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News Update

Dear Friends,

We hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and catch up on our work over the last 6 months. We feel that we are getting back to normal in the office now and it is nice to be looking forward to our next group of galgos, including Ady (right) arriving soon —more details on pages 18-19. We are all getting excited to meet them and are grateful to local supporter Sue who will be able to help again with their homing.

We are also pleased to be able to fund some projects in Spain that have been on hold due to the pandemic—more news on pages 12-16.



We would like to thank everyone who took part in our Christmas raffle, this was the first time we have organised a raffle at Christmas and it proved popular. Our Trustee, Geraldine Jones, kindly drew the winning ticket for us, and Mr Chivers in Surrey was the lucky winner of a luxury hamper.

Our Christmas treats appeal is always popular and this raised £1,800. The shelters have asked me to thank you all for your kind donations which provided many galgos with some extra special treats at Christmas time.

The caption competition in our last newsletter was also popular and we had many giggles in the office when we opened the post—thank you to everyone who took part, we will look out for more photos to include in our next newsletter as many of you have asked about this.



In this newsletter we enclose a competition for children—a word search which is one of the resources on our education website. These are available in English and Spanish and can be downloaded from the site.

The prize will be one of our new water bottles (photo left).

Please take a look at our new Spanish website by scanning the QR code on the right.



The Galgos have found the treats!



As you know we, and many supporters around the country, have been unable to organise events in the last couple of years but this year we are hoping to book some summer events. We are hearing from supporters that they are also organising walks and street collections.

If you feel you can help us in any way we have a fundraising pack that we can send to you which includes posters, literature, collecting box etc. Please give us a call-01784 483206 or send an email info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk Please keep checking our website and Facebook page as we will post any news regarding events on there.

We enclose our latest merchandise catalogue and hope you will take a look and find some gifts for you and your four legged friends. We feature some of our new items on page 17. https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/

Thank you to those supporters who have been shopping on line via **Easyfundraising** — https://easyfundraising.org.uk and/or **Amazon Smile** https://smile.amazon.co.uk More people seem to be using these sites when shopping on line which helps us to raise funds for our work.

Our last group of galgos have all been adopted and you can read more news on them on pages 10 and 11. They were a lovely group and were soon adopted. It is nice to receive feedback and more adopters are now joining our **Home at Last** group on Facebook to share their stories and experiences of owning a galgo.

We include a book of raffle tickets with this newsletter for our Summer Raffle which will be drawn on 26th August, 2022. 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 and we can put them in the post to you—info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Thank you to all the knitters who kindly contacted us after we received a large donation of wool. We received some lovely coats, and some nice colourful snoods and dog bed blankets—they have all been sent to Spain now.





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

We aim to keep our website and FB up to date with news so please keep checking in to see more updates on our work and see how the adoptions of our new galgos are going.

We are looking forward to seeing Sue and Phil again later this year when they will be visiting Windsor and Surrey. They are wonderful GIN supporters and have helped us for many years now with fundraising events in their area, please see their news on pages 30—31.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful supporters for enabling GIN to carry on it's vital work for the greyhounds and galgos.

It just remains for me to say a very big **THANK YOU** to Tracey and Geraldine for all their help in the office—we are always busy but the days go quickly, we always say no two days are the same!

Carolyn x

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Our Deputy General Manager, Tracey Sanderson, will be celebrating a **special** birthday later this year. One thing on her bucket list to do before the big day is a Tandem Sky Dive.

We think she is very brave and she is going to raise funds for three charities— Greyhounds in Need, Parkinson's UK and Cancer Research UK

The Sky Dive is booked for **20th August** obviously weather dependent.

If you would like to support Tracey and donate to this fundraiser please visit—

https://www.justgiving.com/team/ teamtraceyspennyskydive



Thank you

Education

Are your children or grandchildren looking for new activities to do. If they would like to complete the Wordsearch below and email or post it back to the GIN office they will receive one of our new water bottles!



A new life!

Hurray, this galgo
has been found a
new family to love
and care for them.
Can you find the
words that
describe how they
might be feeling?

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Word List

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interested
nervous
happy
anxious
safe
stressed
content

https://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Trustees' pages

In January, Martin Humphery announced his retirement as a Trustee of GIN. Martin first became involved in GIN when he and his wife, Angela, adopted their first galgo, Harry in December 2000.

Martin later joined the Board of Trustees bringing to our work a wealth of experience in many fields of the charitable and volunteering sectors along with his passion for animal welfare.

We are pleased that Martin will continue in an advisory role as his knowledge of the charity over many years is invaluable.



We all thank him for his friendship and his contribution to our cause.



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Sam Taylor as a Trustee of our Charity.

Sam lives in Dorset and brings years of experience working with charities, government departments and brands developing educational campaigns and initiatives.

She has been involved with our charity for a number of years and helped design and produce our educational material and website and has what is probably the most important qualification we seek, that is a huge enthusiasm for our cause and a love of dogs.

We are confident that our staff and supporters will give their customary support and friendship to our new Trustee.

Q&A with our Trustee, Geraldine Jones

How did you get to hear about GIN?

I first became a member of GIN 17 years ago when I met Arthur Finch with his lovely dog Lurchy at the Egham Fair. Lurchy later became the GIN office dog.



What is your role in the charity?

I've worked in the GIN office for 15 years as a volunteer, and became a Trustee 10 years ago. My favourite memories

Your hopes for the



When I adopted my galgos. Firstly Mary-Anne and later Sam, sadly we have lost them both now. Last year we adopted our lovely boy Jake who comes to the office sometimes to help!



I hope that GIN continues to grow and do as well in the future as it has in the past enabling more galgos and greyhounds to be homed.



Our November 2021 Galgos









Bambi (Brandy) left the kennels to go and live with Judy and Mark in Warwickshire. Please see Judy's article on page 22.

Lenny is now living with Ruth in Cornwall.

Sugar soon made herself comfortable in her new home in Bucks. with Kathy and Kevin.



(Pantoja) soon found her nice comfy bed in her new home with Louise in Yorkshire.

Button looking very handsome in his new home with John and Ruth in Staffordshire.







Jacob (Simba) enjoying a walk in Surrey where he has settled very well with Jo.

Arwen (Porelia) has settled well in her new home with galgo Gryphon, Nick and Christine.

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adoption on pages
adoption & 19





Spike

Tai (Tyson) is now enjoying life on a narrowboat with Sarah and Huw in Leicestershire.

Rafi (Baker) is now living in Wales with Corinne and Geoff.

Spike (Earl) has settled very well in his new home in Kent with Elaine and Wenda.







Frosty has settled well with Elena in Herts.

Fifty is now living in Kent with Deborah and family.

Reina has joined Silke and her family in Sussex.

Summer is settling well in London with Martin . He is getting on well with the family cat.

Brian (Brighton) is enjoying life with Rachel in Doncaster.



Ruperta has gone to live in London with Anna and Sebastian.

Please take a moment to visit our **Home at Last FB** page and see more news of happily homed galgos.





https://www.facebook.com/groups/203451828157474

Our Work Abroad

We are pleased that we have been able to look again at some projects for the shelters in Spain. The Covid restrictions over the last couple of years, both here and abroad, meant many plans had to be put on hold.

The Arca de Noe shelter in Albacete help many animals each year, all breeds but mostly galgos. Last year alone they rescued and rehomed over 300 galgos.

Many go to homes in Italy, thanks to GACI, and you can see in the photos on the right that the last group of galgos, who left in March, were getting ready to leave the shelter for their new life, they even managed to open the gate!

Eighty four galgos left the shelter last year to start their new lives in Slovenia thanks to Nina and her team at SASIN.







When they visit the shelter they always arrange to stay a while to help the team there look after the dogs. Last time Nina visited she ended up helping Sole with an urgent rescue of a donkey and some sheep!

Over 100 galgos, including Lana, Rubi, Virgueria and Arena left the shelter for homes in France, thanks to Le Clan Des Levriers and Association Levriers 74.











With so many dogs to care for each year at Arca de Noe the volunteers are always making repairs to the shelter and some areas need major work done in order to care for the dogs in a safe environment.

We have funded kennels, an on site clinic, heating, exercise and education areas for them and one project that we have been wanting to do, that they asked us about pre-lockdown, was to demolish one of the very old kennel blocks and replace with some new kennels, with heating. This is a big job and not easy when there are so many dogs at the shelter but it needs doing and will allow more galgos to be housed in this area. Work has begun now so we hope to bring you more news on this project in our next newsletter.

The education project has also been affected by the pandemic but slowly the shelters are organising some visits and are hopeful that the summer schools will be possible this year.

We receive requests for our help from new groups and shelters in Spain and were pleased to hear from **Asociacion DDEVIDA** in Sevilla, earlier this year. They are a small group and regard education as a priority. We were able to send them some of our education material and give them the link to the site and they are making plans now to use this at their workshops.

Also we heard from Patricia in Alicante. We first made contact back in 2009/10 when Patricia started fostering galgos at her home. She is an English teacher and has recently started giving talks/

activities to schools in her area. We have sent her some education material and she has also been using some material from the website and had a great response.

We are glad to receive any feedback on the site and have just made some changes which hopefully make it easier to navigate and we now show the resources by age group which is something that had been mentioned to us.

Please take a look -

https://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



We will soon be receiving some galgos for homing in the UK from Tina at **Galgos del Sol**, photos and details on page 18 and 19.

We have supported Tina and GDS since their early days and recently Tina wrote about a project they wanted to do at the centre. They wanted to build a completely separate parvo treatment area on the side of the puppy block. It needed a mini vets only for parvo dogs and a human shower and changing area. It has to be completely contained as with so many dogs at the shelter at any one time a major priority is to reduce the potential of parvo or other diseases spreading.

Tina is great at sending us update reports on projects we help them with and you can see here the various stages of this latest project which I am pleased to say is now complete and is already in use.





















Photos: Galgos del Sol



In our last newsletter we mentioned that Anna who runs SOS Galgos in Barcelona had signed a lease on some kennels and had just received the keys!

We were so pleased for Anna to realise her dream of having her own place which she has named "SOS Galgos Rescue and Education Centre"

Work soon started to get the centre ready and we were able to help with funding for fencing to make sure the property would be secure before the galgos arrived.

The galgos have started to arrive at the shelter now and we are pleased to be able to offer some funding towards their care whilst they are being prepared for adoption.

We have sent some coats, collars, bowls etc to them and Anna has sent the picture below of the calcus looking very

picture below of the galgos looking very smart in their waterproof coats.





In 2021 we were able to fund the initial veterinary costs for 61 galgos that Vera at Galgos en Familia were able to rescue. They find homes for the galgos in Belgium, Holland, Italy and Spain. We are pleased to be able to continue funding for some of their rescues this year.

















Photos: Galgos en Familia



Please see page 20 for our Shelter Appeal





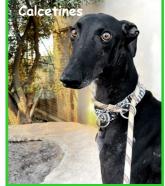
Our New Galgos

Our new group of 12 galgos will be arriving soon. We give below some brief information on them and more news and photos will be added to our website in the coming weeks. This group are coming from Galgos del Sol in Murcia.

Calcetines was very scared when he arrived at GDS but has gained more confidence now and loves to be with people! He is approx. $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old.



Grant is a super sweet and confident boy who was handed in by his galguero. Lucky for Grant that he wasn't abandoned to the streets. He is approx. 5\frac{1}{2} years old.

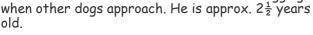


Le Bon is one of four hounds that came to GDS from a perrera in Baza where the police denounced the previous owner for cruelty. He's a really sweet young boy that walks



very gently on a lead and is a gentleman around other dogs. He is approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

Ady was given away as unwanted, the owner couldn't be bothered to have his broken leg treated. The bone has healed on its own quite well, he's young. Ady walks quite nicely when out with tail wagging







Pebbles was rescued from the streets. GDS suspected she had been hit by a car as she couldn't walk very well and cried when they lifted her. The vets found an old break in her leg which could have caused the pain as well as a belly full of stones, believe it or not! Now fit as a fiddle, Pebbles is feeling fabulous. She's recovered really well and just loves being with people. This girl is an absolute doll! She is approx. 4½ years old.



Kamal and Sanghi are two young brothers (approx. 2½ years old), who were dumped on a mountain road. These poor scared souls stayed in the same location walking up and down the road waiting for someone to return to get them. The first couple of days the boys were very growly but didn't take long



for them to turn into love bugs. Wouldn't it be lovely if they could be homed together?



Gala - what a character she is! This little beauty loves to cuddle and play. Certainly some manners to be learnt as she is a bit boisterous but totally adorable and all with the loveliest of intentions. Gala is approx. 1½ years old.



Snowy

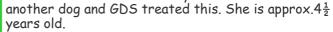
Libby survived being hit by a car but was left with horrendous injuries. Now on the mend, her skin graft took and her dislocated elbow was operated on. She is super friendly. Libby is approx. $6\frac{1}{2}$ years old.



Ginebra was heartbroken to be given up by her previous owner. As she looks back, we will help her to only look forward. What a beauty with that gorgeous long nose. She is approx. 1½ years old.



Gorgeous Snowy was caught in a trap by GDS. Her left eye looked to have been bitten by





A street rescue, Nahekari was found with burns/ injuries on her paws that made it difficult for her to walk. She was rescued in January 2022 and has recovered well at GDS. She is approx. $5\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

Photos: Galgos del Sol

Shelter Appeal

We support several shelters throughout the year by sending kindly donated dog coats, blankets, collars, leads and medical items and these are always very much needed and appreciated.

We have also funded the purchase of dog beds for some of the shelters as these sadly get chewed and need to be replaced. We are often asked for some waterproof coats as some areas of Spain do get heavy rain and the kennels get flooded and we are also asked for Martingale collars.

We are currently making arrangements to support some shelters with these items. If you would like to donate to this appeal there are many ways to do so, on line via—





Donations can also be made by phone-01784 483206

Cheques can be sent, payable to Greyhounds in Need CIO, to our office in Egham.









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Galga Bambi (Brandy)

Having said farewell to our dear Perdita (Purdy to her friends) in January 2022 - there was a hole in our hearts which needed to be filled plus an empty dog bed looking for a new resident! Both of these were quickly taken by a three year old fawn galga called Brandy. I must confess to having a 'thing' about names and the name Brandy didn't appeal so she has become Bambi. This suits her to a 'T' from her colouring - to her size and her ability to leap from sofa to sofa with grace, ease and speed. Having such a youngster joining our existing pack of five is a bit of a shock to the system as four of the other



hounds are over ten years old. Warrick the elder statesman – also originally from Galgos del Sol back in 2012 is now a teenager as he turned thirteen on 12 February 2022. Bambi was found on the streets of Spain by Tina and her volunteers back in August 2020 at just 18 months old. Given her background she has fitted into home life really well. She has a few things to learn but being a galga – she is intelligent and quick to respond. We may need to consult our Spanish phrase book for the translation of 'gently' as treats are snatched and devoured with alacrity – but like so many others with pasts best put behind them, treats are a much prized reward for good behaviour and a new, tasty experience. To show her appreciation, Bambi showers us with 'kisses'. She loves her meals, sleeps through the night and is virtually housetrained. Unlike many English and Irish greyhounds, galgos are very good at sitting and Bambi does exactly this, looking like a porcelain figurine.

Our 'new girl' has been here just over four weeks now and has taken on where Purdy left off in squirrel watching with lurcher pal Lucas (from the dog pound). Neither of these has the stealth and patience that Purdy exhibited but such is the enthusiasm of youth! 'Watching' is an understatement to put it mildly, as racing down the garden



at breakneck speed with bark chippings flying everywhere is probably a more apt description. Bambi has also discovered squeaky toys much to Dana's chagrin but to give Dana her due, she just watches this young whippersnapper tossing 'her' toys about and squeaking them with great excitement. Having had 22 pups in her time, Dana is well used to the exuberance of youth. However, like all dogs, they never put their toys away and picking up around two dozen (yes you read that correctly) is a feat in itself.

So if you have a hole in your life to fill with a canine companion, maybe consider a galgo? Check out the Greyhounds In Need website as there are dogs and bitches of various colours, ages and temperaments all looking for a loving, happy and secure future....no more than each deserves.

Judy Zatonski - February 2022

News from France



We have worked with Therese, who runs Association Aide aux Lévriers Martyrs in France, for some years now and she and her team have helped

find homes for many galgos.

Over the last couple of years due to Covid restrictions they have not been able to take any dogs for homing but I am pleased to say that earlier this month four lucky galgos have arrived in France. Therese has written to say they are all well and lovely dogs and potential adopters will be visiting soon.

We have been able to help with funding for some veterinary, transport and boarding costs for these galgos who came from Sandy in Galgos Rescue Almeria. Sandy had contacted us last year to see if we could help them. We were able to send them some donated coats, blankets, dog collars etc. and are pleased that we have been able to put them in touch with Therese to help the galgos. We hope this co-operation will continue now and more lucky galgos will find homes in France.









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Postcode
Bank sort codeAccount 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 OQS.

Account - Greyhounds in Need CIO
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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 https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/

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, medals, old cameras 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 24) 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 Stamps cannot control. Stamps, of any denomination, are very welcome.

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Easyfundraising is a great way 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.



Amazon Smile is another way to help GIN. If you smile.amazon.co.uk and

choose Greyhounds in Need as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

Why not become a member of GIN—our membership fee is £12 for the calendar year (£6 for non-wage earners). Our membership form is on page 32.

We are fortunate to receive many coats for the galgos and send these to Spain throughout the year. If you feel you can help us by making coats the patterns can be downloaded from our website or if you give us a call 01784 483206 we can put a copy in the post to you.

Other items always needed in Spain— collars, leads and muzzles, feeding and water bowls, Antiparasitics, wound sprays and bandages.



Please call us on 01784 483206 for details

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Mawgan (right) and Ruby, now happily homed with Jan in Wiltshire



Rafi enjoying life with Corinne and Geoff in Wales



Daphne has found a comfortable chair in her new home in Yorkshire



Sam, happily homed with Janice, looking very smart in his new GIN coat



Lucia (front) and her friend Joy enjoying the French sunshine

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/203451828157474/

Happy Homings UK and Abroad





Sophie (left), Layla and Tobi enjoying life with Diane in Essex



Gryphon checking out his local park







Rafi wrapped up warm in Lincs, where he lives with Jen and family



Marisa (left) and Bono, homed with Judy and Robin on the IoW. Both looking nice and snug in their warm coats



News from Cheshire and the North West

Happy Springtime everyone

We are pleased to have been invited to write an update for the Newsletter during these very sad times.

We were delighted to be able to meet up with many of you and your dogs during the social dog walks and Cleveleys street collection that we were able to organise during the late summer and autumn months of last year.

Two of the walks were held at our regular venue of Marbury Country Park near Northwich, in Cheshire in August and November and another very successful evening walk took place in September at a new meeting place for us, Styal Country Park also in Cheshire.

We have been fortunate over the years in being able to have the support of Wyre Council in helping us to organise our fundraisers in Cleveleys.

They have agreed that we can organise a Street Collection at our usual meeting place on the promenade end of the main street in Cleveleys, outside Boots, between 10am and 4pm on SATURDAY 21ST MAY 2022. The seaside resort is situated between Blackpool and Fleetwood on the Fylde coast.

We had a successful winter collection in Cleveleys on December 18th, just before Christmas last year, and we are considering another winter event for December this year. Watch this space for more information.

Phil and I are hoping that our elderly greyhound Trish, who will reach the grand age

of thirteen at the end of August, will be able to join us again on holiday in Cornwall this summer. We enjoyed a lovely holiday in Crantock last June and July, where we met up with several of the friends who

we have homed greyhounds and galgos with over the years. We hope to be able to meet up again with some of them this year.

Trish loves pottering in the garden of the cottage where we stay as well as playing on the beach. She seems to get a new lease of life when she feels the sand between her toes





Last October Trish was able to come with us when we spent a wonderful few days in Scotland and Northumberland visiting our friend and fellow volunteer Carol together with her four dogs. Carol has moved to a beautiful area of the Highlands which is doggy heaven for her galgos and podencos. She had spent a week with us in Cornwall before relocating to Scotland.

Sadly we have learnt of the passing of one of our lovely friends, Tony, in July last year. He has left behind his wife Sandra together with his children and grand-children who miss him terribly as does George the greyhound. We will never forget Tony



and Sam, the first greyhound we homed with the family. Sam used to enjoy going with his dad to the local pub in the evening. Sam soon became a well known character in the Stalybridge area where they lived.

We have also heard of the passing of several of our four legged greyhound friends over the last few months; Barry and Janice lost their nearly fourteen year old boy, Eddie in October last year. Eddie is much missed by Barry, Janice and their new greyhound girl, Lucy. Lucy is named after our little black greyhound Lucy, who came with us when we completed their original home check. Our Lucy made a big impression on Barry and Janice and they often reminisce about how she ran around like a whirlwind in the garden and upstairs of their house. Happily they were not put off adopting greyhounds and lurchers and we have remained good friends ever since. Barry and Janice have also become loyal supporters of Greyhounds in Need and other greyhound charities.

We lost two more greyhound friends in November 2021. Sandra and her family were devastated to lose Tom, who had reached the age of twelve years in September. Tom was a stalwart of our fundraising team and we all miss him very much.

Caron was heartbroken to lose Kiddo, who was only eight. He passed away very suddenly on a walk whilst he was out enjoying his favourite pastime of chasing (but never catching) squirrels.

Early in January of 2022, we heard that Natalie, who was also one of our regular volunteers, together with her lovely owner Stephen, had lost her battle with bone cancer at the age of twelve.

All of these dogs had enjoyed very happy lives and are sadly missed.

On a positive note, we look forward to meeting up with many of you at our social dog walks and fundraising events later in the year. Look out for details on the Greyhounds in Need Facebook page.

Enjoy your spring and summer,

Sue, Phil and Trish, Volunteers, Greyhounds in Need

Become a member of Greyhounds in Need

<u>TO</u>: Membership Secretary, Greyhounds in Need CIO, 5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE

I should like to become a Member of Greyhounds in Need CIO and I enclose my cheque /postal order/other for the annual fee of £12 (£6 minimum for non-wage earners) to cover the period:

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Membership can also be paid by standing order, please complete the form on page 24 and return with this completed form to the address above.

Membership can also be paid over the phone-01784 483206

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Vet's Corner

Brucellosis

The UK has recently seen an increase in the number of dogs presenting with symptoms of Brucella canis. Brucella canis is zoonotic to humans and infected dogs pose a risk to humans especially veterinarians, when performing surgery, and laboratory staff, when handling blood or urine samples. Transmission to owners is considered low. Although human infection is rare in the UK it can be extremely severe and can lead to death. If diagnosed antibiotic therapy of infected humans is usually successful.

Causing agent:

Brucella canis is a bacteria.

Geographical distribution:

Brucella canis is present worldwide however Eastern Europe and the Middle East seem to higher infection rates than other Europe countries. One recent study showed that the prevalence of Brucella canis in Western Europe was around 5%.

Transmission:

Brucella canis is transmitted from dog to dog by sexual contact or from bitch to pup. In addition dogs coming into contact with reproductive tissues, discharges or urine of an infected dog may become infected.

Clinical signs:

Infected dogs are often asymptomatic, however, they show signs related to the reproductive system i.e. infertility, abortion, weak puppies, scrotal swelling or vaginal discharge. In addition dogs may present with discospondylitis – inflammation of the spine cord.

Diagnosis:

Unfortunately, there is no perfect test for brucellosis. The most accurate test at present is an antibody test which needs to be sent to a specialist laboratory.

Treatment and prevention:

It is very difficult to cure an infected dog and therefore currently treatment is not recommended due to the potential risk the dog poses to the public. Euthanasia must be a consideration as positive dogs must be isolated from all other dogs and shared dog environments. In addition contact with people must be kept to a minimum.



Leigh Sobye BVSc MRCVS

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 costs incurred 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 adoption fee is £175.

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 *Other amount £per month
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