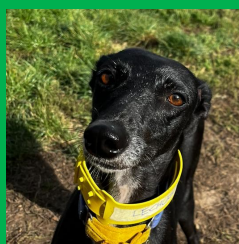
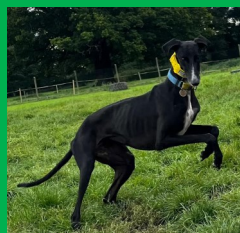


# Greyhounds in Need



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## Autumn/Winter 2023 Newsletter

Celebrating 25 years helping greyhounds  
and galgos 1998—2023



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

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**Cover: Our new galgos now in the UK for rehoming**



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## News Update

Dear Friends,

I started with GIN many years ago as an Administrator and now I'm "the Newbie" in my new role as the General Manager of GIN. I would like to say many thanks to Carolyn who was an amazing mentor and who over the last few months sat patiently with me and helped me prepare for the smooth transition to General Manager. I have many happy and funny memories of our time together both in the office of which she will always be a part of and our trips to the shelters in Spain, Cockroaches and hairy caterpillars come to mind!!

Carolyn is now happily retired and enjoying the next chapter of her life. Being someone who doesn't like a fuss we surprised her with a small farewell get together at the office on her last day—well we couldn't let her go quietly after 24 years!! We enjoyed cake and reflecting back on Carolyn's memories over the years with GIN. I would like to say on behalf of us all Carolyn, may you be proud of the work you have done and the difference you have made. Have a Happy Retirement and enjoy every minute of it and it goes without saying the kettle will always be on for you here to pop in and join us for a cuppa in your special cup.



Liz who joined us in May is our new Administrative Assistant and has settled in well to "life at GIN". She has already been busy at fundraising events and as part of her job will be handling the GIN merchandise—orders, online shop etc. and has put together the enclosed catalogue.

On pages 8 and 9 you can see pictures of our new group of galgos that arrived on the 17th of September. Sue, Lynda and Mark continue to help us with the homing and have been getting to know our new galgos and find out more about them.



In June Trustees Christine and Leigh visited a new shelter in Caceres to see how GIN can help them. You can read all about their trip on pages 6 and 7.

Our 2024 calendars and cards are available now along with our Christmas cards and other items for you and your dogs. We feature some of our new items on page 12 and many more in the enclosed catalogue — please take a look and also visit our site.

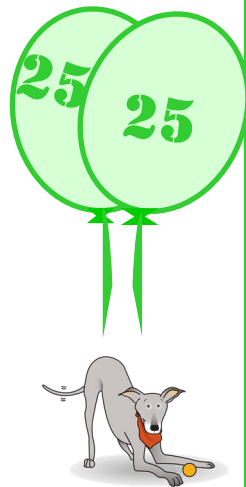
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In our last newsletter we mentioned that Martin Humphery had sadly passed away in January of this year. In June Carolyn and I were invited to represent GIN at "Martin's farewell party" held at Burgh House, Hampstead.

Many of the charities Martin supported over the years attended and GIN's patron Peter Egan opened the proceedings with some lovely words reflecting Martin's time with GIN and his love for the Greyhounds and Galgos.



A **BIG THANK YOU** from all of us at GIN to all of you who responded so generously to our Summer raffle during these difficult times, making it a great success. With tickets and linked donations we raised £3870. Our Trustee, Geraldine Jones helped by her galgo Jake, kindly drew the winning tickets for us. The winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** – £500 to Mrs S Dorman, Devon

**2nd Prize** – £250 to Mrs L Loft, Kent

**3rd Prize** – £100 to Mrs S Chandler, Surrey

There were also runner up prizes to entries from **Staffordshire, Lincolnshire, Sussex, Yorkshire, Scotland and London.**



Last Year's online raffle for a weekend break in a fabulous dog friendly 5 star holiday cottage in Northumberland as a raffle prize went very well. Louise has kindly offered this great prize again to us this year, so get your tickets online to be in with a chance to experience this and help us raise funds for our work.

We enclose a flyer giving full details/links for this online raffle including photos of this lovely cottage.

I would like to say a **BIG** thank you to Liz and Geraldine for all their help and support in the office these last few months since taking on my new role. Also to all our supporters who continue to help GIN in their own way to help us raise funds towards our work for the greyhounds and galgos. It just leaves me to say I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with your families and dogs.

Tracey x



### A New Shelter in Caceres, Extremadura

Earlier this year GIN was contacted by a group in Caceres asking if GIN would be able to help with their new shelter project. The group, Asociacion Cacereña para La Protección y Defensa de Los Animales is based in Caceres, a city in western Spain's Extremadura región. The group was founded in 1994 and initially helped at a local animal pound trying to improve conditions but eventually decided to build and run their own shelter.

After many years the group managed to buy 5 hectares of land about 20kms from the centre of town and start building work.

After having made contact with them, it was decided a visit would be best in order to meet them personally, see the site and their progress with the build.

So, on the last weekend in June, trustee Leigh and I set off for Caceres. After flying to Madrid, where the temperature was mid 30°C Leigh drove us to Caceres where we met some Board

members in McDonald's car park!! After greeting everyone, we all set off for the site of the new shelter.



Looking around 5 hectares of open land in 40°C and under a blazing sun is no mean feat, so Leigh and I were kindly offered hats and umbrellas for shade which I readily accepted! Leigh had had the foresight to take his own hat





After spending a couple of hours at the site looking around and seeing the building progress, a return to air conditioning and cold drinks was welcomed by all.



In the evening, we met the Board members who had been unable to meet us earlier and with all the Board members present discussed GIN's possible help and the aspirations and future plans for their shelter.

The next morning, after going over some more information and details with Board members, we bade farewell to them and returned to Madrid where we caught the flight home to cooler temperatures.

It is inspiring to meet groups of Spanish people who continue to fight to improve animal welfare in Spain, despite the problems and animosity they encounter.

**"The world won't change if you adopt a galgo but for that galgo the world will change".**



**Christine (Trustee)**



## Our New September Galgos



**Blackberry** - a male galgo, approx. 2 years old. He came from the pererra in Madrid. He was a bit scared when rescued but has gained confidence at GDS and is now quite loving and friendly.

**Cameron** - a male galgo, approx. 5 years old. He was taken from a perrera where he had been dropped

off by his galguero. He is extremely loving to people but doesn't interact much with other dogs. He is sharing a kennel but would be great as an only dog in a home.



**Feliz** - a female galga, approx. 8 years old. She is extremely sociable, great with other dogs and very calm, never complaining. Her original name, as in her passport, was Depression - GDS changed that straight away! She had been taken to a killing station by her owner.



**Lechuga** - a female galga, approx. 4 years old. She is fine-boned, small galga with a sweet-tempered personality. Saved from a perrera. She arrived very scared but now loves to be with other dogs, go on walks and have a chin tickle.



**Mawi** - a female galga, approx. 5 years old. She came from an overcrowded rescue. She is shy but we're confident that she will come around given time and patience



## Our New September galgos



**Mayte** - a female galga, approx. 3 years old. She took some time to be caught. She is a little shy but better when she gets to know you. She walks well on a lead but is on high alert. She loves to be with other dogs. Would need an experienced owner.

**Orlando** - a male galgo, approx. 2 years old. He was dumped at a perrera by his hunter and GDS were able to take him.

He is a charming boy with lovely markings who couldn't be sweeter.



**Pandereta** - a female galga, approx. 7 years old. She was rescued near Murcia and wasn't scared as she was caught by hand. She walks well on a lead, a confident girl and would probably be nice for a first time galgo owner.

**Sponge Bob** - a male galgo, approx. 5 years old. He was rescued from the streets. He is sweet with humans and dogs alike.



**Tufty** - a male galgo, approx. 2 years old. He is very handsome and playful and gets along with males and females. He is a cheeky boy who loves to run and play with other dogs. He can be very shy so needs an experienced home with confident dogs. He has a raised patch of fur on the back of his neck - hence his name.

**Photos: Galgos del Sol**

## Fundraising

We would like to thank all of our supporters for organising stalls, dog walks, street collections, car boot sales which help to raise funds towards the work but also spread awareness of our work and that of the groups we support in Spain.



Once again we attended the Englefield Green show in June where we had two stalls which were manned by Geraldine, Tracey, Liz, Julie and

Gaynor. It was a great success and a fun day was had by all.



Sue held a stall on behalf of GIN at the Fiffeld Fun day in August. Two of our volunteers Linda and Mark helped on the day and Yogi adopted by Helen won 4th prize in the musical mats for dogs competition.



GIN were invited to a coffee morning at Lynwood Village, Sunningdale where Tracey gave a talk and showed a presentation on the charity helped along by Liz and Sue. Reuben and Yogi were the stars of the show and loved by all the residents.



Liz, helped by her husband Phil and volunteer Mark attended The Grange Garden Party in Wraysbury at the beginning of September.

The sun shone and they had a successful afternoon.



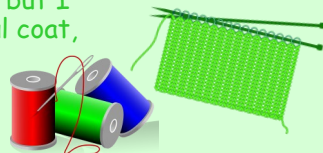
Many thanks to Jackie Baker and all the fundraisers at Claws N Paws who year after year work hard to raise money for many animal charities by holding monthly country and western and ballroom dances, afternoon teas and many other events. GIN is very lucky to be one of these charities every year and our latest donation received was to buy some waterproof coats for the gogos in Spain.



## Fundraising

### GIN

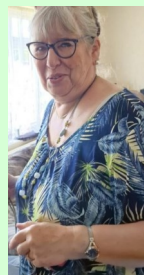
Sorry I can't mention all of you as there are so many but I would like to say a **BIG** thank you to all our wonderful coat, blanket and snood makers who continue to send us parcels throughout the year which we send to the galgos that are in the shelters we support in Spain.



#### For the love of Greys: Mon. Davenport

For more than ten years, Monica Davenport from Shropshire supported the charitable needs of ex-working Greyhounds, through attending events, fundraising and even through her skilled craftsmanship in knitting coats for the Galgos rescue work in Spain and even adopting her own rescued Greyhound and meeting lots of fab. Grey rescuers and supporters along the way.

Monica sadly passed away in July this year, but her family has many happy memories of Mon's interest in these amazing sight hounds including recalling Mon's very own Grey rescue story.



"Working for Macclesfield Borough Council Leisure Services (as it was called back then), I remember back in the late 1990's mum had been speaking at work, to the local dog warden who mentioned a Greyhound had recently been rescued and taken into Stockport Dogs Home", recalls Mon's daughter - Deb. "Mum really wanted a rescue Grey and she straight away went with dad, to visit this rescued dog and began the application process for his adoption".

Enter Jacob or 'Jake' the ex racing Greyhound, who was in a very poor condition on entry to the Dogs Home, having been out on the streets for some time - he had various scars, injuries and a very low body weight. After Jake received some excellent support and treatment from the Stockport Dogs Home team, Mon and the family took Jake into their home and so Mon's absolute fascination and love for the breed was finally fulfilled. Jake was very nervous for some time, it took many months to get his confidence in different situations, but Mon's endless patience supported Jake to settle into his new and comfortable lifestyle. While Jake was adjusting to his new family, Mon began to support Greyhounds in Need with her charitable fund raising. She and Barry visited events where Greyhounds in Need were in attendance, sometimes travelling many miles away to support the cause. Mon was very interested in supporting the work with the rescued Galgos dogs in Spain and enjoyed knitting coats to help keep them toasty and warm following their rescues.

Written by Moni's daughter Deb. Her full tribute can be found on GIN's website [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

If you feel you can help us with fundraising please give us a call on 01784 483206 or email us [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk). We have

a fund-raising pack we can send out which includes literature to display. We will post information about future events on our website [www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) and on our FB page so please regularly visit for the latest news.





# Merchandise

Here are some of our new merchandise items —more information in the enclosed catalogue and on our website  
greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/shop/







Become a member of Greyhounds in Need

**TO: 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 2024 to 31st December 2024**

Membership can also be paid by standing order, please complete the form on page 22 and return with this completed form to the address above.

**Membership can also be paid over the phone—01784 483206**



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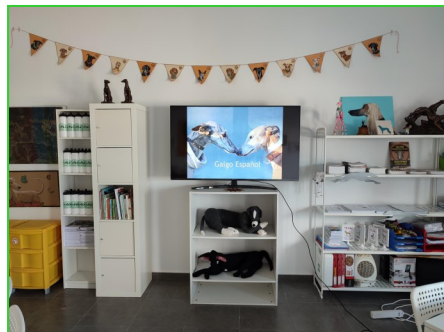
## Our Work Abroad

### Galgos del Sol

We were pleased to be able to offer funding for some work on the education centre at Galgos del Sol in Murcia.

We funded the original building at GDS and Tina, Sam and their team have been able to offer an increasing number of schools the chance to visit the centre and meet and learn about the galgos.

These visits are enjoyed by the children and more outside space was needed to help with the growing number of children visiting GDS and taking part in the education project. You can see from the photos the original area has now been extended and the awnings have been added.



We also purchased a larger screen TV for the classroom to make it easier for the children to view the presentations, website etc.



Photos: Galgos del Sol

## Galgos Rescue Almeria

Recently we paid for 6 trees to give the dogs some shade in the hot weather at the shelter. Once the land is prepared these trees will be put in the ground and once established will provide some shady areas for the dogs to shelter from the sun.



Photo: Galgos Rescue Almeria

**Don't forget to look  
at our new galgos  
on pages 8-9**



## Arca de Noe

Sole was very happy to see a picture taken of the Arca de Noe transporter van on route to Germany. It was taken by someone who had adopted a dog from her previously who recognised the van and she wanted to share it with us.

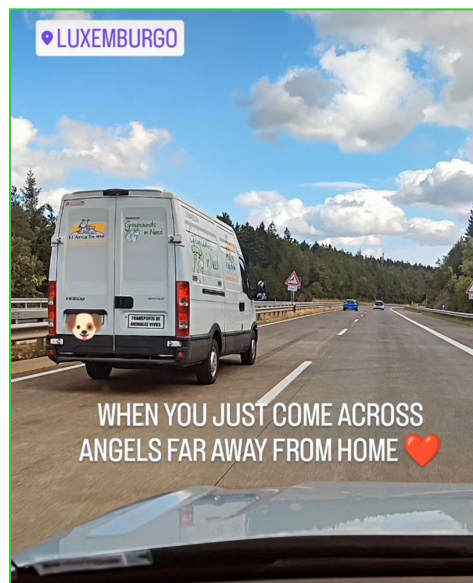


Photo: Arca de Noe

## 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/>

We have got some projects we are currently working on with the shelters we support and more details will be in our Spring/Summer 2024 newsletter.



## Education

### Learn with Galgos

We've had some fantastic updates from some of the shelters about their education programmes.



Led by Antonio and his galga Abi, **Arca de Noé** in Albacete has worked with 25 different centres this year. Their education project has been so successful that they are extending it to include student-parent associations, childcare centres, scout groups, summer schools and youth associations. They are also extremely pleased

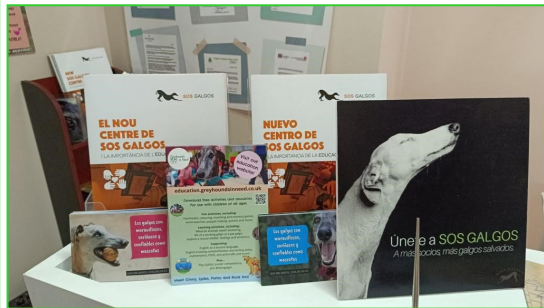


Photos: Arca de Noe

to report that Abi has been allowed to attend every workshop, which has not always been possible. This is great news as it helps bring young people closer to the problem that animals, especially hunting dogs, are still suffering.

Anna at **SOS Galgos**, Barcelona, has been incredibly busy getting their new education centre up and running. Their classrooms are now ready to receive schools to participate in workshops based on empathy and compassion towards animals, and children will learn about caring for dogs and all about galgos, too! We received this lovely message from Anna:

*Greyhounds in Need have been key in supporting SOS Galgos from the very start. This amazing charity based in the UK continues to help us both on a practical level with donations for the galgos in our care and with educational resources for the workshops targeted to promote compassion towards animals among children at the school we have set up. This is a school for schools to come to, a much-needed place, and Greyhounds in Need has always shared the vision.*



Photos: SOS Galgos





## Education

You might have seen the winners of our **Poster competitions** on social media. We've run four competitions so far this year and have received over 280 poster entries altogether from the children attending workshops in Spain! It's a great way to engage with young people of all ages and an opportunity for them to share what they have learned about galgos, too. You can see all the competition entries on our education website. [www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)



We're happy to be able to continue providing support and funding to the rescue shelters for the next academic year 2023/24. Providing education about the importance of animal welfare, raising awareness of the fact that galgos are not protected by the same laws as domestic pets and developing empathy and compassion for galgos will help raise young people that will in time create positive change in their communities.

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/>.



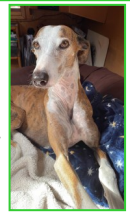
You can support the education programme with a donation here - <https://www.paypal.com/uk/fundraiser/charity/74131>



**Please see page 21 for our  
Christmas Treats Appeal**



## A Galgo Love Story, Healing and Inspiration...



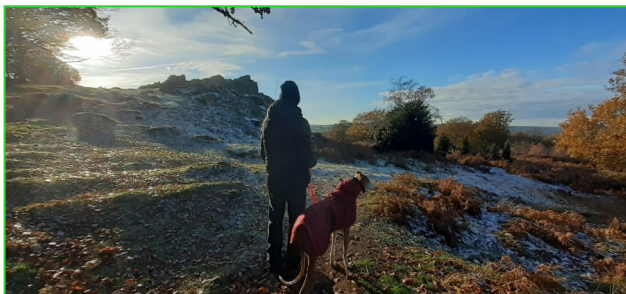
As long time Greyhound adopters we had been unaware of the plight of the Galgo until lockdown and a lot of time spent on Instagram meant that we saw the terrible things that these beautiful dogs suffer. After losing our much-loved greyhound boy in the summer of 2020 we were devastated but determined to adopt a Galgo once we felt ready.

We spoke to the lovely Sue at Greyhounds in Need about what we could offer (we live on a narrowboat) and two potential hounds were suggested for us. One was a tripawd boy who had been overlooked a bit due to his disability. I have to admit I was a bit nervous about that especially as we lived on a boat and sometimes that involved negotiating a gangplank when the floods came..... However, Sue remained positive and just said come and see how he moves.....

So, we jumped in the car and drove down to meet them and see who would choose us! When we met the first boy, Tyson as he was called then, it was love at first sight for us and Sue seemed to think he would be a great fit for us. He was a confident lad who happily took treats from us and showed us his zoomie prowess. He seemed very agile which allayed some of our concerns. We went home and I embarked on a project of contacting anyone I could find on social media who had a three-legged hound to try and get some kind of idea of how life with a tripawd might look and what we would need to do to make life for him as comfortable as possible. We had only ever had hounds with 4 legs, and it felt a bit daunting, as ever knowledge is the key (for me anyway). I found a lovely lady who remains a good friend, a senior vets nurse now working as a hydro therapist who has three galgos of her own, two of which are tripawds! She was such a help and support and patiently answered all my questions.

We decided that with a little modification to make the small steps into the boat easier for him that we would love to give this gorgeous boy his sweet life if he would like us to, so we arranged another visit to collect him and began making preparations for his arrival.

The day came to collect him, and we excitedly picked him up amid a flurry of coats (it was winter and funnily enough we had always bought GIN Blizzard coats for our other hounds, so we stocked up while there) and set off for home. We had decided to change his name to Tai which means great in Chinese. Well, what a confident boy we had! We were so surprised, he walked in the boat like he already owned it and straight on to his new bed. He was calm on his first walk, and I will never forget how he jumped straight up on to our bed for a bedtime cuddle and snuggled himself down between us as if he had been there since a puppy. He still likes to sleep curled up with you, what a cuddle monster he is.



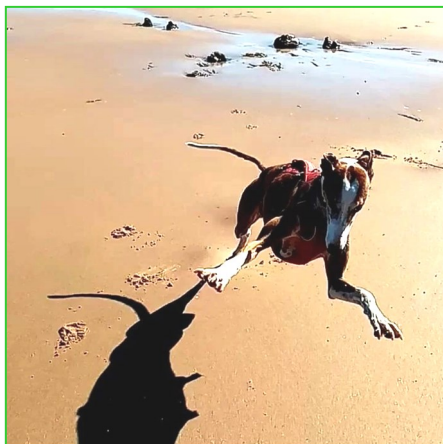
Tai has been with us for 20 months now and he is such a treasure. What a personality he is! He loves people and his favourite treat is to have a trip in to the heart of Leicester city where he usually gets a ton of fuss from all sorts of people. He adores the sights and sounds of the city, which totally surprised us! He does have some favourite sighthound pals, mostly Greyhounds (we often walk with the local Greyhound group) but he much prefers people to other dogs. He is very reactive to dogs he doesn't know but we have done a lot of training with this, and he is now a star with his clicker, and we can walk in busy dog areas but as he is much more comfortable with less dog traffic, we tend to keep to quieter routes. He is a star with training and is such a quick learner, something that is very different from other Greyhounds we have had. He loves to learn new things which is great for a disabled dog as he can't walk or run as far as four legged and it keeps him happy. He is such a loving boy, he is a delight and we often wonder at how well he has adapted to home life.

There is so much I could say about living with a tripawd but I will try to keep it brief! One of the first things we did was take him to a physiotherapist for an assessment and to get some idea of how far we could walk him safely and any exercises we could do to help him stay strong. This was invaluable. One of the best things we did was take him to a Canine Clinical Massage Therapist, he goes every 4 to 6 weeks and it's an absolute gamechanger for him. He develops knots in his muscles due to the abnormal gait of a tri (he is missing his rear left) and the massage addresses this brilliantly. We build up Tai's muscles for walking very slowly over about 6 months and we had an amazing first year with him where he could easily manage hours walk and lots of zoomies, but he sadly developed arthritis in his hip about 8 months ago. This was something we were expecting, though hoping we might escape, it's very common in tripawd for obvious reasons. With the help of our vet, we manage this with medication and modified exercise. We also regularly use enrichment food toys which he loves, and we are using our insurance to have hydrotherapy sessions for him. He has good days and bad days and it can be a real roller coaster at first but he is still able to walk for around 30 mins at a time unless he is in the middle of a flare up. GIN are very kindly helping us to get him seen by one of the first Musculoskeletal Arthritis clinics in the UK which just happens to be quite near to us. So watch this space! For anyone managing a dog with arthritis there is a brilliant group called Canine Arthritis Management and they are so informative and helpful.

Tai is still relatively young at 7 and there is a lot we can do to manage his health so that he can live his fullest life possible and pain free. He is still a happy loving confident boy and long may it continue. He constantly surprises us with the amount of love he gives, what an inspiration he is. These dogs are so amazing, after all they have been through.

There is so much more to say but not any more space so please look at these photos instead. Please think about sharing your home with one of these beautiful souls, they are all very different personality wise, but they all deserve the love and comfort of a sweet life home. They give their all to us and it's an honour to give our all back to them. For any more information on living with a three legged hound or managing arthritis please contact GIN who will pass on your details to me.

(I'm still learning but have learnt a lot so far) **Sarah**  
You can follow Tai on Instagram-  
**[tai\\_the\\_galgotri](#)**



## BATHTIME COMPETITION

The lovely people at Kind2 asked us whether we liked their eco-friendly, natural dog shampoo bars. Our Trustee, Sam, tried them out on her dogs, who are fond of rolling in fox poo, and has given them the thumbs up! Not only do they lather up well, but they are easy to use and last longer than the average shampoo bottle.

We have one each of the fragrance-free (great for sensitive skin) and Neem and Lavender (calming and a natural flea and tick repellent) shampoo bars to give away, worth £20.00. Please send us your funniest bathtime photos, and one lucky winner will get to try them out too! We'll share your pictures on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts, so remember to include your dog's name. Send your photos to [info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](mailto:info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk) by the **31st December 2023**.

The shampoo bars are available in our online shop, so you can click through to buy them directly from Kind2, with 15% of every sale being donated back to GIN. But you can buy them now from <https://kind2.me/> using the voucher code **GALGOSGIN**.



Photo: Galgos del Sol

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/>



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



## Christmas Treats for the Galgos !



Our Christmas  
Treats appeal for  
the Galgos has been  
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years and our parcels



to the shelters are always welcomed especially by the dogs !

If you can support this appeal again this year we would be grateful.

Please complete the form below and send with your donation to Tracey in Egham.

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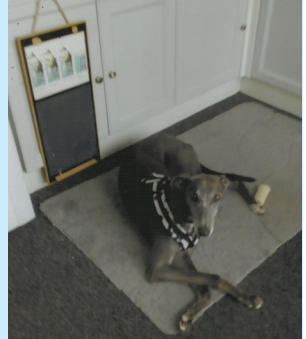


## TRIBUTES

**Rosie 12/4/2009 - 18/7/2023**

How do you put into words the joy a little blue greyhound we named Rosie can bring into your life, and similarly, the heartache it causes when they leave it!!

I was shown a headshot of her at a charity greyhound show, and told a bit about her. She was in Galway SPCA, having had her 8 litters, the max allowed and being 9 and a half yrs now. Her pups from the 1st 7 litters had won 38000 euros for their owners!! She sounded perfect, and having lost 2 dogs, a greyhound and a galgo, before their 9th birthday to cancer, I wanted our next to have got past their 9th birthday. I picked her up from Lymm services. Cheshire, on a Bank Holiday Saturday morning about 7.40am and brought her home. She quickly settled in and was clean from day 1. She loved to lay down with her front legs crossed, looking around her with a superior gaze!!



She made the first of 5 trips lasting between 5 and 7 weeks each, to our house in Spain, just 6wks after coming to us. I think it was on the Eurostar the 1st time, but she also went on the ferry to Northern Spain sometimes. She stayed in hotels en route, taking everything in her stride and never causing any bother. She also accompanied us 4 times in our little motorhome to sites in England and Wales, would have been many more but for Covid!! It was the last trip in the motor home at the beginning of July, that she had some sort of "turn" that she never fully recovered from. She'd had a mini stroke last October and we thought then that the vet would say to let her go, but no, she said we should give her a chance and she made a 90% recovery and lived on happily for 9 mths.

She loved her walks in our local woods, fields and the park, where she met her chums, both 2 and 4 legged. She got on with every size and breed of dog, That is what I miss the most, the walks. It was only on her last day, when her back legs went suddenly, that she didn't have her walk. We were out in all weathers, sun, rain, ice and snow. It didn't matter, as long as she could go out, she was happy. She will be running free now with Lily and Drak, who I'm sure would have met at the Rainbow bridge. I wonder who wins the most? Life is really hard without her, but we had 5 wonderful years with her. She was a great ambassador for the breed.

Rest in peace our gorgeous girl.

Pat and Ian. Liverpool

**Tamara 04.12.2013 – 03.07.2023**

We are sorry to have to let you know that we have had to say goodbye to Tamara, our beautiful black galgo. Tamara was the first dog we adopted from GIN. She came in a spring batch and was still wearing her travel label when we first saw her, she immediately chose Bill.

She was very loyal and full of fun. In mid June she became very lethargic and was eventually diagnosed with Sand Fly disease. There being no treatment in this country, it took a while to get the appropriate medication from Europe. She had tablets every day and seemed to cope well. Suddenly in July of this year she became aggressive to Maggie (Shiva) our other galgo and the vets decided that the disease has spread to her brain and there was now only one decision to be made. She was put to sleep on 03.07.2023.

So sadly missed.

Bill & Kath. Sussex



## TRIBUTES

Flossie



On the 6<sup>th</sup> May this year we very sadly had to say goodbye our beautiful galga Flossie. She'd not long had her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and we were lucky enough to have shared nearly 11 ½ years together. Quite independent when she first came but once bonded with us she became 'mine' and was at her happiest being with me, although in her youth that independent spirit still showed on the occasional woodland walk! Her favourite hobby was squirrel watching, she had to check out any tree where she'd recently seen a squirrel, happy to spend several minutes staring upwards in the vain hope the squirrel would reappear.

She loved people and gained many fans over the years. She was a wonderful ambassador for her breed, regularly visiting the GIN office where she knew lots of attention and treats would come her way, and on the many fundraising events she came to she would plonk herself down on the grass in front of the stand making sure she got noticed.



All in all she was a bit special.

In the end she had several age related issues, back legs failing and kidney disease and I know she tried as hard as she could to stay with us but in the end it was her time to go. I'll be forever grateful for the time we had together and that we could help her on her next journey in peace at home.

We picture her dancing under trees chasing squirrels on the other side of that rainbow bridge.

Sue, Pete and Galgo Reuben.





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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](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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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. 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

Hello again everyone,  
We hope that you are all well and that you and your dogs have been enjoying the late summer sunshine.

The last few months have been busy although Phil and I still haven't yet found a new dog to share our lives. We were very lucky to enjoy good weather in Cornwall in May but it was strange to be on holiday without at least one greyhound.

We were in Malta in June and later this month we will be in Spain for a fortnight. In August we spent a long weekend in London and visited the Harry Potter film studios, a treat I have long been promising myself.



In July we looked after Phil's brother's greyhounds whilst he was away for a few days, so we kept our hand in and then on 30th July we enjoyed a walk and social get together at Marbury Country Park in Cheshire with a group of our greyhound friends. We met Tina and Richard who have adopted a Galgo from GIN, thank you for your very kind donation to the Charity.

### Warm welcomes and Sad goodbyes

Early in the year we learnt of the sad passing of John Hammon, who some of you may remember with his beloved greyhound Amy. John and his wife Hazel were a lovely couple and loyal supporters of GIN. John continued to come along to our events, with Amy of course, for many years after Hazel passed away. RIP John.

It is twelve months since we visited GIN HQ in Egham where we were made very welcome by Carolyn, Tracey and Geraldine.

Tracey arranged for us to have a Face Time call with Carolyn on her last afternoon before she retired in July. We have enjoyed a very happy relationship with Carolyn and Tracey over the years and we wish Carolyn all the very best in her well earned retirement. We look forward to our next visit to Egham when Carolyn has promised to pop in to see us. We know that Tracey will have had an excellent apprenticeship and that there will be a seamless transition within the office. We look forward to working with everyone at HQ in the future.

### Freddy

We were devastated to hear on June 1st that Freddy who we had looked after earlier this year, had suddenly passed away. His mum and dad, Jen and Roy were understandably heartbroken at their unexpected bereavement. They planned on having another dog but not straight away. They were approached about William, a handsome brindle galgo, who urgently needed a home. William, now Sunny, moved in on 21st July. He is a very different character to Freddy, but is still very loving. We met him for the first time on the Marbury Walk, where he introduced himself to everyone. He is now gradually adjusting to living in a home.





### **Rosie**

On 18th July, our dear friend Pat lost her beloved brindle greyhound Rosie who had reached the wonderful age of 14 years. Pat has been a supporter of GIN for many years. Rosie had had a wonderful life enjoying many holidays abroad, particularly to Spain. She will be greatly missed by her devastated owners. Pat and Ian.

### **Lilly**

On 31st July we learnt of the sad passing of beautiful Lilly who was dearly loved by Jo, Leo, Poppy and all her family in Fleetwood. Lilly and her greyhound sister Jet, who died a couple of years ago, were regular supporters, together with their family, of our fundraisers in Cleveleys.



### **Duke**

Pascal and Mireille, who have been loyal supporters of GIN for many years, let us know that they had lost their handsome black greyhound Duke on 17th August. We had seen him at Marbury only a few days before. Although he hadn't been homed by GIN, he was a welcome member of our GIN family.

### **Failed Fostering**

#### **Cora**

Last, but by no means least, we learnt in August of the not unexpected news of a failed foster placement by someone who claimed that she had enough dogs already and wasn't going to adopt any more. Cora is a stunning black and white girl who has quickly made herself at home in the Aberdeenshire countryside with our friend Carol and not surprisingly "isn't going anywhere". We look forward to meeting her on our next visit to Scotland.



Well, I think that's about all for now from here in the North West. We are not planning any fundraisers in Cleveleys for the foreseeable future. Last year's event was cold and wet, and in the present economic climate it just wasn't worthwhile. We missed having a dog of our own to attract passers by and although we were well supported by our volunteers, we have decided not to organise anything this year. We still hope to meet up with friends and volunteers at social dog walks when we can.

We hope that the autumn and winter are not too harsh for you and your four legged friends. We are still on the lookout for the right dog who needs us.

We look forward to being in touch with everyone in the spring

**Sue and Phil**

**Volunteers**

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## Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Nico enjoying the beach life in Devon



Bella, an ex-racer originally from the UK now homed in France.



Reina relaxing in West Sussex



Coffe enjoying the view in Slovenia



Hendrik living his best life in Kent

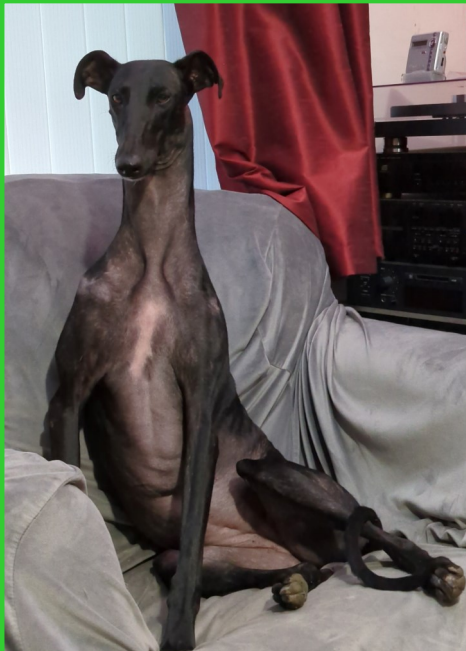
## Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Snowy wrapped up and happily homed in Buckinghamshire



Freya with her best friend Rudy enjoying life in Hampshire



Ginny happily homed in Staffordshire



Bartola happily homed in Slovenia

Please join our Home at Last group on Facebook

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



### Getting through firework season:

While many of us look forward to bonfire night and fireworks season, this can be a very stressful time for our pets.

Around 80% of pet owners have had a pet that is afraid of fireworks. This fact sheet is designed to help you make this time a little easier for your pet to cope with.

### Signs of fear in dogs during firework season:

- Trembling and shaking.
- Clinging to owners.
- Excessive vocalisation (bark, whine, howl).
- Cowering and hiding behind furniture.
- Trying to run away.
- Soiling the house.
- Pacing and panting.
- Refusing to eat.
- Dribbling.
- Self trauma.
- Destructiveness.



### How to help your dog:

- \*Walk your dog before dusk to avoid fireworks.
- \*Close any doors, windows and cat flaps to prevent escape.
- \*Many dogs and cats will try to hide when they hear fireworks. This helps them to cope with their fear. You can help your pet by making sure they have a hiding place where they feel safe. Create a comforting 'den'. This could be inside a wardrobe or cupboard, or behind a sofa. Pad it with old pillows and blankets to help soundproof it.

Your pet may already have a preferred hiding place. That is fine, they should not be forced out if this is already the place where they feel most relaxed. In the weeks leading up to firework season, let your pet have access to this den at all times and, for dogs in particular, offer healthy treats and praise when your dog uses it, this will build a positive association with this space.



\*Ignore fearful behaviour, such as panting, shaking and whining. Dogs may pick up on their owner's anxiety which could make the problem worse. Do not fuss your dog or try to reassure when he appears scared since this can signal that the response is appropriate. It is best to either ignore any fearful behaviour that occurs or better still be positively jolly at these times, to signal that there is nothing to be worried about.

\* Provide your dog with distractions such as new toys and chews.

\*Close the curtains and switch on the TV or radio to mask the noise.

\*Do not leave your dog alone while fireworks are going off, they will be calmer with a familiar person at home.

\*Do not punish your dog as this will only make them more distressed.

### Treatments:

A pheromone plug-in placed nearby can also help devices such as Adaptil will release natural calming chemicals that help to reassure your dog are now available commercially. These chemicals are naturally produced by dogs in certain situations and are known as pheromones. If you plug in a device in your dog's favourite resting place in a blacked out room and leave it on the whole time, you may find that this helps your dog cope through the firework season, but ideally start it a few months before firework season. They will probably continue to react to the noise by stopping what he is doing when the noise is heard but should not panic.

### Medications:

There are several medications and herbal remedies available to help your pet during this season. If your pet has needed these before, or if you feel that your pet would benefit please make an appointment with a vet.

**Leigh Soby BVSc MRCVS**

**Willetts House Veterinary Surgeons**



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)





## Sponsorship

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

\*£10 per month

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