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

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Cover: Dama, rescued in Albacete and now living in France



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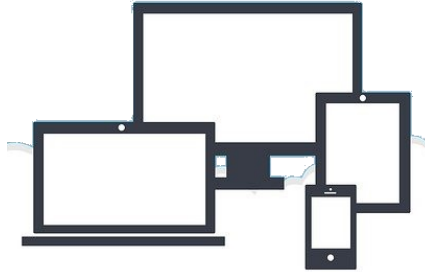


News Update

Dear Friends,

I started writing this newsletter at home when due to the coronavirus outbreak we were asked to work from home if possible.

Thankfully with the technology available to most of us these days both Tracey and I have been able to deal with emails and phone messages from home. We have also taken it in turns to visit the office once every 10-12 days to look at post and despatch orders/eBay sales. We would like to thank everyone for their patience as our responses to postal communications and orders/sales has been delayed because of the above.



During these very sad and difficult times for us all we have been able to maintain contact with those we work with abroad and still been able to offer our support for their work. Although many shelters are full to capacity there are sadly still galgos being abandoned.

Some shelter volunteers have been able to obtain special permission from their local authorities to leave the shelter to rescue these dogs. We have been able to offer funding for some of these rescues like Sydney (left).

The early part of the year is usually busy for everyone with arrangements being made for the rescued dogs to receive necessary veterinary treatment and then paperwork prepared and transports being arranged to move the dogs from the shelters to adoption groups before the hot summer months. Many transports have been postponed which has put more pressure on the shelters and on the adoption groups who work tirelessly to find homes for the dogs.

We had to delay the arrival of our own group of galgos due to arrive early April. I am pleased to say they are safe at private boarding kennels in Vic, Barcelona and will travel to the UK as soon as possible. Photos and brief details of these dogs are on pages 32 and 33.

The education project education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk continues to grow with many more individuals and schools using the material. We have also had a lot of interest in the material from British schools. At the moment of course schools are closed and visits to the shelters have not been possible.

News Update

All of the material on our website can be printed off and we are hearing that many parents are taking advantage of this to have more activities available to keep their children busy during this time. We include a couple of pages in this newsletter which you may like to give to your children, grandchildren. All completed pages returned to us by post or email will receive a prize! Our lovely Galgo soft toy, Pietro (right) or one of our popular galgo reusable water bottles. (left) Please see pages 12 and 13.



We include a book of raffle tickets with this newsletter for our Summer Raffle which will be drawn on **28th August**. 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.

I would like to say thank you to Tracey and Geraldine for all their help in the office and the support they give to me. I would also like to thank our local volunteers who come to the office regularly to help with all sorts of jobs, no two days are ever the same at GIN! We have been able to keep in touch, thanks to social media, and their help to GIN continues during the current situation.

It just remains for me to say a very big **THANK YOU** to all of you, our supporters, without the support you have given us over the years we would not have been able to achieve what we have for the lovely greyhounds and galgos.

Our help and support to those in Spain is needed more now than ever and we look forward to your continued support for our work. There are many ways you can help GIN, some are shown on pages 20-21. We also include our latest leaflet with more information about the charity and our work.

Please take care, keep safe and hopefully soon life will get back to normal for us all.

Carolyn x

Please note that we can accept membership payments, general donations, sponsorships as well as merchandise orders over the phone. Please give us a call on 01784 483206.



Trustees' pages

Dear Friends

The trustees of GIN hope all our supporters are staying safe in these difficult times. Here at GIN we continue, as I write, to function normally while facing mounting difficulties in delivering the help so needed by the suffering galgos and in supporting the efforts of our wonderful friends and colleagues in Spain.

I must begin with the sad news that Terry Dickens has decided to resign as a trustee of GIN owing to ill-health. Terry became a trustee in February 2008, bringing to our work a wealth of very useful experience gained from his service as a senior Local Government officer and a lifetime devoted to social work. Adding to all this a passion for animal welfare made Terry an ideal colleague. We thank him for his friendship and his contribution to our cause.

The emergency situation all across Europe has brought to a standstill all transports of dogs for rehoming, especially to our largest outlet in Italy. This, of course, means that the shelters in Spain, already crowded with dogs following the end of the hunting season, are unable to rescue more until space becomes available. We have had to cancel a shipment to UK which was due this month.

As you will know we have been increasing our commitment to our vitally important education programme. We are now reaching many children in schools in Spain. In Albacete alone they reached over 1,000 children in the last school year.



Although this work is bound to suffer severe restrictions caused by the current "locked down" situation in Spain, we are hopeful of being able to continue contacts by electronic means.

Our stand-alone education website will continue to make our innovative education materials available wherever they can be used. Results are so encouraging that we are determined to do what we can to press forward, despite the coronavirus crisis.

You will read elsewhere in this issue of some discouraging news from Spain. Seprona, which is the branch of the Civil Guard charged with environmental protection and the regulation of hunting has stated that last year only eight galgos were abandoned by hunters.

This brings one close to despair knowing that just the shelters we work with have saved several hundred. It also serves to underline the difficulties faced by our gallant Spanish colleagues in battling with a governmental mind-set which chooses to ignore and trivialise a scandal which is its duty to address.

All charities, including GIN, were already suffering a reduction in donations before this emergency struck. We are now facing a serious drop in funding, while our costs continue to rise and fund-raising efforts become more difficult. I would, therefore, ask all our supporters to give what they can to help GIN to carry on its vital work. Don't please ever think that what you can afford is too little. It has always been a source of pride and gratitude to us that so much of our support has come from people of slender means but great hearts.

Why not take a look at what you are saving by not travelling, shopping, going to cinemas and theatres, eating out etc and give some of this to your favourite charity?

The trustees continue to be grateful for the truly amazing dedication of our staff and volunteers, who are not letting current difficulties affect their efforts on your behalf to help suffering galgos and greyhounds.

Everyone at GIN sends their best wishes to all our supporters with the hope that they will remain safe and well; especially to those who, like me, are "self-isolated" and now have no excuse not to read this Newsletter.

Martin

My wife, Angela, and I are planning an event in aid of GIN on Sunday 4th October (Feast of St. Francis—World Animal Day) in memory of our very own handsome hound, Percy.

This will be at Burgh House, New End Square, London NW3 1LT

www.burghouse.org.uk

*******WE HOPE THIS EVENT WILL GO AHEAD
BUT PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR OFFICE AND
KEEP A LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE NEARER THE TIME
FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION*******

The Galgo situation in Spain

We recently received the latest newsletter from Anna who runs SOS Galgos in Barcelona and have her permission to reprint this article here. It shows the problems groups like SOS Galgos and others face when trying to help the galgos.

The Credibility of SEPRONA

We have just learned of the official data that SEPRONA has provided about the number of galgos abandoned in Spain in 2019. A total of eight. The groups of galgueros take great satisfaction in spreading this figure and must be the only ones who believe it! We do not know whether it is proof of the indifference of the authorities or the inefficiency of the police because any agency, journalist or member of the public can, by making a few calls to any of the hundreds of shelters and pounds, find out that this is the number of abandoned galgos rescued by each one of them every week.

Each year, huge numbers of galgos suffer cruelty, abandonment, hangings and many other kinds of neglect. This is because they are considered mere instruments for the enjoyment and personal prestige of thousands of galgueros who pursue their hobby with the minimum administrative control, whilst in every country around us, hunting with galgos has been banned for years.

We have denounced this situation many times and have always come up against the indifference of the public authorities. They are reluctant to confront a powerful group of over 200,000 galgueros who breed, mistreat and abandon thousands of galgos each year in their search for the fastest, in order to satisfy their desire for a few minutes of personal kudos in the competitions they organise in numerous areas of Spain. It is the sensitive side of Spanish society which suffers the results of these practices every year with pounds and shelters completely full. Country roads are full of galgos which have been run over; abandoned survivors die of hunger and thirst in hunting reserves; they are shot by hunters, thrown down wells and left in pine forests where their suffering is indescribable. Worst of all, for nearly 20 years none of these galgos appears in official statistics which should be drawn up by public administrative bodies. Statistics which now show only eight yearly abandonments which, as every animal lover who has ever helped knows for themselves, is derisory.

Over a year ago, we asked Sr. Grande-Marlaska, a well-known animal lover, for a small gesture in his privileged position as Minister of the Interior. This gesture would represent a radical improvement in the welfare of thousands of galgos which suffer in harrowing living conditions and face a tragic future.

We asked Sr Grande-Marlaska for a direct order to apply the current legislation without delay on "nucleos zoológicos," (licensed sites where animals are kept and bred) in a campaign directed specifically at galgueros who have more than five galgos. This would mean the galgueros should comply not only with galgo identification but also with a registration book for the galgos' movements. This would mean there would be traceability and efficient control of the breeding and destination of the thousands of galgos bred every year, many of which end up being abandoned. At the same time, all SEPRONA units should be ordered to inspect regularly "nucleos zoológicos", (licensed sites where animals are kept and bred) and carry out a true count of not only galgos owned by galgueros but also those taken to shelters and pounds as well as those found by the roadside, down wells, in pine forests and without prior denouncement.

We are sure that what we are asking for is not very complex and could represent a big change in the welfare of thousands of galgos, since the dozens of galgos that each galguero owns could be reduced to just a few, meaning that improved inspection would lead to better treatment of them. Besides, the number of galgos bred and abandoned every year would be drastically reduced by this small investment in time by the authorities, who know only too well not only this problem but also the enormous pain it causes sensitive Spanish people and the many countries around us and consequently the damage it does to Spain's image as a modern and fair-minded country. We are making this request again, publicly now, in order for SEPRONA to carry out its work and improve Spain's image.

**Umberto Giacomelli (President of SOS Galgos)
Anna Clements (Director of SOS Galgos)**



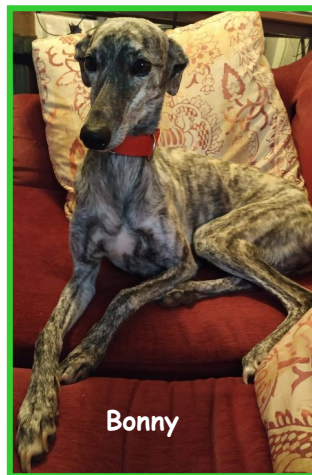
Many thanks to Christine and Diana for the translation.

Visit to SOS Galgos, Barcelona

One windy day in February, two of GIN's Trustees, Leigh, who is the Charity vet and myself, set off to visit SOS Galgos Barcelona, a charity which is run by Anna and her team.

Anna and a pretty, (soon to be rehomed) galga met us at Barcelona Airport and took us to the office and clinic where Alberto, SOS Galgos' vet, carries out any operations or treatment necessary for the galgos. This allowed everyone to talk about the Charity's work and future projects and also for Leigh and Alberto to have a "vets' chat".

We also met galga, Bonny, who is currently being fostered until her adoption by Diana later this year. We had the opportunity to have a walk with Bonny to see how well she is becoming accustomed to people and a loving environment and it was lovely to see so many more Spanish people enjoying a walk in the sunshine together with their dogs.



Bonny



Christine (left), Leigh & Anna

Next day, we visited the kennels in the Barcelona area where SOS Galgos has galgos ahead of rehoming.

The galgos rehomed by the Charity are usually found abandoned in the Seville area and rescued by volunteers or members of the public who take them to kennels, who help SOS Galgos, where they are given initial care and treatment.

Once the galgos have recovered and are ready for fostering or rehoming, eight at a time are brought up to the kennels in the Barcelona area.

Every month GIN sponsors the eight galgos' kennelling in Barcelona and the transport from Seville to Barcelona, which enables SOS Galgos to rescue even more galgos.

The galgos in kennels were AILA, her sister ELLEN, BEN, LORI and PEON. TEDDY and BEAR just wanted to stay in their igloo together.



AILA



LORI



ELLEN



PERON

GIN also provides valuable resources for the Charity's education workshops to promote animal awareness among children.

On Saturday evening, SOS Galgos had arranged a "Solidarity Dinner" at a vegan restaurant, La Riera. The restaurant owners kindly gave the location to SOS Galgos for the evening. Over 70 Charity volunteers, supporters and adopters raised funds by buying tickets to attend and merchandise. Two musical duos donated their time to entertain the guests with their lovely songs, including one composed by one of the singers, Karelis. The song was written from a galgo's point of view and inspired by Karelis' love for her galgo. It was a wonderful evening and in her votes of thanks, Anna acknowledged GIN's "incredible support".

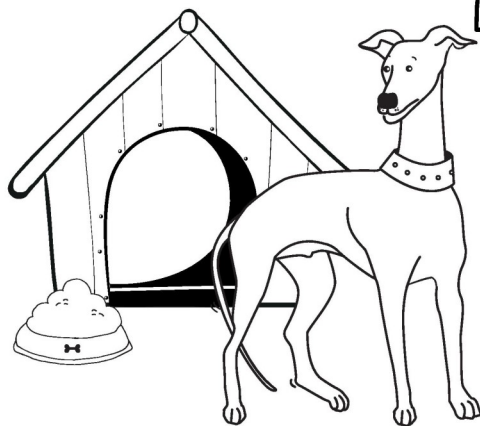


On Sunday, after a very interesting and informative visit, it was time to return to the UK. After many hours' delay at Barcelona Airport, Storm Ciara finally blew us back to the UK. We felt the delay was worth it to help and support the gorgeous galgos and see the work SOS Galgos does!!

Christine

Are your children or grandchildren looking for new activities to do. If they would like to complete the activity on this page and page 13 and email or post them to the GIN office they will receive a prize!

Wordsearch



Rescued!

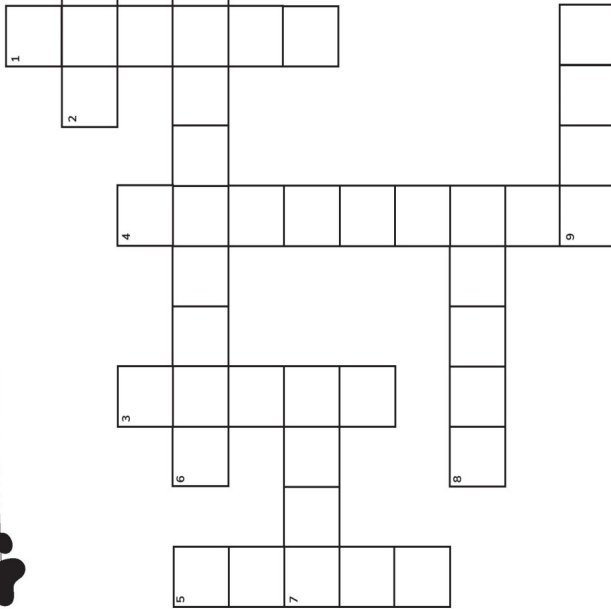
This galgo has been rescued and is entering the shelter for the first time. Can you find the words that describe how they might be feeling?

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- Word List**
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 - frightened
 - worried
 - surprised
 - excited
 - confused
 - interested
 - happy
 - nervous

Crosswords

How do we take care of dogs?

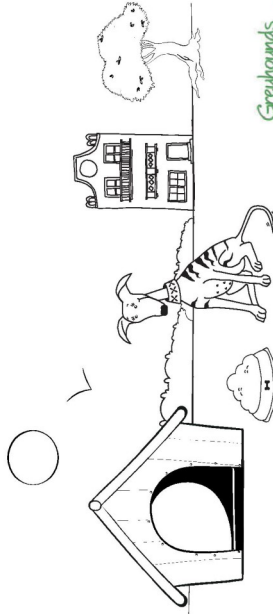


ACROSS

- 2 We need to do this so they are never hungry.
- 6 The vet does this to keep them safe from disease.
- 7 We show them we feel this, so they feel safe and cared for.
- 8 We do this to their coats to keep them clean and shiny.
- 9 We do this with them so they have fun.

DOWN

- 1 The vet does this to prevent unwanted puppies.
- 3 We provide this so they are never thirsty.
- 4 The vet does this so they can be returned if they get lost.
- 5 We take them on these to keep them fit.



News from Spain

A big THANK YOU to all our supporters from the galgos and shelters in Spain.

Over recent months we have parcelled up and posted 18 x 30kg boxes full of kindly donated coats, blankets, medicines and treats for the shelters in Spain. These are always needed and very much appreciated as you can see from the comments and photos here. THANK YOU all so much for continuing to send these to us throughout the year and making it possible for lots of galgos to again receive some lovely treats.

".....thank you so much for your parcel of donations which arrived today. It was funny because one of the galgos found the parcel later and stole a box of the treats and gobbled them up!!! I just had to take a photo which I'm attaching for your amusement. Thank you also for all the coats and blankets and leads and collars and the diaries are so sweet too. It truly felt like Xmas today!" **Anna, SOS Galgos, Barcelona**



"Hi Carolyn and all the GIN team. Thanks very much for your continued support as it makes a big difference in the lives of many galgos every year by helping us in the education program. Let's hope 2020 is a wonderful year for all of you at GIN.....Alba has been into so much that she deserves the most beautiful coat in the world and here it is - thank you so much for your donations. Thank you Janet and GIN".

Sam, Galgos del Sol

..... Thank you so much this is wonderful."

Tina, Galgos del Sol, Murcia

"...First of all thank you for the wonderful box of goodies that arrived yesterday. As I got back from sc the delivery man was just turning into our village. I've just opened it and everything is so useful. Thank you so much!!!!"
Margaret, APA, Santa Clara

"...Thank you for the great 2 boxes of donations. I can't remember if I already informed you about the receipt but we are very grateful and all is so needed."
Claudette APAPA

*"..Wow!! Thank you GIN UK.
Gill, Galgos en Familia, Malaga*

".....Thank you so much for the box of many things we have received!!! A great Christmas present for the dogs! I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2020 and want to thank you for all your help and support during all those years. Love! "



Vera and GEF team

"...The packages are here. In time!!! Thanks so much." .. Mada, RECAL

*"..Thank you Greyhounds In Need for this amazing box of goodies for the Galgos. Blankets and sweeties. And more. Thank you very much".
.....Charlotte, 112carlottagalgos*

".....We have received the coats and treats. Thank you so much, they are so wonderful!

Last Friday I had a call from the clinic saying: Sole, we have received this box from Greyhounds in Need, do you mind if we take this part for Eloise?



....Eloise is a wonderful galga who arrived with a bad fracture and is in our clinic after surgery.

All the people who works in the clinic loves her very much because she is an angel, really adorable, sweet and kind...She is so elegant with her new coat!!!

..... Millions of kisses "

Sole, Arca de Noe, Albacete



Arca de Noe, Albacete

We have worked with the Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete for many years now and cover veterinary costs for the galgos they help as well as funding special projects for them to improve conditions at the shelter for the dogs and the volunteers.

At present they have many dogs and sadly due to the current situation many transports have been postponed which stretches their resources. Fortunately, Nina of SASIN was able to visit Sole and her team last February, before lockdown, and was able to spend time at the shelter helping look after the dogs and managed to take some galgos back to Slovenia for homing –like Bessie, Boss and Joana below -



Arca de Noe have their own veterinary clinic in the town and the profits from this help fund the shelter. The initial veterinary costs for a galgo there are around €150-170. Prices for veterinary costs vary in Spain. Food, additional treatment, operations, dentals, are all additional costs they have to find.

We continue to support Arca de Noe as we do other shelters in Spain. With most of the shelters we help now dealing with record numbers of dogs and no possibilities for moving them to homes yet they need our help even more.

We are currently working on sending more donations to some of these shelters—food, dog treats, medicines, coats etc. We are also offering some help towards their food costs during this difficult time.

If you would like to help us with this support please donate to GIN, quoting:-

"FOOD FOR GALGOS"

Donations can be made on-line via -



Cheques and postal orders, payable to Greyhounds in Need, can be sent straight to us at :-

*Greyhounds in Need CIO,
5A, 80 High Street, Egham,
Surrey, TW20 9HE.*

*Donations can also be made
over the phone—
01784 483206*



After a recent school visit Jisseth, who runs the education programme in Albacete, wrote to us to say she was very touched that a girl, who was a pupil at the school, had baked cookies for the galgos.



The school had also organised a collection for blankets and food for the Arca de Noe shelter.



It is acts of kindness like this that give us all hope that the younger generation will be kind and thoughtful towards animals.



BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Full name.....

Address.....
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I would like to help Greyhounds in Need CIO with an annual /
quarterly / monthly gift of £.....

Name of your bank.....

Address of your bank.....
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Bank sort code - -Account Number.....

Bank Instruction:- Please pay the stated amount on the same day
each year / quarter / month, starting on / / /

REFERENCE:.....

SignatureDate.....

Please send this form to your bank

PLEASE PAY: Coutts & Co., 440 The Strand, LONDON WR2R 0QS.

Account - Greyhounds in Need CIO
Account Number 04781600 Sort Code 18-00-02
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**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

TitleFirst name or initial(s)

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.



Send a Book of Stamps! - these kind donations certainly lighten and share the load of postage costs on GIN which is something we cannot control. Stamps, of any denomination, are very welcome.

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 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

Fundraising

GIN

In this newsletter we would normally be writing now about the various events being organised around the country to raise funds for GIN and to raise awareness of the plight of the greyhounds and galgos.

We held a meeting earlier this year to discuss some new events we hoped to attend and started to make some enquiries. Sadly the coronavirus pandemic has meant that many events have had to be postponed or cancelled.

At the time of writing this newsletter we cannot say if events planned for later this year will be able to go ahead. We will continue to keep our website, FB and Twitter pages up to date with any news of these.

One event I feel I must mention was to be held at Buscot Park, Oxford on the 6th September. Buscot Park is a National Trust property but is the home of Lord Faringdon. He had kindly asked us if we would like to hold an event there on the closed weekend. We were thrilled to be asked and had already started to make plans but at the moment I can only say that the date is "pencilled" in. We hope the situation will be better for all of us by September so please keep a lookout on our site and social media for any news on this and other events we, and those who support us, are able to organise.



We would like to thank all of our supporters who regularly hold car boot sales, run stalls at events, organise street and store collections, dog walks, talks, empty collecting boxes etc. Many of you have told us that your event has been cancelled. Hopefully once the crisis is over we will all be able to organise events again. Please let us know if/when this becomes possible for you and let us have details and we will be able to advertise these on our site.



Thank you

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www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



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Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Tamara and Maggie doing what they do best



Rafi enjoying the seaside



Borja helping with the gardening in Slovenia



Duque has found a new friend and a nice bed in Italy

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

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Dave enjoying his life
in France



Pam has a wonderful life
with Simon and Nick



Marisa (left) and
Bono enjoying their
new home on the
Isle of Wight

Romina, originally from Arca
de Noe in Albacete,
checking
out her new neighbours
in Slovenia



News from Cheshire and the North West

Hello again everyone,

It would be very easy to be pessimistic at this very difficult time for us all, but I will try to be as optimistic as possible as we plan for the next few months. All our dogs, I am sure, will be delighted that we are able to spend much more time with them at home and on their walks.

Since writing my piece for the Autumn newsletter we have sadly heard about the passing of a number of our much loved four legged friends and ambassadors for Greyhounds in Need. These include Faz, Tolo and Ruby, galgos who all left us in October 2019 and greyhounds Hotfoot Roger, Dennis, Dinny and Fletcher. Roger also passed away in October whilst we lost Dennis and Dinny in November and Fletcher in February of this year.

They are very much missed by their loving families, but their passing has opened the door for four lucky greyhounds to find their forever homes; Derek with Nicola and her family, Peggy with Adele, Bidy with Jackie and Phil and Lucy with Janice and Barry.

We are looking forward to meeting these new arrivals when we are eventually able to resume our Fundraising and Social Dog Walking events later in the year.

We were hoping to organise several events over the Autumn and Winter months but the weather was not as kind to us as we had hoped. We did manage to meet up at Marbury Country Park in November (photos right) where we sold Christmas cards and calendars to a great turnout of our friends and volunteers despite the inclement weather.

We had to postpone our planned walk at Hollingworth Lake in December because it clashed with a fundraiser for a local Hospice and then postpone for a second time in February 2020 because of the arrival of Storm Dennis.



We seem to be very unlucky when we try to organise a walk at Hollingworth Lake. We had to cancel in the summer because, unbelievably, the weather would have been too hot for both the dogs and their owners due to the lack of shade around the Lake.

Hopefully we will be able to arrange a walk once life returns to some kind of normality.

Until now, I have always been able to let you know the dates of our planned Fundraisers in Cleveleys in the Spring edition of this Newsletter. Very optimistically I booked two dates with the local Council in May and September. I doubt very much that the Social Distancing restrictions will have been lifted by 9th May but I am keeping my fingers crossed for 12th September.

The street collections in Cleveleys, on the Fylde coast, are two of our most important fundraising events now that we have reduced the number of events that we organise during the year. Many of our volunteers look forward to their visits to the seaside and we are always recognised and made welcome by the residents and visitors to the town.

We ourselves are hoping that our annual holiday to Cornwall will go ahead in July. We are looking forward to meeting up with the other greyhounds, galgos and podencos who enjoyed exploring the wonderful Cornish countryside with us last year.

To finish on a positive and optimistic note, I am always amazed by the generous response that we receive when we have asked you to help out your fellow dog owners.

Thank you Jackie and Phil who fostered Pippa when her mum, Sue, broke her ankle just before Christmas and many thanks also to Anne and George who have supported Chris with his best friend Mack.

Together I am sure that we can come through these difficult next few months. Enjoy the time you are able to spend with your dogs and we look forward to seeing you again later in the summer.

Stay safe

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

**PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK
PAGE FOR NEWS ON EVENTS AS WE WILL KEEP THESE
UPDATED WITH THE LATEST NEWS**

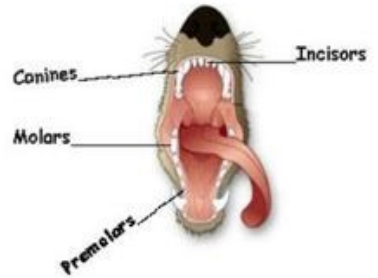
Thank you

Vet's Corner

Vet's Corner — Dental Disease

It is estimated that 80% of dogs over the age of three have some form of dental disease. The normal mouth has white teeth and pink (or pigmented) gums which do not bleed when touched.

Dental disease is initially invisible when plaque (bacteria and other substances) builds up on the tooth surface. The more plaque that is allowed to accumulate the redder the gums become (gingivitis) and eventually the plaque mineralizes into calculus (tarter) on the tooth surface. If left untreated these early and reversible changes of dental disease can lead to a more serious and irreversible condition called periodontal disease where the teeth loosen and eventually fall out.



Periodontal disease however does not just affect the mouth. Bacteria can spread from the mouth through the blood stream and affect other organs such as the liver, kidneys, heart and lungs making your pet generally feel unwell.

It is recommended that all dogs visit their local veterinary surgery at least once a year for a dental check. Most practices now offer reduced rate or free nurse clinics specifically to check your pet's dental health. These clinics are designed to show you how to maintain your pet's oral hygiene with a range of different products including tooth brushing.

Tooth brushing — Where do I start?

Set an appropriate time of day for tooth brushing: after the pet has had its last meal of the day is preferable but if you have more time in the morning do it then.

Make it part of your routine:

For example Have your own dinner, feed the pets, do the washing up, watch TV, read a book, get your things ready for tomorrow, brush the pets teeth, go up to the bathroom to do your own teeth, go to bed.

How do I do it?

It's easiest to sit down on the floor with your pet either next to them or behind them, but facing the same way. You may be more confident asking someone to sit with you and stop the pet moving backwards or pawing you when you first start. Don't restrain your pet too forcefully - we want to work towards them allowing us to brush their teeth not forcing them to have it done. If at any stage your pet resists strongly stop; go back to the previous step and only progress when your pet is accepting comfortably what you are doing.

Week 1

Take a pea sized amount of toothpaste on your index finger, let the pet smell it and lick it, then dab it onto the incisors/canines (teeth at the front of the mouth)

Week 2

Take a pea sized amount of toothpaste on your index finger, use your other hand to lift

the upper lips, rub the toothpaste on the incisors/ canines in a circular motion for a few seconds. Build the time up gradually over the week to about 40 seconds.

Week 3

Take a pea sized amount of toothpaste on your index finger, use your other hand to lift the upper lips, rub the toothpaste on the incisors/canines as if your finger were a toothbrush. Start to move onto the pre-molars building up gradually over the week until you can 'brush' all of them.

Week 4

Continue to use your finger as if it were a toothbrush and gradually build up to cover all the teeth in the mouth that you can reach.

Week 5

Choose a toothbrush you are comfortable with. Put a pea sized amount of toothpaste on it and let your pet sniff it. Introduce it to just the incisors with just one or two circular movements. Gradually build this up over the week until you are brushing all the incisors & canines.

Week 6

Brush the incisors & canines and then gradually move up to the premolars as you did before with your finger.

Week 7

Brush the incisors, canines & pre-molars and move on to cover all of the molars. By the end of this week you can be an efficient pet tooth brusher!

Why do I need to brush my pets teeth every day?

Plaque starts to build up on the tooth surface again within an hour of brushing. Tartar or calculus begins to form within 24-48 hours. This cannot be removed by a toothbrush. You need to brush every day to beat the build up of calculus.

I really can't brush my pets teeth, what should I do?

Book an appointment with the nurse for a demonstration. Don't rush things, be patient and only give in if you are really not making any progress at all. The nurse can advise you on other options to aid dental health and slow the disease process down. However you must be aware that tooth brushing is the single most effective treatment for prevention of dental disease.



Leigh Soby BVSc MRCVS

TRIBUTES



✦ Just wanted to let you know that my beautiful **Freddie** (original name Colonia) was put to sleep last week after living with me and my other rescue dogs since September 2008.

She was one of the first lot of Galgos that came over from Spain to quarantine at Precious

Pets in Newnham, Gloucestershire. She was the most remarkable girl and everyone, both two legged and four legged loved her, especially Florence and Emily my Abyssinian cats! So gentle and knowing, she brought joy into my life every day. Very hard to say goodbye but she now runs free without a care in the world. She will be with me forever and thank you for allowing me the privilege of being able to look after her for past 11 years.

Viv and the rest of the animal family Sally,
Daphne, Audrey and Emily xxxxx

✦ Hi Carolyn and Tracey, sad news **Merlin** went yesterday to enjoy the delights of doggie heaven . He will be missed greatly especially by Aliseda. Joy

✦ We were sorry to hear from Deb that she had to say goodbye to **Tolo** recently. She adopted him about 11 years ago and he must have been about 16 years old going off the details on his pet passport. He had had a long and very happy life but it sounds as if old age finally caught up with him. He was losing weight and struggling to walk at the end so Deb knew that it was the right time to let him go peacefully.

✧ We are very saddened our beloved Galgo **Bacco** (lovely boy) passed away today 18/11/2019 age approx. 12 years we had the pleasure of his company for 8 years, his lovely manner, building his confidence all the time to able to meet the girls he loved when we went out his walks.



Unfortunately after a short illness we had to let him go, now he is off playing in Galgo heaven. We have many wonderful memories of Bacco to keep. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to give Bacco his forever home. We admire and respect your dedication towards this wonderful cause.

Kind regards Mark, Val, Josh

✧ Sadly we have also heard that Barry and Janice had to say goodbye to their lovely galga, **Ruby**. We remember when they came down to Wraysbury to collect her and are very grateful to them for giving her a lovely home and for their support to GIN.

✧ We were also sorry to hear from Christine that she had to say goodbye to **Fasene**.

He was a lovely dog and we at GIN will always remember him in quarantine.

He had a tumour on his hock which was removed but it returned and the vets thought it was time to let him go.

We are very grateful to Christine for giving him a good life.

Galgos for Adoption



Elvis is very sociable, playful but quiet too. He is a big galgo and good with other dogs. He was found near the shelter in Albacete. He is just over 2 years old.



Katy was found in Albacete with Kesa, they could be sisters. They are just over 2 years old and quite small/medium galgas.

Very sociable and sweet.



Kay is a small male brindle galgo, just over 2 years old. He was found tied to the train rails in the Albacete area. He is quite sociable.





Kesa was found in Albacete with Katy, they could be sisters. They are just over 2 years old and quite small/medium galgas.

Very sociable and sweet.



Litri, was handed in to the Arca de Noe shelter by his owner. He is a big, strong boy. He was scared the first few days at the shelter but he has become a very happy, trustful and sociable boy. He is approx. 4 years old.



Trina, a lovely looking female brindle galga, she is friendly but quiet and likes people. She is approx. 2 years old.



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 -



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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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Galgos at Arca de Noe, Albacete