

# Greyhounds in Need



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Celebrating 20 years helping  
greyhounds and galgos  
1998—2018



*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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## News update

Dear Friends,

In May this year we will be celebrating **20 years** as a registered charity.



In 1998 Greyhounds in Need was founded by Anne and Arthur Finch after they had spent a number of years helping and rehoming greyhounds and raising awareness of their plight. Please read Anne's message on pages 6 and 7 giving more information about the early years.

Since those early days when the GIN office was in the back bedroom of Anne and Arthur's house the charity has grown considerably. We are lucky to have wonderful collaborations with many shelters in Spain, some we have worked with for years. As GIN has grown the help we have been able to give has expanded and we are so pleased and proud to have been able to increase our help and support.

The veterinary bills the shelters have are always high and much of the funding we are able to give, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, goes towards covering such costs.

The shelters in Spain are run mostly by volunteers who give so much of their time to help the abandoned dogs in their area. The visits we are able to make to the shelters are invaluable. We can see how projects we have funded have improved facilities for the dogs while they wait for a home.



The visits also allow us time to discuss future projects and see for ourselves why these are needed. You can read about the latest visit to Spain on pages 14 and 15.

We also have wonderful support from the adoption groups in mainland Europe who work tirelessly to find homes for the dogs. We are fortunate to be able to attend annual reunions that the groups arrange and often meet, for the first time, some of the many greyhounds and galgos we have helped.

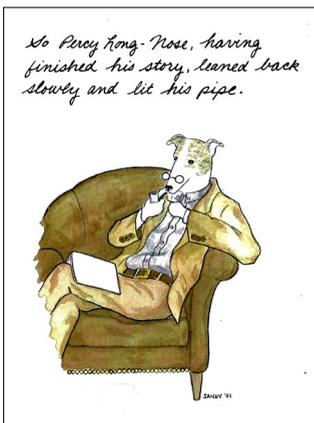


I would like to give a big THANK YOU to you, our volunteers and supporters, for the amazing support you have given us over so many years. Many of you have become good friends always there offering help when needed and we all appreciate this very much. Without this we would not have been able to do the work for the greyhounds and galgos.



*Galgos at Apapa, Ayamonte*

Please visit our website [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter—we are able to keep these up to date with our latest news and those we work with are often posting items on there too. We are always happy to receive news and photos of adopted dogs.



*No Percy Long Nose, having finished his story, leaned back slowly and lit his pipe.*

To mark our 20 years as a registered charity, and with Anne and Sandy's permission, we have re-printed the very popular "The Greyhound Family" cards (photo left). More details and photographs can be found in the enclosed catalogue and the cards and all our merchandise items are available to order on-line or over the phone.

I would like to thank Tracey and Geraldine for all their help in the office, we are always busy, no two days are the same and we are fortunate, now that we have more room, to have more local volunteers coming in to help us and share the workload.

I would like to end by saying a personal thank you to Anne for introducing me to the greyhounds and galgos. When I first started at GIN all I knew was that greyhounds raced and I'd never heard of a galgo, I think now, after nearly 20 years, I know a bit more!

Again, thank you all for your wonderful support and I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and catch up on our work over the last six months.

**Celebrating 20 years  
helping greyhounds  
and galgos**



**Carolyn x**

## Message from Anne

Dear Friends,

It is a real pleasure, on the occasion of our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, to contribute to this newsletter and share this moment with current friends and supporters of GIN.

GIN became registered as a charity in May 1998, but the work

leading up to this had begun in the early 1980s. Retired and abandoned greyhounds were filling up rescue kennels alarmingly and being overlooked as potential pets as the public had no experience of the breed except as a sporting dog. Much work needed to be done to promote both their plight and their suitability as companion animals. I adopted my first greyhound in 1986 and researching her background back to her trainer, owner and breeder, a whole new world began to open up.

Education has always been a very important part of GIN's work. Caring for an ex-racer successfully requires knowledge and understanding of the life they have been born into. In 1996, Ringpress commissioned The Pet Owner's Guide to the Greyhound and later the Retirement chapters of The Ultimate Greyhound.

At that time, 1000 dogs per year were being shipped from Ireland to Spain. I could bear no more to hear rumours of the awful conditions awaiting them there. Never being content with hearsay, I planned a secret investigative trip in September 1991, to see it for myself and brought 4 dogs back into quarantine for examination by a respected greyhound vet. Accounts of GIN's first rescued greyhound and galgo can be read here under 'Home' and 'How we started'.....

<http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/natureofproblem/HowWeStarted.htm>

Some kennels were closed down; others pledged to make improvements. I chose to stick close by, working alongside the employees and wrote and produced a 2 hour instructional video in Spanish for them (El Cuidado del Galgo de Carreras) detailing every aspect of compassionate care of a racing greyhound from cradle to grave. It has been loaded on to Youtube and amazingly been embraced by Hispanic enthusiasts everywhere, including in Central and South America.



Anne with Mario (standing) and Kayla

The burden of 6 months' UK quarantine meant finding sympathisers and homes elsewhere in mainland Europe, not an easy task before the days of the internet. We were homing some greyhounds with American Forces in Germany, which extended gradually to German nationals, and then real stars emerged in Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg etc. I have counted 14 different countries with whom we have worked.

In the mid 1990s, as the tracks closed down in Spain, the scandal of the mistreatment of thousands of galgos in the hidden rural areas of Spain reached our ears. This brought us closer to the young Spanish volunteers in the refuges desperately trying to address the situation with zero resources. Italy, and Elisa, came on the scene about this time as Naples and Rome tracks closed and our collaborators in Europe once again came to the rescue.

The above sketches GIN's involvement over three decades of greyhound concern and care. Beside the ~700 dogs GIN contributes to rescuing each year, I am proud to see the fantastic work they do financing building improvements to the refuges, providing suitable vehicles for transportation, and funding veterinary care and sterilisations.

The major educational project in schools that GIN promotes too is a great success locally and will have a lasting influence on the mindset of these youngsters in the future, teaching them compassion and kindness.

But none of this can happen without funds and that has meant regular dogged hard work from you out there... and it can seem like a treadmill I know.....The Bournemouth Shop, the Sponsorship scheme, the Merchandise sales, the work of the North West team. I am so very mindful and grateful.

GIN continues to flourish under an able and experienced management team well able to carry our cause forward into it's third decade. I am sorry that due to ill-health, I can no longer participate.

Thank you for believing in our cause, for enduring its travails, supporting our work and earning GIN the high respect in which it is held.

THANK YOU

**Anne Finch  
Founder**

## Trustees' pages

I greet all our supporters on the Twentieth Anniversary of the registration of GIN as a charity.

We are still here, in good health and expanding our work only because of your unstinting support over the years. THANK YOU!

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The first person we must all thank and salute is our founder Anne Finch. Anne was the first person to recognise the appalling treatment of galgos in Spain and devoted her life, health and fortune to their rescue and rehoming. Anne has now retired and living on the Isle of Wight.

So at this special time in the life of your charity, I am delighted to report, on behalf of the trustees, that GIN is in good heart and ready, with your help, to push forward in our constant drive to improve the conditions and health of the Spanish galgos and to enable their rescue and rehoming.

At this stage of our work, we are devoting more effort to the education of school children in Spain.

Our objective is to raise awareness of the importance of animal welfare in general and of the plight of the galgos in particular. It cannot be said too often that it is to the the rising generation that we must look for lasting improvement. As we look around the world, we must realise that cruelty to animals exists everywhere, including in the UK. For this reason, GIN is scrupulous in never lecturing our Spanish friends. We just do what we can to help them in their devoted work for galgos.

Looking back over the last twenty years, you our supporters, can be proud of what you have enabled us to achieve. At the same time as continuing to enable the rescue treatment and rehoming of around 700 galgos and greyhounds a year, we have been able to make huge improvements to the facilities of the rescue centres we support in Spain. These include security, rebuilding of kennel accommodation, heating for the winter and shade for the summer, in addition to the very substantial sums we continue to devote to transport, veterinary care and the equipment of on-site clinics to a much higher standard.

We must acknowledge the huge devotion and unceasing work of our colleagues in Spain who work tirelessly, often in the face of hostility and of a generally unsympathetic environment.

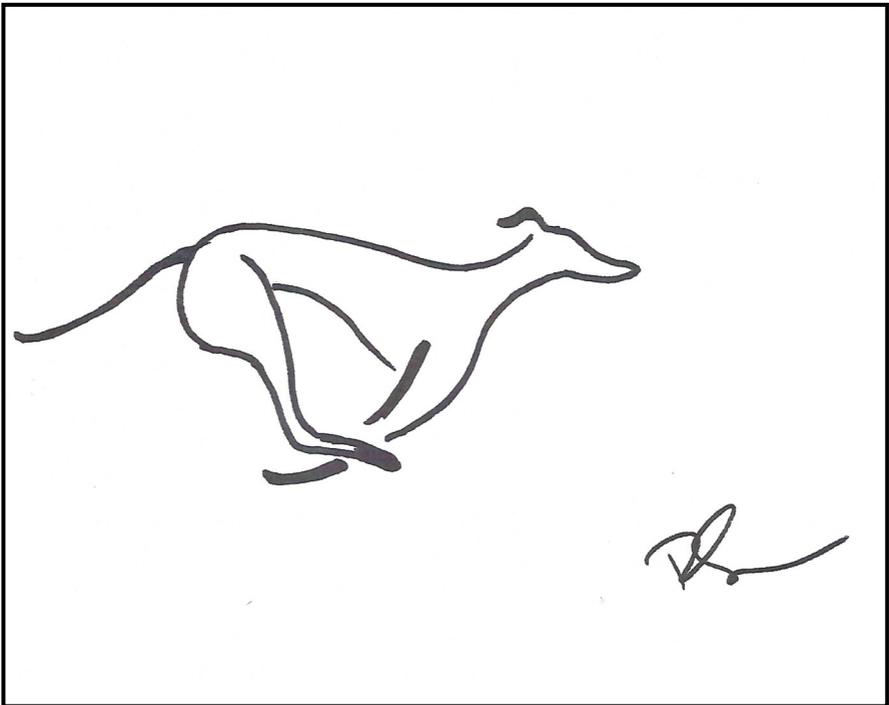
Since I last reported, GIN has funded the building of a new education centre at Galgos del Sol and we will be giving on-going support for this project. We have also given substantial support to the building of a new rescue centre in Murcia, called APA Santa Clara, run by a heroic English lady, Margaret, under the presidency of a Spanish lady, Carmen. This will provide important help in an area of great need.

Recently, my colleague Leigh, who is our veterinary surgeon and trustee, accompanied by our Deputy General Manager Tracey, has made a visit to several of our supported centres in Spain, including the formal opening of the new education centre referred to above. These regular tours by trustees and staff continue to keep us in touch with new areas of need as well as ensuring that what we do is useful and properly carried out.

We continue to enjoy the valuable support of our distinguished Patrons and we congratulate Jilly Cooper on her CBE awarded in the New Years Honours.

Our Patron, **Ricky Gervais**, has kindly drawn and donated this greyhound drawing to Greyhounds in Need to mark our "**20th Anniversary**" and we will be auctioning this on-line soon to raise funds for our work.

Please keep checking our website for more news—[www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)



I have to report that Eric Goodley, our Treasurer, has decided to retire. We thank Eric for his help to GIN and wish him well in his retirement.

Recently, we have branched out into helping to rehome two greyhound crosses from their tragic lives in Romania. This followed on from my trip to Romania which I reported in the last issue.

I close by once more thanking our devoted staff for another year of achievement and by hoping that our work has the approval of you all, including that of our esteemed founder.

Here's to the next twenty!

**Martin**



**Sofia, from Romania, now happily homed in London with Ewelina**



**Martin with Percy, Gabriella who adopted Allegro, our Patron, Ricky Gervais, Ira Moss (All Dogs Matter) with Abby and Angela Humphery**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE\*\*\***

**General Data Protection Regulation**

As many of you may already know, in May 2018 the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will become law in the UK. This will supersede the 1998 Data Protection Act, under which we currently operate.

As a supporter of Greyhounds in Need (GIN) , you can be assured that we have always taken data protection very seriously and take every practicable measure to ensure your information is safe and accurate at all times.

**We never sell your data or share it with anyone outside of GIN.**

There has been much debate about how charities should keep in touch with their supporters. Some charities are contacting their supporters and asking them to **opt in** to continue receiving news in the future. Others, like GIN, especially as many of you are regular donors, members, sponsors, have chosen to rely on what the new legislation calls "legitimate interest", which simply means that we undertake to keep you informed of our work, as we always have done, via our newsletters and website, as we feel that you would expect us to do so.

We send out emails with links to our new newsletters and if you would like to receive communications from us by email in future please telephone us on **01784 483206** or send us an email to **info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk**

Our full Privacy Policy can be viewed on our website -

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

**Thank you for your continued support**

## Education

We are pleased that the education programme is going well in Spain and our new website is proving popular with the shelters and schools.

There are many activities that can now be downloaded making it easier for teachers to use the material. We have just added a new activity to encourage children, here and in Spain, to knit a coat for the galgos. Please see page 13.

Leigh and Tracey visited Spain recently and Jiseth, who is now running the project in Albacete, had arranged for them to sit in on one of the classes at a local school. At the end of the lesson the children presented them with some lovely drawings and these are being loaded onto our website.

Mada, at RECAL, continues her work on the education programme and is currently organising school visits to the shelter in Almendralejo.

Claudette and the team at APAPA in Ayamonte are also working on the education programme and arrange classes for children at local events. They hope to expand this in the future.

Galgos del Sol in Murcia have been visiting schools in their area for some time now and we were pleased to be able to offer funding for a new education building at their centre. Tracey and Leigh were able to "cut the ribbon" when they visited in March and Tina and Sam are planning to start the on site education programme, using the GIN material, in May.

**You can download the GalGo! Game for free here -**



Galgos del Sol, Murcia



## Knit for the galgos

Did you know that knitting has many social, emotional and developmental benefits for young people?

We have created a new 'Knit for the galgos' resource which encourages young people and schools to get knitting. You don't have to be a school to take part, we welcome anyone that wants to have a go at knitting to try out our simple patterns.

You could knit blanket squares, have a go at knitting a whole blanket or, for the more experienced, knit a coat for a galgo.

The resource is free to download from—

[www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/teaching-resources](http://www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/teaching-resources)

and you will be helping the galgos stay warm and cosy.



## Knit for the Galgos

Greyhounds in Need (GIN) are a charity that help in the rescue and rehoming of the Spanish galgo. Galgos have short hair and thin bodies, which means they really feel the cold. Inland Spain can be very cold in winter, so the rescue shelters are always in need of blankets and coats to help keep the galgos they care for warm and cosy.

You can help the galgos and have fun learning to knit at the same time! Whether you are a school, community group or an individual, this resource has been created to help you learn to knit and help the galgos too!



Greyhounds  
in Need [www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

## Knitting at school

Knitting has many social, emotional and developmental benefits for young people. It has been shown to improve behaviour especially attention and listening, encouraging focus and promoting communication skills.

Learning to knit can also help develop key skills, including:

- Fine and gross motor skills
- Reading
- Maths
- Comprehension
- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Creativity
- Resilience
- Focus and attentiveness
- Spatial recognition
- Confidence building
- Self-esteem.



Learning craft skills - knitting in particular - has been proven to reduce stress and increase well-being.

### Why not start a knitting club at school?

You don't need much to start a knitting club!

You will need:

- A room or dedicated space with seating. A table might be useful too.
- Lots of wool (appropriate for the patterns you choose to follow).
- Knitting needles (in appropriate sizes for the patterns you choose to follow).
- People.

It's worth checking out local charity shops for wool and second hand needles.

Or you could ask for donations family and friends to support your knitting project.



We would love to see what you are making.  
Send us some photos and you could feature on our website! (see page 8 for details).

## Visit to Spain - March 2018

Leaving a very snowy UK behind, I joined our trustee, Leigh, on a trip to Southern Spain to visit three shelters that GIN support and meet the dedicated staff and volunteers that run them.

Our first stop was in Albacete where we met Sole and Jisseth from Arca de Noe and were very fortunate to join Jisseth on one of her many school visits that she attends using GIN's education programme. Sitting at the back of the class did take me back a few years but it was so fulfilling to see the concentration on the children's faces and lovely to see how many were eager to answer, when questioned, about the galgos and their needs. We were rewarded at the end of class with pictures the children were asked to do for us which showed their thanks for our visit and for rescuing the galgos.

After all our "studying" it was great to have some galgo therapy at the shelter, that even the rain could not dampen!! As the hunting season had just finished there were 120 galgos at Arca de Noe, so Sole and her dedicated group of volunteers were kept busy. After all that these rescues have been through - some worse than others, they are just so happy to see you and have cuddles, even the very timid ones are curious but come around eventually. With a lot of reluctance, we had to say goodbye to all at Arca de Noe and make our way to the APA Santa Clara shelter in Tobarra.

It was a pleasure to meet Margaret who runs the shelter with Carmen. We met at their old shelter with the run down kennels they are currently still using - but hopefully not for too much longer. Last year Margaret was able to oversee



Jisseth, Tracey and Leigh



Old APA shelter



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the building of a brand new shelter with proper kennels and exercise runs on some other land nearby which is almost finished.

After we had made a fuss of the galgos and tucked them up for the evening we went with Margaret to see the new shelter. GIN has funded two kennels here for the galgos that APA takes in and as you can see from the picture (right) it is going to be such an improvement for Margaret, her volunteers and all the abandoned and stray dogs that come here.

The new shelter will have a treatment room, office area and plenty of storage for the great number of donated coats, blankets and food that Margaret receives. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm and excitement that Margaret showed, and we are looking forward to seeing some pictures from her once the dogs have moved in.



The new APA shelter



Galgos del Sol, Murcia

Our final visit was to Galgos del Sol in Murcia where we were met by two full time volunteers, Kim and her daughter Eva, who live on site and help Tina with the day to day running. We were very excited to see the newly finished education building which GIN had funded and it was a great honour to "cut the ribbon" and officially open the building on behalf of GIN. Inside everything was in place ready for school children from local schools to visit and take part in the new education programme that Tina will be starting in May. There is a lovely outside area completely shaded where the children will be able to meet the galgos and interact with them too.



Kim and Eva were perfect hosts and spent the afternoon showing us around the rest of the shelter and the best thing of all the lovely galgos and puppies which they care for with a passion. Sadly, time went too quickly, and we had to leave to get our flight back to the UK, but it was with great satisfaction knowing our help was so much appreciated.



All these shelters do such an amazing job and the dedication, commitment and love all those involved give goes without saying. Education is the way forward and we are excited to be able to play a part in this by sharing our programme/ resources any way we can to show the future generation how to care for animals. **Tracey x**

## Support for the shelters

We continue to offer funding for transports of greyhounds from England and Ireland to France and Italy and for galgos from Spain to other mainland European countries.

Transporting the dogs safely is very important and over the last year we have been able to offer funding to Theseus of **Association Aide aux**

**Levriers Martyrs** for an air conditioning unit for their van. They have been very busy equipping the van and obtaining necessary licences for transporting dogs. They travel to Vic near Barcelona to collect the galgos and have now made their first trip to collect five galgos for homing in France.



The **Arca de Noe** van has covered many miles since we

donated this in 2013. Around 90 galgos left Albacete for homes in Italy last year and a further 90 left for homes in France, Switzerland and Slovenia.

Balbino and Pepe, in the photo left, are regular volunteer drivers for the trip to Italy. **GACI** make some lovely videos of the galgos arrival in Modena when they

meet their new families. Please take a look at the latest transport articles on our website.



Thank you for our nice warm coats

and the lovely houses



houses to the shelters thanks to the kind donations we receive and the money raised from our Christmas Treats Appeal—**£1,400.00.**

We have again been able to send many treats, coats, beds, blankets,



Our charity gives regular funding to a number of shelters to help with veterinary costs. These cover the testing for Mediterranean diseases, vaccinations, neutering, treatment for worms and fleas, microchipping and preparing necessary pet passport paperwork. Sadly, many galgos arriving at the shelters need additional veterinary costs and we always try to help when we can.

One such case was Meisie.

Eva of the **ADANA** shelter in Badajoz wrote to us earlier this year to ask for help with some veterinary costs for Meisie. When he was rescued both his back paws were very badly damaged and he was in a bad way. The vets did not know if they would be able to help him.

After a period of rest and good food the vets decided to operate. He came through the operation very well and had several laser treatments on his injured paws.



When he was ready to leave the vets he went to a foster home in Badajoz.

He has made an amazing recovery from such horrific injuries and is one very brave galgo.

He continues to wear some little boots to protect his paws while they heal.



GIN has been able to help by funding some veterinary costs for Meisie and we will also be funding his transport costs to his new home in Italy, via Albacete, next month.

Please take a look at our galgos  
Aliseda, Pantera and Orion,  
on pages 32 and 33,  
who are in the UK waiting to be adopted



We have worked with Claudette and her team at **Asociación Protectora de Animales y Plantas de Ayamonte (APAPA)** in Villablanca for some years now.

We were fortunate to visit them two years ago. They help all breeds of dogs and some cats and wanted to help more galgos. Recently we were able to send more coats, blankets and dog treats to them as well as offer funding for some dog houses and beds. We have also again been able to offer funding for veterinary costs and Claudette sent some news and photos of four of the new arrivals that they were able to take from the "killing station". She said they were in terrible condition. One female was full of wounds and a walking skeleton. One of the males has an injured leg which might be due to an old fracture but x-rays would be booked to check this.

Claudette said..... *"We were able to place all four in one kennel with full tummies, warm blankets, some new beds, the new dog house (the other we left in the quarantine area, because as you know, sometimes we need extra space), and all nice and warm with their coats. When I see them all safe and sound I can't help but get emotional and always think of GIN and the reason they are with us. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we have your support and that thanks to this cooperation, these dogs have a new future..... As always, thank you so much for all your help and making this possible.*

*Please thank the whole GIN team and especially the wonderful volunteers who make it all so easy for us. Truly we could never do this alone.*

*Have a wonderful day!!*

**Claudette, APAPA**







**How you can help GIN**

We are very grateful to many supporters who work hard throughout the year fundraising for GIN but we are always in need of more helpers. If you feel you can organize an event, have a table at a car boot sale, organise a street / store collection, sponsored walk please contact us. We can provide literature to display and if you live near our shop we can provide items to sell.

We can promote these events on our main charity website, Facebook and Twitter pages and do mailshots to supporters in the area to encourage support.

These events are very important for the charity as they not only raise much needed funds but they raise awareness of our work and the plight of the galgos. It is also good for the charity to have new members join us, often after they have picked up literature at an event they want to help, and some people have gone on to adopt one of our galgos.



Sponsored events can be added to our Justgiving site making it easier for people to sponsor on-line  
<http://www.justgiving.co.uk/charity/search>.



Our Facebook page receives many "likes" and this has also led to home offers for our dogs. Events can be placed on there to attract more visitors/sponsors. If you have time please visit and "like us" You can add photos and news of your own dogs on here and message other greyhound and galgo owners, exchanging ideas and offering help/advice to new and potential adopters.

<http://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed>



Our Twitter account is also growing in followers. Please visit to read our news and retweet our messages to help spread the word.

[https://twitter.com/galgos\\_GIN](https://twitter.com/galgos_GIN)



We are also on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/greyhoundsinneed.uk>

Please continue to send us 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, or foreign coins please send these along to us as funds can be raised from these items.

## Donations can be made to GIN in a number of ways:

Cheques and postal orders can be sent to our office in Egham.

Regular monthly donations can be set up by standing order (page 19).

Donations can be made on line at



OR



You can also donate to GIN by text. If you would like to give a donation to help a homeless galgo, please text **GINN33 £(amount) to 70070**.



We have an account on ebay where items can be sold and 100 % of the proceeds go to GIN. It is possible for our supporters to sell their items on ebay (if they have an account) and ask for a percentage or all of the money raised to go to GIN.

# easyfundraising

.org.uk

**Easyfundraising** is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes just by shopping online. You

don't pay anything extra. Just shop on-line via the [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website. Over 2,700 retailers can be found on the site including Amazon, eBay, Tesco, M&S and Argos

Why not become a member of GIN—our membership fee is £12 for the calendar year (£6 for non-wage earners).

We are fortunate to receive many coats for the galgos and send these to Spain throughout the year. We have the coat patterns on our website if you feel you can help us -

<http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/howyoucanhelp/coat.htm>

and

[www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/teaching-resources](http://www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/teaching-resources)

### Other items always needed in Spain -

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

Please don't forget to recycle your old ink cartridges to help GIN



— we can provide postage paid envelopes



## Fundraising

Events are being planned now for the busy fund-raising season and we all hope that the weather will be kind to us this year.



Please check out our website — [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) as we will be adding events throughout the year.

There are many ways you can help GIN (please see pages 20 and 21). If you would like to help us with fundraising please give us a call. We also have a fundraising pack that we can send to you and can advertise events on our website, Facebook, Twitter etc.

We are again organising a Summer Raffle. The draw will be on **Friday 27th July** and this year the top three prizes are —

**1<sup>st</sup> prize - £500, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - £250, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - £50.**



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 5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE.

If you would like more tickets please email us [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) or give us a call **01784 483206** and we will put them in the post.

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## Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Chica looking settled in France



Carbonara now happy in Italy



Gandalf chilling in Nottingham



Babette and William, ex-racing greyhounds, happily homed together in France



Sophie, happily homed in France with Maggie and Martin



Ania, happily homed in France by Levriers en Detresse



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



# Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Zeus and Chocolata, from RECAL, now homed together in France



River (Apollo) with his new friend Bo

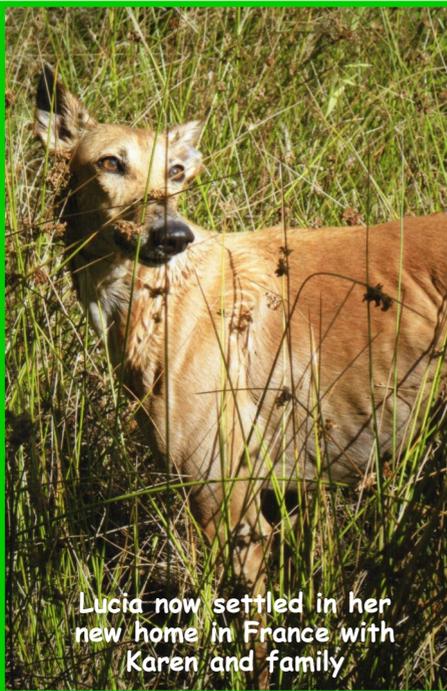


Eddie and Rufus enjoying life in Wales with Cheryl and Nigel

More happily homed greyhounds and galgos can be seen in the Homing Gallery on our website or on our FB, Twitter and Instagram pages



Nerea enjoying life in Coventry with Abigail and Paul



Lucia now settled in her new home in France with Karen and family



Piczca happily homed in France thanks to ALM

## News from Cheshire and the North West

Activities here in the North West have been very limited over the past few months, largely as a result of the seemingly endless cold and wet winter. The Spring sunshine is taking a long time to arrive.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, we are reducing the number of events we are organising this year, however we do have some dates for you to pencil into your diaries.

### Fundraising Events

On Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> Greyhounds in Need volunteers will be fundraising on the main street in Cleveleys from 10am to 4pm. These are two of our favourite events and they are very well supported by the local townspeople and visitors to this popular seaside resort on the Fylde Coast between Blackpool and Fleetwood. Let us hope that the warm and sunny weather has finally arrived by May.

On Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> GIN will have a stand at another of our longstanding events, the Fun Dog Show organised by the Home Farm at Tatton Park in Cheshire. The Dog Show is held in the grounds of Tatton Park, Knutsford in Cheshire WA16 6QN from 12 noon.

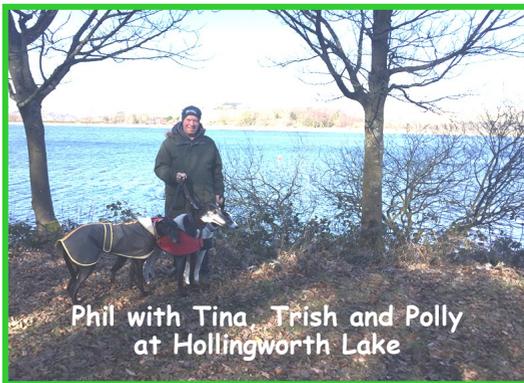
### Social Dog Walks

We promised that we would organise social dog walks for our volunteers and their dogs at various venues around Cheshire and the North West. So far we have arranged two dates for walks in Marbury Country Park, Comberbach, Northwich in Cheshire CW9 6AT, from 12 noon on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August .

We also hope to arrange a walk around Hollingworth Lake, near Rochdale, date to be confirmed. This a very popular walk for owners and their dogs. It takes about an hour and there are several dog friendly pubs and cafes including a cafe conveniently situated half way around the lake. Keep a look out for more details being posted on the GIN website and Facebook page.



Roger, Sue, Sandra and Jenny collecting for GIN with their dogs - Katie, Stella, Foxy, Charity and Amy



Phil with Tina, Trish and Polly at Hollingworth Lake

## **Sad News**

We are devastated to report the sudden and unexpected passing away of one of our lovely friends Mrs Jennifer Billington, on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2018. Many of you will remember Jenny, together with her husband Jim and their greyhounds Charity and Foxy who are longstanding and committed supporters of GIN. Jenny will be very sadly missed by us all. Jenny especially enjoyed our get togethers at Marbury and we are delighted that Jim will continue to join us at our events, with Charity and Foxy of course. Sincere condolences Jim from all your friends at GIN and Rest in Peace Jenny.

### **Maddie**

Maddie was the eldest of our four greyhound girls. She passed away peacefully in our arms on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 after struggling with bone cancer in one of her back legs. Maddie would have been 12 years old on March 27<sup>th</sup> and many of you will remember her for her attendance at our events over the years.



She will be very sadly missed by her mum and dad, Sue and Phil as well as her sisters Tina, Polly and Trish but not by our local cats, who are all now breathing a collective sigh of relief!

### **Murphy**

We are also sad to report the passing away of Murphy on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Murphy was 11 and a half and was a real character, especially in his younger days when we first homed him, over 8 years ago. He will be sadly missed by Craig and his young family.

To end on a positive note, we are really looking forward to catching up with everyone at Cleveleys in May and then at Marbury the following week. We will also confirm a date for the Hollingworth Lake walk as soon as we can.

Take care everyone and we hope to see you and your dogs very soon.

**Sue, Phil and Carol,  
Volunteers for Greyhounds in Need**

## TRIBUTES

✦ **Mary-Anne** During the summer of 2009 Geraldine and I visited the Gloucestershire kennels where the galgos were, at that time, quarantined by GIN. It was a release day and we were looking forward to seeing the

latest batch of dogs meeting their new owner and being taken to their homes. We were not looking to home a dog ourselves at the time. The release process was impressive—all the dogs looked immaculate and although some appeared a little overwhelmed by the number of strangers present they generally seemed to sense that whatever was happening was in their best interests. On our way home we both commented on one small white dog in particular who had seemed nervous, and had to be taken for a walk in the kennel grounds prior to joining



her new family. Some weeks went by and we were sorry to hear that this nervous dog had not settled well and had been returned to the kennels. To cut a long story short we offered to take the dog, Mary-Anne, on a foster basis pending a new home being found for her. Back to Gloucestershire, this time with our granddaughter in tow. We arrived and quickly spotted Mary-Anne in her run—she was the one jumping up the fence, and barking like mad at nothing in particular. We completed the necessary paper-work and awaited the latest addition to the family. Members of the kennel staff had clearly taken to Mary-Anne and we were given advice on handling her; one young man who had obviously formed a

bond with her said a tearful goodbye and asked us to be sure to look after her as she was a 'bit special'. When we got her home it was clear that she was nervous and unsettled. In fact she spent much of her first 2 or 3 weeks with us behind the sofa—ironically she spent much of the next 8 years on the same sofa, we were only allowed to sit there on special occasions! We often hear of rescued dogs that dislike and fear men, this was certainly the case with Mary-Anne. However she soon got over it and I can honestly say that during our marathon walks in Windsor Great Park and the local moor we developed a friendship that I have never experienced with any of the many dogs I have had over the years. She absolutely idolised my wife, our daughter, and granddaughter. All thoughts of simply fostering Mary-Anne were abandoned very quickly and we were delighted to adopt her formally. She was a regular visitor to GIN headquarters where she soon became popular with the staff but in particular with Lurchy even if she wasn't above stealing his bed and/or his lunch. Many people would comment on the fact that she was a happy dog and her tail rarely stopped wagging. I think that is true—in any event the last half of her life was a distinct improvement on the first half. Sadly we lost her just before Christmas due to a heart condition. Her tail was still wagging even when she was taking her final breaths. I think the kennel lad had it right—she was 'a bit special'.  
Geraldine, Tom and Sam x

✦ Sadly, our beloved **Finnuala** died at the ripe old age of 15+ years. She was born 28 Sept 2002 and came to us from Ireland in March 2005. We will always be grateful to Anne Finch, GIN, Carolyn and the late John Carroll for bringing her into our lives. Saying Thank You hardly seems enough...



Be assured that although we no longer have a hound ourselves, we will always support GIN and sing your praises. Kind regards Verna and Asgeir

✦ It is with a heavy heart that we have to tell you that we lost **Isla**.

She went downhill rapidly in a matter of a couple of days. She was very special to me, and had many friends over the common who, I know, will miss her. She loved visiting you in Wraysbury and finding as many biscuits and sandwiches as possible. Once she even got a bag of cheques which didn't amuse the accountant one bit! Lexi our Shepherd is grieving for her, she wouldn't get out of the car for her walk and is not eating. I know how she feels.  
Val and Brian

## TRIBUTES

✧ **Mosca**—sorry to tell you:  
Mosca is gone forever. It was  
a smooth goodbye after a



savory lunch and an induced deep siesta in the sun with us. Surely we will miss her after living with her for four and a half years. In July 2017 we celebrated her 14th birthday and she had lived her last 4 and 1/2 years happily within our family. I hope, we were able to compensate her for all the not so happy years she had before. She will always live in our hearts. Thank you again for your work and engagement. With love,

Michaela Dettar



✧ We were sad to hear that **Amy** had been put to sleep earlier this year after a short illness. Twig and Netty are really missing Amy very much, she had lived with them for four years.

✧ **Ella 15-10-09-14.09.17.** My dear sweet Ella, having you in our lives and our heart's was truly wonderful. You came to us on 7th March, 2016. A Spanish rescued girl, via GIN, and you were a much wanted, loved, welcome addition to our family. A beautiful girl, quite shy with people, but how you'd blossomed over the 18 months that you were with us. Ella you loved to dig amongst the bark, sending it all over the place, you'd stand there all dirty, but such a happy girl, a huge big galga grin on your face, and I never managed to catch that smile on camera, one look at the camera and you'd scoot off, what a little tinker. There was one day when I was watching the telly, a lovely custard doughnut on my plate just waiting to be eaten. Little did I know that you would whip it off my plate so very quickly and quietly. How you're missed little girl, your sister Cleo is still wandering around looking for you, your blind brother Arthur is totally lost without you, you've left such a huge void in our lives. No sweeter or gentler little dog ever walked on God's earth. You took poorly in the middle of August, but with the vet's help, you seemed to be getting better, then it seems you were hit with one health problem after another, a second scan was done and tumours on your liver were revealed. Although not in pain, your poor tummy swelled up so much, it must've been so very uncomfortable for you, but never ever once did you complain. How very brave you were, you're at peace now. All the Campbell canine angel's were waiting for you at Rainbow Bridge to welcome you to their heavenly pack with open paws and loving hearts. You will never be alone or lonely dear Ella. We all miss you and love you so very much. Holding you against me as you gently slipped away was so very heartbreaking, but you were called to be an angel in heaven, like the angel you were on earth. Sleep tight my little snuggles, love you round the world and back again, up to the moon and back, you're now the brightest star shining in the darkness of the night, till we meet again baby girl. Love forever your heartbroken Mummy, brothers—Arthur, Billy, Tobi, sisters—Cleopatra and Sophie. Diane x



## **Vet's Corner—**

### **Pet Insurance**

Without a doubt the UK has long been known as a nation of animal lovers. For many of us, our pets are a big part of our lives and are considered one of the family. Therefore, when they fall ill or are involved in an accident, it can be a very stressful time for all involved. Not only do we have to worry about the well-being of our pets, but also the cost of veterinary bills. Therefore, in recent years, many people have chosen to insure their pets to help lessen the burden of unexpected veterinary bills and ensure that cost is not a limiting factor in treating their pets.

There are a number of pet insurance policies to choose from:

#### **Third Party**

This policy is usually available for dogs only and will cover any resulting claim if your dog damages someone else's property or causes personal injury to a third party.

#### **Accident Only**

This type of policy covers your pet if they require veterinary treatment after an accident (e.g. hit by a road vehicle) but will not cover your pet if they develop a medical illness.

Be aware that some of these policies will only cover treatment for a certain period of time.

#### **Per condition with a time limit**

This type of policy will cover treatment fees for both accidents and illnesses. It will only cover treatment for a maximum of 12 months after your pet has been diagnosed with a specific illness. This policy typically has a maximum pay-out. This means that if the veterinary treatment exceeds this limit, you will have to pay the remaining balance.

#### **Per condition**

With this policy the insurer will cover the cost of treatment of a condition for as long as it lasts, provided you renew the policy after 12 months (i.e. There is no time limit, although a maximum benefit may be imposed per a condition)

#### **Lifetime cover**

This type of cover is the most expensive but the most comprehensive. The insurer has a maximum amount they will pay out each year to cover both illnesses and accidents. The maximum amount paid out will vary between insurers.

When buying insurance, there are other key points to consider:

**Excess:**

This is the amount of money you have to pay when you make a claim. It may be a fee set by the insurer or you may be able to choose your excess level. If you opt for a higher excess, it will reduce the cost of your insurance premiums.

**Elective treatments:**

This includes procedures such as vaccinations, parasite treatment, microchipping, neutering or anything related to pregnancy. Many policies will not cover these treatments. However, we would highly recommend keeping your pet up to date with preventative care. It improves your pet's overall health and many insurers require certain preventative measures to be taken e.g. vaccination for the policy to be valid. Your pet's insurance premium may be lower if their preventative care is optimal.

**Dental procedures or burials fees:**

These may or may not be covered by your policy, so we recommend you check with your insurer.

**Pre-existing medical conditions:**

If you are buying a new policy or switching to another insurer and your pet already has a medical condition, it may not be covered.

In conclusion, pet insurance can greatly help support your pet's health throughout their life. Before picking a policy, it is vital to do your research and carefully read the terms and conditions of each individual policy.

Insuring your pet while they are young, in good health and by keeping their routine healthcare up to date you help ensure they get the best cover for the best price.

**Dr Mary Mullaney MVB MRCVS**



## Galgos for Adoption

Three of the six galgos we brought to the UK in February were adopted very quickly. Tizona, was the first to leave and she has gone to join Ruby and Jan in Wiltshire. Next to leave was Dama, now Phoebe, who has settled well with Julia and family in East Grinstead. Apollo, now River, followed soon after and he is already enjoying life in Berkshire with Katrina.

We are still looking for homes for Aliseda, Pantera and Orion.

**Aliseda** is around 10 years old and was found roaming the streets in Almendralejo. She has some scars from her hunting days but is very friendly. She is as keen as any of the galgos to go for her walks and she is good on a lead. She often puts her head on you and loves her head rubbed. She is kennelled with Orion at the moment and they get on well even though he is a lively boy. We feel she would be alright as an only dog or homed with another dog or dogs. She just needs to find her forever home now with a nice bed.....or sofa!



**Pantera** is a lovely black female, approximately six years old. She is a little shy with people at first and although she walks well on a lead she is wary of new surroundings.

She had a damaged tail in Spain and had to have a small piece removed but it has healed well. She gets on well with other dogs and would probably do better in a home with another more confident dog to help her overcome her shyness. She was handed in to the shelter by her hunter owner.



**Orion** is just over a year old. He is black with some white on his chest. He is a lovely looking dog and loves everyone. He doesn't seem to have any fears. He is young and playful, he will jump up when he gets excited and to get some more fuss. He is good with people and other dogs, he walks quite well on a lead. He came from the streets and was taken in by RECAL in Almendralejo. He really needs a home where someone has time to spend with him and once his recall training is done and it is safe to let him off lead he will be able to run off some of his energy. He could be homed with another dog but it would need to be a confident dog who could cope with a young dog.



If you feel you could offer a home to one of our galgos please contact Carolyn or Tracey at the GIN office on 01784 483206 or email us [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

## Sponsorship

Our sponsorship scheme was started some years ago when we brought galgos into quarantine, for later homing in the UK. We have continued the scheme for the galgos we are still able to bring into the UK and this continues to help with the costs involved in carrying out

the necessary veterinary care needed to comply with our import regulations as well as helping with the boarding costs we incur in Spain, whilst the dogs are undergoing checks/treatment, and in the UK until they are homed.



As the dogs are homed quite quickly it has become harder to allocate particular dogs to our sponsors and for this reason we changed the sponsorship scheme to cover all the sponsor dogs and we write to sponsors with news on them when they arrive and as they are homed. We are very grateful to our sponsors for the support they have given us over the years.

If you would like to **sponsor our galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form on page 35 and return it to us.

If you feel you **could offer a home** to a galgo please give us a call on 01784 483206 or email us [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

Our full homing pack, which includes the homing questionnaire, is available to download from our website -



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



## Sponsorship

I would like to sponsor the galgos and wish to give Greyhounds in Need CIO (\*Circle as appropriate) \*£5 per month

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