter another galgo (left) arrived. He had been picked up in the streets by two of the shelter's volunteers. He was in a bad way, his coat was in poor condition, he was covered with fleas and ticks. The shelter vet checked him over immediately and started treatment. Fortunately he had no broken bones and is now recovering well.



Galgos en Familia

We left Albacete and drove to Malaga to meet Vera who runs the group **Galgos en Familia**. We last visited Vera, at her old kennels, in 2012. At her new kennels she is able to help more galgos and as soon as we arrived there were lots of them waiting to say hello. They all looked happy and well and Vera told us that homing was going well.



Enjoying the Malaga sunshine

We are able to offer funding for veterinary costs for many of the galgos that Vera helps and we are also funding transport costs for the galgos going to Belgium for homing by Harvey and Greyhounds Rescue Belgium.

Vera homes some galgos to the USA and told us that she has managed to home a few galgos locally, like the two in the photo bottom left, who will be leaving for their new homes soon.



Vera with two of her rescues

Vera has now been offered some land by the town council and we were able to view this when we visited. The plot is in the mountains away from residential properties and has many possibilities. There is a lot of work to do moving the current kennels etc. to the new location and Vera will need some help setting this up. We have asked her to keep us informed and we hope we can help her with this new project in the near future.

We left Vera and drove to meet Charlotte and Dioni who run **112carlotagalgos**, also in Malaga. We last visited them in 2012 but since that visit they have moved to a small finca.

As soon as we arrived at the finca we were greeted by Charlotte and Dioni's own dogs. The finca is lovely and a great place for the galgos to be where they are cared for until they are ready for homing.

There is a quarantine area where new arrivals are placed and assessed. There is a little "garden kennel" where the nervous dogs are placed and Charlotte works closely with these dogs helping them to regain their confidence and trust.

When we visited there were around 20 galgos and the majority are kept in the orchard which is on the lower level of the finca.



Galgos at the gate of the orchard waiting to greet us

Dante was taken by Charlotte towards the end of last year. He had a fracture to his leg and he needed an operation, the procedure was quite complex and we were able to offer some additional funding to help with the veterinary costs.



Charlotte said he is a truly special galgo with an incredible heart. A fighter and winner.

Thanks to lots of love and care at 112carlotagalgos, Dante recovered well and has now been adopted.



Charlotte and Dante

Photos: 112carlotagalgos

In the orchard there are various houses for the galgos and we were amazed when it came to bedtime how good they all were. Charlotte and Dioni called their names and off they went to their house. Next it was supper time and we were able to help with this. Then it was time for medication for some of them and put their coats on as the temperature was going down very quickly. Once this was done we left the orchard and they were all so quiet, hard to believe there were twenty dogs in the little houses.



Charlotte, Dioni and the galgos

We were able to have meetings with all those we visited and had the opportunity to discuss their work and plans for the future and hope that we can give as much support as possible to assist them.

We also had the opportunity to discuss the education programme and were pleased that school visits are taking place, one group of children arrived at the Arca de Noe shelter while we were there.

All of the above groups, and others we work with, are keen to continue pushing this programme in their area and we want to assist them as much as possible with this over the coming months. We discussed many ideas and projects with everyone. We came away feeling sad to leave but positive that so much is being done for the galgos, both on the rescue side and on the education programme which we all feel is the way forward, and although a long term project, will make a difference to the life of the galgos in the future.

Carolyn

How You Can Help GIN

GIN's supporters can help in a number of ways

- * fundraising at shows and local events
- * making dog coats for Spain
- * sponsoring galgos for homing in the UK
- * joining GIN's membership scheme
- * visiting our shops
- * leaving a legacy to GIN in your Will
- * sending a book of stamps
- * recycling old ink cartridges (we can provide postage paid envelopes)
- * organising local dog walks and street collections
- * buying our merchandise
(also available on-line <http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>)
- * making donations
- * making donations towards veterinary costs
 - Initial testing for the Mediterranean diseases (€50-80)
 - Vaccinations, treatment for fleas and worms (€50 +)
 - Sterilisations (€80-130)



Donations can also be made ON-LINE by visiting our website and clicking on this button



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 or can be obtained by phoning, or writing to
our Wraysbury office—01784 483206,
Email: info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Trustees' pages

This has been a very busy period for GIN and particularly for our hard working staff at HQ, who have had to cope with all the additional work and travel dislocations flowing (no pun intended) from the recent dreadful floods. At least, Wraysbury is now firmly on the map! We were lucky that the waters never quite reached the office, but our sympathies go out to Trustee and volunteer, Geraldine and her husband, who live in the heart of the flooded area and have suffered greatly.



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www.sarahdunn.com

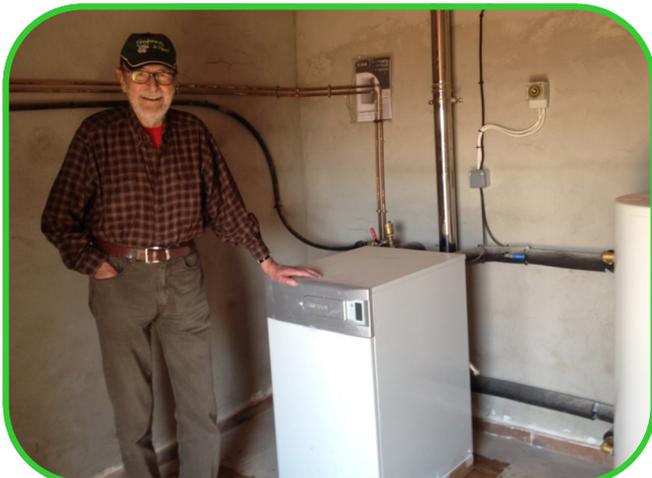
The great news is that Dame Judi Dench has agreed to become a Patron of GIN, in succession to her friend the late Alexandra Bastedo. We could not wish for a more wonderful patron or for one more dedicated to animal welfare. Although she is massively busy, she promises to do whatever she can to help our cause.

Carolyn reports in this issue on a very successful trip to Spain carried out by herself, Tracey and Leigh, our vet trustee, and myself. I need not add to Carolyn's comprehensive report, except to repeat how valuable these personal contacts are. We all came away exhausted but humbled by the huge dedication of the Spanish and foreign workers and volunteers. It was gratifying to be able to see how effective all our recent investments in heated kennels, security lighting and a new van at Albacete have been.



*Finty Williams (daughter of
Dame Judi Dench),
Percy and Martin*

We will never relax our efforts to help individual galgos, but we have now set ourselves also on the road to improving the facilities and infrastructure of shelters in Spain. These are all run on desperately slender means and need our help to improve conditions and security for our dogs.



Martin in the boiler room at Arca de Noe

We continue to believe that, while we are doing our best to relieve the plight of galgos, we need to do more to strike at the heart of the problem. In the words of a previous British Prime Minister, "Education - Education - Education".

On our recent trip to Spain we were able to make some significant progress on the education front which will, hopefully, result in a welcome spread of our programme, both at Albacete, at Malaga and in Extremadura. I hope to be able to report real progress soon.

I commend to readers the article in this issue by trustee Christine who has worked so hard to put GIN on the map by way of Facebook. This has been of great benefit in bringing our story and mission to people all over the world. The oxygen of publicity is vital to our long term aim of bringing to an end the dreadful cruelty to these noble creatures.

I cannot close without expressing my admiration and thanks to our full time staff and volunteers, led by Carolyn. They are the ones whose efforts make your generosity the means by which we are being more and more successful in our efforts to help the galgos of Spain and greyhounds elsewhere.

Martin



ChairmanofTrustees@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



Many events are organised for GIN throughout the year by our supporters and support groups. We give details below of those booked so far but please regularly visit our website www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk and Facebook page www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed as we will be adding to these over the coming months. If you can help at any of the events please contact us as we are always in need of more volunteers to help set up and run the stalls.

FOR HQ EVENTS - PLEASE CONTACT CAROLYN OR TRACEY ON 01784 483206

14th June - 2pm - Wraysbury Village Fair, Middlesex. This year the fair has a super hero theme. Many attractions for all the family.

21st June - 2pm - Englefield Green Village Fair, Surrey. A very popular village fair with lots of attractions for all the family.

28th June - GIN will have a stall at the Royal Windsor Midsummer Fayre at Alexandra Gardens, Windsor, Berkshire. This event is organised by the Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton.

13th July - Annual GIN Picnic at Virginia Water, Surrey. Please come along with your greyhounds and galgos to our popular annual picnic. We will meet at 11am in the car park and then make our way to the picnic area.



ISLE OF MAN EVENTS—PLEASE CONTACT SALLY ON 01624 816612

7th/8th June—Jayne Farquhar is taking part in the Continental Centurion, a 100 mile, 24 hour walking event in Rotterdam

21st/22nd June - Parish Walk on the Isle of Man, 85 miles.

Dale Farquhar is taking part again in this gruelling walk. Sponsor forms from Sally.

13th July - Team Greyhound will be at the Laxey Fair on the Isle of Man



**Please check our website for our
on-line fundraisers -
Claire, Julia, Allana and Shannon**

EVENING



Drawing by GACI

[Dorset Galgos and Friends](#) - this group meet up for weekly walks in the Dorset area and are looking for more galgo adopters to join them. For more information and details of the next walk please ring Mandy on 07710544290 or email amandabascombe@yahoo.co.uk

DORSET EVENTS - PLEASE CONTACT SUE ON 01202 513000

26th May—Poole Carnival, Branksome Recreation Ground, 10.30am.
(more info. from Carol Peake 07765600550)

28th June—Winton Carnival, Winton Recreation Ground. 10am—5pm.
(more info. from Carol Peake 07765600550)



GIN CHESHIRE AND NORTH WEST EVENTS - PLEASE CONTACT SUE AND PHIL ON 01616 206094

8th June—GIN stall at the Myerscough College (near Preston) Open Day and Country Fair.

13th July - 12noon - 4pm. GIN Volunteers are organising an all breeds Fun Dog Show at Marbury Country Park, Comberbach, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 6AT. There will be a special class for greyhounds and galgos and rosettes will be presented down to sixth place. Trophy for Best in Show.



20th July - GIN stand at the Fleetwood Festival of Transport, known locally as the Tram Festival, which is one of the biggest free events in the North West of England with dozens of stalls and attractions, including of course the trams. This will be our first visit to this very popular event so come along to support us from 10am—4pm.

2nd & 3rd August - 11am to 4pm. GIN volunteers will be fundraising and awareness raising at the Morrisons Store, Saxon Street, Denton, Greater Manchester, M34 3DS.

10th August—10am—GIN stand at the Fun Dog Show at the Home Farm, Tatton Park in Cheshire.



If you feel you would like to become involved in fundraising for GIN please phone us — 01784 483206 or email info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk for a fundraising pack



Merchandise

Welcome to all new and existing supporters of Greyhounds in Need. As you are aware GIN is a registered charity where we all strive to rescue and rehome galgos and greyhounds with your help.



For those of you that are long term supporters of GIN—a very big thank you for your continued support and please may it last.

For those of you that are new supporters of the charity you may not be aware that we have an on-line shop which can be found at -

<http://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/eshop>

We also have a merchandise catalogue (copy enclosed) where you can find various good quality products ranging from dog leads, coats, to iphone covers and shopping bags.

We have a new line of products that feature our new galgo designs so please take five minutes of your time to have a look at the catalogue and/or visit our on-line shop and you will find plenty of "greyt" gift ideas for sale. Why not treat yourself to one of our porcelain mugs for your favourite cup of tea or shop until you drop with our large galgo shopper bag made from 100% cotton, or buy a nice galgo cover to protect your iphone5.



Every merchandise purchase generates additional and much needed funds for our work in rescuing greyhounds and galgos.

Thank you for your new and ongoing support.



Meeting the Albacete galgos

Tracey

Facebook—A Trip into the Unknown



Facebook? I've heard of Facebook; never used it but heard of it. How do you set it up and use it? Is it easy? Is it difficult? I'm not stupid. Am I??

These questions were flying round inside my head, once the reality of having raised my hand in a GIN meeting in 2012 volunteering to put GIN on Facebook had dawned on me! What a girl will do for galgos and greyhounds!!

During the aforementioned meeting it was felt that Facebook would help promote the Charity's work and spread the word about the plight of these wonderful dogs to an even wider public. No pressure for me then!

Once I had taken a deep breath and thought about family and friends who are already Facebook users, I realised younger family members and friends would be only too delighted to help me. A few days later I sat down with Jamal and Yasmeen, GIN supporters, who guided me through the set up stage, adding some photos and news. As we came across hitches we called upon Mari and Salva, also GIN supporters in Spain, for their help too. Every so often I still call for their help! Once GIN was up and running on Facebook, we saw that people were finding our page and "liking" us. The word was spreading. Our number of "likes" was going up and friends and supporters were sending photos and news of their rescued galgos and greyhounds to HQ in order for them to be included on the page, as well as adding their own.

Currently GIN has over 2,258 "likes". Keep "liking" us, please, as it means that news of GIN's work in Spain and here at home is rapidly spreading. This is so important as there are always galgos and greyhounds in need of support, re-homing and TLC.

If, like me, you have never ventured into the world of Facebook before, why not have a look at our page <https://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed> and catch up with our latest news, photos and events?

If you are already signed up to Facebook, why not "like" us, increase our number of followers and supporters and spread GIN's word?

Thank you!

Christine

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

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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

TitleFirst name or initial(s)Surname

Full home address

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.....PostcodeDate

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 2014 to 31st December 2014**

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If you are a UK tax payer please complete the form on page 20 so that we can claim gift aid on your membership.

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

Address:.....

.....Postcode.....

Tel No:..... Email address

Date:.....

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.....

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Diva, originally from Arca de Noe, Albacete, now homed in Italy



Winnie, happily homed here in the UK with Carla



William and Maisy cuddled up together in their home in Wiltshire

Holly (front), originally from Galgos sin Fronteras in Madrid, and Galatea, originally from RECAL in Almendralejo, enjoying life together here in the UK



Happy Homings UK and Abroad



*Anna, originally from APAPA,
now homed in Holland*



*Forest (Truman), originally from
RECAL, now homed in Switzerland*



*Shabba,
ex-racer
from the
UK, now
homed in
Belgium*



*Joy, ex-racer
from the UK, now
homed in France*



*DJ, ex racer from the UK,
now homed in France*



*Caesar, originally
from Galgos en
Familia, now homed
in Belgium*

**Please don't
forget to send
in your photos
for the 2015
GIN
Calendar !**

Brighton Shop News

It has been a busy four months for the Brighton shop moving to our larger shop in George Street. We have a nice large shop floor and work room/stock area so have a lot more space now.

We were fortunate to have one of our Patrons, Peter Egan, to open the new shop, along with Anne Finch, the Founder of GIN.

It was a nice afternoon with staff, friends, customers—old and new, and two galgos admired by all.

We hope you will visit the shop if you are in the area. There are lots of nice things to buy and we also stock our greyhound merchandise.

If you have any clothes, shoes, bags etc we would be most grateful for them, we are always in need of donations and we need to make as much money as we can for the galgos.

We were very grateful to the Rottingdean Drama Society for raising funds towards our work at their annual pantomime.

Christine



*Brighton Shop opening,
left to right, Marc Abrahams,
Geraldine, Martin, Peter Egan,
Anne, Tracey and Christine
with galgos
Mary-Anne (left), and Sam*

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✉ 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.



Snoopy, Sue and Penny's dog who is a regular visitor to the shop



Waiting for treats in Dorset

Greyhounds in Need Charity Shop
952 Wimborne Road
Moordown
Bournemouth
BH9 2DG
Telephone Sue North on 01202 513000

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.00am- 4.00pm
Saturdays 9.00-1.00 pm Closed all day Wednesday

News from Cheshire and the North West

Volunteers from Cheshire and the North West are looking forward to attending a number of fundraising and awareness raising events during the coming months.

Last year was very successful thanks to the good weather we enjoyed during the summer and autumn. After the very wet winter we have all experienced let us hope that we can enjoy some warm sunshine at our events this year.

We have been invited back to several of our favourite venues but we also have some new events to add to our calendar for 2014.

Our last event of 2013 was the Dickensian Day which is held in the village of Lymm in Cheshire on the second Saturday in December. GIN volunteers entered into the spirit of the day by dressing in Dickensian costumes, even Sherlock Holmes joined us for what proved to be a very enjoyable and worthwhile event. We have been invited back to this year's Day which is to be held on Saturday December 13th.



Phil, Carol and Sue at the Dickensian Day, Lymm, Cheshire.



Meet and Greet and Social Dog Walk at Marbury Country Park

On Sunday June 8th we have been invited back to the Myerscough College (near Preston) Open Day and Country Fair which has proved to be a very successful event for GIN for the past few years.

Sunday July 13th sees GIN volunteers organising our second annual Fun Dog Show at Marbury Park in Cheshire, one of our favourite venues.

On Sunday July 20th we will be attending the Fleetwood Festival of Transport, known locally as Tram Sunday, which is one of the biggest free events in the North West, with dozens of attractions including of course the trams. This will be our first visit to a very popular and well attended event.

On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August we will be fundraising outside the Morrisons Store in Denton, near Manchester, where we are always welcomed and well supported by the staff and customers and on Sunday August 10th sees our return to the Fun Dog Show which is held in the beautiful surroundings of Tatton Park in Cheshire and is always a very popular event with both our volunteers and with the public. We are also planning two street collections and awareness days in the seaside town of Cleveleys, near Blackpool, another of our favourite venues, dates to be confirmed but hopefully in May and September.

During the last few months we have been delighted to welcome four galgos into their new loving families here in the North West. Three of the group are now living happily with cats. Zoraida and Rondeno live, together with Gina and her family which includes several cats and chickens, at Leigh in Greater Manchester. Dorabella is living with Heather, two greyhounds called Scott and Spud and numerous cats in Bolton. Heather says she should have been called Adorabella, she has fitted in so well, whilst Mika is now living with her greyhound friend, Jasper, in Warrington.



We are also delighted to report that we have recently homed two lucky greyhounds into their forever homes. Natalie, known affectionately by her new mum and dad as Natty, is now living by the seaside in Blackpool with her greyhound brother Carlo, whilst Arthur, who has been waiting a long time to find his new family, is now putting his paws up in Bolton with his greyhound sister Shelly and Marvin the cat who is 20 years old!

I think that's all the news from the North West for now, we look forward to seeing you at one of our events later in the year. Don't forget to check the GIN website for details of any newly organised events. **Sue, Phil and Carol**

GIN volunteers in Cheshire and the North West

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TRIBUTES

I first met **Beryl** in Spain back in 2001. She was in a Galgo rescue centre run by the late Pat Osbourne. I was won over by her beauty and grace. She came to the UK the following year and settled into my life with my other dogs, 2

whippets and a lurcher, like she had always been there. Beryl was so sweet and loving. A huge personality, always wanting cuddles and attention! A real Spanish diva! She loved to play, and especially if it was sunny weather would race about, enjoying herself always. The picture of Beryl playing in the sand dunes in Dawlish, is how I want to remember her. That was taken about 4 years ago and that was typical of her, having fun. Everyone who met her loved her, she did have a bit of a fan club, we all loved the way she would lie on the sofa, and watch you, she was very regal. The last couple of years she was getting quite arthritic, she was doing well though on medication for this, but this year it worsened, and then on January 8th she had a stroke. I didn't want her to suffer and my wonderful Spanish girl fell asleep in my arms. I miss her terribly, she has left a huge space here, I will always be grateful to GIN and Carolyn who allowed me to adopt Beryl and organised her transport to me. Sleep in Peace dearest Beryl XX
Sue



Sadly in recent months we have heard that Julia had to say goodbye to **Dulce**. Abbey and Karl had to say goodbye to their galgo **Dave**. Catherine wrote to tell us that **Clara** and **Estrella** had passed away.

Pauline phoned to let us know that **Merlin** had passed away. He and Pauline attended many GIN events in the Sussex area.

My lovely **Jessie** greyhound had to leave me just before her 14th birthday. She was a rescue and although not a GIN girl, I feel became an honorary member of the group because knowing her introduced me to the needs of the Spanish galgos and launched me on my retirement career as a collecting box distributor. She leaves a huge gap in the lives of her many friends and will always be remembered for the pleasure of her company. RIP
Rita



My beautiful **Sienna** arrived with us in the summer of 2005. We were fostering her from GIN Bournemouth. She arrived with Sue North as 'Sandy', but she quickly became Sienna, known for her sunny and beautiful disposition. She was such a gentle girl. A complete opposite to Flynn who we had fostered a few months earlier and who also won our hearts and stayed! The two greys were like chalk and cheese! Sienna was my dependable girl. Always well behaved and never demanding. She never needed a lead, always happy to follow closely on walks. Sienna loved her food, loved her fleecy rug, loved having her ears rubbed, loved cuddles and having the whole family around her. Sienna bravely endured injuries from her past, evidence of a far from perfect life before we adopted her. The injuries resulted in arthritis at an early age. She passed peacefully away in her basket, being fed prime beef from Christmas, as our vet gently helped her into her next chapter. We so miss her face waiting at the window for our return. We miss her kisses and her nose lifting our hands if she needed a cuddle. I scattered her ashes at Chatsworth in a special place and one day I will join her there. My beautiful girl, until we meet again..xxxxxxx
Elizabeth, Dorset



Sadly I have to report that **Polly** was put to sleep recently, aged 14/15. She had been with us just a week short of ten years and was a much loved member of the family, such a kind and gentle dog. Polly's back legs had started letting her down, and we decided that we didn't want to wait for things to reach crisis point but to let her go with dignity. We miss her but are grateful for all the time we had with her. Kind regards, Diane Meacock



It is with great sadness that I inform you that **Rasta**, our galgo, has had to be put to sleep after fighting bravely with a heart condition. Although we knew he had a heart murmur the vet, in early June, told us that his condition had become worse. However in late October his condition deteriorated rapidly and we could see that even our valiant Rasta was now feeling the effects of his heart problem. The following morning, with him looking no better, it was with great regret and heartache that we requested the vet to come to the house and our beloved dog passed away in our arms. He was just short of 15 years old. Rasta after initially trying to escape at every opportunity soon settled down into his new home, finding out that we weren't that bad after all. Before long we could work in the front garden where he would wander out to see what we were up to, have a look up and down the Close then go back to the comfort of his settee. He was a very affectionate dog and gave us years of pleasure. He took life's knocks and bumps and visits to the veterinary surgeon with stoic ease and the vet was amazed at his resilience and his determination to battle on after she had diagnosed his worsening heart condition. I would like to thank Sue, Phil and David of the Cheshire branch of *Greyhounds in Need* for all their hard work and dedication they provide for these dogs and especially to Carol who introduced us to dear Rasta when he needed re-homing. Rasta will be greatly missed not only by us but also Jasper his greyhound 'brother'. John and Rob



Arfa arrived 6th December 2003, died 4th November 2013, aged 13/14. After almost ten years of togetherness Arfa (nee Pirata) succumbed to old age. We originally agreed to foster him as he was without a home after his fellow galgos had left quarantine. He was a model car traveller from start to finish; settled immediately, rarely moved, never did any damage and was happy parked in the car for hours in the winter if wrapped in a couple of crochet blankets and two of his numerous coats. Of course as soon as he'd set paw over the threshold he just wasn't going anywhere—he'd found his forever home. My husband Peter kept asking me when was Pirata going to get re-homed.

Eventually he admitted that he was the only person in the village who had not realised that Pirata was a fixture. We renamed him "Arfa", as he had half a tail, a striped coat on one side and plain on the other and suffered from glaucoma in his right eye. Within a couple of months he had this eye removed as the glaucoma was too advanced to be treated with drops. He was a superb patient, wearing his Elizabethan collar for one night only and never attempting to scratch his eye. Subsequently he coped well..... Arfa was a treasured friend and companion; never happier than when he was with me. As a close friend said when I told her that he'd died, 'When you close your eyes you'll see him; when you open them you'll miss him.' So true, as every dog makes a special hole in your heart. Thank you GIN for letting me share my life with such a wonderful hound. I have been privileged to love him. Yvonne

Vet's Corner—The importance of vaccination and routine preventative health care in your dog.

Vaccination

A number of dangerous diseases can still affect dogs in the UK, and one of these, Leptospirosis can be transmitted to humans. Vaccination is the only safe way to provide immunity against these diseases.



What can my dog be vaccinated against?

Puppies receive a primary course of vaccination of two injections 2-4 weeks apart from the age of 8-10 weeks, dependent on your vet's protocols. Then your dog will receive an annual booster, which is also an opportunity for your dog to be examined by your vet and a good time to discuss your dog's health and well-being.

Parvovirus - Causes depression, bloody diarrhoea, vomiting, and dehydration and can often be fatal in young dogs. Easily spread and survives in the environment for long periods. Remains widespread in the UK.

Distemper - Runny nose and eyes, coughing, vomiting, tiredness, diarrhoea, thick pads, nervous signs, fitting and death in some cases. Treatment is usually not successful. Rare in the UK in recent years but major outbreaks have occurred in Europe.

Leptospirosis (inc. Weil's disease) - Caused by bacteria that are spread in the urine of rats and/or other dogs. Canals and rivers can be contaminated, and forms of the disease are seen across the UK. Can cause severe disease in humans (Weil's disease). Affects the liver or kidneys causing fever, lethargy, jaundice, vomiting and death in some cases. Certainly with the recent flooding in the South-East and South-West there have been concerns re Leptospirosis.

Infectious Canine Hepatitis - Attacks the liver and can be rapidly fatal. Still exists in the UK, although now rare.

Other Vaccines:

Kennel cough - Kennel cough is a highly contagious disease of the respiratory tract that results in a nasty hacking cough (sounding a bit like the whooping cough in people), which can last for several weeks. It is caused by a number of bacteria and viruses including *bordetella* and *canine parainfluenza virus*. It is spread from dog to dog via airborne droplets and nose to nose contact. Dogs are at risk wherever they gather together - kennels, shows, training classes, and the park.

Vaccination is by a squirt of vaccine up the nose (no needle!) and lasts for a full year. NB dogs can still contract kennel cough even if vaccinated but often develop a milder form of the disease.

Rabies - Rabies vaccinations are needed if you are planning on travelling outside the UK under the pet passport scheme.

Flea and worm preventatives. It is important to ensure that your dog is up to date with routine flea and worm treatment as both external and internal parasites can cause problems, most commonly skin (fleas, mites) and digestive problems (worms). In addition, we are seeing cases of Lungworm (*Angiostrongylus vasorum*) which can cause a myriad of clinical signs from a small nose bleed to coughing to stroke signs and indeed can sometimes be fatal.

There are many products on the market, from spot on applications to shampoos, flea collars and flea tablets. Wormers also come in a variety of pastes, tablets and spot ons. It is important to seek Veterinary advice before using any products and also to consider the environment when preventing a flea infestation or treating a flea problem.

The way the product works depends on the active ingredient and how it is used. Some products are designed to kill different life stages of the flea or mite or they only act on parasites they come into contact with. For example, a flea spray will only kill fleas that are on the animal at the time and will not have any residual effect should a flea land on the dog in the period after spraying whereas a spot on application will kill any fleas on the animal but will be absorbed into the dogs fat layer under the skin and therefore also kill any parasites that the animal comes into contact with for the products active period. If choosing these products ensure they are licensed for sighthounds, but consult your Vet.

Flea collars are available although there have been adverse events associated with them. It is important if you choose to use such a formulation to use a Veterinary prescribed collar. They work by slowly releasing a chemical which kills adult fleas or releases a chemical which the dog absorbs into their fat layer under the skin which then kills any fleas that come into contact with it. They are a good preventative method for fleas but are not effective in getting rid of existing populations or when a dog is heavily infested. They may cause a contact reaction around the dog's neck and only prevent against fleas. In sighthounds, with their reduced subcutaneous fat the absorption may be slightly variable and there could be a risk of overdosing these dogs with these collars.

We would advise our dog owners to use a monthly spot on which covers fleas, mites, roundworms and lungworm and to worm their dogs with a tapeworm preventative every three months.

Leigh Soby BVSc MRCVS

Homing UK—October galgos

The interest in the galgos we bring to the UK continues and the last group of ten, who arrived in October, were soon homed.

The first to leave were Rusty (Tarzas), Edwin (Curro) and Lily (Gaia) and they have been homed in Worcestershire. Next was Mika who has been homed in Cheshire.

Zoraida, Rondeno and Missy (Dorabella) now live in Manchester. Milo (Flaco) is now living quite near to us in London.

Diva (Panonique) is homed in Sussex and Lenin in Dorset.

Our new group of ten galgos, who are part of the sponsorship scheme, are at the kennels in Vic undergoing necessary veterinary care and will be arriving in April. (Please see pages 34-36 for more details).



Missy



Milo



Rondeno



Edwin



Mika



Rusty



Diva



Lenin



Zoraida



Lily

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

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Wraysbury, Middlesex, TW19 5DA.**

Our Sponsorship Galgos

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. 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. The ten galgos whose photos and details are shown below and on the next two pages will arrive in the UK in April. Once they have settled in we will be able to find out more about them and will put news and more photos on our website.

If you would like to **sponsor one of the galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form on page 33 and return it to us.

If you feel you **could offer a home** to one of them please email us info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk or give us a call on 01784 483206.

Our full homing pack, which includes the homing questionnaire, is available to download from our website - www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



Lian is a lovely looking male galgo. He is a light brindle boy with some white markings. He is approximately 3 years old. He was handed in to the shelter by his hunter owner.

He is probably not cat friendly but we will know more once he arrives in the UK. He is good with people and other dogs.

Felicia is a female galga, she is approx. 2 years old and has unusual black/white markings. She is good with people and other dogs.

She was roaming in the countryside in Almedralejo with another galgo. It took some time to catch her.





Marcia is a light brindle female galga. She is a friendly dog and is approximately 3 years old. She was found wandering the streets in Almendralejo.

Brita is a young white female galga, approximately 18 months old. She is good with people and other dogs and she turned up at the shelter in Almendralejo by herself !



Noel is a male galgo, approximately 2 years old. He has unusual black/white markings.

He was found on the streets in Almendralejo. He is quiet but friendly.

Legandario is a large brindle male galgo. He is approximately 3 years old. He was handed in to the shelter. He is friendly with people and other dogs.



Runa is a dark fawn female galga. approx. five years old. She is a little shy. She lived on the streets for a year, people would feed her but could not catch her, eventually they managed to catch her and take her to the shelter.

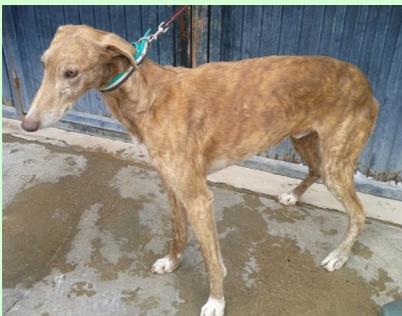
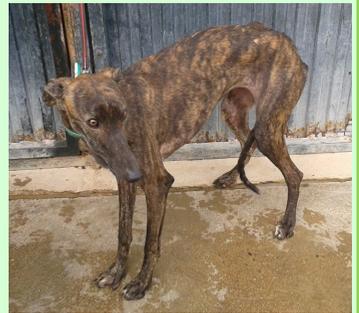


Verde is a light brindle male galgo, approx. 2 years old. He is good with people and other dogs.

He lived on the streets with Runa and eventually he was caught and taken to the shelter.

Mayra is a small dark brindle female galga. She is approximately 3 years old.

She is a little timid and will take time to gain her confidence. She gets on alright with other dogs.



Berbena is a lovely looking male galgo, approximately 6 years old.

He is a big dog and very friendly. He was handed in to the RECAL shelter in Almendralejo by his hunter owner. He is a light brindle boy with some white markings on his paws.