

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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News Update

Dear Friends,

As I start to write this newsletter the sun is streaming through the office and it is more like a day in July than February. It seems strange to be working with the windows open whilst boxing up more coats, treats, blankets etc for the shelters in Spain.

A big **thank you** to everyone for making some lovely coats and blankets for the galgos and also for taking part in our Christmas Appeal which raised just over £1,400.00.

This newsletter is packed with our news over the last six months and we are getting ready now for the fundraising season and hope the weather will be kind to us all again this year. Please check our website/FB page for events news.

We are again having a Summer Raffle and enclose a book of raffle tickets with this newsletter and hope you will take part. The draw will be on **26th July**. Cheques, payable to Greyhounds in Need CIO, and raffle stubs should be returned to us at 5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE. If you would like more tickets please call us on 01784 483206, or email us—info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk and we will put them in the post.

We are very grateful to Sue and Penny for donating the **2nd Prize** for our raffle this year. As many of you know they used to run the Bournemouth shop for us until moving, in 2015, to Cornwall. They now run a lovely dog friendly holiday lodge near Bude. Here is a link to their website -

www.seacoombeholidaylodge.co.uk

We enclose our new merchandise catalogue and hope you will find something you like for you and/or your four legged friends. Larger photos and limited stock items can also be found on our website.

We continue to raise funds on eBay from the kind donations our supporters send or bring to the office. We are always looking for different items to sell. The most popular items we have sold in the last year are shoes, bags and clothing, especially new with tags.

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

I would also like to thank our local volunteers who regularly come to the office to help with the administration work which continues to grow.

Carolyn x

Trustees' pages

The trustees took the difficult decision to close our Bournemouth charity shop, which ceased trading at the end of 2018. The shop had served us well for a number of years but posed an increasingly worrying control and compliance problem, being so far away from our centre of operations.

This decision has, of course, resulted in a loss of income to GIN partially offset by a reduction in costs and the trustees' immediate task is to extend our fundraising activities in order to replace this loss.



This brings me to the very important subject of legacies. We have been fortunate in the generosity of so many of our supporters in this regard. Many larger charities report that as much as half of their incomes come from this source which has become a major force in charitable giving, given the current pressures on incomes. You will find information on legacy giving on page 7. It is important to bear in mind that this form of giving has substantial tax advantages and these are explained in the leaflet which can be downloaded from our website by following the link on page 7. It is important, however, to emphasise that you should take professional advice on your particular circumstances.

I hope all our readers will take a moment to look at pages 10 and 11 where you will find news about our education programme in Spain. After a slow start this is really taking off thanks to the enthusiastic work of our Spanish colleagues, who like us believe passionately that the only route to lasting change lies in helping rising generations of children to understand that all animals are sensible beings deserving care and kindness and, in particular, that the cruelty meted out to galgos must stop.

I believe that the masses of beautiful drawings done by school children which we receive and their enthusiasm which we have seen on our visits are ample evidence that change can be made. It will take time, but with your help much can be achieved.



Sadly, we have, as I write, received fresh evidence that the most extreme forms of cruelty still persist. We have just heard from our friends at ADANA in Badajoz that a galgo has been found dead hanging from a rope in an abandoned warehouse only 2 km from the city centre. Fortunately, the dog's microchip was in place, enabling the police to trace the owner. He has been charged with cruelty and will, hopefully, be punished and banned from keeping dogs. We are all left saddened and angry at this proof of the continuing barbarity meted out to galgos. However it is encouraging to see the authorities taking action; a rare event. We congratulate our friends in Badajoz and dedicate ourselves anew to bringing such cruelty to an end.

We are continually expanding our work and providing our Spanish colleagues with much needed funding for improvements in infrastructure, veterinary help, transport, coats and blankets for the galgos etc etc. All this alongside the building of education centres and the provision of an array of teaching materials and programmes. None of this would be possible without your help.

Finally, we have been delighted to be able to fund a large tree-planting and a new sensory garden at Galgos del Sol in memory of our founder Anne Finch, who is remembered with such high regard by our Spanish friends. We hope to be able to put in hand similar projects in the other rescue centres we support.

I close with renewed thanks on your behalf to all our wonderful staff, volunteers and trustees for another successful year helping galgos and greyhounds who truly are "in need".

Martin
Chair of Trustees



Don't forget you
can buy our
merchandise on
line and over the
telephone !
01784 483206



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

Legacies

We have been very fortunate in recent years to be left legacies in people's Wills as well as receiving kind donations in memory of a loved one.

This income has been invaluable to our charity and has certainly helped us maintain and increase our work for the greyhounds and galgos.



Legacies make a vital contribution to the UK charitable sector and major charities receive half their income from legacies. A legacy is a fine way for supporters to help GIN carry on its work with greyhounds, both in Spain and elsewhere. GIN was founded to help greyhounds and galgos and still devotes its efforts and funds to help these needy dogs.

Making a Will can be complex and it is best to get quotes from solicitors and then talk through your intentions. Then your Will can be drawn exactly as you wish and will achieve what you intend. After making all necessary provision for your dependants, you might decide to leave a legacy to one or more of your favoured charities.

Legacies cost nothing during a lifetime, but remembering GIN by leaving a legacy, will help the charity to continue helping greyhounds and galgos.

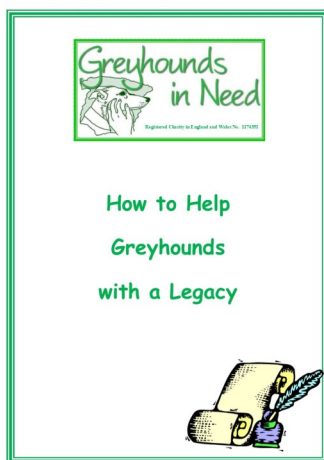
If you have included a legacy to GIN in your Will, please let us know. It tells us that we are getting our messages to people who count, and enables GIN to keep you up to date with our progress.

We have been asked by some supporters how they can leave a legacy to us and we have put together a leaflet which can be downloaded from our website

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

or we can post or email this to you.

Thank you.



The Galgo situation in Spain

Over the twenty+ years that GIN has been helping the galgos of Spain there have been changes. It is very hard to say accurately how many galgos are abandoned each year, figures quoted vary from ~50,000 to ~100,000, but what we all know is the figures are in the thousands not hundreds !

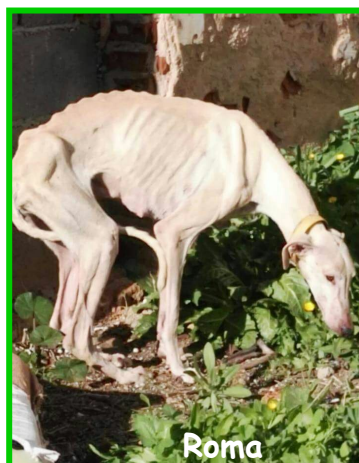
When we first offered help to shelters in Spain it was to cover veterinary costs. We discovered that the galgos were not automatically tested for the Mediterranean diseases endemic in Spain - Leishmaniasis, Babesiosis, Heartworm and Ehrlichiosis, nor were they sterilised. This was mostly due to lack of funds and we worked tirelessly, and still do, to raise funds to cover these costs as we could not move or home the dogs without being as sure as we could, that they were healthy and able to cope with the long transports ahead of them.

The cruel abandonment of the galgos continues and often when we are asked for help and we see photos of horrific injuries and very traumatised thin dogs, like Roma, it is hard to believe that they will ever recover and be able to be homed. Often when they are rescued and have broken limbs or open wounds they rarely attack their rescuers even though they must be in a lot of pain. They appear to have a lot of strength and seem able to survive so much and yet still have it in their big hearts to trust us humans again.

We do find now that shelters are reporting that more galgos are being handed in by their hunter owners, some still in a poor way but at least they are safe once they arrive at the shelters.

There are many groups and individuals in Spain, and in the rest of Europe, who help rescue and care for these dogs and find them homes. Galgos make wonderful pets but some have suffered so much during their hunting days that they need homes where people will have the time to help them regain their confidence and learn to trust again.

It is so rewarding when you see your new pet slowly show his/her character and start to relax in their new environment. Over the years we have adopters coming back to us for a second or third galgo. Once you've had a galgo you're hooked !



Galgo adoptions in Spain have increased in some areas which is good to see. They are not really regarded as pets, they are classed as "working dogs" and sadly the animal welfare laws are seldom enforced.

Many shelters do not report cruelty cases they find as so often nothing gets done. One shelter we work with report every abandoned dog they help, rarely do the authorities take action, but each case has to be recorded so there will be a report kept on file which could be used in the future.

As well as carrying out/supporting the rescue and rehoming work, which we appreciate is at best first aid; we have tried to tackle the galgo problem at source. Our hopes are that our education programme will support the teaching of English in Spanish schools, educate the children about the plight of the galgos and change the perception people have of these dogs. The aim is to develop empathy for dogs and help make a difference to the many that are in need of loving homes, hopefully encouraging more Spanish people to adopt a galgo as a family pet.

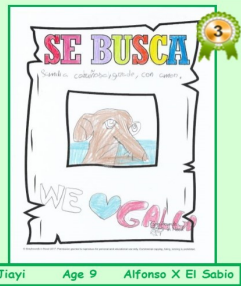
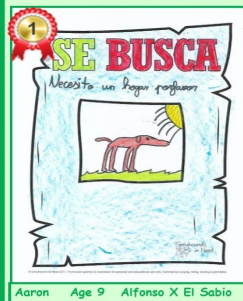
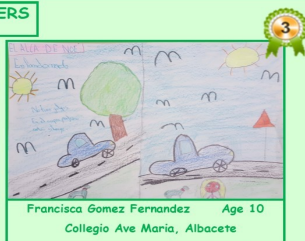
Please continue to support our work, without the tremendous support you give to us we would not be able to do this work, a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone.



Education

The education programme continues to go well in Spain. Tina and Sam at Galgos del Sol in Murcia have been very busy promoting this and have managed to reach around 400 children a month. The competitions are popular with entrants from a number of schools in Spain. You can see the February winners here -

FEBRUARY 2019 COMPETITION WINNERS



Sam at Galgos del Sol said **"We have done the Origami Galgo and it was a total success the kids loved it!!! We have plans for a workshop on a Saturday morning to do the snuffle mat"**

We have lots of activities on our site, in English and Spanish, and are pleased to see that these are being downloaded both here and abroad. We hope

this is the beginning of a much wider appreciation of the galgo welfare problem. Please take a look and perhaps your children, grandchildren might like to make a knitted coat or blanket for a galgo or have some fun making them a snuffle mat.

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

On the back page you can see a summary of activities on the site and take part in our Summer competition. All completed pages returned to us by **31st July** will receive a **#teammalgo** water bottle (photo right).






Jiseth continues to visit schools and organise visits to the Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete. In 2018 they reached ~2,800 children. Mada at RECAL is also working hard on the education project arranging for the children to come and meet the dogs. She has

been pleased that schools are asking her about arranging visits now. More shelters are using the material and the feedback we are receiving continues to be positive.


We keep adding new material to the site, which can be downloaded, and have some new merchandise items to support this programme, including galgo Pietro (photo right), featured in the education material. These items are included in our merchandise catalogue and available to purchase on-line or over the phone—01784 483206.



We are encouraging the children in Spain to make pledges to help the galgos by -

 Playing our GalGo! Game to learn about galgos and share it with their friends. Available to download on the App Store or Google Play





 Draw a poster and put it up on display



 Contact a local shelter to see how they can help

 Rally their friends to fundraise and help a local shelter

 Tell their teachers about **#teamgalgo** and the GIN website

 Tell us what they are doing as we might be able to share some of their stories and updates in the **#teamgalgo** newsletter



Our Work in Spain

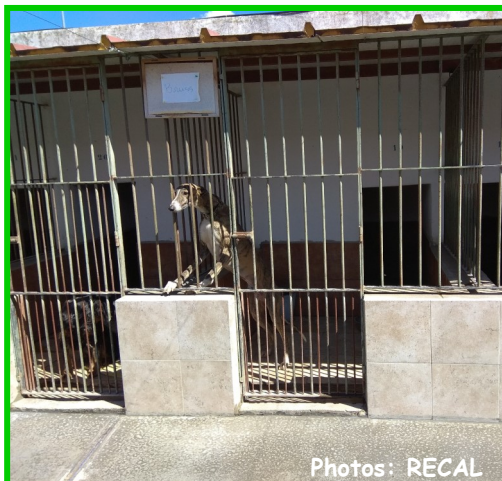
In 2018 we were able to help ~600 greyhounds and galgos by funding necessary veterinary and/or transport costs. We would not be able to achieve this without the wonderful support we receive from you, our supporters, and the amazing collaborations we have with many shelters in Spain and adoption groups in mainland Europe.

Finding homes for the rescued dogs is the final part of the journey for the galgos and greyhounds, they have been through so much during their years as racers or hunters and want nothing more than regular meals, a comfortable bed (a nice sofa will do !) and some nice walks, not too long, especially if it is raining.

As mentioned before in our newsletters, as well as continuing to aid and support the rescue and rehoming of the galgos we have also given funding for projects at several shelters in Spain to assist their work. The majority of shelters helping the galgos are run by volunteers with no major funding and important, often much needed improvements/repairs, are not high on the list due to lack of funds.

We recently gave approval for funding the repairs to some kennels and shaded areas at

RECAL in Almendralejo. Mada and her team do a great job looking after so many dogs and the majority of the galgos we bring to the UK come from this area of Spain. We also support galgos that Mada rehomes in France, Spain, Germany and Holland



After visiting RECAL a few years ago we funded, along with a German charity, the building of the exercise paddocks. These have definitely enhanced life for the dogs as they can be taken out individually or in groups and exercised daily and socialised much easier than before. They are also used when the school children visit to take part in the education programme and get to meet the galgos.

Last month Claudette of the **APAPA** shelter in Ayamonte was asked to take in nine galgos from Caceres. We have worked with Claudette for some time and provide funding for the veterinary costs for the galgos her shelter can help. This time we put her in touch with Eva and Jorge who help ADANA in Badajoz, and now have their own vehicle for transporting the dogs. The trip went well and the dogs arrived safely at Ayamonte and received a lovely welcome.



We recently sent two boxes to APAPA and Claudette wrote to us when they arrived*Monday was a very busy day and we had a great time uploading this post to Facebook to thank our friends of GIN. Last week we received these two very large boxes filled with all kinds of donations; collars, leads, bowls, toys, treats, coats, blankets for the dogs and water bottles, stickers - little things for educational days. Many of these items we were able to use when our new greyhounds arrived. Thank you very much Carolyn and all your team of Greyhounds in Need for remembering our animals and collaborating in their welfare.....*



Arca de Noe in Albacete continue to help many galgos, around 150 last year. The majority go to Italy for homing but many travel to France and Slovenia. We are pleased that Nina of SASIN, in Slovenia, will be able to take more galgos this year and we have offered help with transport costs. It is wonderful to see how the interest in the galgos has grown in a short time and Nina sends us lovely photos of them settled in their new homes.



Sole and Amparrrro visited us at the end of last year to discuss their work at the shelter and to give us an update on projects we have funded as well as discussing their future plans/projects.

Running a shelter of this size, with so many animals being cared for at any one time, takes a lot of organising and funding.

Also there are always maintenance jobs needing to be done, one of their biggest jobs is filling in the many holes the dogs, especially the galgos, like to dig. They are more like craters and they like nothing more than to dig a nice hole, drag their blanket into it and then sunbathe !

We discussed the education project with them and were pleased that Sam, from **edProjects**, who has helped us with the education work from the beginning, was able to join us. The children are enjoying using the new activities on the site which are easily downloadable.

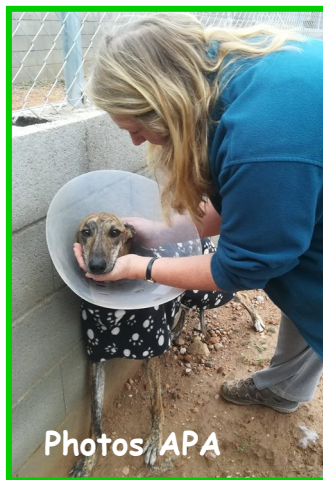
Does my
bum look
big in this?

Please keep
making
and
sending the
lovely coats—
don't you think
we look warm
and smart !



Margaret, Carmen and their team at **APA Santa Clara** are settling well at their new shelter.

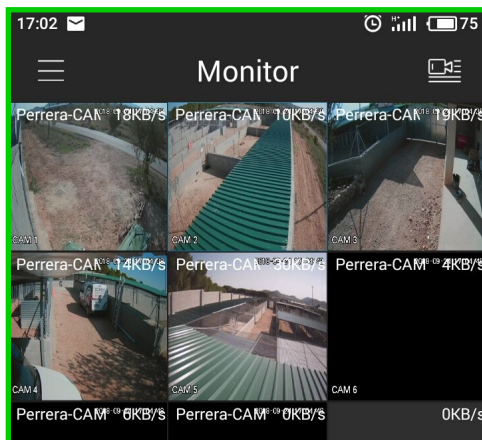
Margaret wrote to us *"On the day the shelter opened we were alerted to a brindle galgo running in the countryside, looking for food and very thin. We were able to catch him and he was the first into the new shelter. What a happy chappy to see all these people coming through our gates on the opening evening. His name is Captain and he is young, under 2years old. He soon put weight on and then he shared the GIN run with 3 galgas (they left for homes last month). He has missed the girls but the good news is he also has a good home to go to next month. This week he was castrated so getting him ready to travel. See photos taken today. He has his cone on and is giving me kisses."*



They are receiving a number of galgos now, some poor cases and we are able to offer some funding towards the veterinary costs, as we did for Captain, and Margaret is able to find homes for most of them in France.

We have also been able to fund a security system for the shelter which is now up and running.

Tina and **Galgos del Sol** continue their good work in Murcia. They are rescuing a lot of galgos and can have ~160 in their care at any one time.



We visited Tina when she first started helping the galgos keeping them at her home and other fincas. We visited the site for the new shelter and it looked huge and barren. We were able to look at the plans for the new centre and realised what a mammoth job it would be to get it off the ground so it is wonderful now to see how much has been achieved to create a safe environment for the galgos to come and be cared for until they are homed.

As with many shelters in Spain, Galgos del Sol receive some very sad cases that need to spend a lot of time with them before being able to be put up for adoption. Many galgos amaze us at how well they settle into homes, seeming to take everything in their stride and trusting us humans from day one. Sadly this is not the case for all galgos and some are so traumatised that they need time to gradually understand they are safe.

Many everyday things that we use and take for granted can be very frightening for dogs that have never been in a home. I had one galgo who hated the Hoover and would hide and shake whenever it came into the room and another galgo who wouldn't move off his bed, quite happy to have his paws lifted up so the Hoover could move around him.

Galgos can suffer "laminar panic" as they can't grip on the flooring and can slide everywhere so in the early days it is easier to place rugs around for them to walk along. Even outside they can freeze on certain surfaces, like gravel, as it can hurt their paws. At Galgos del Sol they have a small sensory area for the dogs to help them get used to different surfaces.



Following the death of our Founder, Anne Finch, last year, we received some donations in her memory. As mentioned in our last newsletter we funded the planting of 100 trees at Galgos del Sol and have offered funding to expand the sensory garden there.

We feel this project will help Tina and her team rehabilitate the galgos, giving them a quiet, calm area away from the main kennels to socialise and gain confidence with new surroundings and people.

Anne cared so much for the galgos and we feel would be pleased that even the most traumatised ones will have a chance of a future. Her three legged galgo, Mario, came from Galgos del Sol.

Tina and Sam continue to work hard on the education project.

The activities are popular and the entrants to the drawing competitions are growing.

The **galgo** wristbands and the **#teamgalgo** water bottles are popular with the children and help to spread the word.



Last year we were able to fund the initial veterinary costs for sixty galgos for **Galgos en Familia** in Malaga as well as helping with some veterinary costs for puppies they had taken in. We have worked with Vera and her team for many years now and are pleased to hear that the numbers of dogs they can help continues to increase, they even helped with some non-galgos last year too. They have moved to a new larger shelter since our last visit and we are planning to go and visit them soon.

112carlottagalgos, also in Malaga, and run by Charlotte, moved to a larger finca since our last visit so we hope to be able to visit them at the same time. We have supported Charlotte's work almost from the beginning and last year were able to fund the initial veterinary costs for forty-three galgos.

Our visits allow us to see for ourselves how projects we have funded are working and also allows us to see if there are new projects we can consider which will be of benefit to the galgos. We will include a report of our visit to Malaga in the next newsletter.

We are fortunate to have worked with the groups mentioned here for some time and have been pleased and proud to see them grow and be able to reach out and help so many galgos in need. The main help we can give is for veterinary costs and these rise each year but we know how important it is for the dogs to receive the veterinary care they need and be checked for the Mediterranean diseases.

We also fund a lot of transport costs and these have increased over the years too but it is very important that the dogs are transported safely and in purpose built vehicles.

We help other shelters in Spain by sending many coats, blankets and treats and some are using the education material too.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter we have been fortunate to receive some legacies which have enabled us to improve infrastructure at some of the above shelters as well as promoting the education project.

The majority of our funds are raised in the UK and much is spent in France, Italy and Spain. A full audit trail is needed for all monies spent by GIN in the UK and abroad.



A big THANK
YOU to all of
GiN'S
supporters
from all the
galgos!

We have agreements with all the groups that we work with and every payment we make has supporting paperwork.

We all thought that having computers would reduce the amount of paperwork in the office but our files seem to get thicker and thicker !

Carolyn x

**Greyhounds in Need CIO — Gift Aid declaration—
multiple donation**

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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donation I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Greyhounds in Need CIO

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My details

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Surname

Full home address

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PostcodeDate

Please notify Greyhounds in Need CIO 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.

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.

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
<https://www.justgiving.com/gin/Donate>



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



We are also on Instagram

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



Visit our on-line shop and treat yourself or your four legged friend

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

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 18)
Donations can be made on line at



OR



Please don't forget that our merchandise can be purchased on-line or over the phone and donations, memberships and sponsorships can be paid over the phone too —**01784 483206**



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

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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 website - <https://easyfundraising.org.uk> 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

<http://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

Greyhounds

ITALY

We have worked with GACI (Greyhound Adopt Centre Italy) since the last greyhound racing track, in Rome, closed in 2002.

Elisa, Chiara, Lily and their team wanted to continue helping ex-racing greyhounds find homes and also wanted to help the galgos from Spain.

Each year they find homes for ~130 greyhounds from Ireland and ~100 galgos from Spain.

We are able to help with funding for veterinary and transport costs for the galgos and transport costs for the greyhounds.

Please take a look at our website to see the lovely videos showing the arrival of the dogs in Modena—you might need your tissues !

<https://youtu.be/AvW86foeqbg>

<https://youtu.be/4BPbdYfOdPw>



UK

Sue, Phil and Carol have homed many ex-racing greyhounds over the years in the North West, and some galgos too ! Many of their adopters turn up to support their events. Please catch up with their news on pages 26 and 27.

FRANCE



In 2000, Catherine Madry telephoned GIN asking if she could help in any way with the greyhounds and galgos. She set up her own charity, Levriers en Detresse, and her work for these needy dogs began.

Catherine has been able to take many galgos over the years and has encouraged other groups in France to help. She also helps ex-racing greyhounds from England and we receive some lovely photos of them enjoying their new lives.

Catherine has also kindly transported the galgos we bring to the UK for homing and visited us last year to discuss our work and the situation regarding the greyhounds in Macau as the track was closing down.

There has been a lot of publicity about the Canidrome in Macau and what would happen to the greyhounds that were kept and raced there. Many individuals and groups got involved and many petitions were set up as well as appeals for help for these dogs.

The main groups involved in this rescue were ANIMA in Macau, Pet Levrieri, and Grey2kUSA. Catherine visited Macau twice to find out more about the situation and in February this year was able to receive fourteen ex-racing greyhounds, three are featured here.

We were able to offer funding to Levriers en Detresse towards their costs helping these dogs who will all be homed in France.

Catherine reports that the dogs have settled well at the Lévriers Garden and once ready they will be going to new homes.



Arrival in Paris



Bitter Tears



Catherine with Imagination One



Lucky Fortune

Photos: LED



Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Orion happily homed in France



Jack, ex-racer, now enjoying life in France



Blanco (right) and Marcia chilling in the GIN office



Aliseda taking it easy in Feltham



Sortija has found the sofa !

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

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Nico (left) and Luna have taken over the beds !



Casimir all cuddled up
in France



Flossie on holiday in
Cornwall



Debbie keeping a look out
in the woods

Please don't forget to send
us photos of your happily
homed dogs.

We are always looking for
nice photos to include in our
charity calendar

News from Cheshire and the North West

Happy Springtime everyone from Greyhounds in Need volunteers here in the North West. The winter months have been quiet but relatively mild and we are now looking forward to meeting up with many of our friends and their dogs for the social walks and street collections we have planned for the spring and summer.

We were very fortunate that we were able to enjoy a bracing walk around Hollingworth Lake, near Rochdale at the end of October as well as a walk around Marbury Country Park, near Northwich in November.

We had a good turnout for both events and it was nice to have a catch up with several friends who we hadn't seen for a while.



Hollingworth Lake

CLEVELEYS STREET COLLECTIONS

We have booked two dates for our popular street collections in Cleveleys, a seaside town on the Fylde Coast situated between Blackpool and Fleetwood. We will be fundraising from 10am to 4pm on the main street in Cleveleys on **Saturday 11th May and Saturday 31st August 2019**. Let us hope that the weather will be warm, dry and sunny for both those dates.

SOCIAL DOG WALK

We have planned another social dog walk at **Marbury Country Park, Comberbach, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 6AT** for **Sunday 7th April 2019, meeting at the gazebo near to the Rangers Office from 11am.**



Marbury Country Park

Marbury is a very popular meeting place for many of our volunteers and I am sure that we will be arranging further get togethers later in the year. Dates to be confirmed.

The walk around Hollingworth Lake also proved to be very enjoyable and we will definitely be organising a similar event at that venue in the not too distant future.

After a long and very happy and fruitful association with the Tatton Park Fun Dog Show we have reluctantly decided not to go ahead with organising a stall at the Show this year. The numbers attending the Show have declined over the years leading to lesser and lesser amounts being raised for GIN. We will miss our annual visits to Tatton in August and the camaraderie we enjoyed with visitors, staff and volunteers, but last summer was very disappointing and has contributed to our making this difficult decision.

Sad News

Losing our four legged friends is always a desperately sad time and often seems to happen during the winter months .

We have recently heard from our friends Anne and George that they have lost their lovely girl **Gem** after several months of battling with lymphoma. We helped to home Gem who was just 11 years old.

Anne has written this moving tribute to Gem. "She's been such a wonderful friend, loved running on the sand at Colwyn Bay, going to see the grandchildren, my mum in the Care home, community centre for the disabled where she's spread her love, serenity and calm, especially to people who normally don't like dogs have grown to love her"

We ourselves have lost our **Tiny Tina**, who would have been 10 years old in December 2018. This time last year we had four dogs and we are now down to two after losing Maddie and Tiny Tina. It is many years since we only had two dogs. Tina was a real character in the house where she was always the matriarch, even though she was the smallest. Outside she was nervous and skittish all her life, even though we had known and loved her from being a puppy.

We were heartbroken to lose Tina from an illness which affected her kidneys, only three weeks after she had been with us for the walk around Hollingworth Lake. She is very much missed by her mum and dad, Sue and Phil and her greyhound sisters Polly and Trish.



Phil and Tina

As I wrote in the last Newsletter, we are very grateful for the continuing support of our loyal friends and volunteers, as well as all the staff at Greyhounds in Need, even though we are reducing our involvement with fundraising and rehoming. We hope that many of you will still be able to join us at our events where we will continue to promote the ongoing needs of greyhounds and galgos both in the UK and abroad.

**Sue, Phil and Carol, Volunteers,
Greyhounds in Need, Cheshire and the North West**

TRIBUTES

As expected, we had to say goodbye to **Snoopy** on Tuesday morning. He seemed happy for the last few days and was still running in the fields on Monday afternoon. It is very difficult, as you know, getting used to not having them in your life. It seems at the moment as if he is away on holiday and that he'll be back to see us soon. So sad.

Sue and Penny xx



We were sad to hear from Netty that she had to say goodbye to **Twig**. She had developed some problems and the vet diagnosed pancreatitis. She received treatment but her strength and mobility deteriorated and Netty had to make the sad decision to let her go.

She is very much missed x

Just wanted to let you know that we very sadly had to have **Isi** (Cantina) put to sleep a couple of weeks ago. She had been getting stiff on her back legs and losing weight but the vets couldn't find anything obviously wrong except a bit of arthritis. However she went downhill suddenly and we made the sad decision to let her go. The vets think it was likely cancer/lymphoma although not diagnosed.

After our initial difficulties while she was settling in, she got on famously with **Mouse** (Maruska). Although they weren't overly affectionate to each other, they often walked side by side or nose to tail on their walks, off lead. Her character came out more and more and she was a lovely, funny and affectionate hound and we are missing her hugely. **Mouse** is missing her too, so sad as **Isi** was only 8 years and **Mouse** is 10 now.



Best wishes Jan and Rob

✧ This is to let you know that our darling girl **Fern**, nee Marina, who came to us Oct .19th 2009, yesterday went over the bridge and joined Reuben 2 nee Danko and many more of our beloved dogs, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June 2017 and on steroids and a special diet did really well until the last few weeks when her back legs started failing her and she began to get vague. Whether this was due to old age or the cancer we do not know.



She was the most beautiful girl sweet and gentle , very intelligent and did not have a nasty bone in her body. She must have been about 13. We miss her terribly. and will never forget her, she was a fighter!! This photo was taken late 2016 in our caravan on the North Lincs coast.

Best wishes Anne

✧ I'm so sorry to inform you that our gorgeous boy **Pepe** sadly passed away last night. He was our first Galgo and he gave us the love for the breed. He loved his walks on the South Downs and walks on the beach in the summer but most of all he loved his sofa!



He has left a gaping hole in our hearts and in his beloved sofa and we miss him so much already. We had seven wonderful years with him in our family and we enjoyed every minute with him.

He was perfectly well all day until after his second walk in the afternoon when he suddenly became unwell. We were given more pain killers from our vet that he could take alongside his daily Metacam for his arthritis but during the evening he deteriorated very quickly. We asked for Vets to Home to come out and put him to sleep but the vet was some distance away and Pepe took his last breath 10 minutes before the vet arrived so he slipped away at home.

They think he most likely had a blood clot that travelled or a stroke.

Our vet said that it was probably kinder for him to slip away at home rather than being hospitalised and examined prodded and poked it was inevitable and nothing could have been done. It all happened so quickly we're all still shocked. But thank you GIN for giving us the pleasure of Pepe's company for 7 years. His passport had him at 12 years but the vet thinks he could well have been a year or two older either way he had a good few years of happiness! Janet

What Makes Greyhounds Unique?- A Vet Perspective

Greyhounds are one of a kind. Their sweet-nature, adaptability and laid-back attitude makes them suitable for all kinds of families and situations. Not only are they unique dogs in terms of temperament, they also come with a number of anatomical and physiological differences.



Red blood cells

Greyhounds are built for relatively short bursts of speed. To facilitate the huge oxygen demand of body tissues during a race, a greyhound's blood has adapted so that it has a higher concentration of red blood cells with a higher concentration of haemoglobin in. This way, a smaller volume of blood is able to deliver a larger volume of oxygen to the muscles.

Body fat

Much of the greyhound's sleek appearance is owed to its general lack of bodyfat. A greyhound's body fat percentage is around 17% compared to approximately 35% in other dog breeds. This lack of insulation means that it is important for owners to provide their greyhound with a warm, soft bed and a coat for winter walks. Great care is also taken by vets/nurses when greyhounds are under anaesthetic with the use of heat pads, blankets, bubble-wrap and many more!

Delayed bleeding

Research shows that a proportion of greyhounds have a higher tendency to suffer from bleeding or bruising after trauma or surgery. The bleeding often occurs around 36 to 48 hours after the procedure or trauma incident. The problem is known as "fibrinolytic syndrome" which results in a weaker clot strength. Due to this tendency for clots to break down, some vets recommend treatment of greyhounds with an antifibrinolytic agent, known as tranexamic acid, after a surgical procedure.

Corns

Greyhounds often develop corns on their foot pads. Corns are painful lesions made up of excess keratin, similar to those seen on human feet. Greyhounds with corns are generally lame on the affected foot and are especially reluctant to walk on hard surfaces.



A small round lesion may be visible on the pad which is painful when pressure is applied.

The exact cause of corns in greyhounds is unknown but it is thought scar tissue, warts and/or injuries can contribute to their formation. Corns can be treated in a number of ways from providing boots to surgical excision.

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Written by Dr Emma Smith on behalf of Willett House Vets LTD

Galgos for Adoption

Our last group of galgos arrived at the end of last year and settled well at the kennels. They were a lovely group, two were quite timid and the other five were quite friendly. They all came from RECAL, via Pep's kennels in Vic, near Barcelona.

We were grateful to Catherine and Gerrard of Levriers en Detresse for collecting them from Pep and for bringing them to Calais. We went to meet them and bring them back to the UK. We use private boarding kennels in Buckinghamshire, they are a bit further away from our office and we have therefore been very grateful to Catherine, Sue and Christine for regularly visiting and walking the dogs. This has helped enormously with socialising them and getting to know their characters which helps with the homing.

Wilma (right) was the first to leave and Leigh, one of our Trustees, kindly drove her to Dorset where she is now enjoying her new life with Julia.



Next to leave was Lluvia, now called **Birdie** (left), and she has gone to live with Jan, Rob and galga Mouse in Oxford. It didn't take her long to find the sofa!

Christine, who has been visiting the dogs in the kennels fell for Nicholas, now called **Nico** (right), and he was the third dog to leave to



start his new life with her, Rob and their lurcher, Luna. He has already visited a local pub where he received a lot of attention and behaved very well.



Lagartija, now called Rafi (left) travelled to Lincolnshire in March with Jen, Tom and their family. He has settled well and is enjoying his country walks.



We are still looking for homes for **Carbonero**, **Brisa** and **Nayma**.



Carbonero (left) is a strikingly handsome male galgo. He's about 4 years old and with his white, tan and black coat stands out from the crowd. At the moment life experience has left him feeling very nervous of people and unsure of the new sights and sounds around him. He has started to show more confidence with those that he sees regularly but will need someone who, preferably, has experience of the breed type and has the knowledge, time and patience to gain his trust so that he can enjoy his new life to the full.

Brisa (right) is a very pretty light brindle and white female galga, approx. 4 years old. She's keen to greet you and is always eager to go for a walk. She's confident with other dogs and very interested in what's going on around her. She walks well on a lead if sometimes a little bouncy in her enthusiasm. She's just ready to start her new life.



Nayma (left) is a beautiful looking young female galga approximately 3 years old. She's fawn in colour with a white chest, paws and just the tip of her tail. She takes a few minutes to check you out with her dark brown eyes but then is happy to meet you. She's very keen to go for her walks and as a young dog has plenty of energy. She takes lots of notice of things around her and wants to explore. Confident with her fellow galgos, she's a little unsure around noisy other breeds.

More photos of these dogs can
be found on our website

If you feel you can offer one of them a home please give us
a call on 01784 483206 or send us an email—

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. The scheme also helps 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

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



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

*£10 per month

*£25 per month

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GalGo! Puzzle Fun

How many Rosa's
can you find?

Follow the
paw prints
to take Spike
home

START

FINISH

Colour me

Word scramble

Unscramble these letters to make a sentence

OSGGALIVOEL

Quick quiz

1. How fast can a galgo run?
2. How much sleep do galgos need?
3. How high can a galgo jump?

Spot the difference

Join the dots

Missing words

Can you work out what the missing words are from these letters?

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Galgos are _____ and _____

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