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News Update

Dear Friends,

In May this year we will be celebrating 25 years as a registered charity. In 1998 Greyhounds in Need was founded by Anne and Arthur Finch after they had spent a number of years helping and rehoming greyhounds and raising awareness of their plight. The charity has grown considerably over the years and we are lucky to have wonderful collaborations with many shelters in Spain, some we have worked with for years.



As GIN has grown the help we have been able to give has expanded and we are so pleased and proud that it has been possible to increase our help and support to the shelters abroad rescuing the galgos and the adoption groups in Europe who work tirelessly to find homes for them.

The veterinary bills the shelters have are always high and much of the funding we are able to give, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, goes towards covering such costs. The shelters in Spain are run mostly by volunteers who give so much of their time to help the abandoned dogs in their area. We have also been able to fund many necessary projects in Spain to improve facilities for the dogs while they wait for a home.

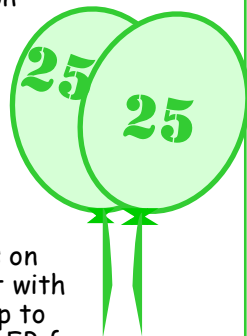
On pages 18-19 you can read "A Day at SOS Galgos, Barcelona", one of the groups we support written by Anna Clements who is the Director.

In our last newsletter I mentioned that Tracey was planning to do a Tandem Sky Dive to celebrate her "special birthday" and raise funds for Greyhounds in Need, Parkinson's UK and Cancer Research UK. This had to be postponed due to the weather but finally went ahead on 8th October, raising £1,704 (£979 for GIN). Tracey sends a big THANK YOU to everyone who kindly donated.



Thank you to everyone who took part in our on-line raffle which raised £1,455. We were very grateful to Louise, who adopted galga Daphne from GIN, for donating a weekend break in a fabulous dog friendly 5 star holiday cottage in Northumberland as a prize. The lucky winner was Mary Lynch. Louise has kindly offered this prize again later this year so please look out for details in our next newsletter, website, FB etc.

We are again organising a Summer Raffle. The draw will be on **Friday 25th August** and we enclose herewith a book of tickets and hope you will again take part. Cheques, payable to Greyhounds in Need, and raffle stubs should be returned to us at 5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE. If you would like more tickets please give us a call or email us info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk and we will put them in the post.



Our November galgos were adopted quite quickly, more news on their adoptions on pages 8-10. At the time of going to print with the newsletter we haven't finalised a date for our next group to arrive but it won't be long! Please keep checking our site and FB for news. If you are interested in adopting a galgo please have a look on our site and complete the homing questionnaire and we will get back to you.

Sue, Lynda and Mark continue to help with the homing and are looking forward to the arrival of the next group. Sue has kindly put together some tips for potential galgo adopters—please see pages 10-14.

Working on the newsletter is always a time for looking back at our work and reporting on the last six months giving updates on projects and news. This newsletter is no exception, especially as the charity is celebrating 25 years of helping greyhounds and galgos.

I joined GIN back in January 1999, just offering help to Anne with typing up a newsletter and find it hard to think that was 24 years ago! I knew very little about greyhounds back then, other than they raced, and I had never heard of a galgo, I know a bit more now.

I have decided to retire later this year and wanted to take this opportunity to give a big THANK YOU to you, our volunteers and supporters, for the amazing support you have given GIN and me over so many years. Many of you have become good friends always there offering help when needed and I have appreciated this very much.

I have been pleased and proud to be involved with GIN and see the charity grow from such humble beginnings and I'm glad that the work will continue with the great team we have.

I would like to give a personal thank you to Tracey and Geraldine for all the help they have given me. I have many happy memories of our time together in the GIN office and I'm pleased that soon new staff and volunteers will be joining them.

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

Carolyn x

Sad news about Martin Humphery



We were sad to hear earlier this year that Martin Humphery had passed away, aged ninety-three. His wife, Angela, told us that he had been admitted urgently to hospital just before Christmas where he remained until he slipped away peacefully on the 1st January, 2023, with his dear wife at his bedside.

Angela and Martin had been GIN supporters for some time and we were pleased when they adopted their first galgo, Harry. They were soon in love with the breed and when Harry died they adopted Percy who became very famous with his photographs being used in much of our earlier educational material.

Martin became a Trustee in August 2003, and was Chairman from June 2008, until September 2019. He retired as a Trustee in January 2022. Over his tenure Martin provided a wealth of knowledge both from his previous experience with other charities and his acumen as a businessman.

During his years with GIN he regularly visited the office to keep in touch with all of us and liked to visit the galgos we brought to the UK who were kennelled nearby.

Martin enjoyed the visits to the shelters in Spain where he could meet the volunteers who work tirelessly to rescue and care for many galgos and he could follow up on various projects that GIN had given funding for.

The visits were very important and gave a very good clear view of the help that was needed and what the charity could help with in the future.



Martin also enjoyed his visits to Modena in Italy where the Greyhound Adopt Centre Italy (GACI) had their annual reunion.

It was wonderful to see so many galgos and greyhounds (ex Irish racing greyhounds) with their families and to meet up with the GACI team and representatives of Arca de Noe in Albacete, where the galgos came from.

Martin will be missed by many but especially by Greyhounds in Need (GIN) for whom he gave so much of his time and effort proving, without doubt, his love for the Greyhounds and Galgos.



Our November 2022 Galgos

Elliot, now called **Elvis**, has been adopted by Michele and is enjoying life in West Sussex.



Helen and Ricky from Surrey have given a lovely home to Charlie, now called **Yogi**.

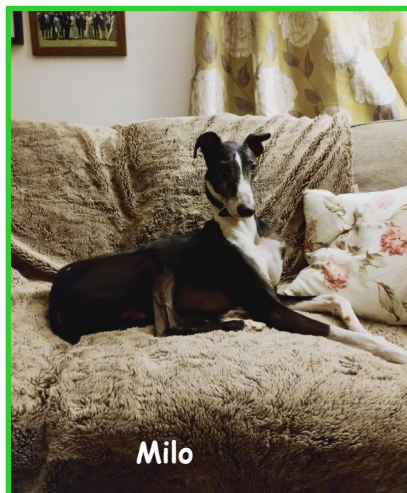


Oreo, now **Milo**, has settled well with Jan and Gerry in Dorset.



Floppy, now **Hendrik**, has been adopted by Julie in Kent.

Rachel has adopted Ponchito, he is now called **Toby** and is settling down well in Northamptonshire.



Betsy, now **Viva**, was one of the first to leave and she has gone to live in London with Terri.



Meringue, now **Lola**, is enjoying her new life with Harriet in Cornwall.



Freya has been adopted by Karen and is getting used to her new surroundings in Hampshire.

Rori is enjoying his new life in South Yorkshire with Jane and James.



Cagney, now **Maya**, has a lovely home in Devon with Claire.



Adopting a Galgo

Thinking of adopting? Here's a few thoughts on what you'll need.

Galgos are big couch potatoes and will spend a fair bit of their day snoozing so a soft bed to protect those slender bones is top of the list. With a huge choice available it pays to shop around. My galgos have always preferred soft sided beds, good for snuggling into especially with an added fleecy blanket. Another



option is a Donut bed and these also seem a big hit with the galgos. You'll need to

look at larger sizes and as a guide I suggest the inside measurement should not be less than 80 cm in length.



When positioning a new bed it's important to allow for natural spillage!

Another useful type of bedding is VETFLEECE. These are washable fleecy mats, available in different colours and sizes with anti-slip backing. They have many uses, perfect if you have lots of tiled, wood or laminate flooring, great for travelling in the car, easily rolled up and carried to visit a friend and ours have made several trips out to local pubs. The mat pictured is 30" x 40" and this seems to work well.



You'll need to think about where your galgo will eat and drink, a quiet area is preferable. We recommend a raised feeder as it gives a much more comfortable feeding position for your long legged friend. The feeder keeps the bowls firmly in place no matter how well licked they are! I've added a picture here of the style I use. Again there are lots of different styles to choose from but this one works well for us and I think is an ideal height. You will need the larger size.



In kennels our galgos are fed twice a day on a good quality kibble mixed with wet food. Think ahead about the type of food you will feed once you have adopted. Initially we supply adopters with a starter pack of kibble and wet food so the same diet is fed while your galgo settles in. If you change the food please always do this over a period of at least a week increasing the proportion of the new food slowly so there's less chance of any digestive upsets.

We will want your galgo to be safe and secure so we ask all adopters to use a harness right from adoption day and onwards. The harness pictured has an extra strap under the belly and this style is called a 3 point harness. This type of harness has proven to be very effective and makes it almost impossible for your galgo to escape. This is the only type used by GIN and the rescues in Spain. It's vital that your galgo is kept safe on the journey home and of course during all those early experiences while you and your new companion get to know each other. Many of the galgos are nervous in the early days, after all they've never been in a home before or experienced many of the sights and sounds that we will expect them to cope with. They can react very quickly if taken by surprise, leaping about with excitement or pulling back in fear. When fitted correctly a harness is comfortable for the dog but also gives you secure control, much safer than only using a collar where all the force is on the neck. Although it may seem hard to believe, Greyhounds and Galgos are well known for slipping out of a standard greyhound collar and they can wriggle out of anything other than a 3 point harness, I know this from personal experience!



The harness pictured is available to purchase from GIN either on adoption day or from the online shop. They're reasonably priced, come in more than one colour and are very adjustable enabling a good fit.



Now you have a harness if travelling by car all you need to add is a security strap that either plugs into the seat belt clip or that secures around the headrest. This will prevent that unexpected leap from the car when a door or the boot is opened and acts as a safety restraint.



NEVER attach this strap to the collar only to a harness as it could cause serious injury if you were to brake suddenly. The seat belt strap is

available in the GIN shop and we usually have the headrest option available on adoption days.

Once adopted your galgo will go home with a standard leather greyhound collar, fitted with a GIN ID tag, matching leather lead and a greyhound muzzle.



Another collar we recommend you use is a house collar. The house collar should be fitted loosely around the neck and should also have an ID tag attached and it can be left on all the time. This way you can remove the walking out collar when indoors making it more comfortable for your galgo but you'll always have something to get hold of if you need to guide your dog away from something or maybe hold onto as you answer the front door. Don't underestimate how quick they can be slipping past you if they spot the neighbour's cat as it strolls past unexpectedly! I must add that a house collar should not normally be used with a lead as they are too narrow to be suitable for your galgos neck. The house collar pictured is one of several designs available in the GIN online shop.

You will need ID tags made with your contact details on, as by law your dog must wear a collar with a tag when out in a public place and of course if lost can hopefully be reunited with you quickly.



A different lead I've successfully been using is one with double handle loops. I've found the second loop is just in the right position to give you close control when needed and the nylon material is comfortable to hold. Available online with lots of colour choices etc. This one I use is 2.5cm wide and approximately 1.5m long. Once your galgo has settled in another useful item to add to your list is a long line. This of course should only be attached to a harness never to a collar. From experience I suggest a 5 metre line is a

good length. It's long enough to practice a bit of recall and give your dog more freedom but not too long to get all tangled up in!

Please **DON'T** use a retractable type as they do not give sufficient control and can be dangerous in certain situations, not least possibly causing your galgo to panic and run if the handle is accidentally pulled from your hand.



As galgos have very little body fat and very thin natural coats, the next item on your shopping list will be coats. You will need two; galgos definitely don't like rain, so a thin raincoat for those wet days and a warm lined winter coat for when the temperatures drop are essentials. These will get you started and there are many more variations that may be useful like a hi vis coat if you're walking in the dark during those winter months or an indoor fleece for night time if you don't have your heating on but I suggest you start with the basics and

you'll soon work out what else you need. Galgos like greyhounds are a specific body shape so you're very unlikely to find the right coats at your local pet shop. GIN do sell a nice range of well priced coats and of course every purchase from GIN helps towards the charity's aim to support the welfare, rescue and rehoming of the Spanish Galgo.



Obviously if you're adopting you won't know the size of coat you need until you've met your galgo but we suggest you browse the GIN shop beforehand, then we can help with supplying and fitting them on adoption day.

Next thing to consider is Pet Insurance. We strongly recommend you take out insurance as a trip to the vets can quickly get expensive. I'm often asked who is good but there are so many companies out there and their policies change so I can only suggest that you take time to do some research. If you haven't used pet insurance before maybe ask pet owning family or friends of their experiences and of course reading reviews online can help and although they won't recommend anyone you may be able to get some information from your local vet practice. As with all insurance the costs and cover vary greatly so it's really important to read the detail and really understand exactly what is covered and what isn't.

If you're making online comparisons look for Galgo Espanol, Spanish Greyhound, Spanish Galgo or Spanish Hunting Dog on their breed lists when getting quotes. Although you won't know the exact details of your new dog yet it's worth doing the research now so that you can get the insurance set up as soon as you've adopted. Most of them have a 14 day period before they offer full cover.

One final job to do, especially if a first time dog owner, is to hop online and check out the list of foods that are toxic to dogs. They include common things like Onions, Chocolate, Artificial Sweetener (Xylitol), Grapes and Raisins. There's also lots of common plants that grow in the garden that can be dangerous for dogs so please do check your garden. Better safe than sorry.

More information about Adoption is available on the GIN website or you can email me at homing@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk and I'll do my best to help.

P.S Don't forget to stock up on poo bags!

Sue Sarney
Homing for Greyhounds in Need

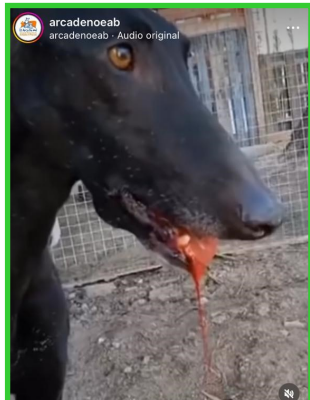
Please take a moment to visit our
Home at Last FB page
and see news of happily homed galgos

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Our Work Abroad

Earlier this year we heard from the shelters in Spain that an amendment which would exclude all hunting dogs from the Animal Protection, Rights and Welfare Bill in Spain was being proposed. Many demonstrations took place in Spain demanding the inclusion of hunting dogs in the new Welfare Bill. Sadly, the Spanish Government has amended the Animal Protection Law to exclude all working and hunting dogs. This is bad news for the galgos and other working and hunting dogs and for those rescuing them.

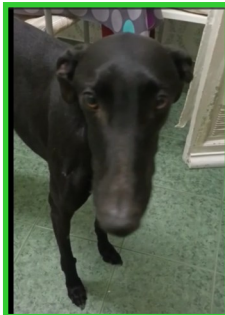


We are hearing from the shelters in Spain that they have received more galgos in the last few months than they would normally expect. Some very sad cases like Sirius.

Sole at Arca de Noe in Albacete contacted us recently about a galgo they had just rescued. Sole said that "Sirius was found with both sides of his jaw broken. The vet thinks it was the result of a tremendous blow with an iron bar. He doesn't think it could have been caused by a car but was done by a person. Luckily Sirius took refuge in an area where a lady saw him, immediately took him into her garden and called us. Sirius has been operated on and has plates and screws in both sides of the jaw. He is in a foster home."

We have been able to fund the necessary veterinary costs for Sirius.

At the time of going to print with this newsletter we have just heard from Sole that Sirius is recovering well and he likes roast potatoes!



Photos: Arca de Noe

Arca de Noe receive many galgos. Last year we were able to fund veterinary costs for over 200 galgos who were homed in France, Italy and Slovenia. Please take a look at the link below where you can see videos of the galgos arriving in Modena and meeting their new families.

<https://youtu.be/fbSFsg6l05g>



Bimba

We have recently offered funding for the veterinary costs for a galga, Bimba, who arrived at the Galgos en Familia shelter with a very prominent limp of her front right leg.

They took her for X-rays and she was seen by the trauma specialist. He said



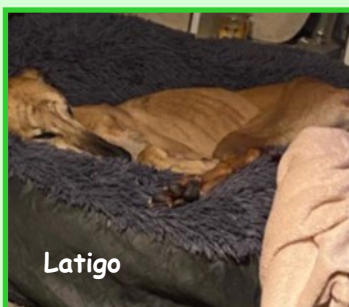
Photos: Galgos en Familia

that she had an old fracture and she was in pain and so needed an operation called osteosynthesis, which is a surgical procedure that stabilizes and joins the ends of the broken bones using a metal plate and screws.

We were pleased to be able to help fund veterinary costs for some more galgos rescued by RECAL in Almendralejo. They have found lovely homes in France and Belgium.



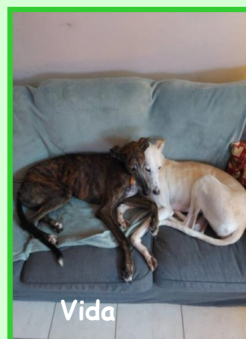
Espartico



Latigo



Dulcinea



Vida



Messi



Rubia

Photos: RECAL

Nina and her team at SASIN in Slovenia travel regularly to Arca de Noe, Albacete to collect galgos for homing.


They always arrange their visits so they can help at the shelter for a while before transporting the dogs home. Nina said recently that "Arca is her second home". She is already planning her next trip.

Below are some photos from the last visit.

Shop for the Shelters

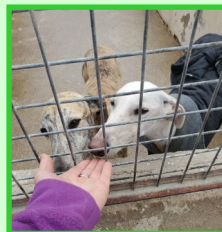
You can now donate direct to our care packages for the shelters from our online shop.

Let us know which items from your shopping cart you'd like to donate during the check out process.

Thank you 



<https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/>



Photos:
SASIN



Greyhounds to France

We were very pleased to hear from Catherine Madry who runs Levriers en Detresse in France that she would like to take more greyhounds from the UK for homing. We have known and worked with Catherine for years and she has found many homes for greyhounds and galgos.



Lévriers en Détresse
Animaux en Détresse

Association déclarée d'Intérêt Général

In two months she will be taking eight greyhounds from the UK, from Cheryl at Croftview kennels and GIN has offered to help with some funding for the transport getting them to France and some boarding costs until they are homed.

Photos below of the lucky eight who will soon be enjoying life in France.



Charm



Major



Darby



Dime



Haka



Shar



Jet



Saffie

Photos: Croftview

A Day at SOS Galgos, Barcelona

A day at SOS Galgos starts at 8 am .The team split into 2 groups. One takes care of the galgo survivors we provide shelter to, the other prepares the classrooms for 50 children to arrive.



The first thing is to take the galgos that sleep in the indoor kennels and let them out into the courtyard. While the galgos are outside we clean after them and prepare their food. Once the kennels have been cleaned, we start to serve breakfast to all the galgo survivors. Once their bellies are full, it's time to medicate and treat those who need it.

The rest of the morning is dedicated to taking the galgos out to exercise, clean the kennels and courtyards, put washes on, wash the food bowls, disinfect the drinking dishes and so on. The work of the volunteers is very important as the team alone can just about manage to cover all the tasks.



Whilst all the latter is going on, teachers Sara and Anna are at work welcoming students and their teachers who have come on the school bus to spend the morning on their school trip at SOS Galgos. 50 students arrive and are divided into two groups. Half stay with their teachers doing animal related activities while the other half are split into two groups. One goes with Sara to one of the classrooms and the other half go with Anna to another classroom where the workshops are kick-started by a short video. Students are captivated and engage fully in the rest of the activities carried out, many of which are dynamic activities developed from Greyhound in Need's education resources. Many students express how much they are enjoying the workshop and there is nothing but love, giving and sharing!



At midday the galgos rest in the outside areas of their kennel areas, taking advantage of the very pleasant hours of sunshine.

At 5 pm the routine starts again, first the galgos are walked, dinner is prepared, galgos are given medications, wounds bandaged, more cleaning of the kennels and yards is done, washes put on, and so on.

At 9 p.m. it is time for bed. In the summer season we leave them free inside and outside their kennels and when the cold weather arrives we put them to bed in the indoor areas so that they can sleep well and feel cozy

Other tasks such as transporting waste to the green point, trips to the vets, the improvements that the centre still needs (painting, assembling furniture, tidying up, organising donations of supplies...) and of course on the days that schools visit us we do workshops and tours with the children at the centre, make a day at the Center seem like three days in one!

Anna Clements
Directora SOS Galgos



SOS GALGOS | Asociación sin ánimo de lucro dedicada al rescate y defensa del Galgo

Photos: SOS Galgos

Education



Learn with Galgos!

Education is vital to improving animal welfare. Our work in Spain goes beyond supporting shelters that rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome galgos (Spanish greyhounds). Our education programme is key to changing the lives of galgos.



Working dogs in Spain are not perceived or treated in the same way as pet dogs. Nor are they afforded the same protection under animal welfare laws. While attitudes are slowly changing in some regions, the latest exclusion of hunting dogs and other animals used in traditional rural activities from the Animal Rights bill (Feb 2023) means that the cruelty and suffering will continue.



Until the law is changed to afford hunting dogs the same protections as domestic dogs, our only hope is to educate the next generation to be the change they need.

Helping children understand the reality of life as a galgo and encouraging them to see them as sentient animals that make wonderful pet dogs, will hopefully one day mean that the number of greyhounds in need will decline.

GIN supports rescue shelters by funding education classrooms and equipment, transportation for school visits, and the provision of an education programme through a dedicated website.

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

provides learning materials and activities all about galgos. Supporting cross-curricular learning in schools, and available in both Spanish and English (so UK teachers can use them too), learn about rescue shelters, what animals need, compare the life of a pet galgo vs a working galgo, make face masks and puppets, create a snuffle mat, and more!



Importantly, it supports the rescue shelters working on the ground with children and young people, giving them free access to a variety of activities. And GIN ensures the shelters have something the children can take away - wristbands and water bottles are always popular!

GIN is also encouraging all young people (anywhere in the world) to join #teamgalgo. They can make their pledge to help the galgos and be included in the #GoTeamGalgo gallery, by sending a photo with their pledge here <https://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/team-galgo/>.

You can support the education programme with a donation here - <https://www.paypal.com/uk/fundraiser/charity/74131>

You can also support our work by adopting a galgo -

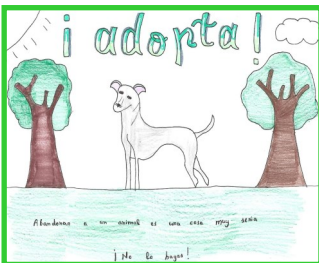


For more information on the above adoption packs please visit our shop —

<https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/>

We are pleased that the education programme is going well again, reaching out to many children in Spain. You can see from the photos on the next page that the children are enjoying their visits. They get a chance to meet the galgos and learn about animal welfare. They enjoy doing the crosswords, puzzles and reading to the galgos. Below you can see some of the entries for our March competition. It is never easy to choose the winners but the children like to take part and look forward to their prizes arriving from the UK.

We are grateful to Tina and Sam at Galgos del Sol in Murcia, Anna, Sara and the team at SOS Galgos in Barcelona, Antonio, Julia and galga Abi at Arca de Noe, Albacete and Patricia in Alicante for promoting the project and using GIN's educational resources. The feedback from teachers and parents is very positive and we are pleased to support and help as much as we can. Our hopes are that this project 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.



More competition entries can be seen here—

[Galgo poster competition | Greyhounds In Need](#)



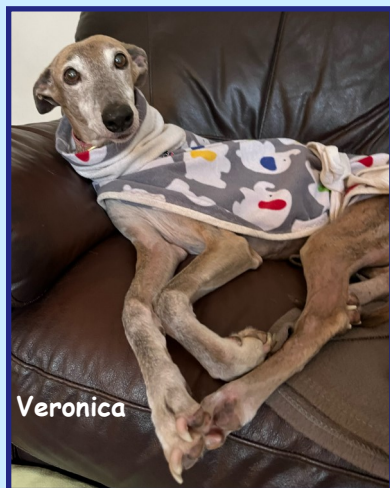
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✧ We were sad to hear from Pamela in Scotland that she had to say goodbye to **Lily** last September. Pamela wrote that Lily had a long and happy life up to the end at the age of 16 years. Pamela adopted her when she was 2 years old. Her other dogs, Ruby and Vicki miss her terribly.



✧ We were sorry to hear that Elaine had lost her lovely galga, **Wenda**.

✧ Very sadly we had to say goodbye to our lovely **Lidia**. We adopted her in 2013 and had 9 wonderful years with her. At age 13 her back and legs were giving up on her causing her pain so we had to make the decision to let her go. She was put to sleep very peacefully at home. Lidia was an amazing Galga with the loveliest nature and will be truly missed by all the family.
Janet and family



✧ We were sorry to hear from Louise that she was having to say goodbye to her beautiful, brave **Veronica**.

Veronica had arthritis/rheumatism in her hind legs and had been having injections every month. Louise said she had a wonderful 10½ years with her.

TRIBUTES

On November 23rd we had to say goodbye to our beloved **Toby**, the most beautiful, loving dog you could wish to have to share your life. He was said to be two when he came to us almost seven years ago, knowing nothing of the world and full of excitement to explore every new sight, sound and smell. Escapology was his special skill in the early days, causing us much



anxiety, but he soon realised there was no place like home and settled happily on his personal sofa, which just happened to be the best in the house. To watch him run just for the fun of it was a joy and he made so many friends - with four legs and with two. Just over a year ago, he suddenly became ill and didn't want to eat. A battery of tests showed up nothing, but the very last revealed a problem with his prostate and the heart-breaking prognosis was 'anything from six weeks to a year'. We were determined to give our wonderful boy the best chance of enjoying every day and spare him the fear and stress that invasive treatment would bring and with medication, love and his own indomitable spirit, he beat the best case scenario. His last walk at his favourite enclosed field was like turning the clock back as he ran that flowing, effortless run and played as he always used to, but just a few days later he deteriorated suddenly and sharply and there was only one decision to be made. He died with us beside him and a light went out of our lives. Lesley and Tony

We were sad to hear from Else and Mike that they had to have their lovely dog, **Cooper** put to sleep last December. They miss him very much and so does their dog Kara.

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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 26)

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.

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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.

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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. 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, small blankets, towels, bandages, dog toys.

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



Please call us on 01784 483206 for details

News from Cheshire and the North West

Happy Springtime everyone,

We are looking forward to the next few months and hopefully the better weather after a quiet time over the winter.

We did not manage to organize as many get togethers and social dog walks as we had hoped, although we have been able to meet up with some of our friends, volunteers and their dogs at other social events, including Christmas and birthdays.

It has been a very strange and quiet time for Phil and I, as for the first time in over 30 years we have not had at least one dog to love and care for. We have had up to five greyhounds at any one time. We lost our beloved Trish on 2nd December 2022. She had battled on for several months after her 13th birthday in August, but she finally passed away with a tumour after a wonderful long life. Rest in Peace our special girl with all those who have gone before you to Rainbow Bridge.

We went ahead with the street collection in Cleveleys a week after we lost Trish, but it was not the same and we felt bereft without a dog. We noticed a real difference in passers by stopping to chat when we had no dogs to attract attention, even though we were very grateful to everyone who did come to support us with their dogs.



The weather was also cold and miserable so donations were well down compared to previous years. We will organize another Cleveleys fundraiser for later in the year when we may have taken the plunge and adopted another dog so watch this space!

Although we miss having a dog very much, the house seems so empty without a dog to greet us when we come home, we have decided to take advantage by booking several holidays during the summer and autumn months.

We are planning on returning to Cornwall in May and enjoying a different kind of holiday without a dog, including travelling around on the buses with our bus passes now that Phil has officially retired!

In order to "keep our hand in" we have been able to help out by looking after other people's dogs whilst they have been away on holiday, including two greyhounds for Phil's brother and Fred the greyhound and Lisa the galga for our friends Jen, Roy and Deb. We really enjoyed having dogs back in the house again. Jen and Roy had looked after Trish whilst we were away in September and October last year, so we were glad to be able to reciprocate by looking after Fred for them in March.



VISIT TO GIN AND WINDSOR

We had a wonderful day at the GIN head office in Egham in September, where we were made very welcome by Carolyn, Tracey and Geraldine. It was good to see the offices where all the co-ordination and activity takes place. They had very kindly invited us to lunch and organised a boat trip on the Thames which we all enjoyed. The weather was glorious and we had a lovely day.

We would love to go back to Windsor and to GIN HQ sometime in the near future, as it was a very poignant time for our first visit. The Queen had only recently passed away, so there was a very subdued atmosphere in Windsor itself whilst we were there. We were able to see the people coming to pay their respects with flowers and other tributes, as well as walk along The Long Walk.

SAD NEWS

As well as Trish we have also learnt about several more of our four legged friends who have passed over the Bridge in the last few months.

In October we heard that Liz and Clint had lost their beautiful greyhound girl Dolly, who is very much missed by them and her galgo brother Sprocket.

At the end of December we heard from our friends Cindy and Steve in Blackpool that they had lost their handsome black greyhound Rudy. Rudy and his greyhound sister Angel were popular and very regular visitors until recent times to our fundraisers in Cleveleys.

Derrick and Ellie have lost their beautiful greyhound sisters Gold and Ali, who had featured in a previous edition of this Newsletter about some of the old timers. Sadly there are now fewer and fewer of the old timers left.

Pascal and Mireille have also recently lost one of their greyhound boys, Diesel, who we used to see regularly on our walks at Marbury.

We have missed seeing everyone with their dogs and hope that this year we will be able to meet up again at Marbury and Styal Country Parks.

Details will be posted on the GIN Facebook page once we have arranged any dates for our walks.

Hopefully the next few months will be happier and brighter for us all. Next time I write I am looking forward to being able to welcome a new four legged member of the family into our lives.

Take care everyone and see you again soon

Sue and Phil
Volunteers Greyhounds in Need

Galga Bambi

In January 2023, it was Bambi's first year enjoying home-life. From day one she was house-trained and has never put a foot wrong since.

However, like Purdy her predecessor, she is a 'grass!' Should any other dog take up residence in 'her' bed then we must be alerted so that the infiltrator can be 'ousted'. The main culprit is Sprocket, our (very) elderly lurcher from a NE dog pound. He seems to delight in making himself at home in any bed other than his own. This often puts the other dogs' noses out of joint as rather than just settle in an unoccupied bed - of which there is no shortage - most of the hounds just stand there looking perplexed but not knowing how to get Sprocket to vacate 'their' bed. Bambi however, has no qualms about snitching on him....but if we don't happen to be around to hear her tale of woe - then she just gets into the bed with Sprocket!



Bambi is still our No 1 guard dog and should anyone dare approach the house then they are met with a loud vocal warning and a frenzied bouncing up and down on the windowsill. Even our neighbours are not allowed visitors as Bambi's warnings include any delivery vans or cars that dare to come down the road. It's just as well we live at the end of a cul-de-sac - at least we don't get a steady stream of passing traffic!

Despite her faults - none of our hounds is perfect - she is a very loving and devoted companion. She adores her food, gets on really well with the other five hounds and like the majority of canine companions, she just loves to cuddle up close and enjoy lots of fuss and attention.

Judy Zatonski

Happy Homings



Summer, happily homed in London with Martin



Kesa was adopted by Sarah and they recently visited us in Egham

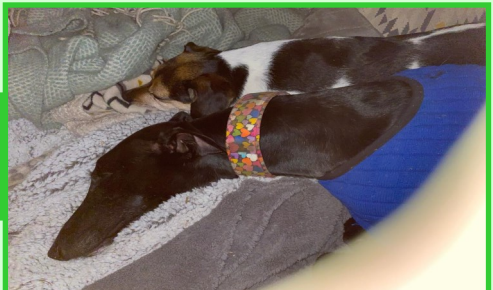


Tapas, stretching out in his new home with Adva and Cedric in London



Mabel enjoying her new life with Val and her long walks on Horsell Common

Scoobie (Shanghi) with his new friend Bea (photo right)



Please don't forget to send in photos for our 2024 calendar

Vet's Corner

Otitis Externa (OE) is an ear condition characterised by inflammation of the ear canal, and occasionally the pinna (outside flap of the ear).

Symptoms include:

- Head shaking
- Scratching at the ears
- Redness and swelling in the ear canal
- Discharge from the ears
- Foul odor
- Pain when the ears are touched or rubbed
- Loss of hearing or balance

If the ear canal is narrowed, this can encourage infection from bacteria and yeasts. It can affect both ears at once or just one and can be acute (sudden onset) or chronic (long-term).

What causes it?

- Parasites (e.g. the ear mite, *Otodectes cyanotes*)
- Allergies (food allergies, environmental allergies, contact hypersensitivities)
- Trauma (excessive ear cleaning or scratching)
- Endocrine disease (e.g. hypothyroidism)
- Foreign bodies (e.g. grass seeds)
- Aural polyps
- Cancer

The most common cause is allergies (atopic dermatitis).

The main perpetuating factor is bacteria (most commonly *Staphylococcus spp* and *Pseudomonas spp*) and yeasts (most commonly *Malassezia spp*). If the infection spreads it can reach the middle ear (past the eardrum), causing a condition called otitis media.

Risk:

Dogs with longer ears are more at risk of developing otitis externa, such as Basset Hounds and Beagles. Dogs with erect ears have a lesser risk than other breeds. Brachycephalic breeds, like the Pug or French Bulldog, are more likely to develop otitis externa.

Dogs who are predisposed to atopic dermatitis are also predisposed to otitis externa. In addition, dogs exposed to moisture, such as through regular swimming, are at increased risk. Dogs who are overweight, or produce more cerumen (ear wax) are also at risk.

Vet's Corner

How is it diagnosed?

Otitis externa is often clearly visible on a physical examination. An 'otoscope' - a piece of equipment with a light to look down a dog's ear canal - is used to see the extent of the inflammation, any signs of infection or foreign bodies and to see if the tympanic membrane (ear drum) can be seen. Sometimes taking samples of the cells inside the ear canal is useful to understand which germ is causing the problem. These samples are usually looked at under a microscope and can be sent away for culturing, which will help to target appropriate treatment. If the otitis is severe and very painful, some dogs require sedation or a general anaesthetic in order to properly assess the ear canal and the tympanic membrane.

How can otitis externa be treated or managed?

Usually, this is treated by reducing the inflammation in the ear canal by using anti-inflammatories, alongside painkillers (analgesia) and appropriate anti-microbials (antibiotics, antifungals, or anti-parasitics). Most topical ear preparations contain a combination of medications. Some of these medications are known as 'ototoxic' and should not be used if the tympanic membrane is not intact. If a vet cannot see to the tympanic membrane and suspects it is ruptured, or the ear canal is very narrow, they may use oral medication instead of topical. Management of the underlying cause is important. For example, if allergies are suspected, appropriate treatment should be commenced to manage recurrent otitis. In very severe cases, where medical management is ineffective, surgery may be indicated: a Lateral Wall Resection opens up the ear canal, and a Total Ear Canal Ablation removes the whole of the diseased and chronically inflamed tissue.

Overall, appointments with a vet are crucial to effective diagnosis and subsequent treatment of otitis externa. It is important to continue to attend follow-up appointments to help manage the condition and ensure any underlying conditions are accounted for. By working closely with your vet, you can help ensure that your furry friend stays healthy and happy.

Dr Arielle Johnson BSc(Hons) BVetMed MRCVS

Willet House Veterinary Surgeons





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